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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

Lt-Gen Ye Myint on inspection tour of Nanyun in Sagaing Division

YANGON, 10 March — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental officials, left here by air on 7 March morning and arrived at Mandalay International Airport at 11.35 am.

Accompanied by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party continued their trip to Kachin State and arrived at Myitkyina Airport in the afternoon.

They were welcomed by Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe,



Lt-Gen Ye Myint meets departmental personnel and members of social organizations in Nanyun.— MNA

Deputy Commander Brig-Gen San Tun, Myitkyina Airbase Commander Col Zaw Tun and officials. Accompanied by Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye and officials, Lt-Gen Ye Myint flew to Nanyun via Tanai. At Nanyun, Commanding Officer Lt-Col Kaung Kyaw of the lo-

cal battalion, departmental officials and local people welcomed them. At Bandoolla Hall in Nanyun, Lt-Gen Ye Myint met with departmental personnel, social organization members and local people and presented cash for education, health and social sectors.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard reports on

matters related to the township by the chairman of Township Peace and Development Council and departmental officials. He fulfilled the requirements. Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye gave supplementary reports.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint presented a computer set and sweat-

ers to Nanyun BEHS to officials. He then gave five sewing machines to the Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council. Similarly, Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and Commander Maj-Gen

Tha Aye presented gifts for education, health and social sectors of Nanyun Township to officials.

Deputy Director-General Col Than Shein of the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas (See page 8)

Military Attachés, wives and families back from Shan State tour

YANGON, 10 March — An excursion group including military attachés, their wives and families of foreign missions led by Dean of the Military Attachés to the Union of Myanmar Military Attaché of Lao People's Democratic Republic Col Onechanh Phetsalat, accompanied by Daw Khin Thet Htay, wife of Chief of Defence Services Military Security Maj-Gen Myint Swe, wives of senior military officers and officials, arrived back here by special Tatmadaw aircraft this afternoon after visiting Taunggyi, Inlay, Pindaya and Kalaw regions of Eastern Command area.

The excursion group was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Chief of Defence Services Military Security Maj-Gen Myint Swe, senior military officers and officials.

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The more they concentrate on their discussions, the greater progress they can make. Here a noteworthy point is that the greater opportunity one can create on one's own, the greater success one will achieve in doing things.

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Chief of Defence Services Military Security Maj-Gen Myint Swe welcomes back Military Attachés and wives and party who visited Taunggyi, Inlay, Pindaya and Kalaw regions of Eastern Command area.— MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for national economic development

The Government of the Union of Myanmar is building the nation into a modern and developed one by implementing the political, economic and social objectives laid down. For economic development, the market-oriented economic system is practised. Moreover, national entrepreneurs are given an important role in translating the market economic system into reality in accordance with the objective : the initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples. Thus, increased cooperation of the national entrepreneurs can be enlisted in the field of national economic endeavour and farmers, industrialists, traders, importers and exporters, and service providers have emerged.

Myanmar is an agricultural country and so agricultural produce is important not only for domestic consumption but also for export and most of the businesses rely on the nation's rich terrestrial and aquatic resources. Economic forces such as farmers, growers of oil palm, rubber and coffee and entrepreneurs who operate fisheries and livestock-breeding industry have prospered by making use of the nation's rich terrestrial and aquatic resources. In addition to the existing entrepreneurs, new ones are constantly emerging and the nation also encourages it.

In the agriculture sector, there are acres and acres of arable virgin and fallow land in addition to those already under cultivation. The government is fulfilling such requirements as land and water and providing cultivation methods. Cultivation of oil palm benefit to not only the growers but also the nation in the long run. At present in Taninthayi Division, private companies, local people and regiments and units are growing oil palm on more than 100,000 acres of land. Taninthayi Division will become the oil bowl of the nation in the near future.

Forty-six per cent of rubber cultivation is in Mon State and a five-year plan is being implemented for the region to become a rubber state. Ayeyawady Division, the granary of the nation, is the region where most of the monsoon paddy is cultivated.

It is the government that has shaped the market economic system so that national entrepreneurs can make the best use of the nation's rich resources. As the government has also paved the way for import and export business for the economic development of the nation, the role of entrepreneurs has become greater. Therefore, we would like to call on the entire national entrepreneurs to strive for economic growth in the interests of the nation and the people by making the effective use of favourable environment created by the government.

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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

Tatmadaw columns practise drills

YANGON, 10 March — The Tatmadaw columns which will participate in the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day 2005 continued practising drills in Myoma Ground this morning.

During their drills, Tatmadawmen from Anawrahta Column led by Column Commander Col Aung Kyaw Oo, Kyansittha Column led by Column Commander Col Tha Aung, Bayintnaung Column led by Column Commander Col Aung Kyaw Oo, Nawade Column led by Column Commander Captain Aung Zaw Win (Navy), Aungzeya Column led by Column Commander Col Myo Win, Hsinbyushin Column led by Column

Commander Col Khin Aung Myint, Bandoola Column led by Column Commander Col Khin Maung Oo, Myawady Column led by Column Commander Col Win

Swe and Aung San Column led by Column Commander Col Thein Zaw took part in practice session of parade drills under the command of Parade Commander

Brig-Gen Nyi Tun. Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Aung Kyi and military officers watched the practising drills.

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Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Aung Kyi inspects drill practising of Tatmadaw columns.— PUPR

Decoration made for Armed Forces Day Exhibition



Preparations for display of Ministry of Rail Transportation Booth being made at Defence Services Museum.— MNA

YANGON, 10 March — The decoration tasks of the booths of Defence Services Museum are being carried out for the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Commorative Exhibition 2005.

The officials supervised the decoration tasks of the booths of ministries, directorate's commands and the twelfth objectives this morning.

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Ferries for UMFCCI AGM

YANGON, 10 March— The ferries are arranged for those who will attend the 14th Annual General Meeting of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry to be at Myanmar Convention Centre (MCC) on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township at 1

pm on 12 March. Those who will attend the meeting may take ferries at the UMFCCI on Merchant Street and UMFCCI training school on Bosunpet Street at 11 am and at the 8th Mile Junction in Mayangon Township and Bago Bus Terminal in Thamaing Junction at 11.30 am. — MNA

ICCA-2005 continues

YANGON, 10 March — The Ph.D level Third International Conference on Computer Applications (ICCA-2005) organized by Yangon University of Computer Studies of the Ministry of Science and Technology took place at Sedona Hotel this morning. At the conference, Dr Yasuo Tsuchimoto presented Networking and U Shwe Myint Linux For

Myanmar. The research paper session continued at Mindon Hall 1, 2 and 3 of the hotel.

The computer Ph.D students from the universities and institutes under the ministry read out the papers on the subjects of Software Engineering, Parallel and Distributed Computing, Computation Biology and Bioinformatics. —MNA



MYANMAR TEAM LEAVES: Miss ASEAN Culture Myanmar 2004 winner Ma Ei Yupa Win accompanied by guardian Daw Yi Yi Win left here by air on 4 March to participate in Miss ASEAN 2005 in Jakarta, Indonesia from 5 to 19 March. The Myanmar team seen at the airport before departure for Jakarta. — MNA

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



ARF pledges to enhance non-traditional security cooperation

BEIJING, 9 March — Participants at a seminar of the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) on Tuesday called on relevant parties to strengthen non-traditional security cooperation.

Representatives from foreign ministries of 23 ARF members and officials in charge of non-traditional security issues, such as anti-terrorism and drug abuse control, delivered proposals on enhancing non-traditional security cooperation among Asia-Pacific countries.

The seminar, sponsored by the Chinese Foreign Ministry, was held in Sanya, a scenic city in south China's island province of Hainan, between

7 and 8 March. Participants agreed that non-traditional threats, including terrorism, transnational crimes and infectious diseases, have been rising markedly in recent years, bringing uncertain factors to regional security even though the overall security situation in the Asia-Pacific Region maintained stable in general.

The non-traditional security issues have been emerged in the backdrop of complicated political,

economic and cultural factors so that they should be tackled thoroughly in a comprehensive way, participants said. While enhancing their own capacities for dealing with the non-traditional security issues, all countries should actively support and participate in international and regional cooperation in the regard, they said. The participants spoke highly of the achievements made by the ARF in carrying out dialogue and cooperation

in fighting terrorism and other non-traditional security issues, and called for all concerned parties to further enhance dialogue and cooperation. The seminar was held in line with the decision made on the 11th Foreign Ministers' Meeting of the ARF, which was held in Jakarta, Indonesia last July.

Initiated in 1993, ARF is the primary forum in enhancing political and security cooperation in the Asia Pacific Region and also a pivot in building regional peace.

MNA/Xinhua



Workers at a currency exchange office wait for arriving officials at the building housing the Hanoi Stock Market during its official opening in Hanoi, Vietnam, on 8 March, 2005.—INTERNET

BIMST-EC trade meeting opens in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 9 March — A formal meeting of the Trade Negotiation Committee of the Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Thailand Economic Cooperation (BIMST-EC) kicked off here on Tuesday.

"The three-day meeting, which is being held for the first time in Nepal, is expected to give the bloc's free trade area (FTA) accord a final shape," an official from Nepali Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supplies told reporters.

The committee, a body entrusted for finalizing the bloc's FTA accord, will first settle the provisions for trade

in goods, one of three in-built components of the accord, the official said on condition of anonymity.

Trade in services' and investment agreement are the other two components of the accord, he said, adding that the BIMST-EC members adopted the preliminary framework of the accord in February 2004.

MNA/Xinhua

Philippines, Brunei sign MoU on education cooperation

MANILA, 9 March — The Philippines and Brunei agreed to enhance the education standards in the two countries through a memorandum of understanding (MoU), a local

TV reported on Tuesday. According to the report from the ABS-CBN news channel, Foreign Affairs Secretary Alberto Romulo, who is in Bandar Seri Begawan for a two-

day working visit, said that the MoU seeks to "broaden cooperation in the field of education and expand people-to-people relations".

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam further taps key export markets

HANOI, 9 March — Vietnam focuses on further exploiting export markets of China, Northern Europe and new European Union (EU) members, in a move to reach export target of 31.5 billion US dollars this year.

Vietnam is infiltrating more deeply into China via aviation and boosting export of fresh items such as seafood, fruits and vegetables, according to local newspaper *Youth* on Tuesday.

Currently, local products, mostly unprocessed and frozen ones, enter China mainly via border trade, Dao Ngoc Chuong, Vietnamese Commercial Counselor in China said, noting that Vietnam annually earns just 50 million dollars from exporting seafood to China while the foreign country spends some two billion dollars on importing the products each year.

Vietnam will also boost export of items that China has high demand for, including rice, cashew nuts, crude oil, coal and rubber. Vietnam and China, which posted a two-way trade of more

than 6.7 billion dollars in 2004, have targeted to obtain a turnover of 10 billion dollars in 2010.

Regarding Northern Europe, Vietnam will establish stronger trade relations with big retailers who can sell a great volume of local products through their distribution systems across the region. Products that Vietnam will intensify export to the region include woodworks, handicrafts and footwear.

Regarding new EU members such as Poland where many Vietnamese people are living and working, the country will facilitate shipping abroad its products which are widely sold in markets run by local people in the foreign country. It will make more local products to be sold in the foreign country's supermarkets and big shops.— MNA/Xinhua

Nepali FM's visit to India improves mutual understanding

KATHMANDU, 10 March — Nepali Minister for Foreign Affairs Ramesh Nath Pandey said his visit to India provided an opportunity to enhance understanding on issues of mutual concerns between Nepal and India.

"The three-day working visit was fruitful in many aspects to extend and expand bilateral relations, because both sides put their views in a transparent manner," Radio Nepal on Thursday quoted Pandey as saying.

During his meetings with his Indian counter-

part and other officials, Pandey conveyed the Nepali Government's assurances that the state of emergency measures imposed since February 1 will be relaxed, detained party leaders will be released and press censorship will be lifted in a gradual manner.

King Gyanendra's takeover of power is to prevent Nepal from becoming a failed country and to bring multi-party democracy back on track, the foreign minister told reporters on Wednesday after his arrival at home.

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi authorities arrive at the scene after a powerful suicide bomb exploded in central Baghdad on early 9 March, 2005.—INTERNET



An Indian stockbroker uses a computer at a brokerage firm in Mumbai on 7 March, 2005.—INTERNET

HK health experts propose antiviral stockpile

HONG KONG, 9 March — Hong Kong's Health, Welfare and Food Bureau has proposed spending 254 million Hong Kong dollars (32.56 million US dollars) to purchase antiviral capsules, raising its stockpile from 3.7 million capsules to more than 20 million in phases.

The capsules form an integral part of the bureau's plan for tackling an influenza pandemic, and avian flu in particular.

The bureau will present its proposal to Hong Kong Legislative Council's Panel on Health Services on 14 March and seek the Finance Committee's endorsement for creating a capital commitment later.

As so many other places in the Asia-Pacific Region also need the antivirals, their delivery will need to be phased over six to 12 months.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), stockpiling drugs is the only way to ensure sufficient supplies at the start of a pandemic and governments with adequate resources should pursue this option as a precautionary measure.

The bureau said in line with the WHO's recommendations, the proposal will contribute to keeping Hong Kong safe for the international community to do business, providing a living and working environment and pursuing policies which promote

and protect the health and safety of Hong Kong people.

Since late December, avian influenza cases have claimed 13 lives in Vietnam. The WHO has expressed concern that the virus may re-assort its genes with those from a human flu virus, acquiring the ability to move easily from person to person.

The bureau said the pandemic's impact will depend on how well Hong Kong is prepared, adding it aims to ensure an adequate antiviral supply while minimizing waste.

Hong Kong's Centre for Health Protection has recommended maintaining the target level in consultation with its board of scientific advisors and in the light of recent developments in neighbouring places as well as their proactive action to raise their antiviral stockpile.

MNA/Xinhua

Japan's MSDF deploys new fleet support ship

TOKYO, 9 March — Japanese Maritime Self-Defence Force on Tuesday deployed its new, large fleet support ship Oumi at its base in Sasebo, west Japan's Nagasaki Prefecture.

Sixteen women — two of them senior officers — are among the 145 crew members of the 13,500-ton vessel. They are the first group of women assigned to fleet support ships often marked by long tours of duty, according to MSDF's Press office.

The Oumi was built as part of the MSDF's programme to boost the capacity of its fleet support vessels. Under the programme, the MSDF deployed another 13,500-ton support ship Mashuu at Maizuru Base in Kyoto Prefecture last spring.

The Oumi brings the MSDF's fleet of medium-to-large-size fleet support ships to five. They include three 8,159-ton medium-size fleet support ships deployed at bases across Japan.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraq bombing highlights danger to workers

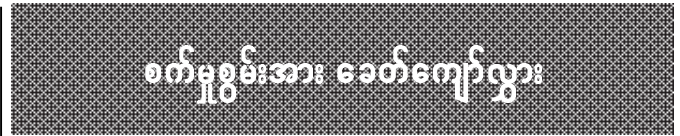
BAGHDAD, 9 March — A garbage truck loaded with explosives blew up on Wednesday next to a Baghdad hotel housing US workers, killing four people and wounding 30 Americans and 10 others in a suicide bombing that highlighted the danger of doing business in Iraq.

The US Embassy said four of the wounded American contractors suffered injuries requiring them to be flown to a hospital for treatment. No Americans were killed, it said. They were lucky given the size of the explosion. The blast ripped a hole in the parking lot at least 30 feet across and more than 10 feet deep, shattering most windows

in the Sadeer hotel and rattling buildings hundreds of yards away.

The risk taken by contractors working in Iraq has never been so great. They are regularly targeted by roadside bombs, attacked by guerillas and live in constant fear of kidnap and decapitation.

On Wednesday, police said, guerillas wearing police uniforms first fa-



Lawmaker calls for intensified protection of indigenous brands

BELING, 10 March — A Chinese lawmaker has called for more efforts from the legislature and government to protect the brand names and intellectual property of indigenous products, so as to make China's national industry more "competitive internationally".

"The state should adopt more substantial and feasible measures to protect the indigenous brands in the fields of trademark and intellectual property rights," said Yang Mianmian, the CEO of the Haier Group, China's electric appliance giant based in the eastern coastal province of

Shandong.

Relevant government departments should tighten up their supervision over trademark registration to eliminate any trademark violations against the famous domestic brands, said Yang, also a deputy to the National People's Congress (NPC), China's top leg-

islature now in its annual full session in Beijing.

As Chinese enterprises are involved in an increasing number of foreign lawsuits relating to intellectual property rights nowadays, Yang said, the government should set up some special coordinating bodies to give timely guidance to "inexperienced enterprises" over such cases, so as to "better protect the rights and interests of the indigenous brands overseas".

Yang also suggested China's legislature learn from the experience of Western developed nations such as the United States, and endorse the principle of "buy Chinese" more explicitly in its legislation.

For example, the existing Government Procurement Law should be revised to make purchase of domestic products a compulsory obligation for all government departments, with a clear definition of penalty for those failing to do so, added Yang.

MNA/Xinhua

Reliance in talks with African, S American nations for gas, oil

NEW DELHI, 9 March — Reliance Industries, the country's largest private sector oil firm, is in talks to acquire oil and gas fields in West Africa, South America and Middle-East, a top company official said.

Reliance, on lines of state-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corp's hunt for oil properties abroad to supplement falling domestic production, has opened dialogue with several countries. "We are in dialogue in Nigeria, Chad, Angola, Ghana, Cameroon, Congo and Gabon. Things are progressing at a fast pace," the official, who wished not to be identified, said.

In Latin America, Reliance is eyeing oil blocks in Venezuela, Mexico and Brazil.

"Like everybody else, we too are looking at oil assets in Middle-East. The basic difference is that we are discussing with countries from whom we already import crude oil for processing at our 33 million tonnes refinery at Jamanagar in the western Indian state of Gujarat," he said.

Reliance, which in December 2004 bagged an offshore Block No 18 in Gulf of Oman, is talking for oil blocks in Iran, Saudi Arabia and Qatar.

Besides Oman, the company has 20 per cent stake in the exploration Block 9 in Yemen, where a significant oil discovery has already been made.

The official said Reliance wants to become a fully integrated energy firm with interests in upstream oil and gas exploration and production and downstream refining and marketing. — MNA/PTI



A fireman runs from the flaming scene after a garbage truck exploded at dawn near a hotel used by western contractors in central Baghdad, on 9 March, 2005.—INTERNET

Japan's February foreign reserves down

TOKYO, 9 March— Japan's foreign exchange reserves stood at \$40.56 billion US dollars at the end of February, down 402 million US dollars from the previous month, the Finance Ministry said Monday.

Japan remained the largest holder of foreign reserves of any country or territory for the 63rd straight month, the ministry said, citing the latest comparable data.

The country's foreign exchange reserves consist of securities and deposits denominated in foreign currencies plus International Monetary Fund reserve positions, IMF special draw-

ing rights and gold. The February figure marked Japan's third-largest foreign exchange reserves on record. A record high of 844.54 billion US dollars was registered in December and the second-highest figure of 840.97 billion US dollar was logged in January, according to the ministry.

MNA/Xinhua

Three S African gold miners killed in quake

JOHANNESBURG, 8 March— Harmony Gold, the world's sixth biggest gold mining company, said on Monday that three of its miners died at a shaft in the Free State, South Africa, following a seismic event 2,300 metres underground.

South Africa's News24 media group reported that Harmony Gold's spokesperson Vusi Magadana has confirmed the death of the miners following an earlier report that the three were presumed dead.

MNA/Xinhua



A woman buys a book on the opening night of the 2005 Man Hong Kong International Literary Festival, in Hong Kong on 9 March, 2005.

INTERNET

China's lawmakers propose for more traditional public holidays

BELING, 8 March— Two lawmakers have proposed more public holidays in China to remind the younger generation of the value of their traditional culture amid increasing popularity of Western holidays.

Huo Fuhua and Chen Xuexi, both Guangdong-based deputies to the 10th National People's Congress, said on Sunday that the people in China should be given at least one day off on some important occasions that have been cherished since ancient times.

They suggest an extra day off on the eve of the Chinese New Year, or the traditional Spring Festival as it is often referred to, the Dragon Boat Festival which falls on the 5th May of the Chinese lunar calendar and the Mid-Autumn Festival on the 15th day of the eighth lunar month. The latter two occasions are less celebrated among the youths these days, compared with the Valentine's Day and Christmas, said the deputies. On the Dragon Boat Festival,

Chinese traditionally wrap up glutinous rice with bamboo leaves to commemorate a patriotic poet who had drowned himself more than 2,000 years ago. The Mid-Autumn Festival is a popular family holiday featuring the full moon and tasty pastries. The Mid-Autumn Festival is a popular family holiday featuring the full moon and tasty pas-

tries. The two deputies said China may also consider a day off for the Lantern Festival on the 15th day of the Lunar New Year, the Clear and Bright Day in early April, an occasion to mourn their dear departed, and the Double Ninth Festival, a holiday for the elderly on the ninth day of the ninth lunar month.

MNA/Xinhua

Annan encourages South Asia to achieve millennium goals

UNITED NATIONS, 9 March — UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan encouraged countries in the South Asia on Tuesday to work together under the framework of the Global Compact to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Annan made the remarks in a message to the Compact's regional group, meeting in Jamshedpur, India, saying he welcomes the strong expression of support for the UN Global Compact, a voluntary corporate citizenship initiative based on universal values in the areas of labour, the environment and anti-corruption.

MNA/Xinhua

Former Thai Interior Minister elected House Speaker

BANGKOK, 8 March — Thailand's former Interior Minister Bhokin Bhalakula on Monday was elected as the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

At the first session of the Lower House following the 6 February general election, Thai Rak Thai Party's vice-chairman Bhalakula was elected as the Speaker of the House, while former Deputy House Speaker Suchart

Tancharoen and veteran female politician Lalita Lerksamran was named the first and second deputy speakers. No candidates from

the opposition party were nominated to compete for the above positions.

The Thai Rak Thai Party led by Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra won a landslide victory in the 6 February election, laying the base for the formation of the country's first elected one-party government.

Thailand's Parliament is scheduled to officially vote Thaksin as the new prime minister on Wednesday.

MNA/Xinhua

Tata Steel has investment plans of 30 billion rupees for Bangladesh

JAMSHEDPUR, 9 March — India's leading steel maker Tata Steel on Tuesday said it has investment plans of about 30 billion rupees in the Bangladesh project, to be generated through internal resources and borrowings.

Tata Steel Managing Director B Muthuraman said a final decision on the steel plant would be taken after feasibility report, that is likely to be submitted by the end of next month.

"The feasibility report will be coming by the end of April and a final decision on Bangladesh, where we have three projects, will be taken," he told reporters after the inaugural ceremony of Global Compact Regional Conclave organized here.

The Tata group has signed an MoU with the Bangladesh Government involving investment of two billion dollars in the country to set up a power plant,

steel factory and fertilizer facility.

Muthuraman said the Bangladesh Government was keen on the projects and said the company was hopeful it would be getting gas supply for the plant that would be completed within three years after initial report is given and other formalities completed.

"We have been assured by the Bangladesh Government, which itself is keen on the project, that it would be both gas and coal based," he said adding the project envisages a mix of the two for optimal utilization of the feed fuels.

MNA/PTI

US military casualties in Iraq surpass 1,500

WASHINGTON, 9 March — A total of 1,504 US military personnel have been killed in Iraq since the start of the war in March 2003, the latest statistics released by the Pentagon showed. As of 10 am EST (1500 GMT) Tuesday, 1,149 US troops had been killed in action in Iraq, including 1,039 casualties after major combat operations ended on 1 May, 2003. The total included 355 deaths by non-hostile fire. Over 10,000 American soldiers have been wounded in Iraq, including 5,418 who returned to duty within 72 hours and 5,867 others who did not. Meanwhile, 158 US soldiers have been killed relating to military operations in Afghanistan, including 117 inside the country and 41 in supporting operations elsewhere. Of the dead, 65 were killed in action while 93 by non-hostile fire. — MNA/Xinhua

US, Italy to jointly investigate shooting of Italian journalist

WASHINGTON, 9 March— The United States and Italy will jointly investigate the shooting of an Italian journalist in Baghdad last week and the probe will last three to four weeks, the US commander of multinational forces in Iraq said on Tuesday.

"My expectation is it will be a joint investigation" and "these investigations normally take three to four weeks to complete", General George Casey said at a Press conference at the Pentagon.

Casey, who was in Washington for meetings at the Pentagon and on Capitol Hill, said the investigation was headed by Brigadier-General Peter Vangjel.

MNA/Xinhua



Sony Corp's new Walkman portable music player NW-E507 is displayed in Tokyo on 9 March, 2005.—INTERNET



A cormorant waits for its turn to fish on a boat in the Li Jiang River near the town of Xingping, China recently. The birds have been used for centuries by Chinese fisherman, who tie strings made of hemp around the birds' neck to stop them from swallowing their catch.—INTERNET

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Indonesia to host 15th ASEAN-EU ministerial meeting

JAKARTA, 10 March — At least 11 ministers from the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the European Union (EU) will meet here on Thursday to discuss ASEAN-EU relations, reconstruction of the tsunami-affected areas, terrorism, transnational crime and other matters of regional interests.

The 15th ASEAN-EU Ministerial Meeting (AEMM) was preceded by Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) to be held here Wednesday, *Jakarta Post* reported on Wednesday.

“The ASEAN troika will be represented by Laos (as Head of the ASEAN Standing Committee), Indonesia (as Country Coordinator of the ASEAN-EU partnership) and Cambodia (as next

Country Coordinator of the ASEAN-EU partnership),” said Marty Natalegawa, the director-general of ASEAN-Indonesia Affairs of Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

“The EU troika will consist of Luxembourg (as EU President), the European Commission (EC) and the EU General Council,” said the official.

MNA/Xinhua

China to deliberate on draft law on emergency state this year

BELING, 10 March — China’s top legislature will deliberate on the draft law on emergency state this year as part of its legislation plan, a top legislator said here on Wednesday.

Wu Bangguo, chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress, told the on-going annual session in a work report of the NPC Standing Committee that the top legislature has scores of draft laws for deliberation in 2005.

It will deliberate the draft laws on emergency state, anti-monopoly, civil servants, notary, governing offences against public order, enterprise bankruptcy, among others. The NPC adopted amendments to China’s Constitution last year. The amendments included stipulation on the state of emergency. It will also discuss the draft amendments to laws on corporation, securities, individual income tax, audit, compulsory education, protection on women’s rights and interest, according to Wu.

“The key areas of legislation will be those concerning the overall socio-economic situation and serving as a pillar in China’s legal system,” Wu said in his report.

The NPC Standing Committee deliberated a total of 33 pieces of laws, legal interpretations and draft deci-

sions on legal issues last year, among which 25 were adopted. Aside from the amendments to the Constitution that the NPC adopted last year, another important move of the top legislature was the interpretation on clauses of annexes of the Hong Kong Basic Law and decision on issues concerning methods for selecting the Hong Kong Chief Executive in 2007 and forming the Legislative Council in 2008.

“The interpretation and decision have played an important role to the complete implementation of the guideline of “one country, two systems” and the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR), earnestly safeguard the interests of various social circles in Hong Kong and Hong Kong residents in general, guarantee the gradual and healthy development of democratic system in the Hong Kong SAR in accordance with regulations in the Basic Law, and maintain and promote the long-term prosperity and stability in the Hong Kong SAR,” he said. — MNA/Xinhua

Japan, Mexico confirm importance of cooperation in free trade

TOKYO, 10 March — Farm ministers from Japan and Mexico shared an understanding on Tuesday of the importance of cooperation to ensure that the free trade pact the two countries signed last September will be implemented smoothly.

The understanding was confirmed in a meeting between Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Minister Yoshinobu Shimamura and Mexican Agriculture and Fisheries Minister Javier Usabiaga, now on a Japanese stay, according to the Japanese farm ministry.

Usabiaga was quoted as saying Mexico will export its farm produce to Japan by putting even greater emphasis on securing its safety for Japanese consumers after the pact takes force.

Shimamura threw his weight behind the Mexican attitude, the ministry said.

The pact was signed in Mexico on 17 September last year between Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi and Mexican President Vicente Fox as Japan’s second FTA following one inked with Singapore in 2002. — MNA/Xinhua

China to tighten surveillance over contagious disease

BELING, 10 March — China has asked its medical institutions to offer preliminary check-ups on contagious diseases and to treat patients suspicious of these diseases in isolation wards, the state media reported on Tuesday.

Ministry of Health said in a notice that the move is intended to prevent medical institutions from becoming the hotbeds for virus spread.

Doctors in hospitals and clinics should give their patients a check-up on contagious diseases before any further treatment, *Xinhua* news agency quoted the notice as saying.

Patients who are believed to be infected must be transferred to particular venues immediately and the departments that first received them should be disinfected, it says.

In periods of crisis, institutions should set up

a booth for preliminary check-ups and only allow patients to enter the main hospital after being confirmed to be free from contagious diseases, it says.

In cases of respiratory diseases, check-ups should also be given to people who accompany the patients to the hospital or anyone in close contact with them, it says.

China promulgated a law on preventing contagious diseases in the summer of 2004, a year after the disastrous Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome broke out, killing 349 people and affecting thousands of others.

MNA/PTI

Women infected with HIV/AIDS increase in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 10 March — Although the epidemic rate of HIV/AIDS has decreased these years in Cambodia, more women have been infected with HIV/AIDS, worrying the government and soci-

ety. The figures from the National AIDS Authority on Tuesday’s forum showed that there were more than 57,500 women infected with HIV, about half of the nation’s 123,000 people who have HIV.

From 1991 to 2003, the number of men infected with HIV declined from 100,000 to about 65,000, while the women infected with HIV increased from 56,000 to 57,000.

MNA/Xinhua



An Indian tea plantation worker drinks water during a break while plucking the season’s first crop in Singha Jora, India recently.—INTERNET

Japanese investment to Thailand to increase

BANGKOK, 10 March — Japan will increase its direct investment to Thailand, for the kingdom serves as a gateway for investment to other Southeast Asian countries, said a Japanese trade organization.

Thailand currently ranks the second largest overseas investment destination for Japan after China, said Atsuo Kuroda, the president of Japanese External Trade Organization (JETRO) Bangkok.

Japanese companies considered Thailand a main gateway to other countries in Southeast Asia, particularly Laos, *Bangkok Post* on Wednesday quoted Kuroda as saying. Around 40 per cent of Japanese joint ventures in Thailand planned to expand to Laos, most likely by using their Thai staff to spearhead initial ties due to language similarities, he said. — MNA/Xinhua

Nyimuya

Dr Ma Tin Win (Institute of Education)

I first came across the word "Nyimuya" in Mandalay in 1995. At that time the term was carried on the banner of the hall of the Malun Rice Offering Association. The grandpas contributing their volunteer services towards the association were still hale and hearty and active. They devoted themselves to the tasks for promotion and propagation of the Sasana. They willingly explained the definition of the word "Nyimuya" to me.

Members of the Sangha have to get together and coordinate matters in carrying out religious tasks for promotion and propagation of the Sasana such as ordaining men and consecrating ordination halls. In these cases, all the members of the Sangha are to be united and harmonious in doing things physically, verbally and mentally. The Lord Buddha set a Vinaya rule (code of conduct for monks) for members of the Sangha to do things in such a harmonious and cohesive way. In honour of the Vinaya and procedure, the first Tipitakadhara Dhamma Bhandagarika Mingun Sayadaw named the hall of the association "Nyimuya".

I found the grandpas very polite and modest and they preserved humility and religious traditions and dealt with each other with due respect. An elderly person cited a sermon of the Buddha to amplify his statement, saying that if there was a case, those responsible should coordinate all possible ways and means thoroughly so as to meet justice and reach a consensus. If the agreement represented the wishes of each and every participant and inflicted harm to no one, it was in conformity with "Nyimuya". In order to reach such situation, all the participants must be imbued with genuine goodwill and all the discussions are to be based on mutual interests.

The association has been established since many years ago. My articles about the association had appeared in some journals and magazines, and a Myanmar national who was in Japan delivered his donation of K 100,000 to the association through me. I handed over the donation to the association

and I had an opportunity to gain the knowledge of the definition.

Man is a social being and no one is isolated. Based on relation, friendship and similarities, people group themselves into families, societies, work communities, religious communities, and regional and national communities.

There are so many things to be done by respective societies. The more one considers the word "Nyimuya" and its procedure, the more deeply one realizes their essence. The word "Nyimuya" depicts all-round coordination to reach an all-agreeable consensus. But, here it does not

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mean to do things in compliance with the wishes and instigations from outside. The procedure mean the holding of coordination in unison to seek the most appropriate methods to make things and functions together effectively and in a well organized way in order to create equal opportunities for all. Being based on cohesion and unity, the procedures bring prospects and progress to man.

The opposite of "Nyimuya" is disagreement lacking goodwill and cordiality. Disagreement weakens unity and cohesion in all cases, and it leads to deterioration.

Whenever the term "Nyimuya" and its essence

are in my mind, it is my endless thought on such good things as cohesion, unity, revitalization, peace and stability. "Nyimuya" is indeed a procedure that is like a stalk with one hundred fruits on it.

Such a good procedure cannot be put into practice without thorough and effective coordination. Participants must hold discussions and talks many times in order that understanding can be embedded in their minds. It is needed to take enough time for holding discussions to achieve improvement. But, the time spent should be commensurate with progress made. The participants, when discussions are in progress, should not need to destructive acts and accusations outside the building in which they meet. Only when they are united and harmonious, can they serve the interests of the people, and they are thus to concentrate on things they are discussing.

The more they concentrate on their discussions, the greater progress they can make. Here a noteworthy point is that the greater opportunity one can create on one's own, the greater success one will achieve in doing things. If one tends to believe in what others say, one will feel exhausted at the end of one's thoughts. The attempts made through lack of confidence and enthusiasm will not yield any fruitful benefits.

If discussions are held in disunity and disagreement among the participants, the destructive elements can grab an opportunity to diminish the dignity of the former.

Therefore, the national people are to cultivate a good habit of doing things through thorough coordination and unity and cohesion with unwavering determination and confidence. Only then, will we be able to choose effective methods and correct procedures in the interests of the nation and the people in the long run. It is safe to say that "Nyimuya" is a key to success.

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Military Attachés, wives and families tour Taunggyi, Inlay, Pindaya, Kalaw of Eastern Command area

YANGON, 10 March — An excursion group comprising military attachés, their wives and families of foreign missions led by Dean of the Military Attachés to the Union of Myanmar Military Attaché of Lao PDR Col Onechanh Phetsalat, accompanied by Daw Khin Thet Htay, wife of Chief of Defence Services Military Security Maj-Gen Myint Swe, wives of senior military officers and officials, left here by special Tatmadaw aircraft on 8 March morning to visit Taunggyi, Inlay, Pindaya and Kalaw regions of Eastern Command area and arrived at Heho Airport at 8.45 am.

They were welcomed by Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Com-

mand Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and wife Daw Win Win Nu, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint and wife, senior military and civilian officers and local people.

The excursion group proceeded to Inlay region by car and arrived at Phaungdawbyan jetty in Nyaungshwe at 10.10 am. They were welcomed by local authorities, departmental officials and local people.

The military attachés and party had lunch at Golden Island Cottages Hotel in Inlay region. In the afternoon, they visited PhaungdawU Pagoda and made cash donations to the funds of the pagoda.

On arrival at Alodawpauk Pagoda in Nanpan Village, they vis-

ited there and presented cash donations to the pagoda board of trustees.

Next, they viewed round Ngaphechaung Monastery and went back to Golden Island Cottages Hotel.

Yesterday, they went to Hnee Pagoda in Kalaw via Nyaungshwe. They paid homage to Hnee Pagoda and then to Kalaw ShweUmin Pagoda. At Hill Top Villa Resort Hotel, they had lunch. At Pindaya ShweUmin Pagoda, they donated cash towards the fund of the pagoda.

In the evening, Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint hosted a dinner in honour of the excursion members at Thanlwin Hall of Eastern Command Headquarters. The Dean of the Military Attaché presented a

flower basket to the Shan traditional dance troupe which presented traditional dances and songs to the guests. Next, the commander gave souvenirs to the guests individually.

This morning, they paid obeisance to Shwe-

phonepint Pagoda in Taunggyi and enjoyed beautiful scenes of Taunggyi. Afterwards, they visited Myoma Market.

At Heho Airport, the excursion group members were seen off by Commander Maj-Gen Khin

Maung Myint and wife Daw Win Win Nu, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint and wife, senior military officers and departmental officials. The military attachés and party arrived back here in the evening.— MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and foreign military attaches pose for photo. — MNA

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and National Races and Development Affairs handed over 100 dozens of exercise books and sweaters donated by the ministry to in-charge of the school U Yaung Yan and townselders.

Similarly, Director Dr Kyaw Nyunt Sein handed over medicines donated by the Ministry of Health to Head of the township health department Doctor Thein Win of Nanyun Township.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave a speech.

After the meeting, Lt-Gen Ye Myint cordially greeted those present. In the evening, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected the operation theatre and new building of Nanyun Township Hospital. Officials conducted them round the hospital campus.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party spent the night at Nanyun.—MNA

Summer Buddhist Culture Course

YANGON, 10 March — The Summer Course of Buddhist Culture organized by the religious Affairs Department of the Ministry of Religious Affairs will be given a lecture at Wizayathabin Hall on Thirimingala Kaba Aye Hill from 8 to 10 am starting on 15 March.

Those who wish to attend the course may contact Room-9, Povavideha Monastery (Tel:666148) and the course will last from 15 March to 25 May. MNA

Road construction tasks inspected

YANGON, 10 March — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun together with the officials of the Public Works, inspected the road and bridge construction tasks along Pathein-Thaletkhwa-Mawtinzun road on 6 March.

The minister inspected the construction tasks of Thabyu Creek Bridge, extension of the road and sanitation tasks. Next, the minister gave instructions on upgrading into gravel road which is serviceable all seasons and attended to the needs.

The Pathein-Thaletkhwa-Mawtinzun road is 98 miles long and the pilgrims can make a day trip to Mawtinzun Pagoda using this road. MNA

Commander meets staff posted to Cocogyun Township



Maj-Gen Myint Swe meets with service personnel who will be posted to Cocogyun Township, Yangon Command—MNA

YANGON, 10 March—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe held a meeting with service personnel, who have been posted to Cocogyun Township, at Thakayta Jetty of Myanma Five Star Line in Thakayta Township here yesterday.

The commander gave instructions to the staff, saying that Cocogyun Township is enjoying development in various sectors such as education, health, communication and economy thanks to the efforts of those responsible.

In conclusion, the commander called on the personnel to lend themselves to the tasks for further development of the township and local people.

The commander presented cash assistance of K 74,000 to the 37 staff and K 61,000 to the 61 passengers to the township, and K 262,500 to 175 employees who are in service in the township. MNA

Mines Minister receives Dae Woo Int'l Corporation Chairman

YANGON, 10 March — Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint received Chairman of Dae Woo International Corporation Mr Tae Yong Lee and party at the ministry on Kanbe Street yesterday.

It was also attended by the responsible officials of the ministry. MNA

Feasibility of nickel mine inspected at Tagoung Hill

YANGON, 10 March — Deputy Minister for Mines U Myint Thein arrived at Tagoung Hill in Thabeikkyin 8 March to inspect the feasibility study of nickel mine at Tagoung Hill.

Officials and Chinese technicians reported on progress of tasks and plans to be carried out before the rainy season.

The agreement related to the mining tasks were signed by No 3 Mining Enterprise and China Non-Ferrous Metal Mining & Construction (Group) Co Ltd (CNMC) of China in July 2004. Its tasks were started on 1 October 2004.

The deputy minister inspected drilling of the test wells. The tasks were completed over 80 per cent.

They oversaw construction of the hall for the Chinese technicians, arrival of heavy machinery and the lab. The deputy minister gave necessary instructions. MNA

Thein Zaw Myint Champion in Tiger Myanmar Amateur Open

YANGON, 10 March — The Tiger Myanmar Amateur Open 2005 continued for the fourth and final day at Yangon Golf Club in Danyingon, here, this evening.

After the fourth round, the prize presentation ceremony followed. Deputy General manager of Myanmar Brewery Ltd, Mr Victor Seah (Commercial Manager) and General Secretary U Aung Kyi of Myanmar Golf Federation presented prizes to daily best scorers and those who stood fourth to 10th positions.

General Manager Mr David Teng gave second and third prizes to Zaw Win Win with 300 strokes and Than Zaw with 303.

Myanmar PGA and MGF President Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd) awarded championship trophy to Thein Zaw Myint with 299. Officials of Myanmar

Brewery Ltd presented gifts to the MGF President and the Singaporean Ambassador.

Later, the Singaporean Ambassador

gave the ticket for taking part in the Tiger Skin Pro-Am Tour to be held in Phuket of Thailand in April 2005 to Champion Thein Zaw Myint. MNA



Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd) presents the championship cup to Thein Zaw Myint. — MGF

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Here, the delegates will have to present discussions and suggestions on whether or not the following detailed basic principles should be laid down concerning the executive power of the regions and states:

Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the executive power of the region or state government extends to the matters with respect to which the region or state huttaw has power to make laws. Moreover, in such manner, the executive power of the region or state government also extends to the matters with respect to which the region or state government has been allowed to carry out in accord with any of the Union laws.

I will now explain the study of the matter in connection with the responsibility of the region or state government to help the Union Government as necessary in ensuring stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity and the rule of law.

I have already presented in the sector of powers and functions of the Union Government, that the Union Government has the responsibility to ensure stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity and the rule of law for successfully implementing the all-round development undertakings covering the administration, economy, social sector, transport, etc.

As the responsibility rests on the Union Government, it can ensure stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity and the rule of law, only if there prevails stability of regions and states, community peace and tranquillity and the rule of law.

Likewise, the region or state government may successfully implement the all-round development tasks covering the administration, economy, social sector, transport, etc. in their own territories, only if there is stability of regions and states, community peace and tranquillity and the rule of law.

In this regard, the region or state government will have to always strive for proper running of the administrative machinery and for launching the all-round development tasks with added momentum in their respective territories, for maintaining the already-forged national solidarity, and for assisting the Union Government in its drive for ensuring stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity and the rule of law.

A basic principle "Public peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order is the responsibility of every citizen" concerning the fundamental rights and responsibilities of citizens has already been adopted. Hence, the region or state government has the responsibility to assist the Union Government in its drive to ensure stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity and the rule of law, in addition to the duty to organize the citizens to take part in the drive with duty consciousness.

Hence, the delegates are to discuss and suggest whether or not the following detailed basic principle should be laid down:

The region or state government shall have



Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint welcomes military attachés, their wives and families of foreign missions at Heho Airport. (News on page 7) —MNA

the responsibility to assist the Union Government in its drive to ensure stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity and the rule of law.

I will now continue to present the study on the laying down of work programmes of the region and state governments and implementation of the said work programmes.

The region or state government is to lay down work programmes on how it is going to develop its own territory and the priority tasks. The work programmes should include long-term, short-term and annual plans of the region or state government.

The region or state government will have to lay down work programmes on economy, social sector, administration, etc. appropriate to its territory's natural conditions. This should be in line with the objectives, basic principles and guidelines of the Constitution. They should not be contrary to the policies adopted by the Union Government and Union laws.

The region or state government will have to implement the long-term, short-term and annual plans, after the approval of the region or state huttaw.

The delegates will have to discuss and suggest whether or not to lay down the following detailed basic principle in connection with the matter to lay down work programmes of projects of the region or state government.

Subject to the policies adopted by the Union Government and Union laws, the region or state government shall implement the projects in connection with the task to be implemented in the region or state concerned with the approval of the region or state huttaw.

I will now present the study on the drawing of the annual budget of the region or state and drafting of a bill on budget that should be designated as a task of the region and state governments.

Concerning the compilation of the budget statements for the states and submitting them to State Council, sub section (1) of section 164, sub-section(1) of section 177 and sub-section(c) (amendment) of section 181, and sub-section(1) of the section 193 of the 1947 Constitution state, "The Head of the State shall prepare or cause to be prepared the estimates of the receipts and of the expenditure of the State for each financial year and shall present them or cause them to

be presented for the State Council for consideration."

The region or state government is the institutions undertaking the responsibilities of the security, administrative, economic, social, transport and other sectors of the areas concerned. Thus they will have to draw the annual budget of the region or state concerned. To do so, the region or state government will have to estimate the receipt region or state, the possible expenditures of the organs of power and staff of the regions or states, and the expenditures of the on-going projects, and short-term, long-term and annual plans. In making the calculations, the amounts of the needed financial provisions of the Union Government, the desired loans and financial aids should be taken into account.

The region or state government is to draw the budgets in accord with the provisions of the constitution, the respective laws, bylaws, rules and regulations, orders and directives. In the process, the region or state government will have to separate the matter into two headings — the normal income and capital income under the heading "income" and normal expenditure and capital expenditure under the heading "expenditure". The region and state governments are to earmark the estimated amounts of financial assistance and loans if there is any deficit. In doing so, the region or state governments of the regions and states which have the self-administered division or self-administered zones are to include the estimated amounts of additional funds, loans and financial aids for the long-term, short-term and annual plans approved according to the coordination and submission of the self-administered division leading body and the self-administered zone leading bodies in drawing annual budgets.

The Union Government and the region or state governments are to coordinate at the Financial Commission, formed according to the Constitution, and will have to revise their respective accounts again. The President and the chief ministers of the regions and states will play a key role in the Financial Commission. After making thorough discussions at the Financial Commission, the estimated accounts of the Union Government and the region and state governments are to be approved in accord with the coordination. At the discussions of the Financial Commission the region and state governments may know in advance the amounts of additional funds, financial aids for special cases, and loans they are going to receive from the Union Government during the fiscal year.

The National Convention has already laid down the detailed basic principle in connection with the formation of the Financial Commission and its responsibilities and rights. According to the already-laid-down detailed basic principles, the Financial Commission in the process of supporting the bill on the Union budget inclusive of the receipts and expenditure account of the Union, the provision of appropriate additional funds to the regions and states from the Union Budget Fund, special financial aids, and disbursement of loans and presenting it to the President for submitting it to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the President or the person assigned by the President, on behalf of the Union Government, will have to submit the bill on the Union budget to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

The Union Government will have to act according to the Union budget law enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

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New Sanyo products introduced

YANGON, 10 March— The OK Myanmar Co Ltd introduced new Sanyo electronics at the Excel Treasure Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Bahan Township yesterday evening. At the ceremony, new models of digital cameras, LCD projectors and water-coolers were introduced to those present. Next, the guests viewed the new products.

The company is running OK Myanmar Co office (Tel: 544454-65) in Dagon Centre near Shwegondaing Traffic Light in Bahan Township, Sanyo Main Showroom (Tel: 241077,

384077) on Pansodan Street, and Sanyo Service

Centre (Tel: 376997, 384748) in front of City

Hall on Maha Bandoola Street. — MNA



The ceremony to launch products of new Sanyo electronics in progress at Excel Treasure Hotel in Bahan Township. — MNA

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Based on the annual budget of the Union, the region and state governments will have to draw the annual budgets of the respective regions and states. After writing the accounts, the region or state governments are to draw the bill on its budget and submit it to the region or state huttaw concerned together with the explanation, for approval. The region or state governments of the regions and states having the self-administered division or self-administered zone or zones are to inform the leading bodies of the self-administered division or self-administered zone about the permitted financial amount included in the approved budget.

The region and state governments may use the funds of the bill of budget already approved by the respective huttaws only after the chief ministers of the respective regions or states have signed and enacted into law in accord with the stipulations contained in the Constitution.

Hence, the delegates will have to discuss and suggest whether or not the following basic principle concerning the drawing of the annual budget of the region or state governments and enactment of the budget law as a detailed basic principle should be laid down:

“Region or state governments shall submit to the respective huttaws of the regions and states the matter concerning the promulgation the bill on the

budget of the regions and states concerned based on budget of the Union Government in accord with the provisions of the Constitution.”

I will now present the Work Committee’s study on what it is to be done by the region or state governments if the huttaws of the respective regions and states cannot approve the bill on annual budget of the region or state governments before the end of fiscal year.

The region or state governments will have to submit the bill on the budget of the respective states or divisions to the huttaws concerned of the regions and states in line with the provisions of the Constitution for approval before the end of fiscal year. The region or state governments are to constantly run the administrative machinery of their respective territories. Only then will they be able to implement all the on-going tasks including the administration, economy, social affairs, security, etc. without any interruptions.

In materializing the national objective — flourishing of genuine multi-party democracy — discussions on the bill on the budget of the region or state should be made at the region or state huttaw concerned. But there may arise the failure to enact budget law of the respective regions or states in time because the task cannot be completed before the end of fiscal year.

In such a situation, the region or state governments should have the right to continue to use the funds in line with the provisions of the Constitution for the

government machinery to run as usual. Moreover, salaries and other expenditures of heads and members of region or state level organizations, salaries and other expenditures of heads and members of self-administered area leading bodies, salaries and other expenditures of staff organizations, and current expenditures, should be used from the funds of region or state budget within the limits stipulated in the Constitution. The use of the funds should be according to the procedures within the limit of the current expenditures inclusive in the last-enacted budget law of the region or state. Only then, will the region and state governments be able to run the administrative machinery as usual.

After the region or state huttaw has enacted the budget law of the region or state concerned, the funds used from the current expenditure in advance may be adjusted as necessary.

The delegates will have to discuss and suggest whether or not the following detailed basic principle in a situation in which the region or state huttaw cannot enact the budget law of the region or state concerned before the end of fiscal year should be laid down:

“If the region or state huttaw cannot pass the bill on the budget of the region or state submitted by the region or state government concerned, the said region or state government shall have the right to use the funds of the current expenditure included in the last-enacted budget law of the region or state huttaw.”—MNA

In accordance with the provisions...

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To be in accordance with law when the region or state ministries and their subordinates discharge their respective duties, the region or state government should be vested with the powers and functions to manage, guide, supervise and inspect them. I will present what the Work Committee has found in connection with this matter.

The powers and functions of the region or state government originate from the provisions of the Constitution. According to laws to be promulgated in accordance with the Constitution, according to laws to be promulgated in accordance with the matters embodied in the Union Legislative List, or according to laws to be promulgated in accordance with the matters embodied in the Region or State Legislative List, there will emerge tasks to be undertaken by the region or state government, or tasks to be undertaken by the region or state ministry. Moreover, the region or state government concerned and ministries concerned are to take charge of their respective duties.

Constant supervision should be given to ministries, governmental departments and organizations, whose functions are subject to the provisions of the Constitution. Moreover, they are responsible to supervise to ensure that these orders and functions are in accordance with the provisions of the region or state laws. Directive should be provided if need be. It is therefore necessary for the region or state government to submit regular or special reports on the functions of their subordinate bodies.

The region or state government is to run a check on whether its subordinates

conduct their functions in accordance with the Constitution, or existing laws, or rules and regulations, procedures, orders and directives born out of these laws. In case of failure to follow any of them, necessary management or directives should be provided. Only then will the functions of the subordinate government organizations of the region or state ministries be in harmony with the powers entrusted. Only then will they serve the interests of the country and the people.

The region or state government is required to make the tasks for supervision, inspection, cooperation and coordination as necessary to ensure that civilian service personnel of the Union government, civilian service personnel of the region or state government; and civilian service personnel of the self-administered division or zone leading bodies participate in undertaking the duties assigned. Only then will the region or state government be able to effectively carry out the tasks in the interest of the Union.

It is therefore necessary to discuss or suggest as to whether or not a detailed basic principles should be laid down as follows:

“The region or state government shall —

- (a) manage, guide, supervise and inspect the performance of the region or state ministries and their subordinate government departments and organizations to ensure that they conduct their functions in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, or with those of the existing laws.**
- (b) supervise, inspect, cooperate and coordinate in accordance with law the performance of the civil service**

organizations discharging duties in their respective regions or states.”

I will continue to present what the Work Committee has found in connection with the powers and functions to be vested in the region or state government to form civilian services, to designate their lines of duty, and to employ the required number of staff.

The detailed basic principle that has been suggested to lay down in connection with the executive power of the region or state government is that “The executive power of the region or state government, if it is subject to the provisions of the Constitution, extends to matters with respect to which the Region or State Huttaw can make laws as well as to matters with respect to which the region or state government can implement according to any Union Law”.

The region or state government is responsible to practise the powers and functions vested in it according to the provisions of the Constitution, or according to the laws which are still in effect by the time the Constitution comes into force, or according to any of the Union Law, or according to the laws enacted by the Region or State Huttaw in connection with the matters embodied in the Region or State Legislative List.

The region or state government is therefore to allocate the powers and functions vested in it according to law to the region or state ministries to enable them to act on its behalf. As is known to all, the President of the State can designate the region or state ministries as necessary with the approval of the Region or State Huttaw, and can make changes in and addition to the designated ministries as necessary.

The region or state government ministries should have the right to form necessary civilian service organizations and make such organizations act on their behalf with the use of the powers and functions allocated to them according to law.

The region or state government should have the power to appoint the required number of staff at the civil service organizations of the region or state so that respective ministries can undertake the tasks under its charge. Staff should be appointed only after coordination with the Union government to ensure that the members of staff at different levels secure deserving rights the same as the staff of

the Union, that the appointment of staff does not become a burden for the region or state government concerned, and that it is in accordance with the Union Law for State Civil Service.

In connection with the setup of civil service organizations and the appointment of civil service staff by the region or state government, it is therefore necessary to discuss and suggest as to whether or not a detailed basic principle should be laid down as follows:

“To implement the tasks under its charge in accordance with the Union Law for State Civil Service, or through coordination in advance with the Union government, the region or state government shall —

- (a) establish civil service organizations of the region or state as necessary;**
- (b) appoint the required number of civilian staff.”**

I will now present what the Work Committee has found in connection with the functions of the region or state government to implement the resolutions passed by the Region or State Huttaw, and the functions of the region or state government to submit to the Region or State Huttaw the entire affairs of their regions or states.

I have suggested a detailed basic principle that the executive authority of the region or state government extends to the matters with respect to which the Region or State Huttaw can make laws. The executive authority of the region or state government therefore correlates with the legislative authority of the Region or State Huttaw.

According to the laws enacted by the Region or State Huttaw, the region or state government will have the powers and functions to practise. The region or state government should submit to the Region or State Huttaw concerned the reports on the measures taken in accordance with law in the interest of the State as well as the region or state of their own. Only then will the region or state government and the Region or State Huttaw, in exercise of their respective powers, become interdependent with mutual respect.

By exercising the legislative power embodied in the Constitution, the Region or State Huttaw should have not only the right to promulgate necessary laws for the region or the state but also the right to make decisions in the interest of the region or the

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Military attachés, wives and families visit Inlay Lake on 8-3-2005. (News on page 7)—MNA

In accordance with the provisions...

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state. When the Region or State Hluttaw makes administrative decisions, the region or state government concerned is responsible to take necessary measures to implement them.

In this context, the region or state government is required to submit to the Hluttaw concerned as well as to the Union government the report on progress of measures taken for the implementation of the resolutions passed by the Region or State Hluttaw. Only then will the Union government be able to keep in touch with the entire conditions of regions and states across the Union.

As an organ responsible for all-round development tasks in its own area, the region or state government should be tasked to submit progress reports to the Region or State Hluttaw concerned on a regular basis. Only then will the region or state government and the Region or State Hluttaw concerned, in exercise of their respective powers, executive and legislative, become interdependent with mutual respect.

It is therefore necessary to discuss and suggest as to whether or not detailed basic principles should be laid down as follows:

The region or state government shall —

- (a) **implement the resolutions occasionally passed by the Region or State Hluttaw concerned, and submit the report on the measures taken to the Region or State Hluttaw concerned.**
- (b) **submit the report on the entire affairs of their areas to the Union government and to the Region or State Hluttaw concerned.**

Only when the Union government and the region or state government implement the administrative tasks against time will the State and the people benefit from it. The Union government will promulgate policies and directives relevant to time and condition in the interest of the State and the people. The region or state government is responsible to implement such policies and directives by putting into practice the powers vested in them. It is therefore assumed that the region or state government should be tasked to implement what the Union government assigns on an occasional basis.

It is therefore necessary to discuss and suggest as to whether or not a detailed basic principle should be laid down as follows:

The region or state government shall implement the tasks occasionally assigned by the Union government.

I will now sort out the detailed basic principles that should be adopted in connection with the executive authority vested in the region or state government and the powers and functions relevant to that authority.

1. **Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the executive power of the region or state government extends to the matters with respect to which the region or state hluttaw has power to make laws. Moreover, in such manner, the executive power of the region or state government also extends to the matters with respect to which the region or state government has been allowed to carry out in accord with any of the Union laws.**
2. **The region and state governments shall have the responsibility to assist the Union Government in its drive to ensure the stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity and the rule of law.**
3. **Subject to the policies adopted by the Union Government and Union laws, the region or state governments shall implement the projects in connection with the task to be implemented in the respective regions or states with the approval of the region or state hluttaws.**
4. **Region or state governments shall submit to the respective hluttaws of the regions and states the budget bill of the regions and states concerned based on the annual budget of the Union Government in accord with the provisions in the Constitution.**
5. **If the region or state hluttaw cannot pass the bill on the budget of the region or state submit-**



Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint addresses opening ceremony of 15th Oto-Rhinology Conference.— HEALTH

15th Oto-Rhinology Conference commences

YANGON, 10 March—The opening of the 15th Oto-Rhinology Conference of the Society of Oto-Rhinology of the Myanmar Medical Association took place at the Association on Theinbyu Road here this morning.

It was attended by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo, heads of department, rectors, professors, six specialists from Britain, and 70 local specialists from States and Divisions.

The minister delivered a speech on the occasion. Vice-Chairman of the MMA Professor Dr Thein

Aung, Chairman of the unit Professor Dr Kyi Maung and Chairman of the reception committee Associate Professor Dr Khin Maung Than extended greetings.

The minister and guests viewed the booth staged in commemoration of the conference.

The six specialists led by Dr Robin Young of the royal operation group from Britain held ENT and Head and Neck Reconstructive Surgery Workshop at Sanpya General Hospital in Thingangyun and Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital on 8 and 9 March.

A total of 20 papers will be submitted to the conference, which continues till 12 March. — MNA

ted by the region or state government concerned, the said region or state government shall have the right to use the funds of the current expenditure included in the last-enacted budget law of the region or state hluttaw.

6. **In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, the region or state government shall have the right to submit to the Region or State Hluttaw the necessary Bill relevant to the matters embodied in the Region or State Legislative List.**
7. **The region or state government shall —**
 - (a) **manage, guide, supervise and inspect the performance of the region or state ministries and their subordinate government departments and organizations to ensure that they conduct their functions in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, or with those of the existing laws.**
 - (b) **supervise, inspect, cooperate and coordinate in accordance with law the performance of the civil service organizations discharging duties in their respective regions or states.**
8. **To implement the tasks under its charge in accordance with the Union Law for State Civil Service, or through coordination in advance with the Union government, the region or state government shall —**
 - (a) **establish civil service organizations of the region or state as necessary;**
 - (b) **appoint the required number of civilian staff.**
9. **The region or state government shall —**
 - (a) **implement the resolutions occasionally passed by the Region or State Hluttaw concerned, and submit the report on the measures taken to the Region or State Hluttaw concerned.**
 - (b) **submit the report on the entire affairs of its area to the Union government and to the Region or State Hluttaw concerned.**
10. **The region or state government shall implement the tasks occasionally assigned by the Union government.**

I would like to conclude by repeating whether or not detailed basic principles should be laid down as have just been clarified in connection with the execu-

tive authority of the region or state government and the powers and functions relevant to that authority.

Clarification on executive power of leading body of division or zone presented by National Convention Convening Work Committee Chairman U Aung Toe and on State Service Personnel presented, on behalf of Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee, by Vice-Chairman of the Work Committee Attorney-General U Aye Maung will be published in the newspapers to be issued on 12 March.

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Iran rejects Bush's hostile remarks

TEHERAN, 10 March — Iran on Wednesday rejected US President George W. Bush's recent remarks against Teheran, terming them as "distortion of realities and disinformation campaign," the official IRNA news agency reported.

"America's all-out support for Israel's state terrorism is so explicit and disgraceful that leaves no room for the United States to make any comment on terrorism," Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid-Reza Asefi was quoted as saying.

Bush on Tuesday accused Iran and Syria of "using murder as a tool of policy" and urged them to "end all support for terrorism".

Asefi said the arrogant nature of the United States was a big obstacle preventing the country from seeing the realities or making a sound assessment of developments in the region.

"Time has come for US president to open his eyes to realities, end instrumental use of the concept of terrorism, refrain from giving the terrorism label to freedom-seeking nations and stop following Zionists' discriminatory ideas," Asefi stressed.

The spokesman added the US Government should respect Iran's legitimate rights and general demand and stop its futile efforts to divide the Iranian people.

Iran and the United States, who had been close allies in the 1970s, turned into enemies after the Islamic Revolution of Iran in 1979. Washington accuses Iran of secretly developing nuclear weapons and sponsoring terrorists, categorizing Iran as part of the so-called "axis of evil" and imposing harsh sanctions on the country.— MNA/Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV VENTURE ACE VOY: NO (21)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV VENTURE ACE Voy No (21) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 11-3-2005 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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New car price gap narrow in enlarged EU

BRUSSELS, 9 March — New car prices are converging across the European Union (EU), including in new member states, according to a latest report on car prices released on Tuesday by the EU executive European Commission.

"While price differentials between certain countries, and particularly for certain models, are still significant, the gap is closing," says the report.

In the 12-nation euro-zone, pre-tax prices are generally lowest in Finland and most expensive in Germany. Looking at the EU as a whole, cars are less expensive on average in the new member states, with Estonia being the cheapest market.

"I am confident that the new legal framework for car distribution and strict enforcement of EU competition rules will contribute to further price convergence by removing obstacles to parallel imports throughout the EU," said EU Competition Commissioner Neelie Kroes.

Although the figures show that the situation is improving, more work needs to be done and rigorous enforcement action will continue, he added.

Price differences, based on 1 November 2004 figures, are smaller than those recorded in May 2004, with the average standard deviation of prices between the 25 national markets falling from 6.9 per cent to 6.4 per cent.

But price differences for particular models between the cheapest and most expensive member states can still be substantial. The widest price difference is for the Opel Astra, one of the 10 top best selling cars in EU in 2004, which costs almost 50 per cent more in Germany than in Denmark.—MNA/Xinhua

**INVITATION TO TENDER
TENDER NO. 13(T) AMD (2004-2005)**

1. Sealed Tenders are invited by Agricultural Mechanization Department, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation for the supply of the following stores which will be purchased in Myanmar Kyats.

Sr. No	Lot No.	Description	Quantity
1.	Lot. 1	Assorted Ball Bearings for Power Tillers Group-1	2000 Sets
2.	Lot. 2	Assorted Ball Bearings for Power Tillers Group-2	4000 Sets
3.	Lot. 3	Cold-rolled steel sheets (Assorted thickness)	1667 Tons
4.	Lot. 4	Standard Parts for Power Tillers	6000 Sets
5.	Lot. 5	RCS Resin & Catalyst Resin (5 items)	140 Tons
6.	Lot. 6	Foundry Material (6 items)	120 Tons
7.	Lot. 7	Painting Material (4 items)	40 Tons

2. Tender closing date 14.3.2005 (Monday) (12.00 HR)

3. Tender documents are available at the Factory and Research Section of Agricultural Mechanization Department, Bayintnaung Road, Insein Township, Yangon during the office hours.

4. For further details please call 680959, 682046 Ext.323.

**Director General
Agricultural Mechanization Department**

Hu calls for good implementation of policies on ethnic minorities

BEIJING, 9 March — President Hu Jintao on Tuesday called for implementing China's policies on ethnic minorities and religions in an all-round way and improving the system of regional ethnic autonomy so as to boost the nationwide endeavour for social harmony.

To this end, efforts are required to do a good job in the ethnic and religious work to create a social and political atmosphere whereby the people of all ethnicities share a common destiny. Hu said when he joined a delegation of legislators from the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region in their panel discussion about the government work report and other related documents.

While underscoring the role of ethnic officials and grass-roots organizations in boosting economic and national unity in ethnic autonomous areas, Hu encouraged the people of western China to follow the scientific outlook on development, continue macroeconomic control, keep to the new path of industrialization and

focus on resolving agriculture and farmers-related issues for the sake of sustained, rapid, coordinated and health economic and social development.

Joining the Hubei provincial delegation in their discussion, Wu Bangguo, China's top legislator, said drafting of the Anti-Secession Law, opposing and checking the activities of the "Taiwan independence" forces that were bent on making Taiwan secede from China and promoting the peaceful reunification of the motherland is the common will of the Chinese people, including the Taiwan compatriots.

"This epitomizes the firm resolve of the en-

tire Chinese people to safeguard national sovereignty and territorial integrity and the fundamental interests of the Chinese nation," he said.

Concerning China's policies toward Taiwan are consistent and remain unchanged, Wu said, "We always advocate for achieving national reunification by peaceful means... So long as there is a glimmer of hope for peaceful reunification, we will exert our utmost to make it happen rather than give it up.

No sovereign state can tolerate secession and every sovereign state has the right to use necessary means to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity."

MNA/Xinhua

Shougang may suspend production to curb pollution during Olympics

BEIJING, 9 March — Leader of a Beijing-based steel giant said on Tuesday that his company may slow down or suspend production during the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games to curb pollution.

"We'll take substantial measures, including production slowdown and suspension, to reduce pollution as we are able to move all the polluting plants by the time the Olympics opens," said Zhu Jimin, president of Beijing Shougang Group, one of the largest steel and iron maker in China.

The central government has recently approved a plan for Beijing Shougang Group, China's leading iron and steel maker, to relocate all its polluting plants to neighbouring Hebei Province by 2010.

Zhu, also a deputy to the National People's Congress, told the delegation of lawmakers from Beijing that his steel company has a major role to play in cleaning and purifying Beijing's atmospheric air. "We'll seek technological advancement this year to further stem pollution in the desulfurization process."

MNA/Xinhua

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British fashion chain says sales crashed in Feb, March

LONDON, 9 March — British fashion chain French Connection said sales crashed further in February and March, as shoppers shunned its spring range.

The group had pinned hopes of a recovery on its new-season clothing after a 15-per-cent slump in year profits, but it said on Monday same-store sales in the first five weeks of its new financial year fell 17 per cent.

"Recent trading conditions on the British high street have been very difficult, however even in the light of this our current trading is very disappointing," Chairman Stephen Marks said in a statement. French Connection, known for its controversial 'fcuk' branding, said in November European and British sales had fallen and US customers had rejected an autumn collection which lacked a fresh edge.

French Connection said pretax profits for the year to end-January were 33 million pounds (63.3 million US dollars), down 15 per cent on the year and in line with the revised forecast it gave in November's profit warning. British retail sales slipped modestly in February, an industry body said on Tuesday, suggesting that the household spending slowdown that took hold late last year is continuing.

MNA/Reuters



Airbus employees throw their caps in the air next to the new Airbus A380 after its unveiling ceremony, near Toulouse, southwestern France, in this 18 Jan, 2005 file photo. The A380 double-deck superjumbo is the world's largest passenger plane. European Aeronautic Defence and Space Co said on 9 March, 2005.—INTERNET

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Indian author Pinki Virani works on her computer in New Delhi.— INTERNET

About 90,000 women serve in Russian Army

Moscow, 9 March — About 90,000 women are serving in Russia's Armed Forces in ranks of officers, ensigns, warrant officers and contract soldiers, the *ITAR-TASS* news agency reported on Tuesday, the International Women's Day.

"About 5,000 women in the Army are officers, about 26,000 are ensigns and about 58,000 are soldiers and sergeants," said the information and public relations department of the Russian Defence Ministry.

The average age of woman officers in the Russian Army is 35 years, and all of them have received higher education. More than 70 per cent of the servicewomen are medics, signallers, financiers and military translators.

In the Army, about 500 women are colonels and lieutenant-colonels. More than 1,000 are majors and the rest are company officers, according to the report. More than 95 per cent of ensigns have received higher education or sec-

ondary military education, serving in staffs, communication units, logistic facilities and hospitals. They are on average 37 years old.

Women in ranks of contract soldiers and contract sergeants serve practically in all arms of the Armed Forces. Most of them serve in the land troops, airborne troops and the strategic missile troops mainly as telephone operators, code operators, clerks and medical staff.

More than 1,600 women have been awarded state medals and about 13,000 medals of the Defence Ministry were given for high results in the service, merits and valour showed in combat tasks, the *ITAR-TASS* said.

MNA/Xinhua

545 Nigerian women treated against obstetric fistula

LAGOS, 9 March — A total of 545 Nigerian women were operated on during an unprecedented surgical effort against obstetric fistula in the northern parts of the most populous country in Africa, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) has said.

Nigeria may have one of the world's highest rates of fistula with an estimated 800,000 cases, the UNFPA said in a statement made available to *Xinhua* on Tuesday. The problem is particularly severe in the country's northern states.

Obstetric fistula is a preventable childbirth injury that occurs when a woman endures prolonged obstructed labour without medical intervention. Often the baby dies and the woman is left with chronic incontinence.

Obstetric fistula tends to be common in countries with high maternal mortality rates. In Nigeria, a woman has a 1 in 18 lifetime risk of dying of complications of childbirth, a stark contrast to Europe, where the figure is 1 in 2,400. "For so long, these women suffered in silence. Before it was a household issue only discussed in the home. Now it is a public issue, and people know about it," said Aliyu Yakubu, UNFPA

programme adviser in the northern Sokoto state.

"We must continue with follow-up counselling and advocacy at the community level. We don't want to see them back again. We want them cured, with healthy babies," Yakubu added.

The campaign, which ran from 21 February through 6 March, is the result of a unique partnership among the UNFPA, the Nigerian Government, the Virgin Unite, the Nigerian Red Cross Voluntary Service Overseas, health professionals and local non-governmental organizations.

It is a part of a UNFPA-led global campaign to End Fistula, launched in 2003 and active in more than 35 countries in Africa, South Asia and Arabic states. The campaign focuses on preventing fistula from occurring, treating women who are affected and providing rehabilitation for survivors to ensure that they reintegrate successfully into their communities. — MNA/Xinhua

HK, Shanghai woo Japanese investors

HONG KONG, 9 March — The first Hong Kong-Shanghai joint investment promotion seminar, staged in Tokyo, has attracted more than 380 senior executives from top Japanese firms who have shown strong interest in establishing or expanding business in the cities.

A Press release of the information office of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region government on Tuesday said the seminar looks at business opportunities and market potential for Japanese companies in China, particularly in the Greater Pearl River Delta and the Yangtze River Delta.

Director-General of Hong Kong Investment Promotion Mike Rowse said he was pleased with the overwhelming response from investors, adding the seminar has set the stage for future cooperation between the two cities.

Rowse said combining with the delta has helped Hong Kong become a leading centre for management, information, co-ordination, finance and professional services.—MNA/Xinhua

Zimbabwe's twins recovering after separation surgery

OTTAWA, 9 March — A pair of seven-month-old twin boys from Zimbabwe who were joined at the abdomen and shared a liver are recovering in Toronto's Sick Kids Hospital after successful separation surgery, it is reported here on Tuesday.

The boys, Tinashe and Tinotenda, are recovering in the critical care unit, where they are in critical condition on life-support.

Dr Jacob Langer, Langer said the surgery went as planned on Monday, with no unexpected complications, but the boys still face risks. The operation had been expected to last eight hours but went better than expected.— MNA/Xinhua

British Register General allows Charles' wedding

LONDON, 9 March — The British Register General dismissed on Tuesday 11 objections to the marriage of Prince Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles scheduled to take place at the Guildhall in Windsor on 8 April.

"I am satisfied that none of these objections should obstruct the issue of a (marriage) certificate," said Len Cook, Register General for England and Wales. Principal grounds for objection were that the law did not allow the Prince to marry in a civil ceremony. But Cook ruled that the relevant legislation, backed more recently by

the European convention on Human Rights and 1998 Human Rights Act, did not prevent the royal marriage.

The couple initially wanted to get married in St George's Chapel in Windsor Castle. But after it was decided that licensing the royal palace would cause too much disruption, Clarence House an-

nounced they would wed at Windsor's town hall.

The 56-year-old heir to the throne divorced late Princess Diana in 1996. She died in a car accident in the following year.

The Prince has in recent years given Camilla, 57, a more prominent public role, frequently taking her to official engagements.— MNA/Xinhua

Clinton to undergo new surgery after bypass

NEW YORK, 9 March — Former US president Bill Clinton 58, who underwent a bypass surgery in September, will undergo a medical procedure this week to remove fluid and scar tissue from his left chest cavity, his office announced on Wednesday.

The procedure, which is considered occasional consequence of an open heart surgery, will take place at New York's Presbyterian Hospital on Thursday and he is expected to remain there for three to ten days.

The risk of the procedure, known as

decortication, is low but it requires general anaesthesia.

The scar tissue developed as a result of fluid and inflammation causing compression and collapse of the lower lobe of the left lung.

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A model presents a creation by designer Francisco Javier Saldana as part of his Autumn/Winter 2005 collection show during Mexico Fashion Week in Mexico City in March, 2005. The Mexico Fashion Week show will run till 11 March. —INTERNET

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S**Bayern knocks out Arsenal**

LONDON, 10 March — Bayern Munich squeezed through to the Champions League quarterfinals 3-2 on aggregate despite a 1-0 defeat by a frustrated Arsenal side at Highbury on Wednesday.

The four-times European champions had to endure a nervy finish after Thierry Henry's 66th-minute winner for the English side in the second leg of the first knockout round tie.

France striker Henry controlled a long ball forward neatly and fired home to crack the resistance of the German Bundesliga leaders who had barely been troubled until then.

"We're obviously all delighted," Bayern coach Felix Magath said.

"It was tense until the final whistle. Things got tight after Arsenal got the goal. It's a tremendous relief that we made it through.

"We controlled the match and only made the one mistake that led to their goal. Arsenal are a team that could have made it to the finals and won the Champions League."

Arsenal have never progressed beyond the quarterfinals of Europe's elite club competition and again came up short as they found a 3-1 first-leg deficit too much to overcome.

Bayern outplayed the English champions in the first leg two weeks ago and picked up where they had left off.

Magath's side were missing top scorer Roy Makaay through injury but had Germany midfielder Michael Ballack back to bolster the midfield.

The Germans' all-Peruvian strike force of Paolo Guerrero and Claudio Pizarro, who scored twice in Munich, carried more of a threat than Arsenal's attack in a tense first half.

The home side's only real effort of note came at the end of a frustrating opening period. Bayern's German international goalkeeper Oliver Kahn stood his ground, however, when Henry escaped down the left and blocked the France striker's shot with his legs.

Arsenal captain Patrick Vieira dragged a volley wide at the start of the second period as the English side desperately sought a goal to get back into the tie.—MNA/Reuters



Bayern Munich goalkeeper Oliver Kahn (L) and defender Lucio of Brazil celebrate their team's victory during a Champions League first knockout round second leg soccer match against Arsenal at Highbury in London, on 9 March, 2005. Bayern Munich lost the match 0-1 but will advance to the quarter finals on a 3-2 aggregate.—INTERNET

PSV Eindhoven cruise into Champions League quarters

MONACO, 10 March — PSV Eindhoven cruised into the quarterfinals of the Champions League on Wednesday with a solid 2-0 victory in Monaco.

Striker Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink headed the Dutch league leaders in front from Mark van Bommel's corner after 27 minutes and substitute DaMarcus Beasley wrapped up a 3-0 aggregate win from close range with 20 minutes remaining.

Monaco, beaten by Porto in last year's final, tried to respond through lively Uruguayan Ernest Chevanton, but the principality side were largely subdued against Guus Hiddink's well-organized outfit.

Their bad night was complete when after 76 minutes when defender Gael Givet was shown a straight red card for a wild lunge on PSV's Peruvian striker Jefferson Farfan.

Dutch international van Bommel said PSV's victory and progress to the quarterfinal was all the more impressive after the club sold three key players this season.

"When you think we lost (Mateja) Kezman, (Arjen) Robben and (Dennis) Rommedahl, all to English clubs, we have done very well," said the influential midfielder.

"We might not have big stars, but everybody works very hard for the team."

Monaco coach Didier Deschamps had no complaints, although he said the first PSV goal was a killer blow.



PSV Eindhoven's Phillip Cocu (R) and DaMarcus Beasley celebrate after winning their Champions League soccer match at Monaco (2-0), on 9 March, 2005.—INTERNET

"They (Eindhoven) had one chance on a dead ball situation and they converted it," he said. "We had many opportunities but we squandered all of them.

"If we had scored before the interval it would have been a totally different match. After they went 1-0 up it was almost impossible."—MNA/Reuters

Liverpool to take place in Champions League quarters

LEVERKUSEN (Germany), 10 March — Liverpool produced a vintage European display to reach the Champions League quarterfinals on Wednesday with two Luis Garcia goals leading them to a 3-1 win at the Bavarena and a 6-2 aggregate victory.

The four-times European champions went ahead in the 28th minute when Garcia flicked in a Steven Gerrard cross to ease their nerves after Leverkusen's late goal at Anfield in a 3-1 defeat had given the Germans a glimmer of hope.

Garcia, the Spanish forward signed from Barcelona, got the final touch on an Igor Biscan header to make it 2-0 after 32 minutes and virtually settle the tie.

Leverkusen pressed hard at the start of the second half but Milan Baros added a third in the 67th minute and Liverpool made it through to the last eight at a stroll, despite an 88th minute consolation from Jacek Krzynowek.

Liverpool were knocked out by Leverkusen in the quarterfinals in 2002, despite winning the home leg, and after Franca's last-gasp goal in the first match of this season's tie they must have been concerned about history repeating itself.

There was never a hint of a comeback this time, as Liverpool, playing

with the expertise that made them one of Europe's great clubs in the 1970s and 80s, kept the ball away from their frustrated opponents for the opening 20 minutes Leverkusen stuck to attacking down the wings and their tenacity brought them two chances midway through the half.

Daniel Bierofka set up Landon Donovan for a clear shot in the 23rd minute but the American completely missed his kick.—MNA/Reuters



Liverpool's Luis Garcia (Spain) celebrates after scoring against Bayer Leverkusen during their round of 16 return match of the Champions' League in Leverkusen. Liverpool won 3-1.—INTERNET

Zalayeta gives Juventus 2-0 win over Real

TURIN (Italy), 10 March — A dramatic strike from Juventus forward Marcelo Zalayeta four minutes from the end of extra time gave the Italians a 2-0 win over Real Madrid and a place in the Champions League quarterfinals on Wednesday.

The goal followed red cards for Real striker Ronaldo who gave a retaliatory kick to Alessio Tacchinardi after the Juventus defender appeared to grab the Brazilian round the neck as he bore down on the Italian goal.

Juve had forced the match into the extra period when substitute striker David Trezeguet pulled them level at 1-1 on aggregate 15 minutes from the end of normal time with an acrobatic strike from six metres.

Real's best effort came from Ronaldo, who hit the post in the 50th minute, but two years after they eliminated Real at the semifinal stage Juve triumphed again with a determined display at home after their narrow 1-0 defeat at the Bernabeu. The Turin side made a tenacious start with forward Zlatan Ibrahimovic forcing Real goal-

keeper Iker Casillas into action with a close range shot in the sixth minute and then the Spaniard nervously fumbled an Alessandro del Piero effort.

Five minutes before the break, Ronaldo, jeered throughout at the stadium where he was once involved in a controversial game with his former Italian club Inter Milan, produced the first threatening move from Real.

Picking the ball up on the left flank he raced goalwards, cutting inside before firing a dangerous shot just wide of the far post with Juve goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon beaten.

The Brazilian was enjoying one of his better nights and five minutes after the restart a powerful burst of acceleration sent him past two defenders and his low cross-shot was just about diverted against the post by the diving Buffon.

Juventus coach Fabio Capello replaced del Piero with Frenchman Trezeguet in the 57th minute, leaving the Italian side with plenty of height and power in a three-pronged attack.

One of those forwards, lanky Swede Ibrahimovic, wasted a good chance in the 66th minute and with Juve frenetically searching for the goal to get them back into the tie, Real coach Vanderlei Luxemburgo replaced Zinedine Zidane with Guti. Moments after the substitution Juventus went ahead on the night to level the tie on aggregate.

Ibrahimovic headed down a cross from Mauro Camoranesi at the back post and Trezeguet cleverly twisted to fire past Casillas. Real responded with a thundering 25-metre Roberto Carlos free kick that Buffon punched out one-handed and then Ronaldo had the ball in the net from close range after a Luis Figo cross but German referee Markus Merk ruled it out for offside.—MNA/Reuters



Real Madrid's Brazilian defender Roberto Carlos (L) vies with Juventus' French forward David Trezeguet, during their Champions League 2nd leg football match at Delle Alpi Stadium in Turin. Juventus won 2-0.—INTERNET

Winners in essay, poem and article contests announced

YANGON, 10 March — Winners of the University/College/Institute Level, Basic Education High and Middle Level Essay and Poem Contests and Professional Level Article Contest were announced today.

Second year student (science) Ma Myo Thazin of Mawlamyine Education College stood first in the University/College/Institute Level Essay Contest, second year student (science) Ma Thida Myint of Pyay Education College second and third year (computer) Cadet Khaing Khant Kyaw of DSA in PyinOoLwin third. Five contestants were consolation prize winners.

In the University/College/Institute Level Poem Contest, third year (computer) Cadet Nyan Paing Soe of DSA in PyinOoLwin won the first prize, MBBS Final Part-I student Maung Thiha Tun of Institute of Medicine-2, Yangon, second

and Final Part-1 Cadet Chan Nyein Thu of Defence Services Medical Academy third together with five consolation prize winners.

Ninth standard student Maung Shine Maw Htoo of Lanmadaw BEHS No 2 secured the first prize in the Basic Education High Level Essay Contest, tenth standard student Ma Aye Chan Mya of Nyaunglebin BEHS No 1 second and ninth standard student Ma Khin Khin Lay of Mawlamyine BEHS No 6 third. Five participants won consolation prize each.

Ninth standard student Ma Seint Seint Thu of Pyundaza BEHS bagged the first prize in the Basic Education Middle Level Poem Contest, ninth standard student Ma Ei Za Phyu of Myeik BEHS No 3 second and eighth standard student Ma Zu Thet Hmu of Patheingyi BEHS No 6 third together with five consolation prize winners.

In the Basic Education Middle Level Essay Contest, sixth standard student Maung Kyaw Khaing Htet of Patheingyi BEHS No 1 won the first prize, seventh standard



Military Attachés, wives and families enjoy scenic beauty of Taunggyi on 10-3-2005. (News on Page 7)—MNA

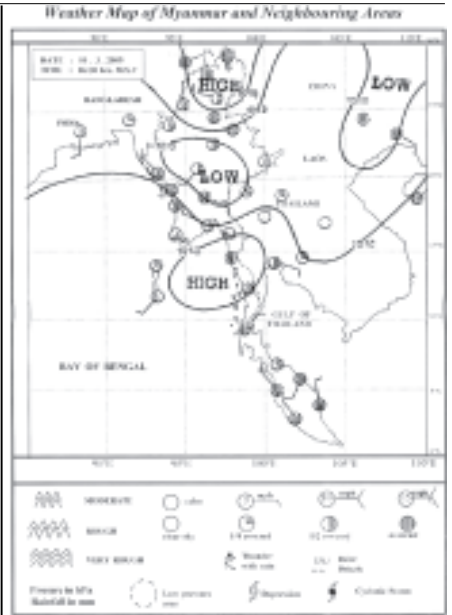
student Ma Phyo Nanda Tun of Lanmadaw BEHS No 2 second and seventh standard student Ma Zun Oo Hlaing of Nyaunglebin BEHS third with five consolation prize winners.

Seventh standard student Ma Phyo Thinza Khin of Patheingyi BEHS No 1 secured the first prize in the Basic Education Middle Level Poem Contest, seventh standard student Maung Thant Aung Phyo of Myeik BEHS No 2 second and fifth standard student Ma May Myat Hmu Aung of Bago BEHS No 1 third. Five students won consolation prizes. In the Professional Level Article Contest, JAT Daw Khin Ohn Myint of Thakala BEHS in Kawa Township bagged the first prize, SAT U Ba Saw of North Okkalapa BEHS No 1 second and JAT Daw Nan Tint Yi of Mawlamyine

BEHS No 7 third together with five consolation prize winners.

First, second and third prizes will be presented to the winners at the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day on 27 March. Winners in the University/College/Institute Level and the professional level contests are to contact in person the Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) on Thaton Road, Kamayut Township, and those won prizes in the basic education high and middle level contests are to contact in person the Headmaster of Kamayut BEHS No 1 not later than 24 March.

Consolation prizes will be presented to the winners at the respective military commands at the ceremony to mark the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day. —MNA



WEATHER

Thursday, 10 March, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, light rain has been isolated in Kachin State and weather has been partly cloudy in Northern Shan and Rakhine States, Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, generally fair in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded was Putao (0.24) inch. Day temperatures were (5°C) to (6°C) above normal in Kachin State. Mandalay and Magway Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Southern Shan State and Sagaing Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Minbu, Magway and Aungmye (40°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 9-3-2005 was 37.2°C or 99°F. Minimum temperature on 10-3-2005 was 19.6°C or 67°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 10-3-2005 was 77%. Total sunshine hours on 9-3-2005 was (7.7) hours approx. Rainfalls on 10-3-2005 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 (5) mph from West at (00:10) hours MST on 10-3-2005.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the North and West Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 11-3-2005: Possibility of isolated light rain in Kachin, Rakhine, Chin and Northern Shan States, Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (40%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of light rain in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 11-3-2005: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 11-3-2005: Partly cloudy.

Radio Myanmar

Friday, 11 March

- Tune in today:**
- 8.30 am** Brief news
 - 8.35 am** Music: -I'll be there for you
 - 8.40 am** Perspectives
 - 8.45 am** Music: -Happy boys & girls
 - 8.50 am** National news/Slogan
 - 9.00 am** Music -On the horizon
 - 9.0am** International news
 - 9.10 am** Music -Miss you finally
 - 1.30 pm** News/Slogan
 - 1.40 pm** Lunchtime music -Should've been the one
 - Irresistible
 - Love train
 - 9.10 pm** Talk: "People's Tatmadaw"
 - 9.15 pm** Article/music
 - 9.25 pm** Music at your request -You are -Where I call you friend -Hold me closer
 - 9.45 pm** News/Slogan
 - 10.00 pm** PEL

TV Myanmar

Friday, 11 March

View on today:

- 7:00 am**
 1. ရေဒီယိုနှင့် မင်းတူးဆရာတော် အရာထမ်း၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာဟာ နာယကအဖွဲ့အစည်းတော်အသံဖျော်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာဟူ၍၊ အဘိဓမ္မ အဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓန္ဓာ စာတိက၊ ဝိသိဒ္ဓကဓမ္မ၊ ဓမ္မဘူတာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် အပ္ပန္နိမိတ္တသာရာ ဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 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. The mirror images of the musical oldies
- 8:10 am**
 6. စလင်းရေဂျာဇာတစ်
- 8:30 am**

- 7. International news
- 8:45 am**
 8. English for Everyday Use
- 4:00 pm**
 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
 3. Practice in reading
- 4:40 pm**
 4. Musical programme
- 4:50 pm**
 5. တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုတေးသီချင်း၊ ဗြိတိန်ဆုရထားများ (၂၀၀၃-ခုနှစ်)
- 5:00 pm**
 6. အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့လှည့်ရန် ရရှိပြင်သကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)
- 5:15 pm**
 7. Song of national races
- 5:30 pm**
 8. နည်းစနစ်မှန်မှန်အားကစားအစဉ်
- 5:40 pm**
 9. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:55 pm**
 10. Song of yesteryears
- 6:05 pm**
 11. Discovery

- 6:15 pm**
 12. နှစ်(၆၀)ပြည့် တပ်မတော်နေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစဉ်
- 6:30 pm**
 13. Evening news
- 7:00 pm**
 14. Weather report
- 7:05 pm**
 15. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းဆွဲ "ဗုဒ္ဓဘာသာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၄)
- 7:35 pm**
 16. အချုပ်အခြာစနစ်
- 7:45 pm**
 17. အမျိုးသားညီလာခံဂုဏ်ပြုတေး
- 8:00 pm**
 18. News
- 8:00 pm**
 19. International news
- 20. Weather report**
- 21. Myanmar video feature**
 - "မဆိုရက်လို့ နို့တိုက်ရည်" (အပိုင်း-၂)
 - (နိုင်ငံခြား၊ ထွန်းအိမ်ခြံနား၊ ဝေဇာလီတင်)
 - (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မောင်စိုး)
 - (ဇနီး-စိုက်)
- 22. The next day's programme**

The region or state government shall have the responsibility to assist the Union Government in its drive to ensure stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity and the rule of law

YANGON, 10 March — *The following is the clarification made by Member of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chairman of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun, on behalf of the Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee, on executive power of region or state governments for laying down detailed basic principles for the sharing of legislative and judicial powers to be included in the State Constitution, at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaungnnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, on 7 March.*

The previous plenary sessions of the National Convention have laid down the detailed basic principles concerning "Formation of Executive" and in the detailed basic principles state the formation of the Union government, and the formation of the region or state governments. Concerning the distribution of the executive power, a detailed basic principle — the executive power of the State is distributed among the Union, regions and states — has already been laid down. I have already explained the study of the Work Committee in connection with the matter for the delegates to hold discussions and make suggestions to lay down detailed basic principles regarding the executive power and functions of the Union Government in accord with the said already-laid-down detailed basic principle.

Now, I will continue to present the study of the Work Committee on the distribution of the executive power to the region or state governments.

The Union Government and the region or state governments are to coordinate at the Financial Commission, formed according to the Constitution, and will have to revise their respective accounts again.

Concerning the formation of the region or state governments, the following detailed basic principles have already laid down:

"Region government is formed in every Region, and State government is formed in every State." and

Region or state government is formed with the following persons:

- (a) Chief Minister of region or state
- (b) Ministers of region or state
- (c) Advocate-General of region or state."

As powers and functions have been vested in the Union Government, so also the authority and rights should be delegated to the region or state governments. The Union Government has the right to exercise in the entire Union the executive powers and functions vested in it. Thus, the region and state governments should be delegated with the authority and duty to exercise within their territory.

In the already-laid-down detailed basic principles, concerning the executive power, the Union legislative list and the region or state legislative list will be designated separately.

The Union executive list will include the executive matters the Union Government has to implement, and the region or state executive list will contain executive matters the region or state has to undertake.

In carrying out its task, the region or state government will form separate region or state ministries as necessary and will assign duties for the task to

Chairman of CSSTB Dr Than Nyun. MNA



have effect. In the process, the region or state hluttaw will enact necessary laws included in the region or state legislative list for effective running of the administrative machinery.

To serve the interest of the nation and the people, the region or state governments may have the right to write bills on the matters on the region or state legislative list and to submit the bills to the respective region or state hluttaws. The region or state hluttaw concerned will have to enact laws in accord with the provisions of the Constitution.

In sub-section (1) of Section 162 under the Heading "Government of the Shan State", sub-section (1) of Section 175 under the Heading "Government of the Kachin State" and sub-section (1) of Section 191 under the Heading "Government of the Kayinni (Kayah) State" of the 1947 Constitution it is stated that 'subject

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In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, the region or state government shall have the right to submit to the Region or State Hluttaw the necessary Bill relevant to the matters embodied in the Region or State Legislative List

YANGON, 10 March — *The following is the clarification made by Member of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Supreme Court Judge U Tin Aye, on behalf of the Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee, on executive power of region or state governments for laying down detailed basic principles for the sharing of legislative and judicial powers to be included in the State Constitution, at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaungnnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, on 7 March.*

I will continue to present what the Work Committee has observed in connection with the submission of Bills by the region or state government to the Region or State Hluttaw.

I have presented a detailed basic principle to be laid down that the executive authority of the region or state government, if it is subject to the provisions of the Constitution, extends to the matters with respect to which the Region or State Hluttaw has power to make laws.

The Constitution will include two separate legislative lists: one to be promulgated by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and the other by the Region or State Hluttaw.

The region or state government therefore is required to draft a Bill first when the need arises to enact law concerning the matters embodied in the Region or State Legislative List. After drafting the Bill, it should be submitted to the Region or State Hluttaw with good cause and reason in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. Only when the Region or State Hluttaw has put it under discussion and approved it can the Bill be promulgated as law.

The sectors categorized in the Region or State Legislative List are finance and planning; economy; agriculture and livestock breeding; energy, electricity,

mining and forestry; industry; transport, communication and construction; social affairs; and management. Each sector contains salient points, in which the types of tax revenues that can be collected are expressed. The region or state government therefore has the right to submit to the Region or State Hluttaw concerned in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution the Bills relevant to the types of tax revenues mentioned in each sector. In this context, members of the region or state government are responsible to explain, on behalf of their respective governments, their Bills to the Region or State Hluttaw concerned.

According to the Constitution, the region or state government, on an occasional basis, will have the duty to write necessary laws related to the matters embodied in the Region or State Legislative List and to submit them. Moreover, the region or state government will also have the duty to write and submit as necessary the Amendment Bills and the Bills for the

The region or state government is responsible to practise the powers and functions vested in it according to the provisions of the Constitution, or according to the laws which are still in effect by the time the Constitution comes into force, or according to any of the Union Law, or according to the laws enacted by the Region or State Hluttaw in connection with the matters embodied in the Region or State Legislative List.

Supreme Court Judge U Tin Aye. MNA



Annulment of Laws after scrutinizing the laws which are no longer in consistence with the changing condition and those which are no longer in need out of the laws enacted by the Region or State Hluttaw. According to the provisions of the Constitution, the region or state government is to undertake its duty to write and submit Bills for the matters with respect to which law should be made.

In connection with the writing and submission of Bills by the region or state government, it is therefore necessary to discuss and suggest as to whether or not a detailed basic principle should be laid down as follows:

"In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, the region or state government shall have the right to submit to the Region or State Hluttaw the necessary Bill relevant to the matters embodied in the Region or State Legislative List."

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