

# The NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

Volume XII, Number 332

5th Waxing of Taboung 1366 ME

Monday, 14 March, 2005

## Khabaung dam project will irrigate 100,000 acres of farmland and power plant project can generate 30 megawatts Senior General Than Shwe inspects Khabaung Multipurpose Dam Project, Thandaung Hill Station

YANGON, 13 March — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, accompanied by members of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko, the ministers, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental officials, arrived at Khabaung Multipurpose Dam Project in Oktwin Township from Shwegyin Township by helicopter on 11 March afternoon.

The Senior General and party were welcomed by Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Myint and officials. In the briefing hall, the Senior General heard reports on matters related to the dam project and progress of work by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo.

Director-General U Win Kyaw of the Department of Hydro-electric Power also reported on tasks of the Khabaung hydel power project and

progress of work. Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut gave a supplementary report on construction of the water intake tunnel and purchase of machinery.

Deputy Minister U Ohn Myint submitted reports on building of the main embankment and prospects of storage capacity of water in the dam. Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi presented reports on supply of fuel for the project.

After hearing the reports, Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance on timely completion of the project and tasks to be carried out systematically.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe and party inspected the main embankment of the dam project, use of heavy machinery and progress of work.

(See page 16)

**Thandaung Hill Station, 28 miles from Toungoo, is located in Thandaung Township of Kayin State. It is at an elevation of 4,050 feet. The station is within easy reach of tourists. As plots of three hotel zones have been allotted to the entrepreneurs, bungalows are being built.**

### INSIDE

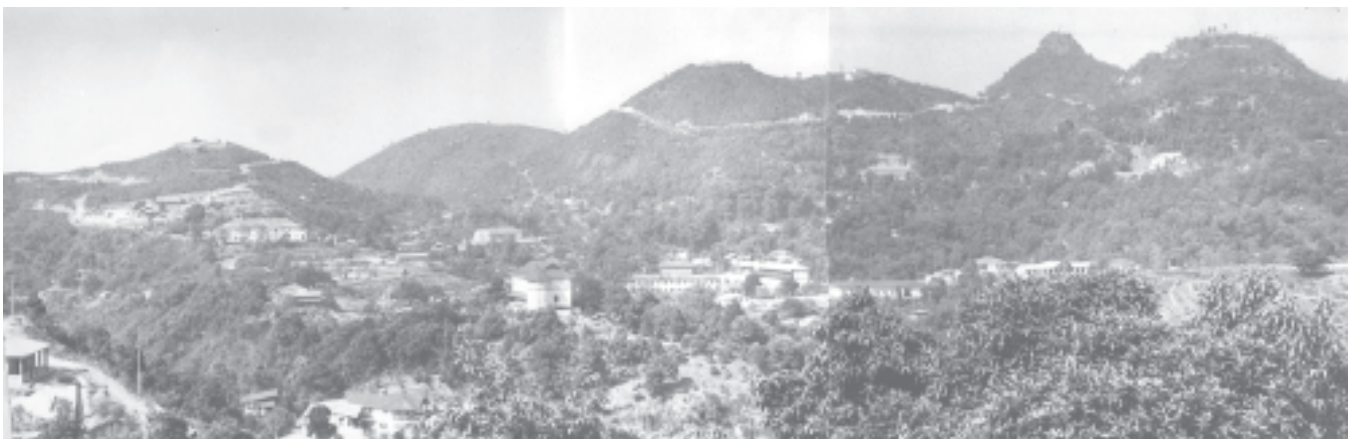
*What the people of Myanmar are witnessing today is the all-round development in the Union. Infrastructures including new roads, dams, universities and colleges, schools, and hospitals have been emerging everywhere in the nation.*

(Page 7)

TEKKATHO MYAT THU



Senior General Than Shwe enjoys scenic beauty of Thandaung Hill Station in Thandaung Township, Kayin State.— MNA



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

## PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 14 March, 2005

### Work in concert to bring about equitable development across the nation

There have been rivers, creeks and marine products in Myanmar since yore. With the effective exploitation of those natural resources, efforts are being made for enhancing the socio-economic life the national people.

The ratio of the use of hydel power in the nation is now only one to eight. In the time of the Tatmadaw government inexhaustible natural resources are being tapped to meet the demand of the growing population.

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe on 11 March went to the site of Shwegyin hydel power project being implemented near Kyauknaga Village, six miles northeast of Shwegyin Township in Bago Division and gave guidance to officials concerned. He said that completion of Shwegyin hydel power plant will lead to development of cottage industry; that Shwegyin region is a strategic region on the eastern bank of Sittoung River; that if the region develops its contiguous rural regions will develop too. With this concept, the government is fulfilling necessary requirements, he disclosed.

The 75-megawatt Shwegyin hydel power project is being implemented on Shwegyin Creek. The Ministry of Electric Power is carrying out hydel power projects in Sittoung basin region. Of them, Zaungtu hydel power project in Bago Division has been completed. Apart from Shwegyin hydel power project, Kunchaung hydel power project, Phyuchaung hydel power project, Khabaung hydel power project, Yenwe hydel power project and Pathi hydel power project in Bago Division and Paunglaung hydel power project and Upper Paunglaung hydel power project in Mandalay Division are under construction. Other hydel power projects to be implemented in Sittoung basin region are Thaukyekhat and Bawgali hydel power projects in Bagon Division and Namcho hydel power project in Mandalay Division.

The successful implementation of short-term plans have led to bringing about equitable and harmonious development across the nation including Bago Division. Shwegyin region has been able to exceed the target of cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy. Work is well under way to grow 30,000 acres of rubber.

Although Shwegyin region is only over 100 miles from Yangon it took a long time to reach Yangon due to poor transport in the past. To overcome this Nyaunglaybin-Madauk road was upgraded and Shwegyin Bridge (Madauk) built. Therefore, the local people are to strive together with the government for development of their regions while relentless efforts are being made for bringing about equitable and harmonious development across the nation including Shwegyin region.

### Tatmadawmen of military columns entertained

YANGON, 13 March — Under the arrangements of Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare of the Ministry of Defence, Tatmadawmen of military columns were entertained with songs, dances, Anyeints and films by Defence Services TV Broadcasting Unit, Nos 1 and 2 Mobile Public Relations Units at local battalions yesterday evening.

Tatmadawmen of Bandoola, Kyansittha, Nawaday, Myawady, Anawrahta, Bayintnaung and Aungzeya military columns were entertained with songs, dances and Anyeints and films. Column commanders, station commanders, officers and other ranks enjoyed the entertainment. — MNA

## People's Desire

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

### Dry Day Supervisory Committee makes inspection



Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint supervises tasks of dry day inspection teams.— MNA

YANGON, 13 March— Chairman of Dry Day Supervisory Committee Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, together with Supervisory Group Deputy Leader Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay and members Provost Marshal Maj-Gen Saw Hla, senior military officers and departmental heads, and another group comprising, deputy group leader Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe, Vice Quartermaster-General Maj-Gen Htin Aung Kyaw, senior military officers and departmental heads

led by Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe supervised the functions of the dry day inspection teams at the main points in Yangon City this morning and afternoon.

The dry day inspection teams checked dry day pass, driver's licence and wheel tax bill of Tatmadaw and departmental vehicles, wearing of departmental uniforms and breaking of traffic rules from 7 am to 5 pm.

MNA

### Culture Minister oversees maintenance tasks of ancient stupas in Bagan NyaungU

YANGON, 13 March— Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, accompanied by officials, inspected the renovation and maintenance tasks of ancient stupas, plots of royal building and reconstruction of Bagan Golden Palace in Bagan-NyaungU in NyaungU District, Mandalay Division, this morning.

The minister looked into the renovation of Pagoda No 62 Natdaunt Pitakat Taik in NyaungU Township and Pagoda No 1499 Minyeingon Temple in Bagan Ancient City and left necessary instructions.

Afterwards, the minister inspected the maintenance of Zeyabon Palace of King Kyansittha in Bagan Ancient City and fulfilled the requirements.



Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung oversees maintenance of the plot of Zeyabom Palace of King Kyansittha in Bagan-NyaungU region.— CULTURE

Next, the minister and party proceeded to the construction site of Arimadanapura Bagan Golden Palace and heard the reports on the tasks to be carried out in 2004-2005 financial year.

In the evening, the minister inspected decoration tasks at Pyinsapathada Hall in the construction site of Bagan Golden Palace and gave necessary instructions.

Later, the minister

inspected the maintenance of the Palace in Bagan Ancient City and left instructions on the arrangements of gathering the excavated earthen pots for the booth of pottery history.— MNA

### Armed Forces Day commemorative computer quiz continues

YANGON, 13 March — Organized by Work Committee for Holding the Booths of Twelve Objectives of the State, the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day commemorative computer quiz 2005 continued at Defence Services Museum and Historical Research Insti-

tute, Dagon Township this morning.

First, Chairman of Work Committee Lt-Col Aung Gyi of Directorate of Resettlement of the Ministry of Defence explained the purpose of holding the computer quiz to members of township Union Solidarity and De-

velopment Association and Lecturer U Tin Win of Yangon University of Computer Studies did rules of the quiz. A total of 75 participants of Thingangyun, Sangyoung and Pazaungdaung townships took part in the quiz which continues up to 19 March. — MNA





### 60<sup>th</sup> 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



Kashmiris row their boats on the waters of the famous Dal Lake on a sunny day in Srinagar, India on 11 March, 2005.—INTERNET

## Indian exports to top \$100b in 2005-06

**NEW DELHI, 12 March** — India will cross a major milestone in the current fiscal with merchandise and services exports topping the 100-billion-dollar mark for the first time ever, Indian Commerce and Industry Minister Kamal Nath said on Thursday.

He said at the "India Trade and Investment Forum" that India expected merchandise exports of over 75 billion US dollars in the current fiscal and together with services exports of around 25-28 billion dollars, the country would cross 100 billion dollars in exports.

"In fact, if we take services and merchandise goods together, our exports will be equal to imports that are placed around 100 billion dol-

lars," he said at the forum which was co-hosted by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion and the Confederation of Indian Industry.

Nath praised the efforts of the exporting community and said the major milestone in exports will be achieved despite the strengthening of the Indian rupee and high international crude prices.

The minister also said India will double its share in international trade

from under 1 per cent at present and cross the 150 billion US dollars in merchandise exports over the next four years.

Nath said India was among the fastest-growing economies in the world, with an average growth of over 7 per cent in the past 10 years. "India's growth story is a work in progress. The climax is yet to come. The best of India is yet to come," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Filipino hostage spared by Iraqi captors amid efforts to free others

**BAGHDAD, 13 March** — Iraqi captors have indefinitely postponed their threatened execution of a Filipino hostage as efforts were underway to free other foreigners held in the violence-torn country.

More details of the liberation of an Italian hostage emerged, with reports that an Italian intelligence agent killed by US soldiers had wanted to keep secret from the US military details of his mission in Baghdad to free journalist Giuliana Sgrena.

In ongoing bloodshed eight people were killed in various incidents mainly in the northern part of the country, in-

cluding a presumed Turkish truck driver.

The kidnapers of accountant Roberto Tarongoy have backed off a previous threat to kill him by 11 March and agreed to an indefinite extension to the deadline, foreign ministry spokesman Gilbert Asuque said in Manila.

The accountant was seized with an American co-worker in November from their Bagh-

dad compound. The fate of the American is unknown.

The kidnapers have called on Manila to pull the estimated 6,000 Filipinos working as support staff on US military bases out of Iraq as the government of President Gloria Arroyo struggles to explain that they are in the country of their own free will to earn a living.

Internet

## Indonesian President meets Malaysian FM

**JAKARTA, 12 March** — Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono met the visiting Malaysian Foreign Minister Syed Hamid Albar here on Friday, reaffirming their governments' common stance to resolve their disputes over Ambalat area through peaceful negotiations.

"Both sides agreed to use diplomatic approaches and peaceful means in addressing the problem," Hamid told Pressmen after the meeting.

Hamid said the friendly relations between Malaysia and Indonesia as well as the good personal relations between both countries' leaders should be maintained "for our common good".

In Wednesday's meeting between the foreign ministers of the two countries, Indonesian Foreign Minister Hasan Wirajuda and Malaysia's Syed Hamid agreed that technical teams from the two neighbouring countries would meet in Indonesia on 22-23 March, and regular consultations would be held after that to resolve the issue involving the Ambalat

block in the Sulawesi Sea.

Wirajuda said President Yudhoyono could contact Badawi any time to seek the best possible solution to the problem and expressed hope that the media would avoid heating up the situation.

When asked about the possible withdrawal of Indonesian warships deployed near the disputed waters in the Sulawesi Sea, Wirajuda said the term "withdrawal" was not used because the presence of the ships there was only part of their routine mission.

MNA/Xinhua

## Vietnam to increase investment abroad

**HANOI, 12 March** — Vietnam is expected to invest abroad more than 300 million US dollars this year, higher than the combined figures in the 2001-2004 period, according to the Ministry of Planning and Investment on Friday.

The expected increase is attributed to two big projects, namely the 273-million-dollar Sekaman Hydroelectric Plant and the 25-million-dollar rubber cultivation project, which are waiting for the ministry's licenses to be implemented in Laos.

Vietnam granted licenses to 122 overseas investment projects capitalized at 230 million dollars in the 2001-2004 period. Now, 119 are operational with combined registered capital of 229.5 million dollars in 30 countries and regions, including Iraq, Russia and Laos.

MNA/Xinhua



South Korean, right, and Japanese bulls wrestle in the 2005 Bullfighting Festival in Cheongdo, southeast of Seoul, South Korea on 13 March, 2005. — INTERNET



A woman scans a bar code on a Christmas card in Japan, on 10 March, 2005. Intel and SAP are teaming up in the area of RFID technology to develop applications that could eventually do away with bar codes on retail items.—INTERNET

## Fresh efforts urged to protect Chinese women's rights, interests

**BEIJING, 12 March** — Efforts should be beefed up to ensure women being treated equally with men in their social and economic status, said a member of the Chinese top advisory body here on Thursday.

Wang Shuxian, former vice-chairwoman of the All-China Women's Federation, proposed that more attention should be heeded to a balanced development between men and women. She also called for more legal moves in this regard.

"Economic growth does not necessarily mean women's progress and women are not natural beneficiaries of the over-

all social development," said Wang, worrying about Chinese women's unsatisfactorily low participation in politics and decision-making.

Meanwhile, some long-existing barriers and prejudice against women are still lingering around and continuously putting women in a disadvantaged position in economic and social development, at odds with the country's recently endorsed pursuit of harmony and balanced development, according to Wang. "We still have a long way to go in treating women and men equally in Chinese society," warned the CPPCC (Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference) National Committee member.

She pointed out phenomena such as the imbalance of the boy and girl babies born in the country,

concubinage, prostitution, and trafficking of women and children in a speech to the full meeting of the third annual session of the tenth CPPCC National Committee here.

"The existing laws and regulations should be revised to guarantee women's equal access to the fruits of social and economic progress," said Wang.—MNA/Xinhua

## Vietnam sees greater import value of animal feed materials

**HANOI, 12 March** — Vietnam imported a large amount of materials for animal feed production and a small volume of finished animal feed totaling 89 million US dollars in the first two months of this year.

The rise was partly attributed to price hikes in main materials for animal feed production such as soya bean residues, maize, and fish powder, the sources from the country's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development said on Friday, adding that the materials were imported mainly from the United States, Argentina and the European Union.—MNA/Xinhua

## Ukraine begins withdrawal from Iraq Defence officials say pullout to be completed by October

**BAGHDAD, 12 March** — Ukraine has begun pulling troops out of Iraq as part of a phased withdrawal of its complete 1,650-man contingent, the sixth largest in the US-led coalition.

The Ukrainian Defence Ministry said 150 of its troops from a company based near As Suwayrah left Iraq on Saturday, according to *The Associated Press*, starting a phased pullout ordered earlier this month by President Viktor Yushchenko.

The pullout is to be completed by October, the

Defence Ministry said.

The decision to send troops was made by former President Leonid Kuchma in what was widely considered an effort to repair relations with Washington.

US-Ukrainian relations were damaged by allegations that Kuchma had approved the sale of

## ဝတ်မှုပစ္စည်းအား ခေတ်တော်ပြုလွှား

## NPC deputies urge sterner penalty for fake goods makers

**BEIJING, 14 March** — Thirty-five deputies to the National People's Congress, China's legislature, submitted a joint motion on Friday appealing for sterner penalty on manufactures and sellers of fake, shoddy products.

In compliance with law, consumers can get compensation equal to twice the amount of the money they pay for fake and shoddy products, but NPC deputies from east China's Jiangsu Province, however, say that by doing so, it is inadequate and effective to contain such

illegal sales. "The maximum ratio for penalty should be as high as one to ten."

The production cost of fake goods is limited and often negligible to producers. And the possibility is very little for the inferior products to come to light. Moreover, the compensa-

tion itself evolves relatively complicates procedures, the deputies noted.

As a matter of fact, only one out of a thousand fake, shoddy goods makers received criminal sanction during the January-November period in 2004, figures show.

Pointing to this situation, the NPC deputies said the threshold for sales of fake and shoddy products entitled to criminal probe should be lowered to 10,000 yuan (about 1,200 US dollars) from the current 50,000 yuan (some 6,000 dollars). Even death penalty can be meted out to those involved in some most serious cases.

People now still remember that at least a dozen babies in Fuyang City, east China's Anhui Province, starved after being fed on inferior milk powder last April, while hundreds of others incurred "big head" disease, a medical complication resulting from malnutrition.

With the IT sector becoming one of the biggest employment generators in the country, it has spawned a number of ancillary businesses in tourism, transportation, real estate and catering, said a study issued by the National Association of Software and Service Companies (Nasscom), the industry's professional body.

There are several industrial sectors that are being positively affected by the rapid growth in the software development and outsourcing businesses. "The sudden increase in disposable income in the hands of a relatively young and unattached section of society is contributing to the rapid growth in demand for consumer products," the study added.

In the fiscal year 2004-05, the Indian IT and IT Enabled Services (ITES) industries are estimated to create the demand for nearly 12,500 passenger cars, over 80,000 two-wheelers and 150,000 mobile phone subscriptions.

MNA/Xinhua

A total of 97 persons in local governments and supervision departments were involved in the scandal and penalized, according to the Chinese Ministry of Supervision.

MNA/Xinhua



Two Iraqi children try to balance on a wooden box in a flooded street on the outskirts of Sadr City, Baghdad on 11 March, 2005.—INTERNET

## Gunmen kill three policemen in northern Iraq

**BAGHDAD, 12 March** — Gunmen shot to death three policemen and wounded a third Saturday at a funeral procession in the northern city of Mosul, police said, while Ukraine withdrew 150 servicemen from Iraq starting a gradual pullout that officials have said will be completed by October.

The attack occurred as police were taking part in a procession for a colleague's wife and two children who died in a roadside bomb attack in Mosul a day earlier, said policeman Ammar Hussein.

Insurgents led by Sunni Arabs, a minority that was dominant under Saddam Hussein, are targeting Shiite funeral processions and ceremonies in an apparent campaign to spark a sectarian war.

Internet

Internet



## Pakistani PM to visit Oman next week

ISLAMABAD, 12 March — Pakistani Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz will pay a two-day official visit to Oman from 14 March for talks focusing on further strengthening relations in the political, commercial and investment fields, a Foreign Office statement said on Friday.

Aziz will hold talks with Sultan Qaboos Bin Said in Nizwa and around of official talks with his Omani counterpart in Muscat. The two leaders will also discuss regional and international issues and the situation in Iraq and the Middle East.

Relations between Pakistan and

Oman, which hosts around 80,000 Pakistanis, are characterized by friendliness, cooperation and common perceptions over regional and international issues. Besides being neighbours, the two countries have deep-rooted historical and cultural links, said the statement.

MNA/Xinhua

## Romanian President to visit Berlin

BERLIN, 12 March — Romanian President Traian Besescu will pay a one-day visit to Germany on 21 March, it was reported on Thursday.

According to German Press reports, he will meet German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder and other officials for talks on the Romanian efforts to join the European Union.

After years of negotiations, Romania is expected to sign the accession treaty with the EU in April, which will allow the country to be a full member of the

union by 2007.

However, there has been criticism in EU member states over corruption and justice system in Romania.

Besescu, who was elected president last December, has promised tough anti-corruption efforts to ease EU concerns since sworn into office.

MNA/Xinhua

## Cyclone "Ingrid" heading towards N Australia

SYDNEY, 12 March — Cyclone Ingrid picked up intensity and was heading towards the northern Australian city of Darwin on Saturday after battering a small isolated outpost in east Arnhem Land, weather officials said.

The small but powerful cyclone had been upgraded to the strongest rating of five and could hit Darwin with winds gusting to 290 kilometres an hour (180 miles an hour) in the next two days, the Darwin Cyclone Warning Centre said.

Ingrid could "possibly" pose a threat to Darwin, meteorologist Stephen McInerney said in a telephone interview.

"We'll have to wait and see." Cyclone Ingrid is more powerful than Cyclone Tracy which destroyed Darwin on Christmas Day 1974. But the present storm has a

comparatively small eye of only 20 kilometres (12 miles) in diameter, around which its most destructive winds swirl.

Ingrid was upgraded to the maximum rating on Saturday morning after it had battered the small mining town of Nhulumbuy on Friday night, forcing 250 townspeople and residents of outlying areas to huddle in a cyclone shelter.

Damage was mainly limited to fallen trees and power lines, according to Australian Broadcasting Corp radio.

Ingrid was moving west northwest at 20 kilo-

metres an hour, passing another small community on Elcho Island on Saturday morning, McInerney said.

Separately, severe tropical cyclone Willy, a category three storm 515 kilometres (320 miles) northwest offshore from the Western Australian town of Exmouth, was moving southwest at 15 kilometres an hour and could cross the coast in the next couple of days, the Western Australian Cyclone Warning Centre said.—MNA/Reuters

## Number of elementary school-age children in US declines

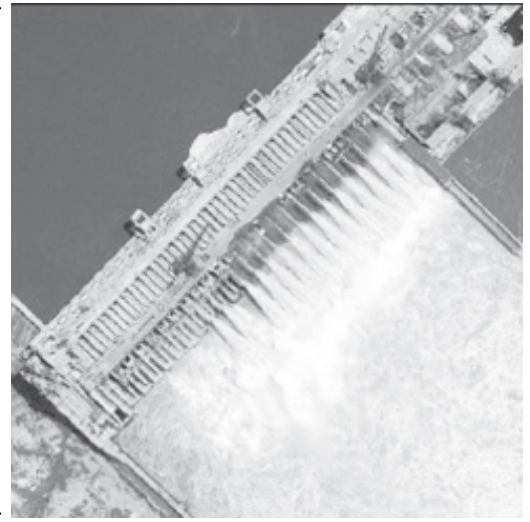
WASHINGTON, 12 March — The number of elementary school-age children (ages five through 13) in the United States declined by 1.0 per cent, or 381,000, between 2003 and 2004, estimates released by the US Census Bureau on Thursday showed.

The number of high school-age children (ages 14 through 17), meanwhile, increased by 329,000, a rise of 2.0 per cent, during the period.

There were 36.4 million elementary school-age children in the country in 2004. California had 4.8 million children in this category, the highest number, followed by Texas (3.1 million), New York (2.3 million) and Florida (2.0 million).

MNA/Xinhua

This  
DigitalGlobe  
Quickbird  
satellite image  
shows the  
Three Gorges  
Dam on the  
Yangtze River  
in China  
recently.  
INTERNET



## S Africa, Brazil, India to pursue UN permanent seats

JOHANNESBURG, 12 March — South Africa, Brazil and India on Friday reiterated their strong wish to obtain veto-wielding permanent seats at the UN Security Council.

Wrapping up a two-day meeting in Cape Town, foreign ministers of the three countries, all regional powers, said they would "work toward this common purpose in the coming months".

Bringing more members into the Security Council is the core of UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan's plan to reform the world's leading governmental organization.

"Developing countries from Asia, Africa and Latin America would need to be included as permanent members on the Security Council... in order

to render it more democratic, legitimate and representative," South African Foreign Minister Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma and her Brazilian and Indian counterparts, Celso Amorim and Natwar Singh, said in a joint communique.

The ministers met for the Second Meeting of the Trilateral Commission of the India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) Dialogue Forum, also called the Group of Three.

They said the composition of the UN Security Council no longer represented present-day reali-

ties, and the UN reform should make the body "more democratic and responsive to the priorities of its member states, particularly those of developing countries that constitute the vast majority of its membership."

"The IBSA countries agreed to exchange information and work towards this common purpose in the coming months," they concluded.

South Africa, Brazil and India are all contenders for permanent seats, together with Germany, Japan, Nigeria and Egypt.

MNA/Xinhua

## Some 100 US military personnel held accountable for abusing detainees

WASHINGTON, 12 March — At least 100 US military members have been held accountable for their roles in mistreating detainees or allowing mistreatment to occur, the *American Forces Press Service* reported on Thursday.

Since allegations of detainee mistreatment surfaced, the Defence Department and the military services have conducted 10 major reviews, assessments and investigations, which produced more than 500 specific recommendations for improving detention operations, officials were quoted as saying.

As a result of the reviews, which involved more than 1,700 interviews and more than 16,000 pages of information, at least 100 military members — officers and enlistees — have been held accountable for their roles in mistreating detainees or allowing mistreatment to occur, the officials said.

The reports generated from these investigations and reviews "have formed a comprehensive picture of what's been done to date and where we need to improve," said Matthew Waxman, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defence for Detainee Affairs, during an interview with the Pentagon Channel and *American Forces Press Service*.

Waxman's position was created in July 2004, to provide policy- and strategy-development advice on detainee issues to Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, following revelations in late April last year of the abuse scandal at Abu Ghraib, Iraq, which sparked international outrage and attracted worldwide condemnation.—MNA/Xinhua

## US, Britain face new pressure to inquiry into Iraqi deaths

LONDON, 12 March — International public health experts on Friday urged the United States and Britain to count the number of Iraqis who died as a result of the US-led war against Iraq.

The number of the war-related casualties that the United States and Britain rely on was unreliable, the experts from Britain, the United States, Canada, Spain, Italy and Australia said in a statement published by the British *Lancet* medical journal on Friday.

The tally provided by the Iraqi Health Ministry did not include deaths in the first year after the US launched the war and did not take into account non-violent deaths caused indirectly by the war or those not reported to the health care system, the experts argued.—MNA/Xinhua



Two of six handcuffed and blindfolded detainees face the wall following their arrest in the city of Kerbala, south of Baghdad, on 12 March, 2005.—INTERNET

## Mothers need learning to play their due role

**BEIJING, 12 March** — A member of China's top political advisory body on Friday proposed mothers should update their own knowledge and improve overall quality to provide still better family education for their kids.

"Mothers have an indispensable role to play today in educating their kids," said He Yue, a member of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), adding that they have to raise their own moral standards, keep themselves updated in the fast-paced social development and learn parenting science to qualify themselves for that role.

The same request has come from the children as well. According to a recent survey done in north China's port city of Tianjin, 31.5 per cent of the 1,000

primary and junior high school students surveyed said their mothers are "plain looking with a lack of charisma", and nearly 76 per cent of them said their mothers needed to go on learning and improve their overall quality.

"More and more kids want their mothers to nag less, pick up some basics about computer, be more elegant and take their own kids as friends," the adviser said in an interview with Xinhua.

A survey conducted by Tianjin Women's Federation shows that nearly 100 per cent of all the

5,000 mothers with kids aged up to 14 are eager and ready to provide adequate family education to their kids, but 53 per cent of them need to learn parenting skills.

Tianjin Municipality was the first in China to launch a "qualification drive" for mothers in March 2004.

The project is designed to help turn "biological mothers" into "qualified educators" who have their own careers, harmonious family ties and can convey their love to the kids the right way, said He.

MNA/Xinhua



A model holds a leaflet next to a BAR Honda Formula One car on display during a promotion at a shopping mall in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 9 March, 2005. — INTERNET

## Nepali FM says foreign policy to address its interests

**KATHMANDU, 12 March** — Nepali Minister for Foreign Affairs Ramesh Nath Pandey has said the fundamental objective of Nepal's foreign policy is to pursue and promote the national interests of Nepal and Nepali people.

Addressing the 59th anniversary of the Nepal Council of World Affairs here Thursday, Pandey said the principles and objectives enshrined in the United Nations Charter, the principles of non-alignment, international law, collective security, peace and development constitute important elements of Nepal's foreign policy.

"Situated between the two big Asian giants, India and China, Nepal sees her security, independence, peace and prosperity largely rest on the articulation and practice of our independent foreign policy based on goodwill, mutual understanding and cooperation with our immediate neighbours," Radio Nepal on Friday quoted Pandey as saying.

He noted, "We attach great importance to our relations with both our neighbours, which are key players in the region and have emerged as major actors in the world stage as well."

Pandey stated that Nepal enjoys

an all-weather relationship with China based on the principles of independence and good-neighbourly relations and the respect of aspirations of the two peoples.

He said, "This year is the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between our two friendly countries, and we are eagerly looking forward to fruitful interactions, concrete achievements in the economic field and further strengthening of our bilateral relationship."

Nepal's relations with India is a unique relationship of friendship and cooperation that has been nurtured from the age-old interactions encompassing political, economic and cultural ties and wide-ranging people-to-people contacts, he said.

The enhanced level of cooperation between Nepal and India is vitally important to deal with the "terrorist threats posed by the extremist elements" in the two countries, he noted.

MNA/Xinhua



## "Bright prospects" seen in cross-straits agri cooperation

**BEIJING, 11 March** — The increasing cooperation between the Chinese Mainland and Taiwan complement in agriculture has "bright prospects", Minister of Agriculture Du Qinglin said here on Thursday.

"Encouraging progress has been made in the past two decades in cross-Straits agricultural cooperation," Du said at a Press conference on the sidelines of the ongoing third annual session of the 10th National People's Congress.

The Mainland and Taiwan are complimentary in agricultural development, he said, adding, "Taiwan has advanced technologies, improved strains and species, while the Chinese Mainland has rich resources and a huge market."

Based on these advan-

tages, several trial cooperation programmes have been launched in the provinces of Fujian, Hainan and Heilongjiang. "We'll improve the environment and create favourable conditions for Taiwan's farm produce to enter the Mainland market."

Taiwan's farming industry faces intensified competitions after the province's accession to the World Trade Organization in 2002.

Tons of agricultural products, especially fruits, are facing dire plight on the market. To resolve the problem,

many people engaged in agriculture and related business resort to the Mainland, where the Chinese Ministry of Commerce said has no special restrictions on their entry at present.

Last year, the Mainland bought 116 million US dollars' worth of farm produce from Taiwan, 10.4 per cent more than the previous year. The figure made up only 1 per cent of the Chinese Mainland's total imports of farm produce in the year, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

MNA/Xinhua

## Thai drunk drivers to take care of accident patients

**BANGKOK, 12 March** — Convicted drunk drivers of the country will be ordered to care for accident patients in hospitals, tour prisons and clean cemeteries as one of the government's measures to cut down drunk driving.

The above orders for drunk drivers topped other punishments including fine and usual public service such as cleaning public properties, newspaper The Nation on Friday quoted probation official as saying.

The new punishment measures for drunk driving was among a new campaign for safe driving started on April 4, said Kittipong Kittiyarak, director-general of the Probation Department. The timing is aimed to cut down accident numbers occurring during the Thai New Year period, which starts around mid April.

The Thai New Year, or Songkran Festival, is notorious for high rate of road accidents, for many holiday revelers hit on road during that period.

MNA/Xinhua

## Philippines to ban vendors from selling food near schools

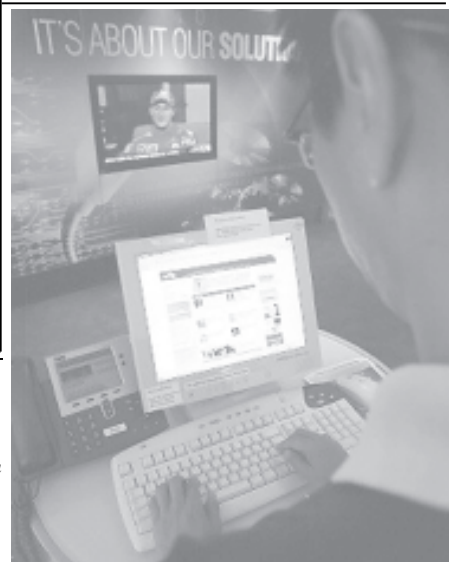
**MANILA, 12 March** — The Philippine Department of Education has called for banning of all ambulant vendors from selling food from areas close to schools after 28 pupils were killed by food poisoning in Mabini, Bohol in central Philippines on Wednesday.

Local media Friday quoted Education Undersecretary Jose Luis Martin Gascon as saying that the vendors should not be allowed to sell food to schoolchildren because there are no guarantees that the food is safe.

"We encourage school officials to drive away the vendors away. But we have no jurisdiction outside the schools. That is why we are coordinating with local governments on this matter," Gascon said.

But the mayor of Manila, Lito Atienza, said it would be very difficult to stop school children or students from buying food from street vendors, as the food they sell is much cheaper than food stores.

"Food sold on the sidewalk is much cheaper. Besides, we cannot just get rid of the vendors. They've been there for the longest time. Vending is their only means to survive," said Atienza. —MNA/Xinhua



A man surfs the Internet via a high-speed broadband connection in Singapore on 9 March 2005. —INTERNET



# Proper use of knowledge for lifelong prosperity

*Tekkatho Myat Thu*

Man's superiority to other creatures is his high intellectual level and the power to use his brains well. Generally, we can say that brain is intelligence. However intelligent level differs even among human beings, let alone animals.

Naturally, human brain is well protected, as it is of vital importance for him. Its weight is about 3.6 pounds. Usually, a man's brain is larger than that of a woman. But intellectual level does not depend on the weight of a brain. It depends on the number of cells in a brain, the way they work and how the brain is used.

On average, a human brain has about 12,000 cells, and their work is through electrification. The power they generate can light a 25-candle bulb. The brain controls the whole human body, and uses one-fourth of the blood that is in circulation in the body.

It is the brain that knows all the senses. It can tell a man what he sees, hears, smells or feels. And from the psychological point of view, it is the mind that knows what the eyes see, ears hear, the skin touches and the nose smells.

Beyond the senses is the mind, in other words, intelligence that has the power to feel and know a thing. For instance, if a man sees a flower in a market, he will buy the flower to offer it to the Buddha or to present it to his fiancée or to study it from the botanical point of view. All the desires, wishes, hatred, love, sufferings, come out from the mind. Some scholars who try to define the Buddha Abhidhamma say that man knows things because of his mind.

Intelligence has the power to translate all the senses. It can differentiate between what is good and what is evil, and good wishes and evil intentions that come out from good mind or evil mind.

The law never forgives the offenders with normal brains. Fugitives will be fugitives whether they are hiding in the country or away from the country. In accord with the saying, which goes "Crime does not pay", they cannot escape from the long arm of the law. They will face punishment one day. No reason can save a man from his crimes.

Because of his intellectual power, man has advanced through the ages from the very primitive Stone Age, and Bronze Age till reaching the computer age, space age, nuclear age, IT age and ITC age.

**Their intelligence, knowledge, thoughts and visions can ward off all destructive acts. All our intelligence, knowledge, thoughts and visions must be on the good side. Only then will we be able to make correct and proper decisions and that is the status of our ability. I wish all to do good deeds while always controlling their acts with their intellectual power and knowledge.**

Thus, man takes the highest position in the world of living beings.

There are differences in the intellectual levels among human beings. But even the persons with lowest intellectual level have the brains better than other creatures. As the knowledge of men is develop-

ing rapidly, human beings should control the power of knowledge and honour its dignity. As there are attempts to deceive men or colour their sincere mind, they should be aware of such evil attempts with their own knowledge. They should beware of attempts to drive a wedge with rumours, and the fabricated news, propaganda, flattery, intimidation, slanders and lies that may tarnish the mind of human beings. Destruction is the only motive of the saboteurs.

What the people of Myanmar are witnessing today is the all-round development in the Union. Infrastructures including new roads, dams, universities and colleges, schools, and hospitals have been emerging everywhere in the nation.

The people of Myanmar are enjoying the fruits of progress. The 17 armed groups have returned to the legal fold, and peace and stability is prevailing in the entire nation. It is today's accomplishment the previous successive governments failed to achieve despite their efforts.

However the saboteurs from inside and outside the nation are trying to cause disturbances in the nation through some foreign media, but they cannot influence the knowledge and intelligence of the Myanmar people. Their intelligence, knowledge, thoughts and visions can ward off all destructive acts. All our intelligence, knowledge, thoughts and visions must be on the good side. Only then will we be able to make correct and proper decisions and that is the status of our ability. I wish all to do good deeds while always controlling their acts with their intellectual power and knowledge.

(Translation: TMT)

*Kyemon+Myanma Alin: 12.3.2005.*

## Lt-Gen Ye Myint on tour of Myitkyina

YANGON, 13 March — State Peace and Development Council member Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence met military officers, other ranks and their families at the hall of Myitkyina Station on 10 March morning and called for discharging duties in the interest of the people upholding the three main national causes, implementation of the five rural development tasks in cooperation with local people, measure to be taken by responsible officials for the health, education and social welfare of the Tatmadaw families and undertaking of manageable-scale livestock breeding. Kachin State PDC Chairman Northern Command Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Sagaing Division PDC Chairman North-West Command Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye and officials also attended the meeting. Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint cordially greeted those present.

In meeting with departmental officials at state, district and township levels at the city hall of Myitkyina, Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard reports by Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe on developing Kachin State, undertaking of agriculture and livestock breeding, land utilization and reclamation, cultivation and production of 10 major crops, condition of economic growth, per capita income, and other sectors.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint said Kachin State still needs more cultivation acreage although it has a lot of cultivable land. It is needed to replace conventional farming with mechanized farming. And agricultural sector of the state will develop more if cultivation of perennial crops is extended. Those responsible are to deliver assistance to national entrepreneurs to boost their agricultural business. Arrangements are being made this year to extend the monsoon paddy cultivation up to 86972 acres. So, service personnel in their agricultural capacity are to strive to realize the goal. Main crops that are suitable to the region and rubber should be grown on all vacant land of the state, Lt-Gen Ye Myint added. In addition, as soon as monsoon paddy has been harvested, various kinds of beans and

pulses are to be grown, he urged.

As regards the livestock breeding, it is required to raise fish on a commercial scale. Only then will per capita income raise, and economy of the state will develop. Now is the time when the Head of State is paying emphasis on ensuring paralleled development of all regions across the country. That is why departmental staff are to perform their duties conscientiously with Union spirit wherever they are assigned to develop the country. Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint invited requirements if any. After the meeting he greeted those present. Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party proceeded to Bala Min Htin Bridge across the Ayeyawady River and inspected durability of the bridge.

At the briefing hall, Deputy Superintending Engineer of bridge construction project of special group-15 U Soe Thet reported on tasks being carried out for the maintenance of the bridge, renovation work, construction of a retaining wall to prevent floods and other construction tasks. Lt-Gen Ye Myint urged the officials to closely supervise the maintenance tasks, and gave necessary instructions. He next inspected the durability of the bridge from Myitkyina bank as well as from Waimaw bank.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party visited the Government Computer College (Myitkyina) in the afternoon. Principal Dr Hnin Min Oo reported on history of the college, academic matters and strength of faculty members and students; Principal U Aung Moe of Government Technological College (Myitkyina) on academic matters and strength of faculty members and students; and Engineer in charge of Evergreen Construction Co U San Oo on construction of the Government Technological College. Regarding the reports, Lt-Gen Ye Myint fulfilled the needs and oversaw the construction site. Construction of the Government Technological College (Myitkyina) started on 12 January 2004 and it is nearing completion. Later, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party arrived back here by air in the e—MNA

## Malaysian delegation arrives

YANGON, 13 March — The Malaysian trade and investment delegation led by Minister of the International Trade and Industry of Malaysia Dato' Seri Rafidah Aziz arrived here by air at 3 pm today.

They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun and officials, Malaysian Ambassador to Myanmar Dato' Cheah Sam Kip and officials from the Malaysian Embassy.

MNA

## Deputy Minister inspects CNG filling stations

YANGON, 13 March— Deputy Ministry for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay together with officials inspected the opening of Compressed Natural Gas filling stations in Yangon City this afternoon.

The deputy minister arrived at the construction site of No 012 CNG filling station in Mingaladon Garden City and gave instructions on early completion.

Afterwards, the deputy minister inspected No 013 Pyinmabin CNG filling station on Yangon-Pyay Road, No 011 filling station in Hlinethaya Township and No 008 filling station in Ahlon Township and attended to the needs.

The five filling stations were opened by the Ministry of Energy for the CNG-used vehicles in Yangon City. The plan is under way to open filling stations No 102, 013 and 011 one after another beginning of April.

As vehicles are being converted into CNG used cars, employees of the Ministry of Energy are making efforts for opening the CNG filling stations.

MNA

# Khabaung dam project will irrigate 100,000 acres of farmland...

(from page 16)  
Industry-1 U Aung Thau on the growing of cinchona along either side of Thandaunggyi-

water supply for the hill station, construction of buildings of private entrepreneurs in the hotel zone and recreation of

tions and salient points of implementing Thandaung Hill Station.

The minister continued his reports on

hill station given by Senior General Than Shwe on his inspection tour of Thandaung Hill Station on 2001.

- \* **Khabaung Multipurpose Dam Project is being implemented by the Construction-5 of Irrigation Department and Construction-3 of Department of Hydro-electric Power.**
- \* **It is located on Khabaung Creek in Oktwin Township.**
- \* **The earth embankment of the dam will be 920 feet long and 200 high.**



Senior General Than Shwe inspects construction of Khabaung Multipurpose Dam Project in Oktwin Township.— MNA

Leiktho Road.

Member of the State Peace and Development Council Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win reported on matters related to Bayintnaung Tatmyo. Deputy Commandant of Defence Services (Army) Combat Training School Col Khin Maung Hla also submitted reports on training courses at the school and agriculture and livestock breeding tasks.

Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt presented reports on the upgrading of Thandaung and construction of the hill station, the improvement of the motor road to Thandaung Hill Station,



Progress in construction of Khabaung Multipurpose Dam Project in Oktwin Township.— MNA

visitors, facilities of 16-bed hospital, growing of coffee, tea, cardamom, pepper, cinchona, djenkol bean and durian planta-

progress of tasks carried out by the Development Affairs Department in accord with the guidance on the development of the

After hearing the reports, Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance on building Thandaung Hill Station

as the hill recreation station of Lower Myanmar like PyinOoLwin and Kalaw and preparations to be made for the hill

station which can attract tourists.

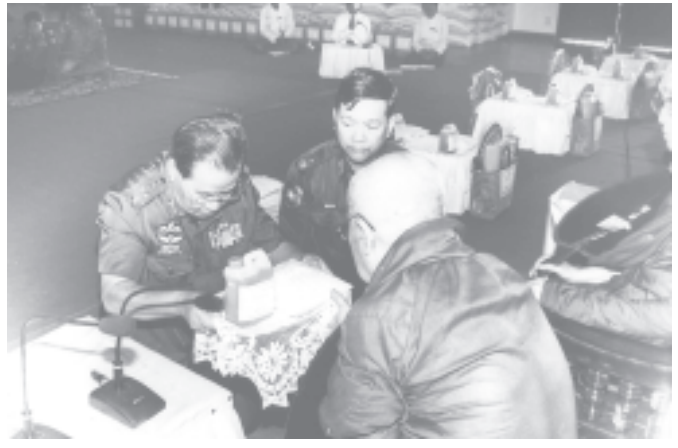
Thandaung Hill Station, 28 miles from (See page 10)



Senior General Than Shwe hears reports on development of Thandaung Hill Station by Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko.— MNA



# Senior General Than Shwe offers rice, edible oil, alms to Sayadaws of monasteries in Toungoo



Senior General Than Shwe offers alms to Presiding Nayaka of Dhammaçariya University of Toungoo Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Khantisara.— MNA



Senior General Than Shwe and party pay homage to Sayadaws at the ceremony to donate rice and alms to Sayadaws of monasteries in Toungoo.— MNA

levels, members of social and religious organizations.

Assistant Director U Kyi Hla of Religious Affairs Department acted as master of ceremonies.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Khantisara administered the Five Precepts. Members of the Sangha recited Parittas.

Senior General Than Shwe offered rice, edible oil and alms to the Sayadaw.

Next, General

Thura Shwe Mann donated alms to Kandawpauk Monastery Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Bhaddanta Arçinna.

Members of the State Peace and Development Council, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), commanders, the ministers, senior military officers and officials presented rice, oil and provisions to members of the Sangha.

Member of the Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Toungoo Kyarnigan Monastery Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita Bhaddanta Suriya delivered a sermon, and the Senior General and party shared merits gained.

Later, the ceremony ended with three-time recitation of Buddha Sasanam Çiram Titthatu.

MNA



**YANGON, 13 March** — A ceremony to donate rice, edible oil and alms to Sayadaws of monasteries in Toungoo Township was held at Sasana Hitakari Beikmandaw in Toungoo yesterday morning, attended by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe.

Also present on the occasion were Member of the State Sangha

Maha Nayaka Committee Presiding Nayaka of Toungoo Dhammaçariya University Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Khantisara and members of the Sangha totalling 108, members of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-

in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko, ministers, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental officials, members of the Union Solidarity and Development



General Thura Shwe Mann donates provisions to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Arçinna. — MNA



Senior General Than Shwe gives guidance to Tatmadawmen, families and trainees of Bayintnaung Station in Thandaung Hill Station. — MNA

## Khabaung dam project will irrigate 100,000 acres of farmland...

(from page 8)  
Toungoo, is located in Thandaung Township of Kayin State. It is on a 4,050 feet high sea level. The station is within easy reach of tourists.

As plots of three hotel zones have been allotted to the entrepre-

neurs, at present bungalows are being built.

At 1 pm, the Senior General and party met with Tatmadawmen, families and trainees of Bayintnaung Station at Bayintnaung Hall. At the meeting, General Thura Shwe Mann delivered an

address.

Next, the Senior General gave guidance and cordially conversed with them.

Later, the Senior General and party went back to Toungoo by helicopter.

MNA



Senior General Than Shwe cordially converses with Tatmadawmen and families of Bayintnaung Station in Thandaung Hill Station. — MNA

## Yenangyoung Industrial Zone, small loan services inspected

YANGON, 13 March — Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min urged entrepreneurs to manufacture two-wheel and three-wheel motorcycles in their Yenangyoung Industrial Zone, Magway Division, on 11 March.

In Kyaukpadaung, the minister inspected functions of Myakyemon Myanma Agricultural Produce Trading Cooperative Society. In Dawah Village of the township, he met with local people who took out loan from the small loan services and its advantages.

On 12 March, Col Zaw Min heard experience recounted by Okthakan Villagers who took loan from the small loans service. The functions of the small loan services are joint venture tasks of the government and UNDP. At Cooperative Bank branch in Aungban, the minister inspected its banking services. — MNA

## Winners of Yangon Command military band, volleyball team honoured

YANGON, 13 March — A ceremony to host dinner to Tatmadawmen of Yangon Command military band which won the first championship shield of the 14th Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) military band contest 2005 to mark 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day and those of Yangon Command volleyball team which did Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Shield volleyball tournament was held at the hall of Yangon Command Headquarters yesterday evening.

The dinner was attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay, Deputy

Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and wife, military region commanders and their wives, the secretary of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council, officials at division level, chairmen of district PDCs, senior military officers, Tatmadawmen of Yangon Command military band and volleyball team, managers, coaches and guests.

First, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe delivered an address on the occasion. Next, Tatmadawmen of Yangon Command military band and volleyball team presented championship shields to the commander. Afterwards, the commander presented cash awards to them. After that, the winners and guests were hosted dinner. — MNA



General Thura Shwe Mann gives instructions to Tatmadawmen, families and trainees of Bayintnaung Station in Thandaung Hill Station. — MNA



## Venezuelan, Iranian leaders blast Bush

CARACAS, 13 March— Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez and his visiting Iranian counterpart, Mohammad Khatami, on Saturday criticized US President George W Bush and urged countries pressed by Washington to reject its threats.

While attending the opening of the Veniran Tractor CA, a tractor joint-venture, in Ciudad Bolivar, 500 kilometres southeast of Caracas, the country's capital, Chavez repeated his accusation that Washington intends to assassinate him, and prayed that God "save us" from Bush.

Chavez criticized Bush for alleging himself as "the owner of the world", and emphasized that God has "us to save from him and to save the world from the true threat".

Khatami, on the final day of his three-day visit, urged Venezuela and other countries pressed by Washington to "be strong" and "reject

their threats to invade us."

In the joint-venture plan, the factory is expected to produce 5,000 tractors a year, and the total investment will amount to 34.8 million US dollars, of which 49 per cent will come from the Venezuelan Guayana Corporation (CVG) and 51 per cent from Iranian firm Itimco.

Khatami arrived in Venezuela on Thursday, his third visit to the country following the ones in September 2000 and February 2004.

Relations between Caracas and Washington have been tense. Chavez has repeatedly accused Washington of planning to assassinate him and

initiate a military intervention against Venezuela, the world's fifth-largest oil exporter that produces more than 3 million barrels of crude oil a day.

Iran and the United States, which 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 terrorism, categorizing Iran as part of the so-called "axis of evil" and imposing harsh sanctions on the country.

Iran, in return, terms the United States as enemy of the whole Islamic world.

MNA/Xinhua

## Lawmaker proposes legislation against exam fraud

BEIJING, 13 March — A deputy to the National People's Congress said Saturday China needs to enact an "examination law" to fight fraud in various examinations and ensure fair play in competition by legal means.

Such a law will involve judicial authorities in exam fraud investigation, prevent examiners and examinees from cheating and maintain the dignity, authority and impartiality of the examination system that has been an effective means of selecting and qualifying professionals since ancient times, said Guo Zeshen, president of the Zhanjiang Teachers' College in south China's Guangdong Province.

He said fraud at college entrance examinations and other qualification tests is increasing on and off campus in recent years with the advance of electronic devices, such as cell phones and tiny cameras.

Some even bribe examination officials to get the test paper in advance, he said.

Rampant fraud has dampened individuals' trust in fair play and sometimes hindered ideal candidates from standing out, Guo said in a proposal submitted to the ongoing annual Parliament session. "In the long-term, they could lead to a credit crisis in the entire society."

He also gave an outline of the proposed law, including details on how to choose examination officials and keep tests confidential. "The law should be applicable to domestic and international exams. —MNA/Xinhua

## Nepal to mark Golden Jubilee of UN membership

KATHMANDU, 13 March — The Nepali Government has constituted a high-level committee to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Ne-

pal's membership at the United Nations, the Foreign Ministry said Friday.

The committee will decide on the programmes to be organized at official level to mark the Golden Jubilee of Nepal's joining the United Nations, and facilitate and coordinate programmes to be organized at the non-governmental level, the ministry said in a Press release.

The 18-member committee, under the chairmanship of Minister for Foreign Affairs Ramesh Nath Pandey, comprises of chief secre-

tary, secretaries of various related ministries, former permanent representatives and ambassadors to the United Nations and heads of various related organizations.

The event will be celebrated by organizing a number of activities at governmental as well as non-governmental levels, the Press release said.

Nepal joined the United Nations on 14 December, 1955.

The year 2005 also marks the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations.

MNA/Xinhua



Fuji, a bottlenose dolphin, jumps during a show at the Churaumi Aquarium in the Japan's southern island of Okinawa on 12 March, 2005. —INTERNET

## Ugandan women legislators urged to evolve gender equality concept

KAMPALA, 13 March — Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni has urged women legislators to help the country evolve a gender equality concept and policy that reflects the societal dynamics in Uganda, according to a Press release by State House on Saturday.

Museveni made the call on Friday evening in a meeting with members of the Uganda Women's Parliamentary Association at State House in Kampala.

The President reiterated his government's commitment to economically empowering Ugandan women, as the only way to guarantee their rights and equality in society.

He noted that it is only when women are

economically empowered that they can escape vices such as abusive marriages, which are perpetuated due to their dependence on men.

Museveni said the government's strategy for empowering women is through industrialization, adding that once the country is fully industrialized, women would be able to get jobs as a sustainable source of incomes.

MNA/Xinhua

## Int'l Auto Exhibition to stage in S-W China municipality

CHONGQING, 13 March — 2005 China International Auto Industry Exhibition will be held from 30 March to 3 April in Chongqing City in southwest China, said an official with the organizing committee on Saturday.

He said those auto manufacturers applied for the exhibition include Chongqing Changan Group, Ford, Shanghai Volkswagen Corp, Beijing Hyundai, and Dongfeng Nissan. Auto manufactured by Chongqing Lifan Group, a former motorcycle maker, will also debut at the exhibition.

Under the arrangement of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the world's major auto parts purchasers will attend the exhibition. A personnel trade fair will also be staged in the same duration, and more than 200 positions are open to the applicants. —MNA/Xinhua

## Nepal forms committee to mark Golden Jubilee of ties with China

KATHMANDU, 13 March — The Nepali Government has formed a high level committee to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the establishment of diplomatic relationship between Nepal and China, a Nepali Government official told Xinhua on Friday.

The 20-member committee headed by Foreign Minister Ramesh Nath Pandey was formed by the decision of a Cabi-

net meeting one week ago, the official revealed. Similarly, chief secretary of the Council of Ministers, or Cabinet, and other five secretaries from Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supply; Finance Ministry; Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation; Ministry of Communication and Information and Foreign Ministry are members of the committee.

MNA/Xinhua



A Pakistani model displays a traditional outfit designed by Faiza Sami during a fashion show in Islamabad on 12 March, 2005.

INTERNET

UNION OF MYANMAR  
MINISTRY OF RAIL TRANSPORTATION  
MYANMA RAILWAYS

**INVITATION TO SEALED TENDER**

1. Sealed Tenders are invited by Myanma Railways, for supply of the following Stores which will be purchased in Myanmar Kyats, US Dollars:-

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Description	Quantity
1.	12(T)1/MR(ML) 2005-2006	Spare Parts for DEL & DHL	1-Lot
2.	12(T)2/MR(ML) 2005-2006	Spare Parts for DEL & DHL	1-Lot

Closing Date. -12.4.2005 (Tuesday) (12:00) Hours.

2. Tender documents are available at the office of the Deputy General Manager (Supply), Myanma Railways, Corner of 51<sup>st</sup> Street and Merchant Street, Botataung, Yangon starting from 14.3.2005 during the office hours.

3. For further details please call: 291982, 201555 (Ext-602,605,612)

Deputy General Manager

Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Botataung, Yangon

**Mbeki urges concrete actions on Blair's African plan**

JOHANNESBURG, 12 March — South African President Thabo Mbeki on Friday urged a newly-released report on increasing donor funding for Africa's development to be translated into firm actions.

"There is a lot of work contained in here," he said in Pretoria, referring to the Commission for Africa report calling for an additional 25 billion US dollars per year in aid for Africa.

"It must translate not into a lot of paper, but into a firm, serious programme of action," Mbeki said, quoted by the SAPA news agency.

Mbeki said he had not yet studied the detail of the document, but was confident it would form the basis for practical decisions to be taken at the annual summit of the G-8 group of top industrial nations in Scotland in July.

He reiterated praise for British Prime Minister Tony Blair's initiative to set up the commission and expressed the hope that it

would "serve the purpose for which it was intended" — to give impetus to existing African development plans.

Mbeki said he received a letter from Blair two days ago, asking him to study the report urgently and interact with G-8 member countries to ensure "that by the time the G-8 summit takes place, we are able to take actual, practical decisions".

Mbeki has already been in discussion with the leaders of Germany, France, the United States and Blair himself. Mbeki said he would be contacting others "to try and encourage everybody to make sure that by the time we meet again in July this work is not wasted, that we use this to arrive at the practical decisions that

need to be taken to implement programmes for the development of the continent".

The report released on Friday asked rich nations to commit 0.7 per cent of their annual income to aid.

For poor countries in sub-Saharan Africa who need it, 100-per-cent debt cancellation should be achieved as soon as possible, it said.

The report describes African poverty and stagnation as "the greatest tragedy of our time", saying these demanded a "forceful response".

It urged Africa to accelerate its own reform, and the developed world to "increase and improve its aid and stop doing those things which hinder Africa's progress".

MNA/Xinhua

**China puts energy-efficient on govt agenda**

BEIJING, 12 March — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said in his government report delivered at the National People's Congress (NPC) that the government will put the construction of energy-efficient and land-saving houses on the government agenda.

Tu Fengxiang, president of China Building Energy Efficiency Association, said energy-saving buildings will greatly help the country to relive the energy crisis.

The pinched power supply has disrupted not only Chinese manufacturing industry, but ordinary citizens' life. Summer blackouts and winter coal shortages were frequent across China last year.

Household energy consumption, including heating, electricity, and water, accounted for one-third of the country's total, said Tu. Ninety-five per cent of China's buildings are "highly energy-consuming".

Zheng Yijun, former vice-construction minister, said creating

buildings that use less energy is "urgent". When energy standards are formulated, the government will be able to better supervise new building construction, he said at a recent Press conference.

Energy saving building techniques include better insulation and airtight windows, Tu said.

To save more land, buildings could be built with underground parking lots and tilted roofs, so the narrower spaces between buildings will not mean less sunshine in the room, said Tu.

According to statistics from the construction ministry, the cost of a building that saves 60 per cent of the energy per unit is only five to seven per cent higher than the ordinary buildings.— MNA/Xinhua



TRADE MARK CAUTION  
Pharmacia & Upjohn S.A., of Credit European, 51 route d'Esch L-1478 Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg, is the Owner of the following Trade Mark:-

**EXCENEL**  
Reg. No. 17521000

in respect of "a veterinary pharmaceutical preparation, namely an antibiotic".

Fraudulent imitation or unauthorized use of the said Trade Mark will be dealt with according to law.

Win Mu Tin,  
M.A., R.O.P., D.B.L.  
for Pharmacia & Upjohn S.A.  
P.O. Box 60, Yangon.  
Dated: 14 March 2005.

TRADEMARK CAUTION  
BASF Aktiengesellschaft, a company incorporated in Germany, and having its registered office at Carl-Boch-Strasse 28, 67069 Ludwigshafen, Germany is the owner and proprietor of the following Trademark:

**LUX**

Myanmar Reg. No. 23131999  
in respect of "Chemicals used in industry, being waxes."

Fraudulent or unauthorized use, or actual or colourable imitation of the said mark shall be dealt with according to law.

U Than Maung, Advocate  
For BASF  
Aktiengesellschaft  
C/o Kabin Chia Yangon Ltd  
Unit 203 Summit Parkview  
255-A/256 Road, Dagon Top,  
Yangon, Union of Myanmar  
(70) 274882; (70) 227992  
kabin.chia.yangon@mpm.com.mm  
Dated 14 March 2005

TRADEMARK CAUTION  
NEW ZEALAND MILK BRANDS LIMITED, a Company incorporated in New Zealand, at 9 Princes Street, Auckland, New Zealand, Merchants, hereby gives notice that it is the Owner and Sole Proprietors of the following Trade marks:-

**Anchor**  
**ANLENE**

In respect of "Milk and milk products including milk powder, cream, butter, cheese and casein; proteins and protein products; edible oils and fats; products for use in creaming coffee and like drinks; margarine and other food spreads; dessert products; preserves and jams."

**ANMUM**  
"Infants' and invalids' foods; milk, butter, cheese, milk powder, milk beverages, milk products; edible oils and fats; food spreads; proteins and protein products; products used as ingredients in the production of foodstuffs.  
Fraudulent imitation or unauthorized use of the said Trademarks shall be dealt with according to law.  
U Myint Lwin, Advocate,  
L.L.B., D.B.L.  
Dip in Marine Affairs (UK)  
Email: MYINT.Advocate@myntmail.net.mm  
Ph: 371 990 143.2005

**Chinese Co donates railway machinery to Sri Lanka**

COLOMBO, 12 March — A Chinese company on Friday handed over machinery and equipment worth 200,000 US dollars to Sri Lanka for the tsunami-hit country to repair its railway tracks.

The machinery and equipment donated by China National Machinery Import and Export Corporation (CMC) include rail drilling machine, rail cutting machine, hydraulic adjusting sleeper tool, hydraulic tamping machine, and hydraulic turnout tamping machine.

Zhao Jun, general manager of Railway Business Division of CMC, said that he hopes these donated items will service the drive of the repair and reconstruction of the railway facilities and infrastructure in Sri Lanka.

He said that the CMC is willing to establish long term cooperation with Sri Lanka's Transport Ministry.

In expressing his thanks to the CMC, Sri Lankan Transport Minister Felix Perera said that China "has always helped Sri Lanka, whenever we were in need".

According to Perera, the loss of Sri Lanka Railways in tsunami was estimated at seven billion rupees (70 million US dollars).— MNA/Xinhua

**Gujarat state tops in cyber crimes in India**

NEW DELHI, 12 March — Of a total of 1,310 people arrested in India for cyber crime under the Indian Penal Code (IPC), 551 belonged to Gujarat, followed by 390 from Andhra Pradesh and 160 from Uttar Pradesh, a crime statistics study for the year 2002 said Friday.

The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), which released the figures for 2002, said a profile of cyber criminals reveals that 27 per cent arrested were in the age group of 18-30 while 54 per cent were in the 30-45 age group. Interestingly, 32 other offenders were aged 60 years.

The proliferation of cyber crime in the country has prompted the NCRB for the first time to chronicle the various cases registered in the country. Most of the cases registered under IPC pertained to fake electronic evidence, forgery, tampering and cyber counterfeiting.

Likewise, 70 cases were registered under the IT Act. Of this, nearly half of the cases pertained to cyber pornography and 38 people were arrested from Maharashtra, Karnataka and Orissa.

MNA/Xinhua

**Don't smoke**

**China gives financial support to "red tourism" development**

BEIJING, 12 March — The China National Tourism Administration (CNTA) and the State Development Bank signed agreement here Friday to provide financial support for "red tourism".

"China's "red tourism" campaign promotes revolutionary history before 1949, in an effort to "instill faith in the Communist leadership and boost development in rural areas".

According to the agreement, the two organizations will design and develop "red tourism" programmes and improve investment in the projects. The development bank will provide technological support loan for key regions as well as different provinces and cities.— MNA/Xinhua



ပညာရေးနှင့် ခေတ်မီပွဲများတိုးတက်လာ နိုင်ငံတော်ကြီး တည်ဆောက်ဖို့

### Greece swears in sixth president

ATHENS, 13 March — Karolos Papoulias, a former foreign minister, was sworn in Saturday as the sixth president of Greece.

Papoulias said during the handover from his outgoing predecessor Kostis Stephanopoulos at the presidential mansion that he has inherited a "great legacy".

"Knowing that no one is above criticism, I will do my best to live up to my responsibilities in this time of crisis of our institutions and values," he said.

Papoulias said that it is a period with a crisis in institutions and values, adding that the Greeks must intensify their efforts to protect the country's name both abroad

and at home so that the motherland cannot hurt them, their children and their grandchildren.

Papoulias, 76-year-old veteran and a leading member of the main opposition Socialist Party, was elected with an unprecedented 279 votes in the 300-seat unicameral Parliament last month.

Stephanopoulos, who has served as Greek president during the past 10 years, expressed his confidence that Papoulias "will do everything to serve national interests", adding that the country has enjoyed a smooth period of

political life in past years.

Greek Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis, other political leaders and lawmakers attended the inauguration ceremony in Parliament.

When the Socialists governed from 1981-89, Papoulias served three years as deputy foreign minister and four years as foreign minister. He played a leading role in Greece's controversial decision to establish formal ties with Palestinian Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat and Libyan leader Moammar Kadaffi. — MNA/Xinhua



Japan's auto giant Toyota Motor's robots play trumpets at a preview for the Toyota group Pavilion at the 2005 World Exposition Aichi in Nagakute town near Nagoya, central Japan recently. — INTERNET

### Volkswagen cars to be built in Malaysia

BERLIN, 12 March — German auto giant Volkswagen (VW) will start to assemble its cars in Malaysia at the end of this year, the company said on Friday.

The first model to be assembled together with Proton, the Malaysian partner of VW, will be an Asian variant of Passat and in later 2006, the compact car Fox will also be built in the Proton factories in Tanjung Malim.

According to the German newspaper Braunschweiger Zeitung, the VW management has planned to assemble a third model, Gol, in Malaysia from 2008/2009 and build VW vans in Indonesia.

With cars assembled in Malaysia and Indonesia, VW will be able to expand its market share in Southeastern Asia from its current 1 per cent to 12 per cent, the paper said.

MNA/Xinhua

### NPC deputy says young scholars must not neglect mother tongue

BEIJING, 13 March — A deputy to the National People's Congress, China's top legislature, said on Friday young scholars must not neglect the importance of their mother tongue while carrying out research in their respective fields.

Grammatical mistakes constantly occur in their essays as well as oral discourses, not to mention coarse wording

and improper style," said Professor Shen Dan with the elite Beijing University in a proposal to the ongoing Parliament session.

The specialist on European and American literature said this is largely because many Chinese universities and graduate schools neglect the role of the Chinese language and rarely include it in their curricula. "In contrast, young researchers tend to spend more time on English learning and some do not even care to learn about the essence of their own culture,"

she said.

Unless the trend is reversed, she said it could endanger the purity of the Chinese language and the continuity of the Chinese culture.

"Young intellectuals have a leading role to play in carrying forward the Chinese culture and should be well-grounded in their own mother tongue. After all, Chinese is one of the working languages of the United Nations," said Professor Shen.

She proposed academic writing should be included as a compulsory subject for all col-

lege students and all applicants to graduate schools should take a Chinese proficiency test.

Professor Shen became China's youngest research supervisor for doctorate students in 1993 at the age of 36.

The world's most populous nation has become the world's largest market for English learning and large crowds of young people sit for a TOEFL or GRE test each year, driven by the desire to study abroad or to find a well-paid job overseas.

MNA/Xinhua

### "Forbes" release annual list of world's billionaires

NEW YORK, 12 March — Forbes magazine released its 19th annual list of world's billionaires on Thursday, saying that the super rich in the world had grown richer.

Forbes magazine, a New York-based business media, reported 131 people had joined the billionaires' list and the total net worth of the 691 billionaires had climbed by 300 billion to 2.2 trillion dollars this year.

The United States, with 341 billionaires, still ranked the first in the world's super rich's club. But many new faces came from the emerging economies, with India claiming 12 and Mexico claiming 10. Several new countries, such as Poland, Kazakhstan and Ukraine, were also joining the list.

Microsoft's founder Bill Gates, with 46.5 billion US dollars, maintained his reign as world's richest billionaire, following by capital strategist Warren Buffett with 44 billion US dollars and India's steel giant Lakshmi Mittal with 25 billion dollars.

Li Ka-shing, a billionaire from Hong Kong, became the richest Chinese with 13 billion US dollars. Martha Stewart was listed by Forbes as a new billionaire for the first time. During her 5-month prison period, her net worth increased to 1 billion dollars, up by about 600 million dollars.

MNA/Xinhua

### Bolivia reiterates exporting natural gas through Peruvian port

LIMA, 13 March — Bolivian President Carlos Mesa has reaffirmed that his country will export natural gas to North America through a Peruvian port.

Mesa clarified in a recent public address that he has not changed his mind despite the political strife in his country in the past few weeks, reports from La Paz, the administrative capital of Bolivia, said on Friday.

He said he would reiterate the government's position to get rid of doubts from Peru.

Under an agreement signed with Peru in August, Bolivia is granted a sea outlet through which it could export natural gas to Mexico and the United States.

The deal was struck after Bolivia's bitter rival Chile did not meet Bolivia's demands to offer a sovereign access to the Pacific Ocean.

MNA/Xinhua

### World largest tourism fair opens in Berlin

BERLIN, 12 March — The world's largest tourism fair, the 39th International Tourism Bourse (ITB), opened here on Friday, attracting a record number of exhibitors.

The annual fair is attended by 10,409 tourism companies and institutions, 3.8 per cent more than last year, from 181 countries and regions. The latest participating nation is Angola.

Germany is the so-called partnerland for the fair this year. As the 2006 World Cup will be held in Germany, German exhibitors emphasize the country as land for travel, culture and sports.

Asian countries have for the first time occupied two halls of the Berlin Exhibition Centre, where the ITB is held, showing that the region is quickly recovering from the tsunami disaster last year.

The 39th ITB will last till Tuesday and is expected to be visited by 140,000 people. — MNA/Xinhua



Riders take a spin on 'Insanity,' a new thrill ride that hangs over 900-feet above the Las Vegas Strip, at the Stratosphere Tower in Las Vegas, Nevada on 10 March, 2005 — INTERNET

SPORTS

**Benfica charge three points clear at top**

LISBON, 13 March— Benfica charged three points clear at the top of the Portuguese Premier League with a 2-0 home win over struggling Gil Vicente on Saturday.

The Lisbon team, coached by Italian Giovanni Trapattoni, head the table with 48 points from 25 games, three ahead of champions Porto who suffered an embarrassing 4-0 home defeat by Nacional Madeira on Friday. Porto's heaviest home defeat since 1975 will have done little for confidence ahead of their Champions League first knockout round second leg tie at Inter Milan on Tuesday.

Striker Pedro Mantorras, who recently returned after a long injury absence, opened the scoring for Benfica following a superb pass from midfielder Manuel Fernandes on 52 minutes.

Defender Miguel Monteiro put the result beyond doubt with the second goal two minutes from the end. He received a long pass by Joao Pereira and rounded keeper Adriano before slotting the ball into an empty net. A penalty gave third-placed Braga a 1-1 home draw with Maritimo. Fourth-placed Sporting play hosts to Penafiel on Sunday.—MNA/Reuters



FC Barcelona's player Maxi Lopez, center, from Argentine, duels for the ball against Athletic Club de Bilbao player Murillo, left, while FC Barcelona's Andres Iniesta, right, watches them, during their League soccer match in Barcelona, on 12 March, 2005.—INTERNET

**Barca defeat Athletic Bilbao 2-0**

MADRID, 13 March— Barcelona shook off the disappointment of their Champions League defeat by Chelsea to extend their lead in the Primera Liga to 11 points with a 2-0 defeat of Athletic Bilbao at the Nou Camp on Saturday.

First half strikes from Portugal midfielder Deco and French winger Ludovic Giuly dispelled any doubts about a possible crisis of confidence following their 4-2 defeat at Stamford Bridges.

"It's been a hard week for us and it was important to win this one," Barca skipper Carles Puyol told Spanish radio station Onda Cero. "We now depend on ourselves, but we need to keep focusing on one game

at a time." The victory puts the pressure on second-placed Real Madrid, who also went out of the Champions League in midweek after a 2-0 extra-time defeat at Juventus.

Real make the short trip across the Spanish capital to play modest neighbours Getafe on Sunday, a game they must win if they are to keep alive any hopes of overhauling their arch-rivals.

Real Betis moved up to fourth in the standings,

level on points with Espanyol but nine behind Real Madrid, after a 2-1 win away to Malaga in Saturday's late match.

Early strikes from centre-back Juanito and midfielder Edu set the visitors on their way to an important win that kept them in the hunt for the Champions League places.

Barca made a nervous start, failing to settle into their fluent passing game in the face of the pressure from the visitors.

It was the Basque side who carried the greater threat in the first quarter of an hour, causing problems for the Barca defence from a succession of corners and two free kicks.

Barca eventually sprang into life in the 16th minute when Ronaldinho threaded a perfect through ball into the path of Giuly who drew the keeper and laid off a pass to Samuel Eto'o, but the African Player of the Year tripped over the ball and wasted a golden opportunity to open the scoring.—MNA/Reuters

**Manchester United crush Saints 4-0**

SOUTHAMPTON (England), 13 March— Manchester United's priority is now the FA Cup, assistant manager Carlos Queiroz said after their 4-0 quarterfinal victory over Southampton on Saturday.

United were dumped out of the Champions League by AC Milan in midweek and could fall 11 points behind Chelsea in the Premier League when the leaders play their game in hand against lowly West Bromwich Albion on Tuesday.

However two goals from Paul Scholes and one each for Roy Keane and Cristiano Ronaldo provided a welcome boost for the FA Cup holders as they outclassed Southampton.

"It was very good for us today, especially after what happened in Milan," Queiroz told the BBC. "We are back in business.

"Keane's goal after two minutes allowed the players to play with confidence and consistency. This result and the way we played showed the spirit of Manchester United.

"The Cup is now our priority, although that doesn't mean we won't fight for the 27 points available in the league."

Southampton boss Harry Redknapp said his re-shuffled team had been set an impossible task.

Redknapp was missing his first-choice midfield with Nigel Quashie Cup-tied, David Prutton suspended and his son Jamie and Graeme Le Saux both injured, along with defender Rory Delap.

MNA/Reuters

**Ljungberg's early goal to earn Arsenal 1-0 at Bolton**

LONDON, 13 March— Swede Fredrik Ljungberg scored an early goal to earn Arsenal a 1-0 win at 10-man Bolton Wanderers in a rugged FA Cup quarterfinal on Saturday.

Bolton's Senegal striker El-Hadji Diouf was sent off for elbowing Arsenal goalkeeper Jens Lehmann in the ninth minute at the Reebok Stadium, shortly after Arsenal had taken the lead.

Ljungberg ran on to a pass from fellow midfielder Robert Pires in the third minute and dinked the ball coolly over goalkeeper Jussi Jaaskelainen from the edge of the area.

The victory kept alive Arsenal's hopes of winning a trophy this season following their Champions League exit at the hands of Bayern Munich on Wednesday.

Bolton beat Arsenal 1-0 in January, one of only four Premier League defeats suffered by the champions this season but

their chances of a repetition were severely reduced when Diouf was shown the red card. As referee Steve Bennett dealt with Bolton protests over a penalty claim for a foul on striker Kevin Davies, Diouf swung an arm at Lehmann and caught the German above the eye with his elbow.

Lehmann, who required treatment, then had to be alert to keep out two headers from Greek Stelios Giannakopoulos after Gary Speed's long throws caused confusion in the heart of Arsenal's defence.

The visitors dominated possession in the second half, making their numerical advantage count to reach the FA Cup semifinals for the fifth year in a row.

MNA/Reuters

**Inter Milan draw 1-1 with Lazio**

MILAN, 13 March— Inter Milan came back for a 1-1 draw at Lazio on Saturday to move up to third place in Serie A, while Fiorentina earned a 2-2 draw at Lecce and picked up a useful point in their relegation struggle.

Inter's 17th draw of the season moved them up to third place and level with Sampdoria, who face AC Milan at the San Siro on Sunday, after a battling display against a Lazio side forced to play most of the second half with 10 men. Midfielder Giuliano Giannichedda was expelled in the 56th minute.

Brazilian striker Adriano thought he had put Inter ahead on the half hour but his effort was ruled out for handball and Lazio picked up the pace after the scare.

The Rome side went ahead on the stroke of halftime when the Filippini twins combined with Emanuele crossing for Antonio to bullet a header past Inter keeper Francesco Toldo.

Giannichedda was sent off after a handball led to his second yellow card and from then on Lazio had their backs to the wall with Inter attacking with real determination.

The equalizer came in the 70th minute when Brazilian Ze Maria's cross was met with a firm and well-directed header from Argentine striker Julio Ricardo Cruz.

Inter almost snatched all three points in injury time when their former Lazio midfielder Dejan Stankovic struck the bar with powerful drive.

Dino Zoff's Fiorentina fell behind in the 28th minute to a thundering free kick from former Chelsea midfielder Sam

Dalla Bona which rattled in off the inside of the post.

Serbian Mirko Vucinic made it 2-0 for Lecce three minutes later when he showed excellent control to bring down a long pass from Cristian Ledesma and then a cool finish to beat Fiorentina keeper Cristiano Lupatelli.—MNA/Reuters



Inter Milan's Marco Materazzi leaves the pitch after been injured, flanked by an Inter Milan official during their Serie A match against Lazio at the Olympic Stadium in Rome, on 12 March, 2005. The match ended draw 1-1.—INTERNET

**Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle**

B	R	I	D	L	E	S	8	W	H	E	A	T
E	8	N	8	U	8	P	8	I	8	L	8	O
N	E	V	E	R	8	R	A	N	C	O	U	R
C	8	A	8	E	8	A	8	D	8	P	8	M
H	O	L	I	D	A	Y	8	S	W	E	D	E
8	8	I	8	8	8	S	8	O	8	8	8	N
P	E	D	L	A	R	8	E	R	R	A	N	T
E	8	8	8	B	8	T	8	8	8	G	8	8
R	O	G	U	E	8	R	A	G	T	I	M	E
F	8	R	8	T	8	A	8	L	8	T	8	J
E	L	E	C	T	E	D	8	A	M	A	Z	E
C	8	B	8	E	8	E	8	S	8	T	8	C
T	R	E	N	D	8	R	E	S	P	E	C	T



## NC delegates visit pagodas, churches in Yangon City



National Convention delegates visit Shwedagon Pagoda on holiday of National Convention.— MNA

YANGON, 13 March— As it being a holiday, under the arrangement of the National Convention Convening Management Committee and Reception and Accommodation Sub-Committee, the delegates to the National Convention visited pagodas and churches in Yangon today. The NC delegates, accompanied by Secretary

of the National Convention Convening Reception and Accommodation Sub-Committee Maj Myint Tun and officials, visited Shwedagon Pagoda this morning. The NC delegates donated K 130,190 to the funds of the pagoda and offered water, lights and joss sticks to the Buddha images at the pagoda.

Afterwards, they proceeded to Sutaungpyae Melamu Pagoda in North Okkalapa Township and donated K 84,135 to the funds of the pagoda. Similarly, the Christian NC delegates visited Christian Yeiktha in Tamway Township and St George Anglican Church in Mingaladon Township. — MNA

## French nationals arrested for faking passports in Thailand

BANGKOK, 13 March— Police on Thailand's southern resort Samui Island were Saturday searching for more foreign nationals believed to be part of a passport counterfeiting gang, following the arrest of two French nationals and the seizure of over 100 fake passports.

Gaben Roland Francis and Amsis Khokha were both arrested Friday during an undercover operation after a lengthy investigation by local tourist police. Police Lieutenant-Colonel Weerayuth Hiran was quoted by the Thai

News Agency as saying that a police raid on a room rented by the French couple revealed 145 counterfeit passports. Although Francis has denied all charges and has refused to answer police questions, the police believe the two French na-

tionals to be part of a wider passport counterfeiting gang operating both in Thailand and in neighbouring countries. Most of the gang's customers in Thailand are thought to be foreigners, the police said. — MNA/Xinhua

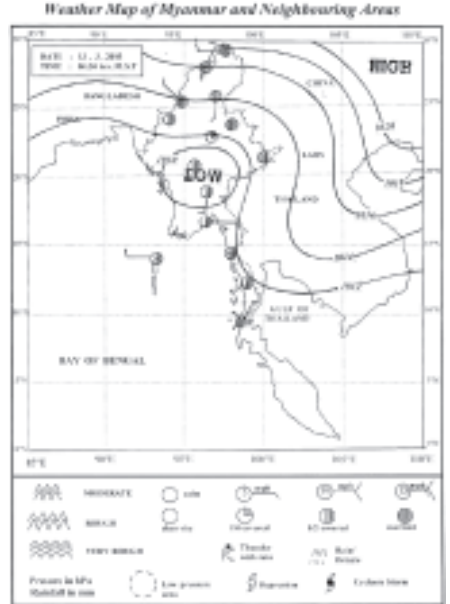
## SIA knocks on tourism market in Queensland

SINGAPORE, 13 March— Singapore Airlines (SIA) and the Queensland government will cooperate in making the Australian state an international tourist destination, announced SIA on Friday.

The two parties have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to boost visitor arrivals to Queensland on SIA services, which have been increased to triple flights daily this year.

Under the MoU, the two sides will invest at least one million Australian dollars (about 800,000 US dollars) to fund marketing campaigns in target countries such as China, Germany, Japan, Malaysia and Britain.

MNA/Xinhua



### WEATHER

Sunday, 13 March, 2005

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers has been scattered in Upper Sagaing Division and isolated in Lower Sagaing Division and weather have been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded was Kanbalu (0.35) inch. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Southern Shan, Kayin States and Taninthayi Division, (6°C) above normal in Mandalay Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were (40°C) each in Magway and Minbu.

Maximum temperature on 12-3-2005 was 99°F. Minimum temperature on 12-3-2005 was 67°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 13-3-2005 was 79%. Total sunshine hours on 12-3-2005 was (9.0) hours approx. Rainfalls on 13-3-2005 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 (10) mph from Southeast at (9:30) hours MST on 13-3-2005.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 14-3-2005:** Isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in Kachin, Chin and Northern Rakhine States and Upper Sagaing Division, weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of slight decrease of day temperatures in the Upper Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 14-3-2005:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 14-3-2005:** Partly cloudy to cloudy.

**ဘုရား၊ ရဟန်း၊ သိမ်၊ ကျောင်း၊ ဒါယကာကြီး**  
**ဦးကြည်ဆောင် (၇၇)နှစ်**  
**ရေခဲချောင်းမြို့**  
 ရန်ကုန်မြို့၊ ကမာရွတ် မြို့နယ်၊ အင်းယားလမ်း၊ အမှတ် ၅၈/၅ နေ (ဦးဆယ်- ဒေါ်ကြည်ညွန့်)တို့၏သား (ဦးစိန်အိမ်-ဒေါ်ကျင်မြိုင်)တို့၏သားမက၊ ဒေါ်ညွန့်လှိုင်၏မောင်၊ (ဒေါ်ခင်မမ)၏ ခင်ပွန်း၊ ဦးချိုထွန်း-ဒေါ်သိမ်သိမ်ထွန်း၊ ဦးအကျော်၊ (ဦးစိုးဝင်း)-ဒေါ်ရွှေဌေးမာ၊ ဦးမြတ်ကျော်-ဒေါ်စုဌေး၊ (ဒေါ်သက်သက်တင်) ဒေါ်အေးအေးနိုင် တို့၏ ကျေးဇူးရှင် ရွေးယဇ်ခင်၊ မခိုင်ခိုင်စိုင်း၊ မထက်ထက်နွင်းအေး၊ မောင်ဝင်းမော်၊ မဖြူဖြူမြတ်ကျော်၊ မသူသူထွန်းတို့၏ အဘိုးသည် ၁၂-၃-၂၀၀၅ ရက်တွင် ဗဟိုစည်ဆေးခန်းတွင် ကွယ်လွန်ပြီး ယင်းနေ့တွင်ပင် မီးသင်္ဂြိုဟ်ပြီးပါကြောင်း ဆွေမျိုးမိတ်သတ် အပေါင်းတို့အား သိစေအပ်ပါသည်။

**ကျန်ရစ်သူသိသာစူး**

**Radio Myanmar**

**Monday, 14 March**  
**Tune in today:**

**8.30 am** Brief news  
**8.35 am** Music:  
 -Baby one more time  
**8.40 am** Perspectives  
**8.45 am** Music:  
 -Paradise  
**8.50 am** National news/Slogan  
**9.00 am** Music:  
 -Here & now  
**9.05 am** International news  
**9.10 am** -I love it when we do  
**1.30 pm** News/Slogan  
**1.40 pm** Lunch time music  
 -Pretty woman  
 -Take my breath away  
 -I just called to say I love you  
 -It might be you  
**9.00 pm** Spotlight on the star "Wings"  
 -Reception  
 -Again & again & again  
 -To you  
 - So glad to see you here  
**9.10 pm** Article  
 -Discussion- Military songs that came from the pen of Thukhi Aung  
**9.45 pm** News/Slogan  
**10.00 pm** PEL

**TV Myanmar**

**Monday, 14 March**  
**View on today:**

**7:00 am**  
 1. Recitation of parittas by missionary sayadaw U Ottamathara  
**7:25 am**  
 2. To be healthy exercise  
**7:30 am**  
 3. Morning news  
**7:40 am**  
 4. Nice and sweet song  
**7:55 am**  
 5. Song of national races  
**8:10 am**  
 6. Cute little danceres  
**8:20 am**  
 7. ရွှေလိတ်တား  
**8:30 am**  
 8. International news  
**8:45 am**  
 9. Grammar made easy  
**4:00 pm**  
 1. Martial song  
**4:15 pm**  
 2. Songs to uphold national spirit  
**4:30 pm**  
 3. Practice in reading  
**4:45 pm**  
 4. တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုတေးသီချင်း ဖြန့်ဖြူးဆုတေးများ  
**5:00 pm**  
 5. အဝေးသင်တန်းဆိုင်ရာပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ - ဝတ်စုံနှင့် (ရုပ်စာအုပ်အဖွဲ့) (ရုပ်စာ)  
**5:15 pm**  
 6. Musical programme  
**5:25 pm**  
 7. Dance variety  
**5:35 pm**  
 8. မြန်မာစား၊ မြန်မာစားကား  
**5:45 pm**  
 9. Song of national races  
**5:50 pm**  
 10. Musical programme (The radio Myanmar modern music troupe)  
**6:05 pm**  
 11. Discovery  
**6:10 pm**  
 12. နိုင်ငံခြားတက္ကသိုလ်တော်လမ်းတွဲ "ဈေးကွက်မင်းဂုဏ်" (အပိုင်း-၇၇)  
**6:30 pm**  
 13. Evening news  
**7:00 pm**  
 14. Weather report  
**7:05 pm**  
 15. Industrial achievement  
**7:20 pm**  
 16. ဆေးဓန-ထွန်းထွန်း တွန့်ပျူတာနည်းပညာ (အပိုင်း-၁)  
**7:35 pm**  
 17. နှစ် (၆၀)ပြည့် တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်  
**7:45 pm**  
 18. အမျိုးသားညီလာခံဂုဏ်ပြုတေး  
**8:00 pm**  
 19. News  
**8:10 pm**  
 20. International news  
**8:20 pm**  
 21. Weather report  
**8:30 pm**  
 22. နိုင်ငံခြားတော်လမ်းတွဲ "သံစဉ်ချစ်သူ" (အပိုင်း-၄၆)  
**8:45 pm**  
 23. The Next Day's Programme

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

Khabaung dam project will irrigate 100,000 acres of farmland...



Senior General Than Shwe hears reports on Khabaung Multipurpose Dam Project by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo.— MNA

(from page 1)

Khabaung Multipurpose Dam Project is being implemented by the Construction-5 of Irrigation Department and Construction-3 of Hydro-electric Power Department. It is located on Khabaung Creek in Oktwin Township. The earth embankment of the dam will be 920 feet long and 200 feet high. The dam project will irrigate 100,000 acres of farmland and the power plant project can generate 30 megawats.

After inspecting functions of the dam project, they proceeded to Toungoo where LID Commander

Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Oo, Brig-Gen Win Myint of Pynmana Station, Brig-Gen Kyaw Aung of Toungoo Station, senior military officers and departmental officials welcomed the Senior General and party.

On 12 March morning, the Senior General and party viewed round beautifying of Kandawgyi Lake in Toungoo and development of the town.

Next, they flew to Thandaung Hill Station of Thandaung Township in Kayin State from Toungoo.

They were welcomed there by Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Aung Kyi and

officials.

From the hill where helicopter landed, Senior General Than Shwe viewed scenic beauty of the hill station. Afterwards, Senior General Than Shwe and party oversaw Thandaung Hill Station by car.

On arrival at Bayintnaung Yeiktha of Bayaintnaung Tatmyo, Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko briefed the Senior General on development of the hill station, beautifying tasks and construction of 18 miles long Thandaunggyi-Leiktho Road, Minister for (See page 8)

Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects development tasks in Khamaukgyi Township

YANGON, 13 March — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo, accompanied by Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental heads, inspected oil palm plantations, agriculture, transport and regional development in Khamaukgyi Township, Kawthoung District, on 7 March morning.

They left Kawthoung for Maryan Village along Kawthoung-Bokpyin Union Highway. At Parchan reserved forest, Lt-Gen Maung Bo oversaw Parchan River and thriving the reserved

forest. He inspected agricultural tasks of the local military station.

At Seikphu Village in Khamaukgyi Township, they inspected the village, the jetty at Parchan River, the school and dispensary. Next, Lt-Gen

Maung Bo met with local people in Seikphu and Maryan villages separately. First, he heard reports on matters related to Khamaukgyi Township by officials and gave necessary instructions.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo

presented K 500,000 for the multimedia classroom of Maryan Village Affiliated BEHS to Headmistress Daw Khin May Oo. Next, they viewed round the village and its environs.

At Yuzana oil palm

plantation and the crude oil mill of Yuzana Co, Lt-Gen Maung Bo heard reports on progress of growing oil palm plantations of the company, construction of the crude palm oil mill and its milling capacity and others by officials. He

looked into construction of the crude oil mill.

While in Khamaukgyi, Lt-Gen Maung Bo met Tatmadawmen of the local battalion, departmental officials and local people.

MNA



Lt-Gen Maung Bo meets departmental personnel, local authorities and local people in Maryan Village of Khamaukgyi Township on 7-3-2005.— MNA