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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Convocation of University for Development of National Races held

UDNR Trainees urged to serve interest of the State and enhance dignity of the university

YANGON, 6 March—The 14th convocation of University for Development of National Races was held in conjunction with the third teachership diploma conferring ceremony at the convocation hall of the university on 5 March morning.

It was attended by Chairman of University Council of University for Development of National Races Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Vice-Chairman of the University Council Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun, members U Aung Myint, Director-General of CSSTB U Hla Kyi, Rector of UDNR Col Zaw Min Thein, representatives from State and Division Peace and Development Councils, Pro-Rector (Admin) of UDNR Lt-Col Nyi Nyi San, Pro-Rector (Academic) Daw Khin Si Si, division level departmental heads, Chairman of Sagaing District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Soe Naing, faculty members, guests, trainees and their relatives.

Chairman of University Council of University

for Development of National Races Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye conferred M.Ed degree on four trainees and B.Ed degree on 146 trainees, Vice-Chairman of the University Council Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun conferred B.Ed degree on 157 trainees and Rector of UDNR Col Zaw Min Thein conferred teachership diploma on 163 trainees.

Next, Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye made a speech. He stressed the need for trainees who had completed the respective courses are to serve the interest of the State and enhance the dignity of the university. They also need to realize the education promotion programmes being implemented by the government as they are the education staff nurtured by the State.

To be able to do so, they are to strive to be competent and well-versed and to inculcate the people of the regions to where they are assigned duties with nationalistic spirit and Union Spirit. The Union Solidarity and Development Association is actively participating in the successful realization of the seven-step Road Map by doing their bit for the emergence of a peaceful modern developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation. With this end in view, the onus is on the graduate trainees to take part in the process as they are hard-core members of USDA he disclosed.

The ceremony ended at 11 am.—MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye conferring B.Ed degree on a graduate trainee.— MNA

Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye addresses 14th convocation and third diploma conferring ceremony of UDNR.— MNA

INSIDE

They are friendly to and ready to help others, hoping for nothing in return. They receive their guests willingly. Such lovely characteristics of Myanmar nationals were featured in the diaries of the tourists who visited Myanmar during the period of successive eras.

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DR MA TIN WIN



Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

PERSPECTIVES

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To make concerted efforts with correct outlooks

The State Peace and Development Council has been implementing the short-term plans beginning 1992-93 and now the third five-year plan is being implemented. As short-term plans have met with success, the nation is now on the right track of development.

With the prevalence of law and order, political, economic, social and transport infrastructures have emerged due to the relentless efforts of responsible personnel at different levels. As grassroots level bodies, the regional Peace and Development Councils have been formed to implement the State's policies and plans.

Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win met State and Division commissioners of General Administration Department at the Ministry of Home Affairs on 5 March and gave necessary instructions to them. He said that the staff of GAD should understand the overriding importance of their functions and they should also implement the State policies properly.

They need to further enhance their abilities and capabilities as they will have to strengthen the administrative machinery of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation. They are also to do their utmost to be competent in their jobs and imbued with the spirit to serve the interest of the State and the people with patriotism.

In building the nation into a modern developed discipline-flourishing democratic one, dynamic and efficient administrative machinery is essential. Therefore, the government has formed and assigned duties to State/Division, District, Township, Ward/Village-tract Peace and Development Councils at different levels as regional administrative bodies.

The State Peace and Development Council is the government which is discharging duties at the transitional period. Likewise, regional administrative bodies are the ones fulfilling the requirements at the transitional period. The regional administrative bodies need to be far-sighted as their functions cover political, economic and social spheres. Hence, they are to carry out tasks with administrative, security and economic outlooks.

At such a time when the present period is a transitional one, the service personnel are to make concerted efforts actively on the basis of correct outlooks to ensure their performances speedy and dynamic.

Tatmadawmen of parade columns entertained

YANGON, 6 March — Under the arrangement of Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare, No 1 and No 2 Mobile Public Relation Units entertained Tatmadawmen of various columns with films at different camps where the military columns to take part in the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day were putting up yesterday evening.

Vocalists to the accompaniment of Myawady music troupe of Myawady TV Broadcasting Unit entertained the Tatmadawmen of Aung San Column in South Okkalapa local battalion. No 1 Mobile Public Relation Unit presented songs and dances and *Anyeint* to the Tatmadawmen of Hsinbyushin Column at Mingaladon Station. Likewise, No 2 Mobile Public Relation Unit presented songs and dances and *Anyeint* to the Tatmadawmen of Kyansittha Column at the local battalion opposite of Aungmyingala Highway Bus Terminal. Similarly, the Tatmadawmen of Myawady Column were entertained with films at Yangon Command Headquarters. Column commanders, commanding officers, officers and Tatmadawmen enjoyed the entertainment. — MNA

People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Officials urged to make efforts for timely completion of projects

YANGON, 6 March — Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin together with officials concerned went to Multipurpose Diesel Engine Manufacturing Factory Project (Thagaya), Yedashe Township, on 4 March afternoon. At the briefing hall of the factory, Project Director of Myanma Industrial Construction Services U Khin Win reported on progress in building of industries and workshops and future tasks, Adviser to Directorate of Myanma Industrial Planning U Than Htut on arrival of machinery imported from foreign countries and measures being taken for water supply and Director of Myanma Automobiles and Diesel Engine Industries U Thwin Myint Maung on planting of teak for greening the project area and its environs.

The minister gave necessary instructions to the officials concerned. Next, the minister looked into chosen sites for construction industries and workshops in the project area.

On the following day, the minister and party went to Paunglong river. The minister checked connecting of water pipe lines to the factory and he gave instructions on arrangements for availability of water efficiently. — MNA

POEM

What you see is the outcome

- * Do you think, we Myanmars Today are being carried away By wavering And rambling thoughts?
- * Do you think we will be Bolstered by flattery?
- * Do you think we will be cowed By threats?
- * Do you think we will be softened By words of soft-soaping?
- * Do you think we are dumb Not having been informed Of events internal and external?
- * If you've thought that way You'd better rethink.
- * You see for yourself what moves We Myanmars have made significantly In response to your soft-soaping, flattery and threats.
- * Well, that's the outcome, you've seen for yourself To what height do you want to blunder?

Meru (Trs)

Blood donor membership applications presented

YANGON, 6 March — As a gesture of hailing the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, a ceremony to present permanent blood donor membership applications, to collectively donate blood and to carry out sanitation work was held at District People's Hospital in Thanlyin Township, Yangon South District this morning.

Present on the occasion were CEC member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Yangon Division In-Charge Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Vice-Chairman Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, Chairman of Yangon South District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Aung Pyi, officials of the Department of Health under the Ministry of Health, medical superintendents and doctors, local

authorities, members of social organizations and blood donors.

First, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin delivered an address on the occasion. Yangon South District Superintendent Dr U Zaw Win accepted 10,600 blood donor membership applications. The mayor and party gave encouragement to volunteers carrying out sanitation work in the hospital.

Next, the mayor formally opened Yadana Myintzu self-reliance road in Sa/Ka Ward, Thingangyun Township and accepted 1,611 membership applications. Afterwards, the mayor and party went on an inspection tour of Bonma road being upgraded in Nya Ward, North Okkalapa Township and accepted 1,535 membership applications.

MNA

UMFCCI AGM to be held in MCC

YANGON, 6 March — The 14th Annual General Meeting of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry will be held at Myanmar Convention Centre (MCC) on Mindhama Road in Mayangon Township at 1 pm on 12 March.

Members of UMFCCI were invited to attend the meeting without fail.

The export quality Myanmar products will be on display at UMFCCI AGM Exhibition-2005 which will be held on the same day.

MNA

Merchants, industrialists leave for Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand

YANGON, 5 March — U Kyaw Min (Sein and Mya Mattress) left here by air this morning to attend the Malaysia Furniture Export Exhibition (MAFEX) in Kuala Lumpur of Malaysia and

the 22nd ASEAN Furniture Show 2005 in Singapore and to visit Thailand for seeking the market. They were seen off at the airport by officials. — MNA



The Myanmar delegation led by Mandalay Division Commerce and Industry Association Joint-Secretary U Ba Kyi Sein and CEC U Kyaw Min (Sein and Mya Mattress) seen at the airport before departure for Malaysia. — UMFCCI

Hu's speech on cross-Straits relations applauded

BEIJING, 5 March — Members of China's top advisory body and celebrities in Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan have all applauded President Hu Jintao's important speech on relations across the Taiwan Straits on Friday.

Hu set forth a four-point guideline on the relations across the Taiwan Straits while joining in a joint panel discussion of members of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) representing the Taiwan region Friday afternoon.

Most members of the CPPCC National Committee said Hu's speech has fully demonstrated the Chinese people's heart-felt desire for peace and stability across the Taiwan

Straits, their utmost sincerity to realize peaceful reunification of the Motherland and their firm determination to safeguard national sovereignty and territorial integrity.

People on the two sides of the Taiwan Straits are blood relation, said Li Ganliu, vice-chairman of the 10th Central Committee of the Revolutionary Committee of Chinese Kuomintang. "As long as the Taiwan authorities recognize the '1992 Consensus', we'll have a basis for cross-Straits dialogue, ne-

gotiation, exchanges and communication."

Wu Guozhen, vice-chairman of the seventh Central Committee of the Taiwan Democratic Self-Government League, said he was most impressed with President Hu's solemn commitment to the broad masses of the Taiwan compatriots.

"The speech fully demonstrates the care and love for the Taiwan compatriots from the Chinese Mainland's side," he said, adding that he hoped the Taiwan authorities will

make active responses and make the right choice in cross-Straits relations.

The four-point guideline on cross-Straits relations set forth by Chinese President Hu Jintao demonstrate the utmost goodwill and sincerity, said Cheng Zhengtong, vice-director of Fujian Provincial Committee of the Taiwan Democratic Self-Government League. "I hope the Taiwan compatriots will catch the spirit of the speech."

Shi Sihao, counsellor of All-China Federation of Taiwan Compatriots, said the guideline is "a kind gesture" to Taiwan and urges the Taiwan authorities to take the opportunity to "make the right choice" and "improve cross-Straits relations". — *MNA/Xinhua*



Two Bangladeshi men wrapped in blankets cross a bamboo bridge recently. Bangladesh has experienced its shortest winter in a decade, as meteorologists warned that the unusually short season may be due to global warming. — INTERNET

Venezuelan President arrives India

NEW DELHI, 5 March — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez Frias arrived here on Friday for a four-day visit to India, the first by a Venezuelan head of state.

Indian President APJ Abdul Kalam and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh welcomed Chavez at a ceremonial reception at the forecourt of Rashtrapati Bhavan, the presidential palace. He later laid a wreath at Raj Ghat, the memorial for Mahatma Gandhi, the Indo-Asian News Service reported.

Chavez, who is accompanied by the ministers of foreign affairs, light indus-

try and commerce, science and technology, environment and natural resources, energy, health and information and communications, is also to visit Kolkata and Bangalore.

The two countries have set up a Joint Working Group on Hydrocarbons that meets once a year to coordinate programs of cooperation in the hydrocarbons sector.

MNA/Xinhua

Ethiopia, Japan sign grant agreement of \$3.79m

ADDIS ABABA, 5 March — Ethiopia and Japan on Friday signed a grant agreement amounting to 3.79 million US dollars.

Under the agreement, the grant will be used to procure products mutually agreed upon by the two parties and to transport the products.

Speaking on the signing ceremony, State Minister of Finance and Economic Development Mekonnen Manyazewal said Japan has been supporting the food security programmes designed by the Ethiopian Government and the grant would have great importance to ensure food security in the country.

Japanese Ambassador to Ethiopia Kenjiro Izumi on his part explained that the grant would be used to purchase fertilizer under the Japanese Increase of

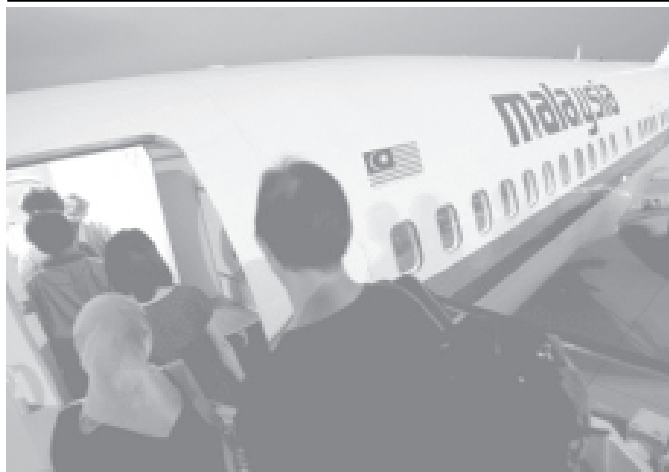
Food Production Grant Aid scheme.

Izumi also expressed his conviction that the grant would be used to make substantial contribution toward improving the lives of the Ethiopian people and to reinforce and promote the good relations between Ethiopia and Japan.

Japan has been providing such a grant every year to foster Ethiopia's agricultural productivity through the Increase of Food Production Grant Aid scheme.

The total amount of the grant has now reached approximately 122 million dollars.

MNA/Xinhua



Passengers board a Malaysia Airlines aircraft on 6 March, 2005. — INTERNET

Zimbabwe to launch waste management strategy

HARARE, 5 March — Zimbabwean Minister of Environment and Tourism Francis Nhemata said on Friday that his ministry will soon launch a Waste Management Strategy that seeks to take Zimbabwe back to its original status as a clean country.

He said this at the commemoration of Africa Environment Day, which ran under the theme "Clean Cities, Let's Plan for Them."

He said Zimbabwe's environment was deteriorating at a frightening rate with most towns and cities increasingly becoming filthy due to littering, indiscriminate dumping of waste, improper waste disposal methods and defective sewer systems. He said the ministry had, through the Department of

Natural Resources, embarked on a waste separation programme to promote waste separation in government offices.

"I am told that recycling paper saves about 17 per cent of trees, 50 per cent of water and reduces air pollution by 74 per cent from every ton of paper produced. This shows that we can go a long way in saving our environment if we employ simple techniques of waste recycling," the minister said.

He also took the op-

portunity to announce that the Environmental Management Board, comprising nine members, was now in place and would be responsible for the appointment of director-general and staff members for the Environmental Management Agency.

MNA/Xinhua

Peruvian police seize 500 kilos of drugs

LIMA, 5 March — Peru's National Police said Friday it had seized 500 kilos of drugs hidden in a refrigerator truck in the northwest of the country.

The driver of the vehicle and his assistant were arrested during the operation on Wednesday night.

According to the driver, the truck departed from Huanuco department in the central jungle region, where important cocaine-producing valleys are located, and was heading to the coastal city of Talara.

This has been the fifth time the police have seized a large amount of drugs in 31 days. Besides a total of 3.5 tons of drugs seized, the police have arrested a number of suspects, including 14 Colombians, nine Mexicans and 19 Peruvians during the period. — *MNA/Xinhua*

US under pressure to explain Italian convoy shooting in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 6 March — Pressure has increased on the United States to explain its troops firing on a convoy carrying freed Italian hostage Giuliana Sgrena, that wounded her and left one of her rescuers dead.

A tempest was brewing over the tragic mishap on the road to the Baghdad airport late Friday when US soldiers opened fire on Sgrena's speeding convoy, killing an Italian service agent who shielded her from the bullets. About 100 anti-globalization protesters gathered outside the US embassy in Rome demanding the withdrawal of US troops from Iraq.

Paris-based journalist rights group Reporters Without Borders demanded an independent UN-led inquiry into the incident.

US President George W Bush, who earlier called Berlusconi to express his regrets, has pledged a full investigation into the shooting.

Differing accounts of what happened emerged, with Sgrena telling the country's ANSA news agency her convoy was fired at by a patrol and that the car was not speeding. "Our vehicle was running at normal speed which could not be misunderstood," she said, rejecting US fears of a possible suicide attack. — *Internet*



Jawdat Abd al-Kadhum, a 23-year-old Iraqi, walks past Iraqi policemen near his home in Baghdad on 6 March, 2005. Jawdat lost his leg after the car he was travelling in was shot at by a US convoy. — INTERNET

Canada to double aid to Africa by 2008-2009

ADDIS ABABA, 5 March — Canada has confirmed its continued commitment and concern for Africa in its new budget allocation, according to a Press release issued from the Canadian Embassy to Ethiopia on Thursday.

The global health care, debt relief and other measures announced in Budget 2005 show Canada's continued leadership in helping the people of Africa overcome the overwhelming challenges of poverty and disease, the release quoted Canadian Minister of Finance Ralph Goodale as saying.

"By almost any measure Africa is a continent in crisis. More than 260,000 people die in Africa of AIDS and malaria every single month," Goodale said while announcing the budget for 2005.

Canadian budget 2005 includes a doubling of Canada's aid to Africa by 2008-2009 from its 2003-2004 level.

Accordingly, 160 million US dollars goes in funding for the global alliance for vaccines and immunization, 140 million dollars to the global fund to fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, and 4 million dollars to the global polio eradication initiative.

Some 34 million dollars also goes in further support for the Heavily Indebted

Poor Countries (HIPC) Trust Fund, 172 million dollars over the next five years to pay Canada's share of debt service costs owed by eligible countries to the International Development Association (IDA) of the World Bank and the African Development Fund, as well as 100 million dollars annually over five years to peace and security initiatives, to provide security assistance to failed and failing states.

The 2005 federal budget came one day before the final meeting of the Commission for Africa, created by British Prime Minister Tony Blair to help African nations achieve their economic potential and meet their development goals, the release said.

Canadian Minister Goodale is a member of the Commission for Africa, and is contributing to the commission's working group on the African economy.

The commission's final report is due this spring, in advance of the G-8 summit in Gleneagles, Scotland. — MNA/Xinhua

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Tests of bird flu vaccine on monkeys in Vietnam successful

HANOI, 5 March — Initial tests of a bird flu vaccine on monkeys in Vietnam, the country hit worst by an epidemic that has killed 47 people in Asia, have been successful, a top medical official said on Friday.

Vietnamese researchers injected a vaccine based on weakened H5N1 bird flu virus on three monkeys early last month and three weeks later found the monkeys were healthy and had produced anti-bodies.

"Researchers have repeated the injections in the monkeys and we expect results in the next two weeks," Nguyen Tran Hien, director of the National Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology, told Reuters. Vietnam, where 14 people have died of the bird flu virus in the latest outbreak that began in December, hopes to have a vaccine ready for testing on humans later this year.

"Hopefully, in September tests will start for the vaccine on a small group of volunteers," Hoang Thuy Nguyen, head of the vaccine research group, was quoted by the state-run Tuoi Tre news-

paper as saying.

However, experts said last month the effectiveness of a vaccine against a versatile and resilient virus if it mutated into a form that could jump easily between humans, their main fear, would be limited. If it did mutate into that form, the experts fear it would trigger a pandemic which might kill millions of people in a world population with no immunity to it.

The poultry virus has killed one man and infected three in northern Vietnam this month, although fewer outbreaks have been detected in poultry.

Almost all the Asian victims — 34 Vietnamese, 12 Thais and a Cambodian — have caught it from infected poultry. Bird flu kills more than 70 per cent of those known to have been infected, but doctors said victims can be saved if they are diagnosed early. — MNA/Rueters

Chinese, French provinces to collaborate on tourism

GUIYANG, 5 March — Southwest China's Guizhou Province on Thursday announced to cooperate with France's Lozere Province on exploring tourism markets and training tourism professionals.

An agreement on the cooperation was signed here Thursday between a senior delegation from Lozere and the tourism authorities of Guizhou.

Yang Shengming, director of the Guizhou provincial tourism bureau, said Guizhou started cooperation with Lozere in 2001 when a local Parliament delega-

tion from the French province visited the landlocked province.

In March 2003, Guizhou University signed agreements with two French universities on launching a French-language training programme in China, said Yang.

Jean-Paul Pourquier, who headed a 22-member delegation on a three-day

visit in Guizhou, said he was impressed by Guizhou's improvement in traffic construction and tourism management.

Lozere, the least populous French province, is known for its picturesque countryside landscape. Tourism has become a pillar industry for the province.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese eco stepping into sound development track

BEIJING, 5 March — China's economy is stepping into a sound development track and increasing steadily but gradually, an expert said quoted by China Securities Journal, Friday.

More space for economic development together with the gradual improvement of the market-oriented economy drove China's economy into a new round of increases, Zhang Liqun, researcher with China Development Research Centre of the State Council said.

Beginning in 2002, China's new round of economic growth is comparatively all-round and features the growth of manufacturing and new technologies, Zhang said.

MNA/Xinhua

Four US soldiers killed in Anbar Province

BAGHDAD, 6 March — Four US soldiers were killed in action on Friday in Iraq's western Anbar Province, the US Central Command said on Saturday.

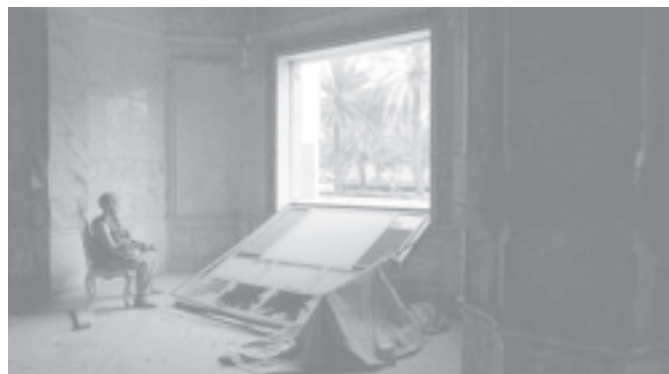
The soldiers, assigned to 1 Marine Expeditionary Force, were carrying out security and stability operations in Anbar, the Com-

mand said in a statement, without giving any further details.

The deaths brought to at least 1,506 the US

military death toll in Iraq since US-led forces invaded the country in March 2003.

MNA/Rueters



US Army Pfc Joshua Butler, from Jackson, Mo., guards a blown-in window after helping secure a presidential palace in Baghdad, Iraq recently. — INTERNET

Jordanian FM to meet Abbas, Sharon over peace efforts

AMMAN, 6 March — Jordanian Foreign Minister Hani Mulqi will leave here on Saturday for the Palestinian territories and Israel in an effort to push forward the Mideast peace process, the official Petra news agency reported.

During his two-day visit, Mulqi will stress the necessity of confidence-building between Palestinians and Israelis within the frame of the roadmap peace plan, the report said.

In the Palestinian territories, Mulqi will hold talks with Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas on a mechanism of implementing resolutions reached at a February 8 Palestinian-Israeli summit in Egypt.

Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon declared a mutual ceasefire at the Sharm el-Sheikh summit to end more than four years of bloodshed.

In Israel, Mulqi will meet Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom to urge Israel to release all Jordanian prisoners in Israeli prisons, the report said.

MNA/Xinhua

American women, children in worrying conditions

BEIJING, 4 March — The situation of American women and children was disturbing. The rates of women and children physically or sexually victimized were high, says a report issued by the Information Office of China's State Council on Thursday.

According to FBI Crime Statistics, in 2003 the United States witnessed 93,233 cases of raping. Virtually 63.2 in every 100,000 women fell victims. The statistics also showed that every two minutes one woman was sexually assaulted and every six minutes one woman was raped, says the report, entitled the Human Rights Record of the United States in 2004.

"The number of women abused and treated at First Aid Centres exceeded one million every year," it says.

Women's labour and social rights were violated, the report says. According to *The Sun* newspaper (16 July, 2004), the charges handled by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission on sexual discrimination against women grew 12 per cent in the past decade.

Statistics released by the US Labour Department in January 2004 showed a woman who worked full time had the median earning of 81.1 per cent of that for a man. *The Chicago Tribune* said on 27 August, 2004 that the rate

of women in poverty went up fast, to 12.4 per cent of the entire female population. The health care for American women was also at a low level, the report says. The US Family Medical Leave Act guarantees 12 weeks of unpaid leave for childbirth to about half of all mothers and nothing for the rest.

A study of 168 countries conducted by the Harvard School of Public Health indicated that US workers have fewer rights

to time off for family matters than workers in most other countries, and rank near the bottom in pregnancy and sick leave.

In addition, according to the report, child poverty was a serious problem. *The Chicago Tribune* reported on August 27, 2004 that the number of children in poverty climbed from 12.1 million in 2002 to 12.9 million in 2003, a year-on-year increase of 0.9 per cent.

MNA/Xinhua



A worker walks past an advertisement poster at a shopping mall under construction in Singapore recently. The city-state's economy is expected to grow 4.7 percent in the March quarter, according to a survey.

INTERNET

Eight Press conferences planned during NPC, CPPCC sessions

BEIJING, 4 March — A total of eight Press conferences will be held during this year's annual sessions of China's top legislature and advisory body in about two weeks, sources said on Thursday.

In addition to a Press conference slated for Friday after the preliminary meeting of the Tenth National People's Congress (NPC), Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao will meet the Press on 14 March, the day when the NPC session closes.

Another four conferences with the theme on major problems arising from the country's social and economic development will also be held during the NPC session, according to sources with the NPC Standing Committee. In another major Press conference, Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing will answer journalists' questions

concerning the current international situation and China's foreign policy.

The State Development and Reform Commission, Ministry of Land and Resources, People's Bank of China, and China Banking Regulatory Commission will set the pitch of this year's macroeconomic adjustment and control at a Press conference.

The Ministry of Finance and State Administration of Taxation will jointly hold a Press conference on reforms of the value added tax, income tax of foreign-invested companies, agriculture tax and export tax rebate. A

Press conference on agriculture, the countryside and farmers will be staged by the Ministry of Agriculture, State Development and Reform Commission, Ministry of Science and Technology, and Ministry of Finance.

Besides, two Press conferences will be held separately to cover topics of maintaining food security and building a conservation-minded society during the Third Session of the Tenth National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), according to a spokesman of the session.

MNA/Xinhua

Int'l conf on disaster management held in HK

HONG KONG, 6 March — An International Conference on Issues Relating to Disaster Management and Challenges for Governance Reform in Asia was held here at the City University of Hong Kong on Friday.

United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan sent his personal message to the conference. In his messages, Annan said: "The tsunami of December 26, 2004, was an unprecedented, global natural disaster. We are already seeing an unprecedented, global response. But it's not enough to pick up the pieces when a tragedy like this happens. We must draw and act on every lesson we can, and prevent such tragedies from occurring in the future."

"Over the past 10 years, the number of

people killed by natural disasters has increased by almost 50 per cent from the previous decade. The loss of human life has been matched by a rise in the loss of livelihoods and a huge cost to development," he said.

"At the same time, we have learnt a great deal about what works to reduce the impacts of disaster — in terms of preparedness before it strikes, and mitigation once it does. We have learnt about the value of investing in changed behaviour," Annan added.—MNA/Xinhua

China provides Tanzania with disaster relief donation

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 4 March — China has provided Tanzania with a donation of 100,000 US dollars in support of its disaster relief efforts.

On behalf of the China Charity Federation, Chinese Ambassador to Tanzania Yu Qingtai handed over the donation to Tanzanian Foreign Minister Yakaya Kikwete here on Tuesday. Tanzania is one of the 11 countries badly hit by last December's tsunami in the Indian Ocean.

"We express our sincerest thanks to the Chinese Government and the Chinese people," Kikwete said, adding that he hopes the long-time friendly relations between the two countries will continue.—MNA/Xinhua



Filipino miners from Philex mines show samples of minerals at the mountains in northern Philippine Province of Benguet recently.

INTERNET

12 soldiers killed in Iraq violence

SAMARRA, 6 March — Seven Iraqi soldiers were killed in various attacks on Saturday, said security sources. A daytime curfew was also imposed in Samarra, north of Baghdad.

Five soldiers were killed when mortars hit their camp in Al Duluiyah as new army recruits got up for training around 3:00am, said Captain Assad Saddam.

Captain Ali Yussif of the Iraqi army said that a soldier was killed and another wounded when the roadside bomb they were trying to diffuse blew up near the northern oil-refining town of Baiji. He said that nine suspected guerrillas were arrested in a joint overnight raid with US troops in Al Siniyah in Baiji. According to the police another roadside bomb in Tikrit killed an Iraqi soldier and wounded three other.

Gunmen also wounded three Iraqi policemen in an ambush near the village of Bir, east of Tikrit, said the local police. They added that a police officer was wounded in a similar attack in Baquba.

A Bulgarian soldier was shot and killed in central Iraq on Friday, becoming Bulgaria's eighth casualty since the start of the war, said the Defence Ministry.

Four Iraqis, including one woman, were wounded when a motorcycle rigged with explosives blew up in the Baghdad's Sunni neighbourhood of Adhamiyah.—Internet

60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Objectives

- To work in concert with the people to achieve success in implementation of the seven-point Road Map for emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation
- To exert energetic efforts in carrying out the five rural development tasks
- To strive hand in hand with the people for successful realization of the twelve State Objectives while upholding Our Three Main National Causes
- To build a strong, efficient and modern Tatmadaw

**Apply knowledge and attentiveness***Dr Ma Tin Win (Institute of Education)*

Now, communication facilities are so sophisticated and the world nations deal with each other more than in the past that the world has been like a global village. In addition to Myanmar, those countries that practised close-door policy previously are now enhancing relations with the countries whose culture, traditions and customs are quite different from the former.

Originally, Myanmar nationals are hospitable but live modestly, without pretension and ostentation. They are friendly and ready to help others, hoping for nothing in return. They receive their guests willingly. Such lovely characteristics of Myanmar nationals were featured in the diaries of the tourists who visited Myanmar during the period of successive eras.

While I was abroad for further studies, I became acquainted with a lady. When my examinations were over and I was going home, I had a chat with her. She said she would visit Myanmar soon. Then, replying to my question "Why?", she said that my nation was a land that can take pride in its ancient cultural edifices, a pleasant land teeming with natural scenic beauties, and foods in abundance. She said that she could not help visiting such a nation where a lady like me who preserved well own culture had been born.

She added that a nation would develop if its people worked hard, and what was important was that the people need to have the sense of preservation of own traditions, characteristics and culture. Being classmates in the doctorate course, she and I used to read a lot and hold discussions so many times, and we set up mutual respect in our talks.

During the time of compiling my articles, I always pray for the well-being of the youths. It does not matter whether they agree with my concepts of youths or not after their reading my articles. If they happen to make a bit review of my concepts after or

during their reading, I will be very satisfied with it.

Now, the number of tourists to Myanmar is on the increase, and that is contributing towards national progress. However, there might be adverse effects on the characteristics, customs, traditions and culture of our own.

Dealings of the national people with foreigners should be based on mutual interests, honesty and faith without inflicting any harm on each others' traditions. In fairness, the majority of Myanmar nationals have not had a wide view about things and are too honest to know how and how much their foreign partners have exploited their generosity and honesty.

Now, Myanmar will have to make greater efforts

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to be able to stay in touch with what are going on and what are the changes and developments in the world through dealing with global nations. The national people are therefore to enhance their intellectual power and catch up with internal and international affairs to become repositories of knowledge.

In the nation there are a lot of people who think that they do not need to do further studies after their higher education. I met with one of such persons one day and he said that he had got his degree and so no longer needed to share time to study. Such a person

has not had a wide view on things, and I do not think he reads even newspaper regularly. If he does, he may realize that he badly needs to mend his views and attitudes. The technologies and knowledge the national people have currently gained will no longer be modern after a period to an extent because the world is changing very every day. If the people are not abreast of modern technologies nor latest developments, the nation will further lag behind development, when compared to other nations.

The national people are thus to thoroughly cover the knowledge, views, ideas and concepts prevailing in the world, and study latest developments and publications. In this regard, some give an excuse that fresh publications are not in their reach. Here they should grab an access to a good library.

In spite of gaining no access to a good library, one should take publications within one's reach. Then, one will be able to leap-frog over those who read nothing. However, one is to be convinced that one does not need to apply all the points from the knowledge, views and concepts that one gains through reading. And one should try to be able to distinguish good and bad points and take suitable and useful points only and upgrade them if necessary.

During the successive eras, there emerged a large number of active and dynamic youths in the nation. Sometimes they manage to do things they wish to at will, and they achieve success. However, sometimes, they fail to finish their tasks due to the fact that although brilliant enough, they fail to exert mindfulness on things they are doing.

In short, everyone should apply their energy at full capacity to meet their ultimate goals. One can achieve their aims through one's knowledge and attentiveness.

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Concluding of JAT course, assignment presenting of BEd graduates held

YANGON, 6 March — The ceremonies to conclude the JAT teachers No 14 of the University for Development of National Races and assign duties to the graduates of BEd four-year course No 36 were held at the convocation hall of the university on 4 March. Present on the occasion were Rector of the UDNR Col Zaw Min Thein, delegates of the state/division Peace and Development Councils, Pro-Rector (Administration) Lt-Col Nyi Nyi San, Pro-Rector (Academic) Daw Khin Si Si, members of the University Educa-

tion Committee, departmental heads, faculty members, trainees and their relatives.

Pro-Rector of the UDNR Daw Khin Si Si read out the report on the training course of JAT. Rector Col Zaw Min Thein presented certificates of completion to the 39 JAT trainees. Afterwards, delegates of state/division PDCs gave away appointment certificates to 254 BEd graduates.

Next, the rector awarded prizes to the outstanding trainees and made a concluding speech.

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Road construction in Hmawby inspected

YANGON, 6 March— Director-General U Myo Myint of the Development Affairs Department of the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs, accompanied by the officials of the department, inspected No 1 district to district road construction in Hmawby Township this morning. When the director-general arrived at No 1 road construction site, he heard the reports on the construction works.

Next, he looked into the construction works of the road to link Wanatchaung Village, Kyain west village and



Director-General U Myo Myint of Development Affairs Department inspects construction of the district-to-district road in Hmawby Township.— DAD

No 3 highway with the use of heavy machinery and gave instructions on worksite safety, meeting

the set standard, minimizing of loss and wastage, and completion of the tasks before rainy season.

Later, the director-general inspected the progress of the tasks along the road.

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MoI making arrangements to open village libraries across the country 39,396 books, K 3,129,000 donated

YANGON, 6 March — The fifth books, periodicals and cash donation ceremony to self-reliant village libraries of Information and Public Relations Department was held at the Ministry of Information on Theinbyu Street, here, this morning, attended by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, departmental heads, entrepreneurs and wellwishers of private literary houses and publishing houses, writers and guests.

In his speech, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said on behalf of the Ministry of Information, he was very grateful to the wellwishers for their book donations with a view to improving the knowledge of rural people. To catch up with the knowledge age that is emerging rapidly in the world, we need to constantly pursue this knowledge of science and technology. That is why Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance, saying that ardent efforts are needed to make the country a society of constant learning.

The ministry is making arrangements to open village self-reliant libraries across the country to enable the rural people to broaden their horizons and make good practices for reading. In doing so, two

steps have been adopted to implement the project. The first step is libraries are to be opened in 13,748 village-tracts in 2004-2005 fiscal. And the second is that libraries are to be opened in all 40,000 villages of the villages tracts in 2005-2006. To achieve the goal, it is necessary to have the strength of the State, the people and wellwishers, the minister added.

Under the aegis of the ministry, book donation ceremonies and fund raising have been established for the opening of self-reliant village libraries. In Yangon, 35,6082 books worth over K 46 million and K 14,949,770 have been collected from the four donation ceremonies. Books have been distributed to more than 13,000 villages. Cash and books donated at the today's ceremony will be used for the libraries to be opened in 2005-2006 fiscal.

At a ceremony held in Sagaing for the development of rural libraries, wellwishers donated 40,156 books worth 4.3 million kyats and K 5.4 million and 500 FECs. Later, the minister urged the wellwishers to make more donations for the development of rural libraries.

The minister accepted 337 copies of journal donated by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan-wife Daw Kyi Kyi Win and family and 500

copies of periodicals donated by Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation through Deputy Head of Information Department Daw Mya Mya of MWAFF; K 3 million donated by Shwewamyay Agricultural Group of Nawngkhio Township and UMFCFI through UMFCFI President U Win Myint; 100 books by U Thein Tun (Chairman of Tun Foundation Bank); 100 books by Vice-Chairperson of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association Daw Nu Nu Yi; 417 copies of magazine and 37 video tapes by Cultural Counselor U Swe Chit of the Chinese Embassy; 3,620 copies of periodicals by U Khin Maung Thant of Sangyoung Township; 5,792 copies of periodicals by U Aung Naing Thu (Rave Music Band); 785 copies of magazines and journals by U Aung Soe Naing and Daw Nwe Nwe Win of Ahlon Township; 300 copies of Appamada journal by Maj Mya Than San (Retd); 3,780 copies of magazines by Dr Tha Tun Oo (Today Literary House); 1,630 copies of Yangon and Mandalay Directories by U Soe Moe Than; 500 books by Daw Moe Thida on behalf of President of MTSF Daw Mi Mi Khin; 1,115 books of U Myint Tun-Daw Khin Mar Shwe of Kyauktada Township; 600 books by Maj Thura Than Oo-Daw Kyu of Yankin Township



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan shakes hand with U Chit Swe, Cultural Counsellor of Chinese Embassy. —NLM

through U Sithu Than Oo; 250 books by Captain Hla Shwe (Retd) (Natmauk Hla Shwe) of Tamway Township; 1,230 copies of periodicals by Daw Su Su Cho of Thingangyun Township; 473 copies of magazines by Daw Kyi Kyi Aye (Lecturer-Retd) of Insein Township; 391 copies of magazines by U Than Naing on behalf of the Ta Fa Trading Co Ltd; 990 copies of magazines and journals by Daw Aye Aye Hla of Myanmar Railways (Head Office); 315 copies of magazines by Director-General U Tin Htut of the Ministry of Science and Technology; 291 copies of periodicals by U Tin Myint Maung-Daw Hla Thein of Tamway Township; 249 copies of periodicals by U Ye Khaung Bala of

Pazundaung Township; and 31 books in English version by Police Lt-Col Sai Pe Win (Retd).

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein also accepted 200 copies of journal donated by U Than Naing (Myat Thu San-Wakema); 300 copies of journals by Daw Poza The Aung of Mayangon Township; 100 books by U Kyi Min of Pazundaung Township; 500 books by U Chan Tha-Daw Ohnma Myint of Kyauktada Township; K 20,000 by U Saw Hlaing (Min Hla-Ngwekyaryan) of South Okkalapa Township; K 20,000 by U Kyaw Thein of Dagon Myothit (North) Township; 165 copies of magazines and K 10,000 by Michael Nyunt-Daw Nan Htwe Kham Nyunt; 286 copies of periodicals and K 1,000

by U Ye Myint Tun of Bahan Township; 2,000 copies of magazine by U Kyaw Moe Thein of Pabedan Township through U San Win; 139 copies of periodicals and K 10,000 by U Myint Oo of Tech Training Co Ltd; 15 books and K 3,000 by Min Yoe Yin of Thakayta Township; K 5,000 by U Myint Thein of Dagon BEHS No 1; and 1,500 copies of magazines by Kyemon Daily through Managing Director Col Soe Win of News and Periodicals Enterprise.

Certificates of honour were presented to the donors. Today's donations amounted to K 15,686,575 — 39,396 books worth K 12,557,575 by 48 wellwishers and K 3,129,000 by 13 persons.

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Myanmar Photographic Society to be set up as strong organization for serving national interest Prizes presented to winners in Independence Day Commemorative Photo Contest

YANGON, 6 March — A ceremony to present prizes to the winners in the colour photo contest in commemoration of the 57th Anniversary Independence Day, organized by Information and Public Relations Department, was

held at Central Hotel on Bogyoke Aung San Street, here, this morning, attended by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.

Also present were departmental heads, officials of IPRD and Myanmar

Photographic Society and guests.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said that a total of 28 photographers submitted 82 entries to the contest. Of them, the committee se-

lected first, second and third prize-winning works together with 10 consolation prizes. Nowadays, the photography of Myanmar does not lag behind other countries. As five works each of Myanmar contestants took part in the junior and open classes of the previous ASEAN Photo Contest, they secured the second prize in the junior class and the third in the open class. In the future, the photo contest should be held with the aims of enriching knowledge on safeguarding of the independence and sovereignty of the State through the photography, of ensuring development of photographic technology and living standard of the photographers and of serving interest of the people and

the country. The photography should reflect vitalization of nationalist spirit and serving the national interest. In so doing, the Myanmar Photographic Society is to be set up as a strong organization so as to serve the national interest. In this regard, the Ministry of Information will provide assistance to the association as much as possible and the IPRD must take responsibility to coordinate tasks with Myanmar Photographic Society.

In conclusion, the minister urged the winners to try their best to participate not only in the photo contest in Myanmar but also in the ASEAN and international photo contests and to uplift living standard of the photogra-

phers and strive for serving interest of the State and the people by means of organizing the strong photographic organization.

The minister presented first prize to Shwehlay Myo Aung, second prize to Kyaw Kyaw Win of MPS and third to NyaungU Po Cho in the 57th Anniversary Independence Day Commemorative Photo Contest. Next, Deputy Ministers for Information U Thein Sein and Brig-Gen Aung Thein and IPRD Director-General U Chit Naing gave consolation prizes to eight photographers. Shwehlay Myo Aung expressed gratitude. After the ceremony, the minister viewed prize winning works of the contest.

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3. Participation in international, regional and bilateral conferences, seminars, meetings, organizations and implementation of their resolutions;
4. Signing of international, regional and bilateral agreements and conventions, and the implementation of them;
5. Passports and ID cards;
6. Entry visa, stay permit, departure permit, immigration and deportation; and
7. Extradition of criminals to the home country and request made therefrom.

3. Finance and Planning Sector

(A) The Union Legislative List constitutes:

- (1) The Union budget
- (2) The Union Fund
- (3) Currency and coinage
- (4) The Central Bank of Myanmar and financial institutions
- (5) Foreign Exchange control
- (6) Capital and money market
- (7) Insurance
- (8) Income tax
- (9) Commercial tax
- (10) Stamp duty
- (11) Customs
- (12) State lottery
- (13) Tax appeal
- (14) Service enterprises of the Union
- (15) Disposal of Union-owned property through sale or rent or other means
- (16) Disbursement of loans from the Union funds
- (17) Investment with the Union funds
- (18) Loans borrowed from inside and outside the country
- (19) Acquisitions of the Union
- (20) External financial assistance and aid
- (21) National Plan
- (22) Data collection
- (23) National Archives
- (24) Investment, and
- (25) Auditing.

(B) The Region or State Legislative List constitutes:

- (1) The Region or State Budget
- (2) The Regional or State Fund
- (3) Land revenue
- (4) Excise duties (excluding narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances)
- (5) Development Affairs revenues such as building and land revenue, water tax, street light tax, wheel tax
- (6) Service enterprises of the Regions or States
- (7) Disposal of the Region- or State-owned property through sale, rent or other means
- (8) Disbursement of loans within the country from the Regional or State Fund
- (9) Investment of funds from the Regional or State Fund within the country
- (10) Regional projects
- (11) Small loans enterprise.

4. Economic Sector

(A) The Union Legislative List constitutes:

1. Economy;
2. Trade;
3. Cooperatives;
4. Corporations, boards, enterprises, companies and partnerships;
5. Imports and exports, and control of their quality;
6. Hotels and accommodation; and
7. Tourism.

(B) The Region or State Legislative List constitutes:

1. Economic activities carried out in a region or state in accord with the law enacted by the Pyidaungsu;
2. Trade activities carried out in a region or state

in accord with the law enacted by the Pyidaungsu; and

3. Cooperative activities carried out in a region or state in accord with the law enacted by the Pyidaungsu.

5. Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Sector

(A) The Union Legislative List constitutes:

1. Land management,
2. Reclamation of vacant, fallow and virgin lands,
3. Settlement and land records,
4. Survey,
5. Dams, embankments and water supply managed by Pyidaungsu,
6. Meteorology, hydrology and seismic survey,
7. Registration,
8. Mechanized farming,
9. Agricultural research,
10. Chemical fertilizer and insecticide, and
11. Marine fisheries.
12. Animal reproduction, disease control and treatment, and research.

(B) The Region or State Legislative List constitutes:

1. Agriculture,
2. Prevention and control of pests,
3. Proper use of chemical fertilizer and systematic production of inorganic fertilizer,
4. Agricultural loans and savings,
5. Dams, embankments, lakes, ditches and supply of irrigation water, for which the divisions or states have the right to manage,
6. Fresh water fisheries, and
7. Livestock breeding and keeping of animals systematically in accord with the law enacted by the Union.

6. Energy, Electricity, Mining and Forestry Sector

(A) The Union Legislative List constitutes:

1. Oil, gas and other liquid and solid products considered dangerously inflammable according to Pyidaungsu Law;
2. Union electricity production and distribution;
3. Minerals, mines, safety of mine workers, and environmental conservation and reconstruction;
4. Gems;
5. Pearl;
6. Forest; and
7. Conservation and protection of wildlife, natural trees and natural areas including the environment.

(B) The Region or State Legislative List constitutes:

1. Medium and small electricity production and distribution industry, which has no link with the national grid, under the supervision of the region or the state, except big electricity production and distribution under the supervision of the Union
2. Salt and salt products;
3. Cutting and polishing of gem stones in the region or state;
4. Village fuel wood plantations; and
5. Recreation centres, zoological gardens, and botanical gardens.

7. Industrial Sector

(A) The Union Legislative List constitutes:

1. Industries to be undertaken by the Pyidaungsu level;
2. Industrial Zones;
3. standardization and specification of manufactured commodities
4. Science and technology and research on science and technology;
5. Standardization of weights and measures; and
6. Intellectual properties such as copyrights, patents, trademarks, industrial designs.

(B) The Region or State Legislative List constitutes:

1. Industries other than those designated to be undertaken by the Pyidaungsu level; and
2. Cottage industries.

8. Transport, Communication and Construction Sector

(A) The Union Legislative List constitutes:

1. Inland Water Transport
2. Maintenance of waterways
3. Water resources and river systems improvement
4. Maritime shipping
5. Port terminals
6. Light house, lightship and light house facilities
7. Ship building, repair and maintenance
8. Air transport
9. Aviation, flight control and building of air-fields
10. Road transport
11. Railways
12. Roads and bridges under the management of Pyidaungsu
13. Posts, telecommunications, telephones, fax, e-mail, Internet, Intranet and similar communication services.
14. TV, satellite communication, transmission and reception and similar communication services
15. Residences and buildings.

(B) The Region or State Legislative List constitutes:

1. Ports, jetties and pontoons under the management of the Region or State
2. Roads and bridges under the management of the Region or State
3. Systematic movement of the private-owned vehicles within a Region or a State.

9. Social Sector

(A) The Union Legislative List constitutes:

1. Curricula, syllabus, teaching methods, research, and projects and programmes;
2. Courses of universities, degree colleges and institutes and other higher education organizations;
3. Examinations designated by the Union;
4. Private schools and courses;
5. National sports;
6. National health;
7. Development of traditional medical science and medicines;
8. Free hospitals and dispensaries and private hospitals and dispensaries;
9. Maternal and child welfare;
10. Red Cross society;
11. Counterfeiting of food, medicines, medical equipment and cosmetics and mixing them with other ingredients;
12. Caring children, youths, women, the disabled, the aged and homeless;
13. Relief and rehabilitation;
14. Fire Brigade;
15. Working hours, breaks, holidays, and occupational safety;
16. Labour disputes;
17. Social security;
18. Labour organizations;
19. The matters managed by the Pyidaungsu concerning:
 - (a) ancient cultural or historical regions, edifices, monuments, records, stone inscriptions, inscriptions on stucco, palm leaves, handwritings, handiwork, inanimate objects and archaeological undertakings
 - (b) Museums and libraries;
20. Literature, theatrical art, music, traditional arts and crafts, movies and videos; and
21. Birth and death registration.

(B) The Region or State Legislative List constitutes:

1. Traditional medicines that are not contrary to traditional medicine policies set by the Union;
2. Social welfare tasks in regions or states;
3. Fire prevention and natural disaster preparedness
4. Freight handling;
5. Matters for which the region or the state has the right to supervise:

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- (a) preservation of cultural heritage
- (b) museums and libraries
- 6. Opera house, cinema hall and video house; and
- 7. Photo, painting and sculpture exhibitions.

The compilations of detailed basic principles presented by Vice-Chairman of National Convention Convening Work Committee Attorney-General U Aye Maung are as follows:

10. Management Sector

- (A) The Union Legislative List constitutes:
 1. General administration
 2. Management of village and urban areas
 3. House rent and land rent
 4. Narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances
 5. State secrets
 6. Associations
 7. Prison
 8. Border area development
 9. Census
 10. Citizenship, naturalization, revocation of citizenship, citizenship scrutiny and registration, and
 11. Titles and decorations
- (B) The Region or State Legislative List constitutes:
 1. Development affairs
 2. Human settlement and housing development, and
 3. Honourary titles and medals.

11. Judicial Sector

- (A) The Union Legislative List constitutes:
 1. Administration of justice
 2. Lawyers
 3. Penal laws and procedures
 4. Civil laws, contract, arbitration, civil wrong, insolvency, Trust and people who can administer because of the trust, guardians and wards, transfer of property and inheritance
 5. Evidence Act
 6. Limitation
 7. Valuation of suit
 8. Specific relief
 9. Foreign jurisdiction
 10. Admiralty jurisdiction
 11. Robbery at sea, and crimes committed on land or in the international waters or in space in violation of the international laws.

12. Self-administered division or self-administered zone leading bodies are vested with the legislative power relevant to the following matters for their respective divisions or zones:

- (a) Town and village plan,
- (b) Construction, repair and maintenance of roads and bridges,
- (c) Public health,
- (d) Development affairs,
- (e) Fire prevention,
- (f) Pasture,
- (g) Forest protection and conservation,
- (h) Environmental conservation in accord with the law enacted by the Pyidaungsu,
- (i) Water and electricity supply in towns and villages, and
- (j) Town and village markets.

13. Legislative power is vested in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in connection with other matters not stated in the legislative list of the Union, Region or State, and self-administered division or zone leading bodies.

14. Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall enact the required laws if the need arises to do so for the Union territories in connection with matters for which legislative powers are delegated to the Region or State Hluttaws or the self-administered division or zone leading bodies.

15. In connection with the effect of laws enacted by Hluttaws at different levels and self-administered area leading bodies:

1. If anyone of the provisions stipulated in a law enacted by the leading body of a self-administered division or a self-administered zone is in contrast with anyone of the stipulations contained in a law enacted by the respective region Hluttaw or state Hluttaw, adherence to the law must be in accord with the stipulations contained in the law enacted by the region Hluttaw or state Hluttaw.

2. If anyone of the provisions stipulated in a law enacted by the leading body of a self-administered division or a self-administered zone is in contrast with anyone of the stipulations contained in a law enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, observance of the law must be in accord with the stipulations contained in the law enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
3. If anyone of the provisions stipulated in a law enacted by a region Hluttaw or a state Hluttaw is in contrast with anyone of the stipulations contained in a law enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, observance of the law must be in accord with the stipulations contained in the law enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
4. If anyone of the provisions stipulated in a law enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw or a region Hluttaw or a state Hluttaw or a self-administered division or a self-administered zone leading body or any one of the existing laws is in contrast with anyone of the stipulations contained in the Constitution, observance of the law must be in accord with the stipulations contained in the Constitution.
5. The existing laws are still in force until they are revoked or amended by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, and unless they are in contrary to the Constitution.

16. In connection with financial matters including the formation of Financial Commission

- (a) The budgets of Union ministries and of organizations at Union level are to be checked under the aegis of a Vice-President nominated by the President of the State, and budget appropriations of Union ministries and organizations at Union level are to be submitted to the Financial Commission.
- (b) The budgets of regions or states are to be checked under the aegis of the other Vice-President nominated by the President of the State, and budget appropriations of the regions or states are to be submitted to the Financial Commission.
- (c) To submit to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw the draft of Union budget containing the Union budget with the expenditures of Union territories, the distribution of appropriate funds from Union Fund Account to regions or states, the provision of funds as a special issue and loans permission; or the draft of financial allotment; to give suggestions on financial matters worth undertaking; and to carry out the duties assigned by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw through the promulgation of law, the Financial Commission is to be formed with following persons:

1. The President	Chairman
2. The Vice-Presidents	Vice-Chairmen
3. The Pyidaungsu Attorney-General	Member
4. The Pyidaungsu Auditor-General	Member
5. The Chief Ministers of Regions and States	Member
6. The Yangon City Council Chairman	Member
7. The Pyidaungsu Minister for Finance	Secretary
- (d) (1) When forming the Financial Commission, the President of the State has the right to appoint a suitable person as a member on a temporary basis, if the post of a member remains vacant for a certain reason.
 - (2) The President of the State is to announce the formation of the Financial Commission. However, orders and directives necessary for the Financial Commission can be announced by either the President of the State or the person to whom duties are assigned by the President of the State.
- (e) To submit to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw the draft of Union budget containing the Union budget, the distribution of appropriate funds from Union Fund Account to regions or states, the provision of funds as a special case and disbursing of necessary loans, the Financial Commission is to submit them to the President of the State.
- (f) The Financial Commission, if need be, may seek advice from finance experts.
- (g) On behalf of the Union Government, the President of the State or the person to whom duties

are assigned by the President of the State is to submit the draft of the Union budget to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

- (h) (1) Salary and allowance of heads and members of organizations set up according to the Constitution of the State and expenditures of those organizations at Union level;
 - (2) Debts the Union has to settle, expenditures related to those debts, and other expenditures related to money borrowed by the Union;
 - (3) Expenditures to be paid according to verdict or order or decree released by the court or a particular tribunal; and
 - (4) Other expenditures to be paid according to a particular existing law or a particular international treaty, for which discussions can be held at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. However, rejection and deduction are not allowed.
 - (i) The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall exercise in accord with majority consent the right to pass approval and to make rejection and deduction for other expenditures, save the expenditures mentioned in above paragraph (h).
 - (j) The Union Government is to take necessary steps according to the Union budget law enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
 - (k) Additional funds allotment law is to be enacted in accord with the procedures mentioned above, if appropriations and permitted expenditure contained in the Union budget law promulgated by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for the fiscal year concerned in addition to the appropriations of extra income and expenditure are necessary to be allowed.
 - (l) The Union Government is to take necessary steps according to the additional funds allotment law enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
 - (m) Region or State Hluttaws concerned are to be in harmony with majority consent to exercise the right to pass approval and to make rejection and deduction to the budgets of regions or states through negotiation on the chief minister concerned including the funds received by respective regions or states from the Union Fund Account according to the Union budget law or the additional fund allotment law.
- In doing so:
- (1) Salary and allowance of heads and members of organizations set up according to the Constitution of the State and expenditures of those organizations at Union level;
 - (2) Salary and allowance of heads and members of leading bodies of self-administered area set up according to the Constitution of the State and expenditures of those bodies;
 - (3) Debts the region or state has to settle, expenditures related to those debts, and other expenditures related to money borrowed by the region or state;
 - (4) Expenditures to be paid according to verdict or order or decree released by the court or a particular tribunal; and
 - (5) Other expenditures to be paid according to a particular existing law enacted by Region or State Hluttaw, for which discussions can be held at the Region or State Hluttaw. However, rejection and deduction are not allowed.
 - (n) Taxes to be collected according to the law of the region or state and to be put in the Region or State Fund Account are as follows:
 - (1) Land tax;
 - (2) Excise;
 - (3) Water tax, embankment tax of dams and embankments the region or state has the right to manage, and tax on the use of electricity produced by such facilities managed by the region or state;
 - (4) Tolls from roads and bridges the region or state has the right to manage,
 - (5) (aa) Royalty collected from fresh water fisheries, (bb) Royalty collected from marine fisheries located in limited distance;
 - (6) Tax collected according to vehicles and vessels law of the region or the state;
 - (7) Other benefits and profits realized from the sale and rent of property owned by the region or state;
 - (8) Charges, taxes and other incomes realized from services provided by the region or state;

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall enact...

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the Lahu National Development Party, the Union Kayin League, the Kokang Democracy and Unity Party; and the Wa National Development Party — made discussions and suggestions to lay down the following para as a detailed basic principle.

“Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall enact the required laws if the need arises to do so for the Union territories in connection with matters for which legislative powers are delegated to the Region or State Hluttaws or the self-administered division or zone leading bodies.”

Delegates of the representatives-elect delegate group of the political parties presented the same opinion as their respective parties.

Independent representatives-elect discussed in support of the clarification made by the Work Committee Chairman.

In accord with the suggestions of most of the delegate groups, the matter concerning “Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall enact the required laws if the need arises to do so for the Union territories in connection with matters for which legislative powers are delegated to the Region or State Hluttaws or the self-administered division or zone leading bodies.” is laid down as a basic principle.

Next, U Thauang Nyunt presented the effect of the laws enacted by different levels of the Hluttaw and the self-administered area leading bodies.

At the National Convention on 21 March 2004, the Work Committee Chairman explained the detailed basic principles that should be laid down for the effect of the laws enacted by different levels of the Hluttaw and the self-administered area leading bodies.

The delegate groups —the national race delegate group, the peasant delegate group, the worker delegate group, the intellectuals and intelligentsia delegate group, State service personnel delegate group and the other invited persons delegate group; and the delegate groups of the political parties — The National Unity Party, the Union Pa-O National Organization, the Mro (a) Khami National Solidarity Organization, the Lahu National Development Party, the Union Kayin League, the Kokang Democracy and Unity Party and the Wa National Development Party — made discussions and suggestions to lay down the following paras as detailed basic principles.

1. If any of the provisions stipulated in a law enacted by the leading body of a self-administered division or a self-administered zone is in contrast with any of the stipulations contained in a law enacted by the respective region Hluttaw or state Hluttaw, adherence to the law must be in accord with the stipulations contained in the law enacted by the region Hluttaw or state Hluttaw.
2. If any of the provisions stipulated in a law enacted by the leading body of a self-administered division or a self-administered zone is in contrast with any of the stipulations contained in a law enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, observance of the law must be in accord with the stipulations contained in the law enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
3. If any of the provisions stipulated in a law enacted by a region Hluttaw or a state Hluttaw is in contrast with any of the stipulations contained in a law enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, observance of the law must be in accord with the stipulations contained in the law enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
4. If any of the provisions stipulated in a law enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw or a region Hluttaw or a state Hluttaw or a self-administered division or a self-administered zone leading body or any of the existing laws is in contrast with any of the stipulations contained in the Constitution, observance of the law must be in accord with the stipulations contained in the Constitution.
5. The existing laws are still in force until they are revoked or amended by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, and unless they are contrary to the Constitution.

Delegates of the representatives-elect delegate group of the political parties presented the same opinion as their respective parties.

Independent representatives-elect discussed in support of the clarification made by the Work Committee Chairman.

In accord with the suggestions of most of the delegate groups, the following detailed basic principles are laid down in connection with the effect of the

laws enacted by different levels of the Hluttaw and the self-administered area leading bodies.

1. **If any of the provisions stipulated in a law enacted by the leading body of a self-administered division or a self-administered zone is in contrast with any of the stipulations contained in a law enacted by the respective region Hluttaw or state Hluttaw, adherence to the law must be in accord with the stipulations contained in the law enacted by the region Hluttaw or state Hluttaw.**
2. **If any of the provisions stipulated in a law enacted by the leading body of a self-administered division or a self-administered zone is in contrast with any of the stipulations contained in a law enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, observance of the law must be in accord with the stipulations contained in the law enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.**
3. **If any of the provisions stipulated in a law enacted by a region Hluttaw or a state Hluttaw is in contrast with any of the stipulations contained in a law enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, observance of the law must be in accord with the stipulations contained in the law enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.**
4. **If any of the provisions stipulated in a law enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw or a region Hluttaw or a state Hluttaw or a self-administered division or a self-administered zone leading body or any of the existing laws is in contrast with any of the stipulations contained in the Constitution, observance of the law must be in accord with the stipulations contained in the Constitution.**
5. **The existing laws are still in force until they are revoked or amended by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, and unless they are contrary to the Constitution.**

U Thauang Nyunt continued to present matters on formation of Financial Commission, and Taxation and funds allotment among the Pyidaungsu and Regions or States.

At the plenary session of the National Convention held on 21 March 2004, the Work Committee Chairman explained the detailed basic principles to be laid down for Formation of Financial Commission, and Taxation and funds allotment among the Pyidaungsu and Regions or States. The delegate groups gave suggestions and discussions on the matter.

The delegate groups —the national race delegate group, the peasant delegate group, the worker delegate group, the intellectuals and intelligentsia delegate group, and State service personnel delegate group — and the delegate groups of the political parties — The Union Pa-O National Organization, the Mro (a) Khami National Solidarity Organization, the Lahu National Development Party, the Union Kayin League, and the Kokang Democracy and Unity Party — made discussions and suggestions to lay down the following detailed basic principles:

(a) The budgets of Union ministries and of organizations at Union level are to be checked under the aegis of a Vice-President nominated by the President of the State, and budget appropriations of Union ministries and organizations at Union level are to be submitted to the Financial Commission.

(b) The budgets of regions or states are to be checked under the aegis of the other Vice-President nominated by the President of the State, and budget appropriations of the regions or states are to be submitted to the Financial Commission.

(c) To submit to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw the draft of Union budget containing the Union budget with the expenditures of Union territories, the distribution of appropriate funds from Union Fund Account to regions or states, the provision of funds as a special issue and loans permission; or the draft of financial allotment; to give suggestions on financial matters worth undertaking; and to carry out the duties assigned by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw through the promulgation of law, the Financial Commission is to be formed with following persons:

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| 1. The President | Chairman |
| 2. The Vice-Presidents | Vice-Chairmen |
| 3. The Pyidaungsu Attorney-General | Member |
| 4. The Pyidaungsu Auditor-General | Member |
| 5. The Chief Ministers of Regions and States | Members |
| 6. The Yangon City Council Chairman | Member |

7. The Pyidaungsu Minister for Finance Secretary
(d) (1) When forming the Financial Commission, the President of the State has the right to appoint a suitable person as a member on a temporary basis, if the post of a member remains vacant for a certain reason.

(2) The President of the State is to announce the formation of the Financial Commission. However, orders and directives necessary for the Financial Commission can be announced by either the President of the State or the person to whom duties are assigned by the President of the State.

(e) To submit to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw the draft of Union budget containing the Union budget, the distribution of appropriate funds from Union Fund Account to regions or states, the provision of funds as a special case and disbursing of necessary loans, the Financial Commission is to submit them to the President of the State.

(f) The Financial Commission, if need be, may seek advice from finance experts.

(g) On behalf of the Union Government, the President of the State or the person to whom duties are assigned by the President of the State is to submit the draft of the Union budget to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

(h) (1) Salary and allowance of heads and members of organizations set up according to the Constitution of the State and expenditures of those organizations at Union level;

(2) Debts the Union has to settle, expenditures related to those debts, and other expenditures related to money borrowed by the Union;

(3) Expenditures to be paid according to verdict or order or decree released by the court or a particular tribunal; and

(4) Other expenditures to be paid according to a particular existing law or a particular international treaty, for which discussions can be held at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. However, rejection and deduction are not allowed.

(i) The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall exercise in accord with majority consent the right to pass approval and to make rejection and deduction for other expenditures, save the expenditures mentioned in above paragraph (h).

(j) The Union Government is to take necessary steps according to the Union budget law enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

(k) Additional funds allotment law is to be enacted in accord with the procedures mentioned above, if appropriations and permitted expenditure contained in the Union budget law promulgated by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for the fiscal year concerned in addition to the appropriations of extra income and expenditure are necessary to be allowed.

(l) The Union Government is to take necessary steps according to the additional funds allotment law enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

(m) Region or State Hluttaws concerned are to be in harmony with majority consent to exercise the right to pass approval and to make rejection and deduction to the budgets of regions or states through negotiation on the chief minister concerned including the funds received by respective regions or states from the Union Fund Account according to the Union budget law or the additional fund allotment law

In doing so:

(1) Salary and allowance of heads and members of organizations set up according to the Constitution of the State and expenditures of those organizations at Union level;

(2) Salary and allowance of heads and members of leading bodies of self-administered area set up according to the Constitution of the State and expenditures of those bodies;

(3) Debts the region or state has to settle, expenditures related to those debts, and other expenditures related to money borrowed by the region or state;

(4) Expenditures to be paid according to verdict or order or decree released by the court or a particular tribunal; and

(5) Other expenditures to be paid according to a particular existing law enacted by Region or State Hluttaw, for which discussions can be held at the Region or State Hluttaw. However, rejection and deduction are not allowed.

(n) Taxes to be collected according to the law of the region or state and to be deposited in the Region or State Fund Account are as follows:

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Natural resources extracted in the whole Union should be distributed to all regions, states under the management of the Union itself

YANGON, 6 March — *The following is clarification made by member of National Convention Convening Work Committee Supreme Court Judge U Tin Aye, on behalf of the Work Committee Chairman, concerning formation of Financial Commission, and Taxation and funds allotment among the Pyidaungsu and Regions or States, for laying down detailed basic principles for sharing of legislative power to be included in the State Constitution, at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, on 3 March.*

Now, I will present the separate suggestions submitted by the delegates group-wise.

In presenting a separate suggestion, the Wa National Development Party discussed that as regards the allowances and expenditures mentioned in paragraph (h), it is stated that the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has only the right to give counsel to the approval of the draft of the Union Budget and the draft of the additional fund allotment law, and it has no right to make rejection and deduction. It is not appropriate to use such terms for the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, which is the highest authoritative body. The party continued that similarly, in paragraph (m), it is also stated that the Region or State Hluttaw concerned has only the right to give counsel to the approval of the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned in connection with the allowances and expenditures, and it has no right to make rejection or deduction. It is not appropriate to use such terms for the Region or State Hluttaw.

Concerning the suggestion, I would like to explain that the expenditure stated in the point (h) and its four sub paras are actual and essential expenditures of the Union, and the expenditures have the time limit. As such expenditures should not be subject to rejection and deduction, the wording is used to define the meaning clearly.

In a separate suggestion on revenue, the national races delegate group said, education, health, economic and social infrastructures can be built for the people with the use of revenues. Steps should therefore be taken, it added, to secure an annual targeted amount of revenues.

The group continued that as far as it has observed, the income earned from revenues is still low for the country. In the time of the present government, which is working hard to develop and modernize the country in all spheres, the onus is on the people to pay their taxes fully. This is the practice common in democratic nations. Therefore, organizational campaigns should be launched on a broader scale so as to hand down this fine practice to posterity. I would like to say that the suggestion sounds positive and beneficial to the nation. Thus, it will be put on record for future use.

In a separate suggestion, the peasant delegate group said, in the collection of tax revenues, severe action should be taken against corrupt employees so that the country and the people will not suffer from it.

I found the suggestion appropriate. At present, the Government is taking measures to protect the people against facing such sufferings, and will continue to do so in the future too. Thus, it is worthy of putting on record.

In connection with the delegation of legislative powers to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, and the Region or State Hluttaw, the group suggested, an exact percentage of representatives of each Hluttaw be mentioned clearly. The group also suggested that consideration be taken into the number of Hluttaw representatives each of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, and the Region or State Hluttaw require to pass a certain law.

In my view, it is a proper suggestion. As the matter concerns only the sector of discussing the detailed basic principles regarding the task of presenting draft laws to the Hluttaws and the connections between one Hluttaw and another, it can be raised when the National Convention reaches the stage of discussing the sector.

In my clarifications covering the sector of the Formation of Financial Commission, and Taxation and funds allotment among the Pyidaungsu and Regions or States, I have already explained, in sharing the financial power between the Union and the region and state, measures should be taken for sharing the power fairly

and equally for development of the entire nation. Besides, the appropriate financial power should be entrusted to the Union to collect adequate amount of tax revenues for building infrastructures, systematic progress of the entire Union, and improving the livelihood of entire Union.

Based on the above-mentioned facts, financial budget has been allotted fairly. There are regions and states rich in natural resources and the ones which have less resources. The natural resources extracted in the whole Union should be distributed to all regions and states under the management of the Union itself for equitable development of all the regions and states. Only then will the entire Union be able to develop itself well and stand perpetually. The facts contained in the financial list are not only for a single region or state, but for equitable development of the entire Union. The act of allotting, providing and lending funds collected by the Union to the regions and states is for the development of the entire Union.

The other invited persons delegate group gave suggestions on the formation of a full-time committee that will help assure the effect of the laws passed by the Hluttaws at different levels.

Concerning the matter, detailed basic principles on the formation of Pyithu Hluttaw committees have already been laid down in the sector of adopting the detailed basic principles for formation of legislature. Thus, enactment of a separate law will not be necessary.

The group also said, it will be more appropriate if the chief minister of the state or the region is the person elected by the people of the region or the state concerned. The matter should be included as a principle in writing the Constitution.

In my view, the suggestion has no concern with the sector of sharing the legislative power. It only concerns the detailed basic principles for the Formation of the Executive which have already been laid down. But it will be put on record. Delegates of the representatives-elect delegate group of the political parties presented the same opinion as the respective parties.

Independent representatives-elect of the representatives-elect delegate group, presented discussions, saying, the clarifications made by the Work Committee Chairman should be laid down as detailed basic principles.

By the consent of most of the delegates to the National Convention, the following points are adopted as detailed basic principles for the Formation of Financial Commission, and Taxation and funds allotment among the Pyidaungsu and Regions or States, that shall be included in drafting the State constitution.

- (a) The budgets of Union ministries and of organizations at Union level are to be checked under the aegis of a Vice-President nominated by the President of the State, and budget appropriations of Union ministries and organizations at Union level are to be submitted to the Financial Commission.
- (b) The budgets of regions or states are to be checked under the aegis of the other Vice-President nominated by the President of the State, and budget appropriations of the regions or states are to be submitted to the Financial Commission.
- (c) To submit to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw the draft of Union budget containing the Union budget with the expenditures of Union territories, the distribution of appropriate funds from Union Fund Account to regions or states, the provision of funds as a special issue and loans permission; or the draft of financial allotment; to give suggestions on financial matters worth undertaking; and to carry out the duties assigned by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw through the promulgation of law, the Financial Commission is to be formed with following persons:
 1. The President Chairman
 2. The Vice-Presidents Vice-Chairmen
 3. The Pyidaungsu Attorney-General



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Court
Judge
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Member

4. The Pyidaungsu Auditor-General Member
 5. The Chief Ministers of Regions and States Members
 6. The Yangon City Council Chairman Member
 7. The Pyidaungsu Minister for Finance Secretary
- (d) (1) When forming the Financial Commission, the President of the State has the right to appoint a suitable person as a member on a temporary basis, if the post of a member remains vacant for a certain reason.
 - (2) The President of the State is to announce the formation of the Financial Commission. However, orders and directives necessary for the Financial Commission can be announced by either the President of the State or the person to whom duties are assigned by the President of the State.
 - (e) To submit to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw the draft of Union budget containing the Union budget, the distribution of appropriate funds from Union Fund Account to regions or states, the provision of funds as a special case and disbursing of necessary loans, the Financial Commission is to submit them to the President of the State.
 - (f) The Financial Commission, if need be, may seek advice from finance experts.
 - (g) On behalf of the Union Government, the President of the State or the person to whom duties are assigned by the President of the State is to submit the draft of the Union budget to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
 - (h) (1) Salary and allowance of heads and members of organizations set up according to the Constitution of the State and expenditures of those organizations at Union level;
 - (2) Debts the Union has to settle, expenditures related to those debts, and other expenditures related to money borrowed by the Union;
 - (3) Expenditures to be paid according to verdict or order or decree released by the court or a particular tribunal; and
 - (4) Other expenditures to be paid according to a particular existing law or a particular international treaty, for which discussions can be held at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. However, rejection and deduction are not allowed.
 - (i) The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall exercise in accord with majority consent the right to pass approval and to make rejection and deduction for other expenditures, save the expenditures mentioned in above paragraph (h).
 - (j) The Union Government is to take necessary steps according to the Union budget law enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
 - (k) Additional funds allotment law is to be enacted in accord with the procedures mentioned above, if appropriations and permitted expenditure

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China targets on 8% eco growth for 2005

BEIJING, 5 March — China will gear down its high-octane economy to a level lower than the stunning 9.5 per cent registered in 2004, as Premier Wen Jiabao announced Saturday that the government targets on an 8-per-cent GDP (gross domestic product) growth rate this year.

"Neither a big up nor down in the economy is conducive to economic growth, reform and opening-up drive and social stability," Wen stressed in his government work report delivered at the opening meeting of the annual session of the National People's Congress (NPC), China's top legislature.

The target was set forth in line with China's de facto economic

scenario by taking into account "both the demand and the possibility", as well as employment and inflation targets among others, the Premier noted in his report.

The Chinese Government is projected to cap the registered urban unemployment rate at 4.6 per cent by creating 9 million new jobs and the hike of consumer price index (CPI), a key barometer of inflation, at a

modest 4 per cent this year.

The country's urban jobless rate stood at 4.2 per cent by the end of 2004, while the inflation reached an average 3.9 per cent last year.

Wen also said China aims to maintain basic balance in international payments this year. China's trade surpluses have become an excuse for some developed countries to demand the appreciation of yuan. — *MNA/Xinhua*

HK scientists appointed to CAS think-tank

HONG KONG, 5 March — The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology announced on Thursday that three of its researchers have been appointed Overseas Experts by the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS).

The appointed researchers are Head of the Department of Computer Science Professor Lionel Ni, Associate Professor of Physics Dr Zikang Tang and Professor of Biochemistry Professor Mingjie Zhang.

The Academy established the Overseas Experts Scheme in 1998 to recruit outstanding overseas academics to help promote research collaboration, conduct evaluation, and award research projects. Of the 84 Overseas Experts elected by the CAS in this latest cohort, only four are from Hong Kong.

Computer scientist Professor Lionel Ni is also the Director of the Ministry of Education/Microsoft Research Asia (MOE/MSRA) Information Technology Key Laboratory at HKUST, the first MOE key lab in Hong Kong.

His research interests lie in developing novel computing and networking systems, such as wireless network-

ing and high-performance computer architecture etc.

An expert in nanotechnology, Dr. Zikang Tang fabricated the world's smallest single-walled carbon nanotubes which have a diameter of only 0.4 nanometers, and he later discovered their superconducting properties.

He also developed the room-temperature ultraviolet-emitting laser from a thin film of nano-structured zinc oxide semiconductor. This outstanding achievement earned him the 2003 State Natural Science Award, China's most prestigious award in the field of natural sciences.

Professor Mingjie Zhang focuses his research on investigating the structure and functions of proteins in regulating neuronal signal transductions.

His laboratory has elucidated a series of the structures and the biological functions of proteins that play central roles in regulating cellular activities. — *MNA/Xinhua*

"ICE" announces plans to hold initial public offering

LONDON, 5 March — Internet-based energy market the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE), owner of London's International Petroleum Exchange, has announced plans to hold an initial public offering.

ICE said it expected to file a registration document with the US regulator the SEC (Securities and Exchange Commission) in the "next several weeks".

"Any offering will only be made after the SEC declares the registration statement effective," ICE said in a statement. ICE took over the IPE, home to benchmark Brent crude futures trade and ICE's key earner, in 2001 with an aim to take the exchange entirely electronic. This target has drawn staunch

opposition from IPE members and traders.

While ICE has argued electronic trade is more efficient, many traders are unconvinced and blame electronic trade for IPE Brent volumes' relative weakness compared with those on the rival New York Mercantile Exchange.

Reuters' data shows that although IPE volumes were at record levels last year, their relative performance to NYMEX volumes has fallen from more than 60 per cent in June 2003 to around 50 per cent

now. However, analysts say increased fund interest in NYMEX could also be a factor.

ICE said that last year on a consolidated basis, it made revenues of 108.4 million US dollars and consolidated net income of 22 million US dollars, while consolidated cash flow from operations was 40.3 million US dollars.

Revenues were up on 2003 when ICE made 93.7 million US dollars and pre-tax income came to 19.9 million US dollars. — *MNA/Reuters*



Heavy snow hits Tokyo, surrounding areas

TOKYO, 5 March — A heavy snow hitting Tokyo and the neighbouring regions since Friday morning has disrupted traffic and resulted in injuries.

The snow was 2 centimetres deep in the downtown Otemachi District in Tokyo, the heaviest snowfall logged at this season in central Tokyo since 1995, according to the Japan Meteorological Agency. The snow waned and stopped in central Tokyo after noon.

The snow has affected transportation, with Tokaido Shinkansen bullet train services operating under speed restrictions in some sections, while 56 flights to and from Haneda Airport had been cancelled as of 1 pm (0400 GMT).

Ordinary train services carrying commuters were shot down temporarily in some lines at morning rush hours. — *MNA/Xinhua*

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Rains, floods kill 500 in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 5 March — At least 500 people have been killed and 10,000 houses demolished in Pakistan's Northwestern Frontier Province (NWFP), the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Friday.

WHO medical officer Qaid Saeed Friday was quoted by the local Geo TV as saying that a coordination committee of the UN agencies has been set up and eight districts have been declared as calamity hit areas in NWFP.

Heavy rains and snowfall hit the province last month, causing roof collapse and road blockade in parts of the province.

Saeed did not give any casualty figure in southwestern Baluchistan Province where reports said that in the last four days at least 20 people have been killed and more than 25,000 displaced as torrential rains hit the province.

Floods, heavy rains and snow in Baluchistan last month left an estimated 85 people dead.

Saeed said that about 300,000 people are in need of basic necessities of life in NWFP alone.

He said the UN agencies are helping to open the roads, which have been blocked by snowfall. The other priorities are providing food, shelter, and medical facilities to the people of rain hit areas, he added.

"We are facing difficulties in providing assistance to affecteds due to roads blockade," Saeed said.

He said that the government has provided two helicopters for the hilly districts but due to bad weather access to far flung areas is impossible. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Japan wants to end yen loans to China

TOKYO, 5 March — Japan wants a "soft landing" in talks with China on ending yen loans to its Asian neighbour, Japanese Finance Minister Sadakazu Tanigaki said on Friday. Tanigaki declined direct comment on media reports that Tokyo would halt yen loans to Beijing within five years, but said the two countries were discussing the touchy subject.

"ODA (official development assistance), especially yen loans, has been a pillar of Japan-China diplomatic relations," he told reporters. "The key is how we proceed and how we can ensure a soft landing of the process".

Tokyo is moving to end ODA to China in view of its robust and fast-developing economy and concerns about its military spending but officials have given no firm date for doing so. — *MNA/Reuters*

The Union Government ...

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- (9) Fines imposed at Region or State Judicial Hluttaws including Region or State courts, taxes and other incomes collected for services provided;
- (10) Interests realized from the lending of money of the region or state funds;
- (11) Profits realized from investment made by the region or state;
- (12) Taxes collected for extraction of the following items from forests in the region or state:
 - (aa) Taxes collected on all other timber except teak and designated hardwood;
 - (bb) Taxes collected on firewood, charcoal, rattan, bamboo, birdnest, cutch, thanatkha, turpentine, eaglewood, and honey-based products;
- (13) Registration fees;
- (14) Taxes on entertainment;
- (15) Salt tax;
- (16) Funds received from the Union Fund Account;
- (17) Contributions by organizations relevant to development affairs in the region or state;
- (18) Unclaimed cash and property;
- (19) Treasure trove;
- (o) The region or state has the right to use their funds in accord with the law.
- (p) Except the taxes to be collected by the region or state, the Union is to collect all other taxes according to law and deposit them in the Union Fund Account
- (q) If incomes and types of taxes are designated to be collected by the region or state for Union territories, the Union is to collect them according to law and put them in the Union Fund Account.
- (r) The Union has the right to use the Union Fund Account in accord with the law.—MNA

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contained in the Union budget law promulgated by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for the fiscal year concerned in addition to the appropriations of extra income and expenditure are necessary to be allowed.

- (l) The Union Government is to take necessary steps according to the additional funds allotment law enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
 - (m) Region or State Hluttaws concerned are to be in harmony with majority consent to exercise the right to pass approval and to make rejection and deduction to the budgets of regions or states through negotiation on the chief minister concerned including the funds received by respective regions or states from the Union Fund Account according to the Union budget law or the additional fund allotment law.
- In doing so:
- (1) Salary and allowance of heads and members of organizations set up according to the Constitution of the State and expenditures of those organizations at Union level;
 - (2) Salary and allowance of heads and members of leading bodies of self-administered area set up according to the Constitution of the State and expenditures of those bodies;
 - (3) Debts the region or state has to settle, expenditures related to those debts, and other expenditures related to money borrowed by the region or state;
 - (4) Expenditures to be paid according to verdict or order or decree released by the court or a particular tribunal; and
 - (5) Other expenditures to be paid according to a particular existing law enacted by Region or State Hluttaw, for which discussions can be held at the Region or State Hluttaw. However, rejection and deduction are not allowed.
 - (n) Taxes to be collected according to the law of

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall enact ...

(from page 10)

- (1) Land tax;
- (2) Excise;
- (3) Water tax, embankment tax of dams and embankments the region or state has the right to manage, and tax on the use of electricity produced by such facilities managed by the region or state;
- (4) Tolls from roads and bridges the region or state has the right to manage,
- (5) (aa) Royalty collected from fresh water fisheries,
 - (bb) Royalty collected from marine fisheries located in limited distance;
- (6) Tax collected according to vehicles and vessels law of the region or the state;
- (7) Other benefits and profits realized from the sale and rent of property owned by the region or state;
- (8) Charges, taxes and other incomes realized from services provided by the region or state;
- (9) Fines imposed at Region or State high courts including Region or State courts, taxes and other incomes collected for services provided;
- (10) Interests realized from the lending of money of the region or state funds;
- (11) Profits realized from investment made by the region or state;
- (12) Taxes collected for extraction of the following items from forests in the region or state:
 - (aa) Taxes collected on all other timber except teak and designated hard-wood;
 - (bb) Taxes collected on firewood, charcoal, rattan, bamboo, birdnest, cutch, thanatkha, turpentine, eaglewood, and honey-based products;

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- (17) Contributions by organizations relevant to development affairs in the region or state;
- (18) Unclaimed cash and property;
- (19) Treasure trove;
- (o) The region or state has the right to use their funds in accord with the law.
- (p) Except the taxes to be collected by the region or state, the Union is to collect all other taxes according to law and put them in the Union Fund Account.
- (q) If incomes and types of taxes are designated to be collected by the region or state for Union territories, the Union is to collect them according to law and deposit them in the Union Fund Account.
- (r) The Union has the right to use the Union Fund Account in accord with the law.

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Coord meeting on foundry plant construction project in Ayethaya Industrial Zone held

YANGON, 6 March — Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint together with In-Charge of Ayethaya Industrial Zone Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi attended the coordination meeting of foundry plant construction project in Ayethaya Industrial Zone, Taunggyi Township this afternoon.

First, the commander delivered an address on the occasion and so did the minister. The minister said the government is building the country to become an industrialized nation. Therefore, the foundry plant, machine plant and forging shop were established to produce spare parts of the machines by spending foreign exchange. Measures are to be taken for timely completion of installation of machines and test running. Moreover, it is necessary to nurture technicians. Arrangements are to be made to exchange observation of technicians among the industrial zones, to stockpile raw materials and to produce finished goods. It is necessary to consider to be economical.

Next, Secretary of Supervisory Committee for Ayethaya Industrial Zone Secretary of Shan State Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Ye Tun Sein, Secretary of Leading Committee for Construction of Foundry Plant U Myint Thein and In-Charge of Aden Group Construction Company U Kyi Win Sein reported on progress in building of the plant and tasks to be carried out to the commander and the minister.

Afterwards, the commander and the minister inspected the foundry plant, machine plant and forging shop and manufacturing of ten-ton Shan Star Jeep.

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AC Milan defeat Atalanta 2-1

MILAN, 6 March— Andrea Pirlo's goal with the last kick of the game gave AC Milan a 2-1 win at bottom club Atalanta on Saturday to move the champions three points clear at the top of Serie A.

Milan have 60 points while Juventus, who face AS Roma in a late kickoff, are on 57. After being matched throughout by Atalanta, Carlo Ancelotti's side took the lead in the 72nd minute through a header from substitute Massimo Ambrosini.

The advantage lasted only a minute. Impressive Nigerian striker Stephen Makinwa brought the Bergamo side level with a header from an inswinging free kick.

Both sides had chances to win the game in an exciting finale but Milan snatched the points in the fourth minute of injury time when Filippo Inzaghi's header was parried by Atalanta keeper Alex Calderoni and Pirlo pounced to drive home the loose ball.

"That was a genuinely difficult game for us," said Milan coach Ancelotti.

"Atalanta played so well, really pushing on and creating a lot of chances. We didn't do well at halting their breaks."—MNA/Reuters

Rangers to earn draw against Inverness Caledonian Thistle

GLASGOW, 6 March— Rangers suffered a hiccup at the top of the Scottish Premier League after losing a late goal in a 1-1 draw at home to Inverness Caledonian Thistle.

Barry Ferguson scored his first goal since returning from Blackburn Rovers when he struck after 57 minutes but Inverness levelled in stoppage time through ex-Celtic player Brian Prunty.

Saturday's draw leaves Rangers with 72 points from 29 matches ahead of Celtic on 65 from 26 games before their weekend match against Hibernian on Sunday at Easter Road.

"It's an indication of how you can never take anything for granted," Rangers manager Alex McLeish told BBC Scotland as he reflected on the two points his team had surprisingly dropped.

"We didn't taken anything for granted because we knew they were a team on form. I just felt the tempo was too slow

in the first half."

Inverness manager Craig Brewster added: "To come away with a point from here and in the manner we did, with scoring in the last minute, I don't think many people would have believed it".

Celtic visit third-placed Hibernian on Sunday while Aberdeen, in fourth, won 1-0 at Kilmarnock with a Kevin McNaughton goal after Kris Boyd missed a penalty for the home side.

Bottom club Livingston secured three precious points with a goal from Burton O'Brien that beat Dundee 1-0 at Dens Park, while Motherwell defeated visitors Dundee United with goals from David Partridge and Scott McDonald.

MNA/Reuters

Bayern beat Werder Bremen 1-0

FRANKFURT, 6 March— Michael Ballack struck early to give Bayern Munich a 1-0 win at home to Werder Bremen on Saturday and keep the Bavarians top of the Bundesliga on goal difference.

Bayern's joy at beating last season's double winners and one of their two chief rivals for the title was tempered by an injury to Roy Makaay, however.

The Dutch striker suffered a painful hamstring strain with a minute to go and will be a major doubt for Wednesday's Champions League clash with Arsenal on Wednesday, when Bayern will be defending a 3-1 lead.

Bayern moved ahead against Werder in the seventh minute when Ballack beat four Werder defenders in the air to power in a header from a Torsten Frings corner in the seventh minute.

Felix Magath's side maintained their lead with little difficulty against a curiously subdued Werder, who are now seven points off the title pace.

Bayern needed the win to stay ahead of Schalke 04, who kept up the pressure with a 2-0 win away to VfL Bochum.

With 24 games played, Bayern and Schalke have 50 points, followed by Werder on 43.

VfB Stuttgart moved up to fourth on 42 points with a 2-1 win at home to Arminia Bielefeld.

Bayern Leverkusen's faint hopes of getting back into the title race slipped further away when they were beaten 1-0 away by Hamburg SV, a result that leaves them in seventh place, now 11 points behind the leaders.

Bayern stayed neck and neck with Schalke thanks to Ballack's early goal and a solid defensive performance.

There was none of the panache of their midweek 7-0 win over SC Freiburg, although the introduction of Paolo Guerrero early in the second half gave their attack a more dangerous look.—MNA/Reuters

Chelsea motor 8 points clear at top

LONDON, 6 March— Chelsea motored eight points clear at the top of the Premier League on Saturday after they beat Norwich City 3-1 and title rivals Manchester United stumbled to a 0-0 draw at 10-man Crystal Palace.

Champions Arsenal kept their slim title hopes alive after a Thierry Henry hat-trick gave them a 3-0 win over Portsmouth, though they remain 10 points adrift of the leaders.

Chelsea, who look destined for their first league title in 50 years, have 71 points and a game in hand over United (63 points) and Arsenal (61).

Asked if he thought they had now seen off United, Chelsea boss Jose Mourinho told Sky Sports News: "We don't think about them, they think about us...we just know that weekend after weekend we have to win our matches and control the gap.

"Before this game it was six points, now it's eight and if we can make it nine points with a draw against West Brom (on March 15) or 11 points with a victory it would be great."

Further down the table, Southampton improved their survival hopes with a 1-0 home win over Tottenham Hotspur while Aston Villa and Newcastle United

also enjoyed morale-boosting victories.

However, a turning point in the season was reached at Carrow Road, where Chelsea capitalized on United's slip at Selhurst Park and moved the newly-crowned League Cup winners closer still to a second trophy in their centenary year.

Joe Cole rode two heavy tackles to fire Chelsea into a 22nd minute lead and they were quick to rally after Leon MacKenzie's superb headed equalizer from a Darren Huckerby cross. It was their first goal conceded since a 2-2 draw with Arsenal on 12 December.

Substitute striker Mateja Kezman followed up a Frank Lampard effort to tap in Chelsea's second goal and defender Ricardo Carvalho rose unchallenged to head the third from a corner.

"Norwich deserved their goal because of the way they played in the second half, but we were too strong mentally for them," Mourinho said. "We scored two goals and killed the game."—MNA/Reuters

Barca lead by nine points in Primera Liga

MADRID, 6 March— Barcelona striker Samuel Eto'o took his goal tally for the season to 18 with the winner in a 1-0 victory at struggling Osasuna on Saturday.

The African Player of the Year smashed a first-time shot past keeper Juanxo Elia after racing onto a magnificent pass from Portugal midfielder Deco five minutes before the break.

Barcelona now lead the table by nine points from Real Madrid who play last season's champions Valencia later on Saturday.

Barca, wearing black armbands in memory of former coach Rinus Michels who died on Thursday, took control from the first whistle at a rain-swept El Sadar but they were slow to take advantage of their domination.

Their highly-rated youngster Andres Iniesta hit the bar after he had beaten the offside trap to latch onto a clever lofted pass from fellow midfielder Xavi midway through the half.

Defender Rafael Marquez then sent a lob skidding past the post a few minutes later after Xavi had supplied another excellent assist.

The Catalans eventually managed to break the deadlock five minutes before the break when Deco won the ball in midfield and slipped a neat through ball into Eto'o's path with the outside of his foot.

The Cameroon international cracked a stinging shot towards the far post and although Osasuna's Juanxo Elia got a hand to the ball he was unable to stop it spinning into his net.

Eto'o should have grabbed another goal early in the second half when he was put clear by Ronaldinho but he ran too wide and saw his angled shot turned past the post by Elia.—MNA/Reuters

Jubilo Iwata upset Yokohama F-Marinos 1-0

TOKYO, 6 March— Japan international Takashi Fukunishi scored a controversial 90th-minute goal as Jubilo Iwata upset champions Yokohama F-Marinos 1-0 on the opening day of the J-League season on Saturday.

Yokohama's players protested furiously after midfielder Fukunishi clearly used his hand to direct home a Hiroshi Nanami free kick at the re-named Nissan Stadium.

"It looked like handball but a goal's a goal," shrugged Yokohama manager Takeshi Okada. "We let ourselves down by not taking our chances."

Jubilo coach Masakuni Yamamoto claimed not to have seen an incident that incensed the crowd of 41,000 in Yokohama, venue for the 2002 World Cup final between Brazil and Germany.

"I couldn't see properly from where I was so I don't know," he said. "But we stood firm under pressure and got the result we came for."

Elsewhere, Takayuki Suzuki's 30th-minute header lifted four-times champions Kashima Antlers to a 1-0 away victory over 10-man Urawa Reds.

Urawa's frustration grew on the stroke of halftime when Turkish defender Alpay Ozalan was sent off for shoving Suzuki in

the face, to the annoyance of the crowd of 52,000.

Former Brazil striker Washington was on target in Tokyo Verdy's 2-1 victory at Kyushu-based Oita Trinita.

New signing Washington was instrumental in Verdy's Japanese Super Cup win over Yokohama last weekend and opened his J-League account three minutes before the break for Ossie Ardiles's side.

Promoted Omiya Ardija marked their First Division debut with a shock 2-0 victory away to Gamba Osaka, while FC Tokyo thrashed Albirex Niigata 4-0 in a late match.

In other matches, Nagoya Grampus Eight were held to a 2-2 draw by visiting JEF United Chiba while Shimizu S-Pulse drew 1-1 at home to Sanfrecce Hiroshima.

The 2005 season will be played under an orthodox 34-game format after J-League officials abandoned its two-stage system. The First Division has also expanded from 16 to 18 teams.—MNA/Reuters

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle



WB decides priority for SMEs in Sri Lankan rural areas

COLOMBO, 6 March — The World Bank in its latest assessment on Sri Lanka's investment outlook has decided to accord more priority to small and medium entrepreneurs in rural areas to help them develop more interlinking and product mobilization.

The assessment, which was carried out focusing on the private sector in urban and rural areas, had revealed that a lack of proper linkages and streamlined product range had led to snail-paced development in the small and medium sector in rural areas, said Simon C. Bell, manager of the World Bank's finance and private sector for the South

Asian region. "Although some private companies based in Colombo and suburbs have adopted the mechanism of linkages and mobilization, it was evident that most of the SMEs in rural areas were either unaware or facing financial difficulties in adopting such strategies," Bell was quoted Friday by the official *Daily News* as saying. —MNA/Xinhua

Egypt sees full Syrian withdrawal from Lebanon possible

CAIRO, 6 March — Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Abul Gheit said on Saturday that he believes Syria's announcement of redeploying its troops in Lebanon would be followed by a full pullout, Egypt's official *MENA* news agency reported.

Syrian President Bashar al-Assad told the Parliament earlier Saturday that "Syrian troops will completely pull back to Bekaa Valley in eastern Lebanon and then to the Syrian-Lebanese border." Abul Gheit said he is confident that the aim of the Syrian move is the full implementation of the Taif Agreement and the UN Security Council

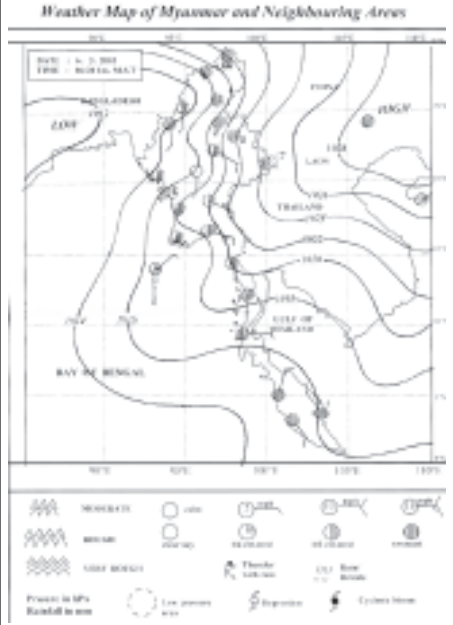
Resolution 1559.

Under the 1989 Taif Agreement ending Lebanon's 1975-1990 civil war, Syria should first redeploy its forces to eastern Lebanon and coordinate a subsequent full withdrawal with Beirut.

The French-US backed UN resolution adopted last September not only urged Damascus to pull out its forces but also asked Syria, a key power broker in Lebanon, to stop meddling in its neighbour's internal affairs.

Syria has been under mounting pressure to withdraw its 14,000 soldiers from Lebanon since the assassination of former Lebanese prime minister Rafik Hariri on February 14.

MNA/Xinhua



Cancer-causing coloured sauce found in Beijing

BEIJING, 6 March — Beijing's food safety office said Friday that it found the cancer-causing colourant, Sudan I, in a brand of pepper sauce brand in the city.

The pepper sauce, Meimeiweiyuan, produced by the Guangzhou-based

Heinz Meimeiweiyuan Food Co. Ltd, was spotted after an inspection of 17 brands of condiments by the city's food safety office, the entry-exit inspection and quarantine bureau, and the commerce bureau.

The producer, a subsidiary of the Heinz Com-

pany of the United States, has been ordered to recall its product.

The office said that the city will launch a broader sample inspection on foods produced by foreign companies and joint ventures.

MNA/Xinhua

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International Women's Day
8th March, 2005

Radio Myanmar

Monday, 7 March
Tune in today:

- 8.30 am** Brief news
- 8.35 am** Music: Come on every body
- 8.40 am** Perspectives
- 8.45 am** Music: -Should've never
- 8.50 am** National news/Slogan
- 9.00 am** Music: Love for all seasons
- 9.05 am** International news
- 9.10 am** Music -It's gotta be you
- 1.30 pm** News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm** Lunchtime music -Say you say me -Tonight I celebrate my love -One more try
- 9.00 pm** Spotlight on the star "Jennifer Paize"
- 9.10 pm** Article Discussion "Military songs that came from the pen of Thu Khi Aung"
- 9.35 pm** Golden Land's Melody/Vocal Gems
- 9.45 pm** News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm** PEL

TV Myanmar

Monday, 7 March
View on today:

- 7:00 am**
 - 1. ဂေ့ဇူးရှင် မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာဟောရတနာ၊ အဘိဓမ္မာအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မ၊ စေတီတော်၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မာပစ္စာပါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် တဗ္ဗဒ္ဓိဝိမိတ္တသာရာဒါသင်္ခါန် ဝရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am**
 - 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**
 - 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
 - 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am**
 - 5. Song of national races
- 8:10 am**
 - 6. Cute little dancers
- 8:20 am**
 - 7. ဟင်းရှုရဲလှောင်တံခံ
- 8:30 am**
 - 8. International news
- 8:45 am**
 - 9. Grammar made easy
- 9:00 pm**
 - 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
 - 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
 - 3. Practice in Reading
- 4:45 pm**
 - 4. တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုတေးသီချင်း၊ ဖြိုင်ဖွဲ့ဆရာတေးများ (၂၀၀၂ ခုနှစ်)
- 5:00 pm**
 - 5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ဖြိုင်ဖွဲ့သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)
- 5:15 pm**
 - 6. Musical programme
- 5:30 pm**
 - 7. Dance variety
- 5:40 pm**
 - 8. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
- 5:55 pm**
 - 9. Songs and Dances of
- 6:05 pm**
 - 10. Discovery
- 6:10 pm**
 - 11. နိုင်ငံခြားတက္ကသိုလ်များတွင် "ဇောက်မင်းဂုဏ်နန်း" (အပိုင်း-၇၃)
- 6:30 pm**
 - 12. Evening news
- 7:00 pm**
 - 13. Weather report
- 7:05 pm**
 - 14. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 7:20 pm**
 - 15. နှစ်(၆၀)ပြည့် တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 7:35 pm**
 - 16. Industrial achievement
- 7:45 pm**
 - 17. အမျိုးသားညီလာခံဂုဏ်ပြုတေး
- 8:00 pm**
 - 18. News
- 8:15 pm**
 - 19. International news
- 8:30 pm**
 - 20. Weather report
- 8:45 pm**
 - 21. နိုင်ငံခြားတက္ကသိုလ်များတွင် "သံဇော်ရီရီသံဇော်" (အပိုင်း-၄၄)
- 9:00 pm**
 - 22. The next day's programme

WEATHER

Sunday, 6 March, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers has been widespread in Kachin State and upper Sagaing division, scattered in Shan State, isolated in Chin and Rakhine States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and weather has been generally fair in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded was (2.87) inches in Putao. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Rakhine State and Magway Division. (6°C) above normal in Mandalay Division, (4°C) below normal in Kayah State, (7°C) below normal in Kachin State and (10°C) below normal in northern Shan State and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were (40°C) in Mandalay and (39°C) in Magway.

Maximum temperature on 5-3-2005 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 6-3-2005 was 65°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 6-3-2005 was 58%. Total sunshine hours on 5-3-2005 was (8.2) hours approx. Rainfalls on 6-3-2005 were nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from East at (10:10) hours MST on 5-3-2005.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the South-west Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 7-3-2005: Isolated scattered rain or thundershowers are likely in Kachin, Chin, Northern Shan States, Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in Kayin and Mon States, Yangon and Taninthayi Division and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Strong easterly wind with (35)mph prevailing temporarily, and moderate seas are likely Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi coasts. Seas will be slight elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of thundery conditions are likely in Upper Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 7-3-2005: Party cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 7-3-2005: Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

New rainfall record
(Issued at 11:00 hours MST 6th March 2005)

The amount of rainfall 73mm (2.87 inches) observed at (09:30) hours MST on 6th March, 2005 at Putao is the 24 hours new maximum rainfall record of the station for the month of March during last (39) years. The former record was 46mm (1.81 inches) on 14th March 1996.

Tasks of Management Committee for Organizing 58th Anniversary Union Day reviewed

YANGON, 6 March — The meeting to review tasks of the Management Committee for Organizing the 58th Anniversary Union Day was held at Pyithu Hluttaw Building on Pyay Road this afternoon.

Chairman of the Management Committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe delivered an address, saying that the 58th Anniversary Union Day could be held successfully in accord with the Union Day objectives due to efforts of the respective sub-committees. So, the sub-committees are to submit reports to the meeting by reviewing their tasks.

After hearing the reports, the commander gave the concluding remarks.

Also present on the occasion were members of the management committee and departmental heads.

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Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe speaking at the meeting to review tasks of Management Committee for Organizing 58th Anniversary Union Day.— MNA



The Union Government is to take necessary steps according to the Union budget law enacted by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

YANGON, 6 March — *The following is the compilation of detailed basic principles laid down in line with the suggestions of most of the delegates to the National Convention presented by Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe and Vice-Chairman Attorney-General U Aye Maung at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaungnabin Camp in Hmawby Township, on 3 March.*

The compilations of detailed basic principles presented by Chief Justice U Aung Toe are as follows:

In line with the suggestions of most of the delegates to the National Convention, detailed basic principles have now been adopted in connection with the sharing of legislative power. For easy reference, I will conclude by sorting out the detailed basic principles relevant to the sharing of legislative power.

1. Defence and Security Sector

The Union Legislative List constitutes:

1. The defence of the Union of Myanmar and of its every part, and to prepare a defence programme thereof.
2. Defence and security industries.

3. Arms and ammunition and explosives including biological and chemical weapons.
4. Nuclear energy, nuclear fuel and radiation, and mineral resources that produce them.
5. Declaration of war and making of peace.
6. Peace and stability of State and the rule of law.
7. Police Force.

Vice-Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Attorney-General U Aye Maung.
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Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe.
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2. Foreign Affairs Sector

The Union Legislative List constitutes:

1. Diplomats, consular affairs, and representatives of other affairs;
2. United Nations;

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall enact required laws if the need arises to do so for the Union territories in connection with matters for which legislative powers are delegated to Region or State Hluttaws or self-administered division or zone leading bodies

YANGON, 6 March — *The following is the full clarification of Secretary of the National Convention Convening Work Committee U Thuang Nyunt, on behalf of the Work Committee Chairman, concerning legislative powers for Union territories, the effect of the laws enacted by different levels of the Hluttaw and the self-administered area leading bodies and formation of Financial Commission, and Taxation and funds allotment among the Pyidaungsu and Regions or States, for laying down detailed basic principles for sharing of legislative power to be included in the State Constitution, at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaungnabin Camp in Hmawby Township, on 3 March.*

First, U Thuang Nyunt presented matters on Legislative powers for Union territories.

At the Plenary Meeting of the National Conven-

tion held on 21 May 2004, the Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee explained matters in connection with the basic principles to be laid down for the legislative powers to Union territories on grounds of the matters relevant to the sharing of legislative power that shall be included in writing the State constitution.

The delegate groups — the national race delegate group, the peasant delegate group, the worker delegate group, the intellectuals and intelligentsia delegate group, State service personnel delegate group, the other invited persons delegate group and the delegate groups of the political parties — The National Unity Party, the Union Pa-O National Organization, the Mro (a) Khami National Solidarity Organization,

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