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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

NCCC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein bids farewell to NC delegates on their departure for home



NCCC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein waves to delegates of National Convention on their departure for home after the National Convention has been adjourned —MNA

YANGON, 1 April —Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, together with Vice-Chairman of the Commission Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Secretary Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and commission members, Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Vice-Chairman Attorney-General U Aye Maung and work committee members, Chairman of the National Convention Convening Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and management committee members, cordially greeted delegates of the National Convention on their departure for home after the National Convention had been adjourned at Nyaungnabin Camp in

Hmawby Township at 5 am today.

First, the NCCC Chairman Secretary-1 arrived at the office of reception sub-committee at Nyaungnabin Camp where he asked about transport and basic needs of the delegates and cordially greeted them.

At 6.30 am, Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially met with the second group of delegates who would be leaving for home, in front of the office of the reception sub-committee. Before their departure, he wished the delegates' health and happiness.

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NCCC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially meets with delegates of National Convention before their departure for home.— MNA

INSIDE

The Shan nationals insurgents' political slogans depicted the echoing of the Shan sawbwas "the framing of Constitution based on federal system, and establishment of a Shan republic. Yet, the Tatmadaw had already realized the incidents from the very beginning to the very end, and so it had to take over the State power from the Pa-Hta-Sa Government so as to avoid disintegration of the Union.

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AUNG THEIN (DAWEI)

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for success of National Convention with nationalistic spirit and Union Spirit

Nowadays, efforts are being made for the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

In doing so, the eight categories of delegates representing over 54 million of Myanmar people were able to make discussions, suggestions and proposals, giving priority to the interests of the State and the people rather than single group, party and race.

The National Convention is being convened with added momentum in accord with the seven-step Road Map for emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation. With the active participation of delegates of the respective groups, the convention has been able to lay down the detailed basic principles for sharing of legislative power in the drawing of the State Constitution.

Moreover, with far-sightedness of the NC delegates based on nationalism and Union Spirit, the plenary meetings of the convention were able to approve the detailed basic principles on sharing of legislative power in the drawing of the State Constitution and present the suggestions for sharing of executive and judicial powers.

The National Convention which resumed on 17 February 2005 lasted about two months. Thanks to the high sense of responsibility and harmonious efforts of a large number of delegates, greater success has been achieved than expected. The plenary meeting of the National Convention was adjourned on 31 March and it will resume before the end of this year when the agricultural tasks have been completed.

When the National Convention is achieving greater success phase by phase, a discipline-flourishing democratic nation that the entire national people long for is getting nearer and nearer.

Efforts exerted for successful realization of the seven-step Road Map are the constructive endeavours which will go down in the annals of history.

But there are internal and external saboteurs with selfishness who are attempting to jeopardise the National Convention, instead of taking part in the nation-building endeavours, and the 54 million people of Myanmar are to crush them.

We believe that the National Convention will make progress until its success with the enthusiastic participation of the entire national people including the delegates by doing their bit with nationalistic spirit and Union Spirit.

Exhibitions to mark Armed Forces Day staged

YANGON, 1 April — The 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Commemorative Exhibition continued at the Defence Services Museum on Shwedagon Pagoda Road today.

At the booths on nation-building endeavours, a computer quiz is being held from noon to 2 pm daily and prizes are presented to winners during the period of the exhibition.

Over 1,000 people including foreigners visited the exhibition today. The exhibition will be kept open to 4 April. Similarly, Literary & Arts Competitions and Exhibition honouring the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day continued for the seventh day at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wizara Road from 9 am to 5 pm today. In the exhibition, the quiz is being held and cash prizes are awarded to the winners. The competitions continue up to 4 April. — 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

Myanmar delegation arrives back from Singapore

YANGON, 1 April — A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo arrived back here today after attending the Global Asia Security-2005 Exhibition and Conference in Singapore.

The exhibition and conference were held from 29 to 31 March.

The delegation was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen



Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo being welcomed back from Singapore.— MNA

Phone Swe, First Secretary of the Singapore Embassy Mr Low Mun Hong, heads of depart-

ment and families.

The members of the delegation Deputy Director-General of Myanmar

Police Force Col Zaw Win and other officials also arrived back here on the same flight. — MNA

Free Phuket trip for Tiger open winners

YANGON, 1 April — Handsome prizes will be presented to the winners of the Tiger championship opened to all amateur golfers. The golf tourney will be held on 5 April at Punhlaing Golf Course in Yangon under the sponsorship of Myanmar Brewery Ltd.

The prize for the winners of the tourney will be a free ticket each for Tiger Skin open to be held at the Blue Canyon Golf Course in Phuket, Thailand, on 16 and 17 April, and the permission to participate in the open as guest players during the free-of-charge three-night-stay visit.

US Open champions, Retief Goosen, Colin Montgomerie and Thomas Bjorn and women's champion Miss Se Pi Pak of Republic of Korea will take part in the Tiger Skin open. Amateur golfers may buy entry forms at Han Golf Masters Pro-Shops. For more information, contact Han Event Management or dial 542989 or 09-99-72554. — MNA

Tube well and roads opened to honour Armed Forces Day

YANGON, 1 April — In commemoration of the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, the new gravel entrance road to the Government Technological College, undertaken by Bhamo Township Development Affairs Committee, was opened on 20 March, attended by Chairman of Bhamo District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Hla Thuang. The road is 12 feet wide and 3,900 feet long.

Similarly, Chairman of Magway Division PDC Col Phone Maw Shwe on 26 March, opened 22nd tar road with 18 feet in width and 950 in length in Aungmyadana Ward constructed by Magway District DAC.

Likewise, the new tar roads in Pekhon Township, Shan State (South) and Namhkam Township, Shan State (North) and Waingmaw Township, Kachin State were opened on 23 March; the road repaved by Myothit Township DAC in Magway Division on 27 March. Singu gravel road in Kyaiklat Township and the tar road in Shwebo Township were also opened on 21 March. Furthermore, the new tube-well was inaugurated in Htanaungpin Village, NyaungU Township was inaugurated on 26 March.

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On-job training course of Social Welfare Department concludes

YANGON, 1 April — The on-job training course for staff officers of the Social Welfare Department concluded this morning at the Social Welfare Institute of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlements in Mayangon Township.

The conclusion ceremony was attended by Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Officer on Special Duty Brig-Gen Thura Sein Thuang, Fire Services Department Director-General U Myint Tun, directors of the Social Welfare Department and the principal of the institute.

The minister spoke on the occasion and presented completion certificates to the trainees.

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UDE intensive courses for 2004-2005 starts April 21

YANGON, 1 April — Intensive courses for the 2004-2005 academic year for fourth year students majoring in law of Yangon University of Distance Education will be conducted from 21 to 30 April at Dagon University, Yangon East University, Mawlamyine University, Patheingyi University, Sittway University, Pyaw University, Toungoo University and Dawei University. Final examinations will be held at the universities from 4 to 10 May 2005. Those students who registered at Dagon Branch of the YUDE are to attend the course and sit for their exam at the Dagon University. Those registered at the East Branch of the YUDE are to attend the course and sit for their exam at the Yangon East University. Students who registered at the town branches of the YUDE are to attend the course and sit for their exam at the respective universities. Further detailed notices will be announced at the branches of the YUDE, it is learnt. — MNA

All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased



Emperor penguins look up at a giant imposter at Tokyo's Ueno Zoo, Japan on 1 April, 2005. Zoo director Teruyuki Komiya dressed up for a stint in the penguin enclosure for the annual April Fool event to display a human being at the zoo.

INTERNET

Indian PM leaves for Mauritius to widen ties

NEW DELHI, 31 March — Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh left for Mauritius on Wednesday for a four-day visit, emphasizing that India would seek to deepen and widen relations with Mauritius.

Describing Mauritius as a friendly gateway to African continent, Singh told reporters before his departure that his visit is aimed at further strengthening the vast framework of the bilateral interactions.

During his stay, the Prime Minister will hold wide-ranging talks on bi-

lateral, regional and international issues with Mauritian Prime Minister Paul Raymond Berenger, call on President Aneerood Jugnauth and meet opposition leader Navinchandra Ramgoolam. He will also address the Mauritian National Assembly.

"I hope to discuss with

Mauritian leadership ways of further deepening the economic content of our relations through early conclusion of negotiations on a comprehensive economic cooperation and partnership agreement," Singh said.

Aspects related to strengthening bilateral cooperation in defence and security areas, including counter-terrorism, human resources development, air links and cultural contacts are also expected to figure in the discussions, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Nepal, S Korea sign cultural exchange agreement

KATHMANDU, 31 March — The governments of Nepal and South Korea here on Wednesday signed an agreement on cultural exchange, making South Korea the ninth country to reach such an agreement with Nepal.

The agreement will come into effect a month after it was signed and will be renewed every five years, said a statement released by the Nepali Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation.

Under the agreement, bilateral cooperation on culture, art, education, youth, sports and tourism as well as exchange of radio and television programmes, and visual will be promoted between the two countries.

The two countries will prepare a separate action plan on the subjects of the agreement, which is expected to boost the development of culture, art, sports and tourism sector both at the government and non-government level, the statement noted. — MNA/Xinhua

Nepal-Pakistan economic talks conclude

KATHMANDU, 31 March — The fifth session of the Nepal-Pakistan Joint Economic Commission which started on Tuesday concluded here Wednesday afternoon, the Nepali Finance Ministry said.

According to the minutes of talks signed by

both sides after the meeting, Pakistan offered five-million-US-dollar credit facility to Nepal and asked Nepal to utilize the amount for the furtherance of bilateral economic relations.

Nepali Finance Minister Madhukar

Shumshere Rana and Pakistani Minister of State for Economic Affairs Hina Rabbani Khar, leaders of the two delegations, discussed broadening and diversifying bilateral economic relations during the meeting, the ministry said in a Press statement.

MNA/Xinhua

Working toward a New Asian-African Strategic Partnership".

"The task at hand is to give concrete form to that partnership by translating the broad vision of the first generation of Asian and African leaders into pragmatic and realistic measures," Foreign Minister Hassan Wirajuda said in a statement reaching here Wednesday.

MNA/Xinhua

Italian PM announces plan to withdraw troops from Iraq

ROME, 31 March—Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi announced on Thursday that Italy plans to withdraw the first 300 soldiers out of its 3,000 troops from Iraq in September.

"There is already a plan for the withdrawal of 300 of our soldiers without weakening our presence (in Iraq) at the end of September," he said in an interview with the state television RAI.

However, he added that he still needed approval of both the US-led coalition forces in Iraq and the Iraqi government to carry out the plan.

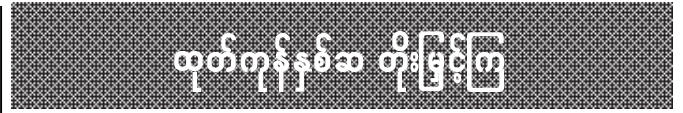
The Prime Minister said that Italy mapped out the plan because Iraqi security forces will finish training by the end of August and therefore be capable of

maintaining the country's stability and security.

As a result, it will be redundant then to have foreign troops in Iraq, said.

Berlusconi's announcement is widely seen as an apparent gesture aimed at wooing voters in the regional elections scheduled for 3-4 April.

Most Italians are opposed to the deployment in Iraq and the domestic call for withdrawal is on the increase since an intelligence officer was killed by US forces while escorting a released hostage to an Iraqi airport.—Internet



Singapore PM sends condolences to Indonesian President

SINGAPORE, 31 March — Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong sent a letter of condolences to Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono over a massive earthquake that hit the country on Monday, according to a statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Wednesday.

In the letter, Lee expressed his condolences and sympathies to the families of the victims of the disaster and offered Singapore's assistance with the relief and rescue efforts, the statement said.

An 8.7-magnitude earthquake hit the northern part of Indonesia's Sumatra Island on Monday, causing great loss of

lives and mass destruction.

Singapore's Defence Ministry said that three C-130 transport planes deployed by the ministry arrived in Indonesia's Medan on Wednesday afternoon, with additional personnel and medical supplies onboard.

Meanwhile, another 15-member medical team also arrived in Pulau Nias to help the Indonesian au-

thorities set up medical facilities, according to the ministry.

On Tuesday, Singapore sent three Chinook helicopters with medical and rescue teams to the disaster-affected area, and a total of 77 personnel from Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) are working in Pulau Nias and Medan at present.

MNA/Xinhua

Asian, African diplomats convene in Jakarta for summit preparation

JAKARTA, 31 March — Senior officials from Asian and African countries here Wednesday began the two-day preparatory meeting for the upcoming Asian-African Summit with delegates joining a one-minute silence in honour of those who died in the Monday's earthquake off Sumatra Island.

Organizers said the senior officials' meeting was attended by 173 delegates from 59 countries and chaired by Indonesian Foreign Affairs Ministry's Secretary-General Sudjad-nan Parnohadiningrat.

Indonesia will host the Asian-African Summit on April 22-23 to commemorate the golden jubilee of

historic gathering of Asian-African leaders in the West Java town of Bandung in 1955, that gave a birth to the Non-Aligned Movement and the anti-colonialism and anti-racial segregation principles. The forthcoming summit will bring the theme of "Reinvigorating the Bandung Spirit:

Working toward a New Asian-African Strategic Partnership".

"The task at hand is to give concrete form to that partnership by translating the broad vision of the first generation of Asian and African leaders into pragmatic and realistic measures," Foreign Minister Hassan Wirajuda said in a statement reaching here Wednesday.

"In doing so, we will have to explore and arrive at innovative ways and modalities for the launching and strengthening of our cooperation in the political-security, economic and socio-cultural fields, which will form the three pillars of our overall cooperation," he added.

MNA/Xinhua



Australian soldiers guard the perimeter of the Australian Embassy in Baghdad on 31 March, 2005. — INTERNET

Wen Jiabao underscores need for control of overheating economy

BEIJING, 31 March— Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao underscores the necessity of strict control of China's overheating economy at an executive meeting of the State Council, or the central government, he presided over here Wednesday.

The meeting cited the in-depth development of economic structural reform as a "major task" of his government to fulfil this year.

By analysing the present supply and demand situation and prices in the steel industry, the meeting underlined both the urgency and importance of macroscopic control of the industry and taking direct tough measures to cope with the hiking price of iron ore on the international market.

China is required to sternly control the export of steel products and strengthen the coordination and management of iron ore imports, the meeting found.

Meanwhile, the

meeting called for the rigid control of overheating investments in fixed assets, especially in the real estate and urban development sectors, so as to cool down the excessive demand for production materials such as steel, a substantial step crucial to maintaining stable economic growth.

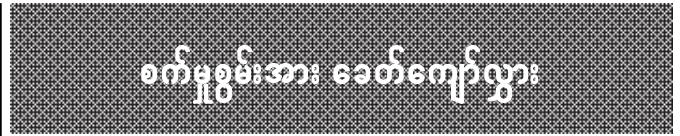
The meeting prompted the government to put due effort into implementing the tasks included in the work report delivered at the Third Session of the Tenth National People's Congress (NPC) on 5 March.

Unstable and unhealthy factors should be eliminated from the country's national economy and the foundation

for macro-control has yet to be consolidated during the current period of reform, noted the meeting, and they constitute essential steps to build a harmonious country with each element of society well developed.

To coordinate the work between agriculture and industry, rural and urban areas, economic and social development, domestic development and opening-up to the outside world are also of great importance, the meeting said.

MNA/Xinhua



Fishermen are pictured on the shrinking banks of the Ganges River in North India on 31 March, 2005.—INTERNET

Residents in S Thailand evacuated after Indonesian earthquake

BANGKOK, 31 March — Residents living in Thailand's southern coastal areas are being evacuated early Tuesday morning, a precaution against possible tsunami attacks following a strong earthquake in Indonesia. The evacuation is being carried out in the coastal areas and low lands in the kingdom's six southern provinces hit by tsunami on 26 December last year, reported the local iTV.

An earthquake measuring 8.2 on the Richter Scale occurred in Indonesia's Sumatra Island at 23:09 pm Monday night. The strong seism was felt in southern Thailand, where several tourist hot sites are located.

The wave of earthquake was also felt in the capital Bangkok, which lies more than 1,000 kilometres away from the centre of the earthquake. People living in Bangkok's high-rises reported sway of building lasting for some five minutes.—MNA/Xinhua



Children dressed in costumes take part in a procession during the bun festival on Cheung Chau island, Hong Kong recently.—INTERNET

Thaksin satisfied with quick reaction to tremor

BANGKOK, 31 March — Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra has praised officials for their quick reaction to the tsunami threat after a violent earthquake hit Indonesia on Monday night.

"We can now tell the world we have learned from past experience, and the country has done much better as far as tsunami alert is concerned," Thaksin was quoted by *Bangkok Post* newspaper as saying Wednesday.

The tsunami warning was issued to six coastal provinces in southern Thailand about half an hour after the 8.7 magnitude quake struck the Sumatra Island of Indonesia, said Chalermchai Ekkarntong, the acting chief of the Meteorological Department.

Locals and tourists in the affected region were bombarded with tsunami alert by television and radio broadcast along with the wailing of

evacuation sirens.

People were evacuated to higher ground and the warning was dropped three hours later as no tsunami was reported.

No casualties from the quake have been reported in Thailand but some buildings in the South have small damages.

Thailand will press ahead with building its own early warning system

which, in the future, would be linked with the international network, said the Prime Minister.

However, Smith Dharmasarojana, assistant to the Prime Minister's Office Minister, said there were still flaws to the country's warning system as people should not have been evacuated to only one location while many

fishermen could not be convinced to take their boats to safety areas off shore.

Thaksin said the preliminary warning system, which could sent alerts to mobile phone message and television and radio stations, will be completed next month in the six provinces hit by the 26 December tsunami.—MNA/Xinhua

Surging oil prices in India may pull down GDP growth

SINGAPORE, 31 March — Indian Finance Minister P Chidambaram Tuesday feared that surging global oil prices may pull down India's economic growth by 0.5 per cent but expected stable interest rates to spur investment.

"We will be hurt in terms of growth. We think it (oil price rise) hurts growth by about 0.5 per cent a year,"

Chidambaram, currently on a visit to Singapore, told reporters here.

As per CSO estimates, India's GDP is slated to

grow by 6.9 per cent this fiscal against the 8.5 per cent in 2003-04.

Ahead of Reserve Bank's slack season credit policy in April end, Chidambaram said he expects interest rates to remain stable over the medium term despite the pressure on prices and bond yields on account of global crude price rise.

"Indian banks are flush with money. There is huge liquidity in the system. In the medium term, I think interest rates will remain stable," he said.

Reserve Bank kept the benchmark Bank Rate at 6 per cent despite the surge in inflation last year. Following fiscal and monetary measures, inflation has subsided and so has yields on government bonds.—MNA/PTI

1,532 US troops killed since beginning of Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 31 March—As of Thursday, 31 March, 2005, at least 1,532 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an *Associated Press* count. At least 1,161 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department. The figures include four military civilians.

The AP count is three higher than the Defence Department's tally, last updated at 10 am EST Thursday.

The British military has reported 86 deaths; Italy, 21; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, eight; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador,

Hungary, Kazakhstan and Latvia one death each.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,394 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,052 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.—Internet

Focus ASEAN+2 to strengthen trade, political ties

NEW DELHI, 31 March — Federal Government on Tuesday said the Focus ASEAN+2 programme would not only help in supplementing effort of exporting communities and boosting India's exports but also strengthen bilateral economic and political ties with countries in ASEAN region and Australia and New Zealand.

"The Focus ASEAN+2 programme launched by our government will not only smoothen the trade flow but also play an important role in strengthening our relations, both economic and political in the region," Minister of State for Commerce & Industry EVKS Elangovan said at a seminar on Focus ASEAN+2.

It would help in supplementing the effort of exporting communities and boost India's exports. The programme will also help in strengthening bilateral economic relationship with countries in ASEAN region and Australia and New Zealand, he said.

The growing trade with ASEAN reflected the importance of the region

for India in general and exports in particular, he said adding India's exports to the region grew by 25.54 per cent during 2003-04 amounting to 5,798 million US dollars.

"The economies of countries in Southeast Asia are sound providing ample scope for further growth of our exports in the region," he said. —MNA/PTI



Toyota Motor's assembly line in Toyota city, central Japan, on 1 April, 2005.—INTERNET

WB approves \$100m to improve education in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 31 March—The World Bank Board of Directors has approved a 100-million-US-dollar credit for Pakistan's Punjab Province to improve quality and access to education achieved under a similar credit last year, said a Press release issued by the Bank Wednesday.

Although Punjab has slightly better education indicators than other provinces, it still trails behind in comparison to low-income areas in the region. The rate of participation in the education sector is very low, with 47 per cent male and 43 per cent female primary net enrollment rates, said the Press release.

MNA/Xinhua

Pakistan launches nat'l campaign against high child mortality

ISLAMABAD, March 31 — Pakistan's National Commission for Human Development on Wednesday launched a national Oral Rehydration Solution (ORS) campaign to lower the number of children deaths from diarrhoea in the country, where more than one million children die of diarrhoea every year.

Addressing a meeting held here, Pakistan's First Lady Begum Sebba Musharraf said high infant and child mortality posed a serious challenge in the country and the government was fully committed to lowering the infant and maternal mortality rate through all possible intervention.

Diarrhoea is the leading child killer in developing countries like Pakistan where it causes 30 per cent of deaths each year, Begum said, adding the ORS campaign would not only assist poor families in administering ORS which helped save their medical ex-

penses, but more importantly lowered the number of children deaths from diarrhoea.

She appealed to every educated woman in the country to come forward in joining hands in the national efforts to save the precious lives of children.

The National Commission for Human Development trained 678,000 mothers last year in its pilot project for ORS and it plans to train seven million mothers over the next three years, according to a Press release distributed at the meeting.

MNA/Xinhua

Laos, S'pore agree to boost investment, tourism, trade cooperation

HANOI, 31 March — Laos and Singapore will make greater efforts in beefing up bilateral cooperation on many fields, including investment, tourism and trade, according to sources from Laos on Wednesday.

Lao Prime Minister Bounnhang Vorachit and his Singaporean counterpart Lee Hsien Loong made the statement on 29 March in Laos' Vientiane capital. During their talks, they also highly valued the relations and cooperation between the two countries, which are developing soundly in many fields, particularly exchanges of high-ranking and technical delegations.

Singapore has strongly assisted Laos in human resources development. To date, 2,700 Lao officials have been trained with support from Singapore.

Lee Hsien Loong arrived at Vientiane on March 29. During his two-day state visit to Laos, he paid a courtesy visit to Lao President Khamtay Siphandone, and visited socioeconomic establishments in the capital.

MNA/Xinhua

India goes for defence purchase, upgradation worth 38.2b rupees

NEW DELHI, 31 March — Within days of US making offer to sell warplanes, India Tuesday announced a number of defence acquisitions and upgradations worth 38.2 billion rupees and decided to hold negotiations for purchase of 12 French-made *Mirage 2005* fighters from Qatar.

The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS), chaired by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, also cleared induction of nine off-shore patrol vessels for the Navy, purchase of one *C-303* submarine-fired torpedo decoy system from Italy and upgradation of 14 aircraft carrier-based British-made *Sea Harriers* planes.

MNA/PTI

UAE passes zero-deficit 2005 budget

ABU DHABI, 31 March — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has ratified its 2005 budget, the official WAM news agency reported on Wednesday.

The budget, ratified in a federal law issued by UAE President Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed al-Nahayan, is the first to have a zero deficit in the country's 24 years.

According to the federal law, both federal revenues and expenditure are projected at 6.20 billion US dollars. General education is earmarked 1.06 billion US dollars, or about 17 per cent

of the total federal budget. Power generation and distribution get 459 million US dollars, while medical services had 268.5 million US dollars.

The social welfare programme is allocated 214.5 million US dollars, and foreign affairs activities 170 million dollars, WAM said, quoting the law.

MNA/Xinhua



A US military Bradley armoured vehicle, viewed through a shattered windshield of a car, arrives at the scene of a car bomb explosion in Abu Ghraib, west of Baghdad on 30 March, 2005.—INTERNET

US captain guilty of Iraq killing

BAGHDAD, 31 March—A military court has found a US army captain guilty of killing a wounded Iraqi man in central Iraq last year.

Capt Rogelio Maynulet, 30, said he shot the man, who had been wounded in a clash with US soldiers, in order to end his suffering.

The court based in Wiesbaden, Germany, found Maynulet guilty of assault with intent to commit manslaughter.

The panel will later discuss a sentence for the charge, which carries a maximum of 10 years in prison.

The prosecution had pressed for a conviction on the more serious charge of assault with intent to commit murder, which can carry a 20-year jail sentence.—Internet

US Marine killed in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 31 March — A US Marine was killed on Wednesday when a land mine struck a US patrol on a road in Iraq's western Anbar Province, the US military said in a statement.

"A Marine assigned to 2nd Force Service Support Group was killed in action today while conducting a combat logistics patrol enroute to Al Qaim," the Qatar-based el-Jazeera TV channel quoted the statement as saying.

The US patrol was on its way to Al-Qaem area close to the Syrian border, which is an area with a heavy insurgency presence, added the el-Jazeera.

MNA/Xinhua

Iranian President inspects key N-facilities

TEHRAN, 31 March—Iranian President Mohammad Khatami on Wednesday inspected two important nuclear facilities in central Iran to show the country's determination and ability to press ahead with efforts to acquire nuclear technology, according to the official IRNA news agency.

Khatami, accompanied by senior officials including head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization (IAEO) Gholam Reza Aqazadeh, inspected the uranium enrichment facilities in Natanz and the uranium processing plant in Isfahan, said the report.

The President was briefed during the inspection on nuclear development by deputy head of the IAEO Mohammad Saeedi.

Saeedi was quoted as saying that the uranium enrichment project in Natanz is the "heart of the fuel cycle" of Iran and enjoys the highest level of fuel cycle technology.

"This project has been implemented to provide nuclear fuel needed for both the nuclear reactors which will come on stream in the future and the Bushehr power plant," Saeedi said.

But he stressed Iran had frozen all uranium enrichment in the Natanz facility since last November.

"If Iran was not going through the voluntary enrichment suspension period, the Natanz Project would have been inaugurated last year," said Saeedi, adding that all parts of the centrifuges used in the Natanz complex were manufactured by Iranian

experts.

Iran, accused by the United States of developing nuclear weapons secretly, is under mounting international pressure to give up uranium enrichment programme.

The Islamic Republic denied the US charge, saying its nuclear activities were for fully peaceful purposes and it would never abandon its legitimate rights. However, Iran has suspended activities related to uranium enrichment as confidence-building gesture to pave the way for negotiations with the European Union.

MNA/Xinhua

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Japanese kindergarten pupils on March, 2005.—INTERNET

Signing of Bangladesh-Pakistan FTA urged

DHAKA, 31 March—A delegation of the Karachi chamber on Tuesday urged the governments of Bangladesh and Pakistan to sign bilateral free trade agreement (FTA) to intensify bilateral trade and investment.

The visiting delegation of the Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry said here Tuesday that the FTA will help Pakistanis to grab a significant market share in Bangladesh with a special focus on textile raw material export, *The New Age* reported Wednesday.

Khalid Firoz, president of the chamber, urged the governments of both countries "to sign FTA without further delay."

Khalid said Bangladeshi businessmen should

also take an aggressive strategy to explore and expand market in Pakistan.

The president of the chamber, the largest business association in Pakistan, said during their eight-day visit that they would study industrial sectors where joint ventures could be set-up. Export-oriented ready made garment sector in Bangladesh is a market with very much potential for Pakistani textile raw material producers, said a member of the delegation.

MNA/Xinhua



A Chinese scavenger digs inside a garbage bin at a busy street in the financial capital of Shanghai on 31 March, 2005.—INTERNET

Xinjiang to protect largest regional lake with Kuwaiti Govt loan

URUMQI, 31 March—Northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region has received a 34-million-US-dollar loan from the Kuwaiti Government for a huge ecological project designed to protect Bosten Lake, the largest freshwater lake in the region.

The project, aiming to preserve the lake's ecosystem, may cost 603 million yuan (72 million US dollars), including 284 million yuan (34 million US dollars) in loans from the Kuwaiti Government and 319 million yuan (38 million US dollars) of do-

mestic funds, a spokesman with the regional government said Tuesday.

The ecological scheme composed of a series of engineering projects to preserve wetlands around Bosten Lake will save water, plant more forests and monitor

water pollution more closely, the official said without giving his name.

He said the project will help economize irrigation water and consequently improve the environment around the Bosten Lake, boost the sustainable social and economic deve-

lopment in the region and provide adequate water supply to the Tarim River.

Located in the heart of the Tianshan Mountains, Bosten Lake covers an area of 972 square kilometres. It is the biggest lake in the region and one of the biggest freshwater lakes in China.

MNA/Xinhua

SAIF Zone beckons investments from India

CHENNAI, 31 March—Sharjah Airport International Free Zone (SAIF), the first airport free zone in the United Arab Emirates, is on an aggressive marketing campaign to lure Indian companies to set up operations there.

Saqer R H Al Qassemi, its Deputy Director-General, in a presentation to corporates here, claimed SAIF Zone was an ideal hub for all type of businesses, which require fast, efficient and trouble-free working environment.

He said Indian companies constitute 48 per cent of the 1,612 companies in the zone. Leading firms like

Godrej, Zee, Ashok Leyland, Infosys, Mahindra and ICICI Infotech have established their businesses in the zone, which has an area of 15 million square metres.

"About 55 per cent of the space is occupied," Qassemi told reporters, adding that SAIF Zone was keen to have more investments from India.

Top officials of the zone, including Qassemi and Humaid Abdullah Al-Khatiri, senior marketing & sales officer, have also made presentations to companies in Bhubaneswar and Kolkata during this trip.

They would also travel to Bangalore and Mumbai to invite Indian companies to invest in the SAIF Zone, he said. — MNA/PTI

Chinese banks issue hefty loans for south-to-north water diversion

BEIJING, 31 March—A group of seven Chinese banks agreed here on Tuesday to grant a combined 48.8 billion yuan (5.9 billion US dollars) in loans to finance the eastern and central sections of the country's ambitious south-to-north water diversion project.

According to an agreement signed jointly by the banks, China Development Bank will be the key provider, targeting an issuance of 21.3 billion yuan (2.6 billion dollars) in loans.

The remaining loans will come from the China Construction Bank, Bank of China, Agricultural

Bank of China, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, Shanghai Pudong Development Bank and CITIC Industrial Bank.

This will be the largest sum of group loans from banks for any project in the country.

The massive water project to relieve the country's drought-ridden north

by diverting water from the Yangtze River, is larger even than the Three Gorges hydro-power and conservancy project. Up to 44.8 billion cubic metres of water will be diverted through three canals to the north, about the annual volume of the Yellow River in a normal year.

MNA/Xinhua

Saudi Arabia to double oil exports to India

ABU DHABI, 31 March—Saudi Oil Minister Ali Bin Ibrahim al-N'aimi has said his country was ready to double oil supplies to India, the *Arab News* reported Wednesday.

India imports currently 60 per cent of 430,000 barrels per day (BPD) from Saudi Arabia.

The increase was announced at a meeting between N'aimi and his Indian counterpart Mani Shankar Aiyar in the Saudi capital Riyadh, during which the two sides discussed a proposal to set up an oil refinery in India as part of a joint initiative to boost cooperation between the two countries' energy sectors.

The new joint venture will import Saudi crude to supply India's burgeoning energy market.

MNA/Xinhua

Blood is thicker than water

Aung Thein (Dawei)

(Continued from yesterday)

Thein: There's a book "Federal Government" written by KC Wheare and published in 1953 by Oxford University. It says a federal union is constituted with independent provinces to achieve common goals without inflicting harm upon the independence. Any province has the right to secede from the union of its own accord if it wants to.

Phyo: The definition is fascinating. I think it attracts everybody.

Thein: Oh, you shouldn't think so. It is indeed like a live coal. Supposing if there is a fire in a town due to that coal on fire, the fire might be within the limit. But, if there is a fire of federal system, the entire Union will collapse and the entire national people will get into a great trouble. Due to the federal fire, a civil war broke out in the US between 1861 and 1865 and it lost a great number of lives and property.

Phyo: By the way, I would like to put you a question. In the world, how many countries are there that drew state constitution based on the federal principle?

Thein: As far as I know, the US, Canada, Australia, South Africa, India and Switzerland.

Phyo: These countries are practising their policies in accord with the federal principle, then.

Thein: No country is practising federal principle. It is just on paper. There are only few real federal unions, and really these countries run their administrative machinery through the Unitary State system.

Phyo: Why Shan State proposed the federal principle in the time of the Pa-Hta-Sa Government in 1962? And what was their aim?

Thein: Openly, it was just an attempt to secede from the Union with reference to Section 202 of the 1947 Constitution of the Union of Myanmar, which said that 10 years after the nation had regained independence, a state could secede from the Union if it wanted to. Shan State proposed the federal principle with the intention of seceding from the Union.

Phyo: What happened next?

Thein: That proposal did not reflect at all the desire of the entire people of Shan State. So it can be deduced that the proposal was just for the self-interests of the then Sawbwas (Shan ethnic leaders) and their relatives and associates. Under the political jargon, it would not be wrong to describe it to be the last reactionary act of feudalism.

Phyo: Well, I'd like to know why the Tatmadaw took over the State power from the Pa-Hta-Sa Government on 2 March 1962. I wonder if it

was because of the federal principle or other reasons.

Thein: The Tatmadaw had not any other reason except its concern over the imminent disintegration of the Union.

Phyo: What makes you say so, and do you have any evidences?

Thein: Certainly! If in doubt, you can study the book "Myanmar Politics volume IV (1958-62) published by the News and Periodicals Enterprise. The conference of the Shan sawbwas held at Mongyai in 1956 passed a resolution to establish a Shan republic after seceding from the Union. They again held the conference in Lashio in 1957 and reaffirmed the agreement and also passed a resolution that they would resort to the armed revolt if the case did not make any progress. At the meeting of Shan State Council in Taunggyi on 18 May 1958, the chairman of Shan State, also the former foreign affairs minister, said that the

The Shan nationals insurgents' political slogans depicted the echoing of the Shan sawbwas "the framing of Constitution based on federal system, and establishment of a Shan republic. Yet, the Tatmadaw had already realized the incidents from the very beginning to the very end, and so it had to take over the State power from the Pa-Hta-Sa Government so as to avoid disintegration of the Union.

split of the AFPFL government created favourable grounds for Shan State to secede from the Union. He said it was an important case for Shan State. And Shan State had to submit the matter of sufferings Shan State faced as an important case to the government.

Phyo: How interesting it is!

Thein: In 1959, the ruling government compensated the sawbwas for their relinquishing of power. However, they weren't satisfied with the government at all. The Nyaungshwe Sawbwa, the very first president of Myanmar, was absent from the ceremony to relinquish power and privileges and he even accused the other sawbwas of selling out the Shan State. Prior to the ceremony, they secretly recruited local people and stockpiled arms and ammunition to put into motion the resolution of Mongyai conference. There broke out the armed revolt of Shan nationals against the government,

following the ceremony to relinquish power and privileges in November in 1959.

Phyo: Go on, please!

Thein: In 1960-61 in some regions, Shan national insurgents exchanged poppy with arms and ammunition from nationalist Chinese. At the same time, they also contacted the SEATO, a US military bloc, for weaponry. They also persuaded local people to rise against the ruling government under the pretext of opposing the racialism. The Shan nationals insurgents' political slogans depicted the echoing of the Shan sawbwas "the framing of Constitution based on federal system, and establishment of a Shan republic. Yet, the Tatmadaw had already realized the incidents from the very beginning to the very end, and so it had to take over the State power from the Pa-Hta-Sa Government so as to avoid disintegration of the Union.

Phyo: All in all, those who are resorting to all possible ways and means in the past and at present to break up our nation are just the colonialists and their lackeys or reactionary forces wishing to revive the federal principle. Had the Tatmadaw failed to safeguard and protect the nation at that times, our nation would have been under the alien subjugation again. That is why the government took lessons from these historic events and included the fact into the 104 basic principles enabling the Tatmadaw to play a leading role in the national politics in the future State. So, the historic incidents have already reflected that the Myanmar's political role and the Tatmadaw are inseparable like the head and tail of a coin.

Phyo: Now, I'd like to cite the message sent to mark the 58th Anniversary of the Union Day that fell on 12 February 2005 by Head of State Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe. It said "It is necessary for the entire national people to remain vigilant with nationalistic awareness that the old and new colonialists alike bent on occupying or holding sway over our Union have hatched wicked schemes to weaken our national solidarity, which is foundation of the Union, and attempted and are still attempting to dissolve the national strength." Therefore, I would like to remind the entire people to adhere to the saying that goes "Blood is thicker than water."

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Translation: MS

China launches "green storm" against forest destruction

BEIJING, 1 April— The State Forestry Administration (SFA) released a blacklist of 10 major cases of forest destruction since 2003 on Wednesday, unveiling a national campaign to crack down on deforestation.

The 75-day-long campaign, which is organized jointly by the SFA and the Ministry of Public Security, is designed to "clean up" all the major cases of deforestation, said Lei Jiafu, SFA's deputy director-general.

The 10 violators are accused of stealing forestland to build railways, highways, reservoirs and mines or poaching endangered wildlife. The SFA has set up special work teams to promote and supervise the investigation and handling of the cases,

said Lei.

"The results will be released in June," he said, adding that governmental efforts to curb illegal logging have shifted from individual violators to violations by businesses and the government.

During the period from 1999 to 2003, more than 10 million hectares of forestland were misused and the annual illegally-logged timber volume exceeded 75 million cubic metres, SFA statistics show.

Local governments' greed and ineffective supervision of the forestry department were blamed as the major reasons for increasing deforestation violations in recent years.

MNA/Xinhua

US accusation of China's human rights denounced

BEIJING, 1 April — "The United States should stop using human rights as an excuse to interfere into other countries' internal affairs and pay more attention to its own human rights problems," Foreign Ministry Spokesman Liu Jianchao said here Wednesday.

Liu said the American side should change its wrong practice of confrontation on human rights issues.

He made this remark when asked to comment on a report issued by the US State Department on human rights records of 98 countries and regions for the period of 2004 and 2005.

"This report played the old tone of irresponsibly condemning the Chinese Government and stigmatizing China's human rights records. We firmly oppose it," Liu said.

MNA/Xinhua



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Advanced and Basic Tailoring Courses conclude in States and Divisions

YANGON, 1 April — The Advanced Tailoring Course No 10 and the Basic Tailoring Course No 38 concluded at the hall of Women's Vocational Training School in Lashio this morning.

Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing spoke on the occasion. A total of six trainees attended the advanced course and 49 at the basic course. Similarly, the ceremony to conclude the Advanced Tailoring Course

No 10 and the Basic Tailoring Course No 38 was held at the Women's Vocational Training School in Kengtung, with an address by Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw. Altogether 14 trainees attended the advanced course and 21 at the basic course.

Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint delivered

an address at the concluding ceremony of the Advanced Tailoring Course No 9 and the Basic Tailoring Course No 38 at the Women's Vocational Training School in Myeik. Seven trainees attended the advanced course and 34, the basic one.

Likewise, Advanced Tailoring Courses and the Basic Tailoring Courses concluded at the Women's Vocational Training Schools in Muse, Monghsat, Tachilek, Loikaw, Hpa-an, Myawady, Ye, Kawthoung and Maungtau. — MNA

Meeting to host Workshop and Exhibitions on Traditional Handicraft of ASEAN and ROK held

YANGON, 1 April — A coordination meeting to host Workshop and Exhibitions on Traditional handicraft of ASEAN and Republic of Korea will be hosted in Myanmar in 2005, it is necessary to organize sub-committees and prepare for displaying Myanmar handicraft.

Participants at the meeting took part in the discussions. Also present at the meeting were Deputy Minister for Cul-

ture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, Director-General U Aung Bwa of ASEAN Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Director-General U Myint Thein Swe of Department of Cultural Institute, Director-General U Kyaw Win of Archaeology Department, Director-General U Ngwe Tun of Fine Arts Department and officials. — MNA

Regional development course concludes

YANGON, 1 April — Special course No 4 on regional development concluded at Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township, Yangon Division, today, with an address by Deputy Minis-

ter for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe. The deputy minister also presented certificates to the trainees.

Deputy ministers, the deputy attorney-general, members of Civil

Service Selection and Training Board, the CICS rector and officials were also present.

The trainees also presented cash donations for the Lawka Chantha Abaya Labha Muni Pagoda and Koenawin Pagoda. — MNA

Thitseint oil produced, Thitseint saplings planted

YANGON, 1 April — Under the supervision of the Chairman of Shan State (South) Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command, the production of Thitseint oil was held in conjunction with the ceremony to plant

Thitseint saplings (Beleric myrobalan) at the local battalion in Mongnai on 24 March.

Brig-Gen Thaug Aye of Mongnaung station spoke on the occasion.

Next, Brig-Gen Thaug Aye and wife presented seeds of Thitseint to regi-

ments and units, departments concerned and social organizations.

Those present viewed milling of Thitseint seeds to produce Thitseint oil. Later, Brig-Gen Thaug Aye and wife together with local people planted Thitseint saplings. — MNA

တီဘီရောဂါ ကာကွယ်နိုင်ရန်ရေး

(က) ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားကူးစက်ပုံ

- ဤရောဂါသည်တီဘီပိုးကြောင့်ဖြစ်သော ကူးစက်ရောဂါ ဖြစ်သည်။
- ဝေဒနာရင် ချောင်းဆိုးခြင်း၊ နှာချေခြင်း သလိပ်တံတွေးမှ တစ်ဆင့် ရောဂါပိုးများ လေထဲတွင်ပျံ့နှံ့၍ ကူးစက်သည်။
- အသက်အရွယ်မရွေး လူတိုင်းတွင်ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်သည်။
- အဆုတ်တွင်အများဆုံးဖြစ်ပွားပြီး ကိုယ်ခန္ဓာအနံ့အပြားတွင်လည်း ဖြစ်နိုင်သည်။
- ဆီးချိုရောဂါ၊ ခုခံအားကျဆင်းမှုကူးစက်ရောဂါနှင့် အာဟာရ ချို့တဲ့မှုရှိသူများတွင် အဖြစ်များသည်။

(ခ) ရောဂါလက္ခဏာများ

- ရက်ရှည်ချောင်းဆိုးခြင်း (ရက်သတ္တပတ် (၃) ပတ်နှင့်အထက်)။
- ချောင်းဆိုးသွေးပါခြင်း။
- သလိပ်တွင် သွေးပါခြင်း။
- အများတာရှည်ခြင်း။
- ခံတွင်းပျက်ခြင်း၊ မောပန်းလွယ်ခြင်း။
- ကိုယ်အလေးချိန်လျော့နည်း ဝိနံချိုးလာခြင်း။
- ကျောရင်အောင်ခြင်း။

(ဂ) ကြိုတင်ကာကွယ်ခြင်း

- ရင်သွေးငယ်များအား ကာကွယ်ဆေး(ဘီစီဂျီ) ကို မပျက်မကွက် ထိုးပေးပါ။
- အာဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအစာများကို စားသုံးပါ။
- သင်တင်လျှောက်ပတ်သောကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုပြုလုပ်ပါ။
- ချောင်းဆိုးခြင်း၊ နှာချေလျှင် လက်ကိုင်ပုလိကို အသုံးပြုပါ။
- သလိပ်နှင့်တံတွေးကိုစည်းကမ်းမဲ့ထွေးခြင်းမှရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- ဆေးလိပ်သောက်ခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

(ဃ) ကုသမှုလျှင်

- “တိုက်ရိုက်ကြည့်ရှု အချိန်တိုနှင့်ကု” နည်းဖြင့် ရောဂါ ပျောက်ကင်းသည်အထိ ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။
- ကုသမှုခံယူခြင်းသည်အခြားသူများသို့ ကူးစက်စေခြင်းမှ အကောင်းဆုံးကာကွယ်ခြင်းဖြစ်သည်။
- တီဘီရောဂါသံသယရှိလျှင် နီးစပ်ရာကျန်းမာရေးဌာနတွင် စစ်ဆေး၍ တီဘီရောဂါရှိပါက အစွမ်းထက်သော တီဘီဆေးဝါး များဖြင့် အခမဲ့ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

**ကျေးရွာတိုင်း ကိုယ့်အားကိုယ်ကိုးစာကြည့်တိုက်များ ထူထောင်ဖို့၊
ပိုင်းဝန်းကူညီဆောင်ရွက်ဖို့။**

၂၀၀၅-ခုနှစ်၊ မတ် (၁၅)ရက်နေ့ထိ နိုင်ငံအဝန်းတွင် ကျေးရွာ
ကိုယ့်အားကိုယ်ကိုးစာကြည့်တိုက် (၁၄၄၄)ခုကို ဖွင့်လှစ်ပြီး ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

ကျေးရွာကိုယ့်အားကိုး စာကြည့်တိုက်များအတွက်
သုတ/ရသစာအုပ်များကို
ပြန်ကြားရေးနှင့် ပြည်သူ့ဆက်ဆံရေး ဦးစီးဌာန ခရိုင်/မြို့နယ်ရုံးများသို့
လှူဒါန်းနိုင်ပါသည်။

**ပြန်ကြားရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန
ပြန်ကြားရေးနှင့် ပြည်သူ့ဆက်ဆံရေးဦးစီးဌာန**

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ပျောက်မှာသေချာ တီဘီရောဂါ**

- * ရက်သတ္တပတ် (၃)ပတ်ကျော် ချောင်းဆိုးလျှင် နီးစပ်ရာ ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနတွင် စစ်ဆေးပါ။
- * တီဘီလူနာများအား အစွမ်းထက်ဖြစ်သော တီဘီဆေး ဝါး များဖြင့် အခမဲ့ကုသပေးနေပါသည်။
- * တိုက်ရိုက်ကြည့်ရှု အချိန်တိုနှင့်ကုနည်းဖြင့်ကုသလျှင် တီဘီရောဂါ ပျောက်ကင်းပါသည်။

Htidaw hoisted atop Mapontahtaung Botahtaung Pagoda in Pyay

YANGON, 1 April — A ceremony to hoist Htidaw atop Mapontahtaung Botahtaung Pagoda in Pokhaung Ward of Pyay was held at the pagoda on 24 March.

Vice-Chairman of Bago Division (West) Sangha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vepulla administered the Five Precepts.

Chairman of Bago Division (West) Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Hla Min and wife, officials and wellwishers conveyed Seinbudaw, Hngetmyatnadaw and Htidaw round the pagoda. Next, they conveyed them atop the pagoda.—*MNA*

NCCC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially meets with delegates of National Convention before their departure.
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Yangon airport being extended



Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun and Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe inspect functions of X ray machine at Yangon International Airport.—*MNA*

YANGON, 1 April — Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe and Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, accompanied by Deputy F & R Minister Col Hla Thein Swe and officials, inspected extended construction of the Yangon International Airport this afternoon. At the briefing hall, those in charge reported on progress in construction tasks. The ministers, after giving

necessary instructions, looked into bags and luggage of air passengers which were being checked through X ray machine. Next, the ministers and party inspected the construction site for the airport extension and the site chosen for building of a warehouse of the Customs Department, and left necessary instructions there.

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Bayintnaung Food Centre (Restaurant & Hot Pot) opened

YANGON, 1 April — Bayintnaung Food Centre (Restaurant & Hot Pot) was opened at the restaurant on Parami Road in Hline Township yesterday evening.

Yunnan barbecue, hot pot and various kinds of juice are available at the restaurant from 9 am to 11 pm daily.

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Licences of Myanmar May Flower Bank, Asia Wealth Bank withdrawn Refunding of deposits will be commenced beginning 4 April State-owned banks, other private banks conduct banking business as usual

YANGON, 1 April — The Ministry of Finance and Revenue issued an announcement on 1 April 2005. The full text of the announcement is as follows.

In accordance with the 1990 Financial Institutions of Myanmar Law, Myanmar May Flower Bank and Asia Wealth Bank had been granted licence to operate banking business in 1994 and 1995 respectively.

After due investigation, these two banks are found not complying with the Financial Institutions of Myanmar Law and Rules, as such licence to operate banking business, issued to them have been withdrawn with effect from 31 March, 2005.

After withdrawing the banking licence, the Central Bank of Myanmar appoints the administrators to these two banks and their branches to undertake the refunding of deposits. In order to refund the deposits smoothly and without delay, the depositors will be refunded at the banks and branches, where they have initially deposited. In refunding the deposits, the customers' account numbers and the date to withdraw from their accounts will be posted on the notice boards at the respective banks and branches. Refunding of deposits will be commenced from Monday, 4 April 2005.

Persons who are liable to Myanmar May Flower Bank and Asia Wealth Bank concerning loans and overdraft, credit card and other outstanding liabilities are required to contact the respective banks and their branches and to settle their liabilities immediately. Failure to do so, they will be taken action under the existing laws.

As mentioned above, action is taken against only Myanmar May Flower Bank and Asia Wealth Bank in accordance with the Financial Institutions of Myanmar Law and it does not concern with other private banks.

State-owned banks and other private banks will conduct banking business as usual. —*MNA*

Local and foreign gem merchants checking jade lots around Myanmar Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road.
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Vote on UNSC expansion proposed

NEW YORK, 1 April— Germany, Japan, India and Brazil, the four main competitors for new permanent seats on an expanded Security Council, proposed on Thursday putting the issue of enlarging the powerful UN organ to a vote in the 191-nation General Assembly.

The four countries put forward the proposal in a joint statement, which was read out by German Ambassador to the UN Gunter Pleuger at a rally at the Millennium Hotel across the UN Headquarters in New York.

Citing UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan's report on UN reforms, the statement said a failure to reach consensus should not become an excuse for postponing Security Council reforms.

"It should also be recalled that the decision to expand the non-permanent category (of seats on the Security Council) in 1963 was made by a vote," the statement added.

It reiterated that Germany, Japan, India and Brazil viewed themselves as "legitimate candidates" for permanent membership in an expanded Security Council.

The four countries, which formed an alliance in September 2004 to back each other's bid for a new Council permanent seat, also proposed a three-step procedure for completing the Council's enlargement.

Under the proposal, the General Assembly would

adopt a framework resolution by summer and then select new permanent members before passing another resolution to amend the United Nations Charter.

A draft framework resolution attached to the statement called for increasing six new permanent Security Council members and three or four new non-permanent members.

In a sign of a softening stance on the veto issue, the four countries said in the draft that the question of the veto "should not be a hindrance to achieving Security Council reform".

The Security Council, the only UN organ whose decisions are legally binding on world governments, is currently composed of five veto-holding permanent members — China, Russia, Britain, the United States and France — and 10 elected two-year-term members.

Pakistan, Italy and other countries, which are strongly opposed to the increase of permanent seats on the Council, have already scheduled a rival rally on 12 April.

MNA/Xinhua

Earthquake occurs in Manado of Indonesia

JAKARTA, 1 April — An earthquake measuring 5.3 on the Richter Scale rocked Indonesia's eastern city of Manado late Wednesday, Meteorology and Geophysics Office spokesman Rahmat said here on Thursday.

Rahmat said the epicenter of the earthquake was in the Banda Sea, some 188 kilometres southeast of Manado in North Sulawesi Province, at a depth of 100 kilometres. It was believed the tremor was not related to Monday's disastrous earthquake which rocked the western coast of Sumatra Island.

Wednesday's tremor also caused widespread panic among the local residents, many of them were seen to scramble out of their homes for safe places, according to the official news agency *Antara*. However, there has been no reports of damage or casualty.

More than 400 people have been killed and hundreds others remained missing after a powerful earthquake with a magnitude of 8.7 rocked the Indonesian Islands of Nias and Simeulue late Monday.

Meanwhile, an earthquake with a magnitude of 5.5 rocked the city of Malang in East Java Province at the night of March 15.

There have been a series of earthquakes in the country in the past months including the powerful one that jolted Aceh on 26 December, last year which

caused tsunami waves killing some 230,000 people in Aceh and North Sumatra provinces.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese AIDS vaccine testers in "sound" condition

NANNING, 1 April — The eight volunteers who were involved in the phase-one clinical test of a Chinese AIDS vaccine on March 12 are now in "sound physical condition," said an expert here in the capital city of south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region on Thursday.

Chen Jie, deputy director of the Guangxi au-

tonomous region's Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, released the information during an interview with journalists.

The eight volunteers were injected with either virus-containing AIDS vaccine or a control solution without the AIDS virus. Neither the volunteers nor the administering doctors knew who received which vaccine.

If the volunteers report abnormal physical condition, emergency treatment will likely be conducted to ensure their safety, said Chen.

In all, 49 volunteers aged from 18 to 50 will participate in the tests, the first of their kind in China. Phase One will last 14 months. Phase Two will focus on tests on immune nature and safety of the vaccine.

The State Food and Drug Administration (SFDA) approved the first clinical phase of the new AIDS vaccine on 25 November, 2004.

There have been about 35 AIDS vaccine trials on humans across the world, most of which are still at the early stage.

MNA/Xinhua

China-ASEAN Expo to open in Oct in S-W China

NANNING, 1 April — The second China-ASEAN Expo will be held in October in Nanning, capital of southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the Expo secretariat said Wednesday.

After consulting with each of the ten ASEAN members, the Chinese Ministry of Commerce decided to advance the date to 19-22 October to avoid overlapping with the Festival of Fast-Breaking, which falls on 3 November this year. The first China-ASEAN Expo was jointly hosted by the two sides on 3-6 November last year, also in Nanning.

According to the secretariat, the second Expo will have about 3,500 international standard stalls, 1,000 more stalls than the first. It will be held in the Nanning International Ex-

hibition Centre, scheduled to be completed in June. The centre is designed to hold 15 inside show-rooms, covering an area of 50,000 square metres.

China and the ASEAN are preparing to forge free trade area (FTA) in 2010, which will be the world's third largest FTA, following the European Union and the North American Free Trade Agreement. It will cover 1.7 billion people and have a two-trillion-US-dollar gross domestic product and a 1.2-trillion-US-dollar trade volume.

MNA/Xinhua



SolidAlliance Corp Manager of Sales & Marketing Division Miwa Yoshida shows the firm's newest product GhostRadar at the company's head office in Yokohama, Japan, on 1 April, 2005. The portable GhostRadar beeps and flashes red lights in response to unusual magnetic waves. — INTRRNET

Susilo calls for greater relief efforts after Indonesian quake

NIAS ISLAND (Indonesia), 1 April — Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono visited earthquake-hit Nias Island Thursday, calling for all the concerned parties to participate in the emergency relief effort.

"Let us jointly conduct humanitarian activities for the people," Susilo told a Press briefing after viewing damage caused to Nias in pouring rain.

Hundreds of people were killed on Nias and surrounding islands when an 8.7-magnitude earthquake struck on Monday. Bodies were still being dug from the ruins three days after the disaster.

Indonesia's Government had sent logistics and equipment for the victims of the March 28 quake but damage to the airport and roads has made distribution of aid difficult.

Susilo said that despite a string of

natural disasters under his brief tenure, including the devastating Indian Ocean tsunami which left 220,000 Indonesians dead or missing, he was steadfast in his resolve.

"I will be responsible. I will persevere and continue to do my job which has been mandated by the people. Regardless of what has taken place, I must be responsible in solving this. We can settle them if we face it together," he said.

Indonesian Social Services Minister Bachtiar Chamsjah told the Press briefing that 279 people have been confirmed dead on Nias so far and the figure could reach 500.

Indonesian officials said that 109 local residents have been hospitalized in nearby cities and the authorities will evacuate the victims over the next two weeks. —MNA/Xinhua

ASEAN Parliamentarians in Manila to fight against corruption

MANILA, 1 April — Parliamentarians from across the ASEAN countries gathered here Thursday here for a two-day conference aimed at setting up a legislative body for combating corruption in the region.

The conference, formally named Southeast Asian Parliamentarians Against Corruption (SEAPAC), will discuss the United Nations convention against corruption.

Philippine Senator Edgardo J Angara, who is the head of the conference, told the local media that it is urgent for ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations) and Pacific parliaments to adopt the UN convention and there is a consensus among ASEAN parliamentarians to forge broad cooperative agreements to combat corruption.

MNA/Xinhua

China is Nepal's reliable friend

KATHMANDU, 1 April — Nepali King Gyanendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev said here on Thursday, "China is a reliable friend of Nepal."

"Our two countries need to strengthen the exchange and cooperation in various fields in order to push the Nepal-China friendship to a new height," King Gyanendra told visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing, who arrived here Thursday on a two-day official visit to Nepal.

"Nepal firmly supports the one-China policy of your government and will never allow any anti-China activities in Nepal's territory," the King said while receiving Li in audience at the Narayanhiti Royal Palace.

Nepal appreciates and supports the important role that China has

been playing in the international affairs, Gyanendra added.

Li Zhaoxing said, through his visit, the Nepali friends will certainly realize how the Chinese Government and people attach importance to the Sino-Nepali friendship and cooperation.

He expressed appreciation for Nepal's longstanding support on the issues of Taiwan and Tibet.

Earlier the day, Li held official talks with his Nepali counterpart Foreign Minister Ramesh Nath Pandey on bilateral matters, including economic cooperation, trade and tourism, and matters of mutual interest.

The nine-member Chinese delegation led by Li signed an agreement with the Nepali side on dispatching a Chinese team to study on the construction of the Conservation Research Centre under the King Mahendra Trust for Nature Conservation.

Li will pay courtesy calls Friday morning on Tulsigiri and Kirtinidhi Bista, vice-chairmen of the Council of Ministers, or Cabinet.

The Chinese Foreign Minister's visit is on the eve of the golden jubilee of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Nepal on 1 August.

MNA/Xinhua

N-E China province to build new industrial corridor

BEIJING, 1 April — Northeast China's Heilongjiang Province will build an industrial corridor along its southwestern cities of Harbin, Daqing and Qiqihar to boost the local economy and attract more foreign investment, said Governor Zhang Zuojin.

Speaking here Thursday morning at the Press conference of the 16th China Harbin Fair for Trade and Economic Cooperation, the official said

the provincial government's decision to build the industrial corridor was made following the central government's long-term strategy of revitalizing the old northeastern industrial base.

The Harbin-Daqing-Qiqihar Industrial Corridor will cover 800 square kilometres and will be completed by 2020.

It will be a comprehensive industrial park with industries of petrochemistry, energy, auto-

mobiles, electronics, medicine and food.

The official said the new industrial corridor will serve as a good platform to develop Heilongjiang's foreign trade, especially with Russia, and the processing business.

Centred around the three cities, the industrial belt will be built after the transformation and development of the area's saline-alkali land, swamps and some unexploited land, rather than taking up the farmland, Zhang said.

He said the area measures 120,000 square kilometres and has about 20 million population.

The three cities have 40 universities and colleges, 72 per cent of the province's total.

The official said the abundant human resources of science and technology, in addition to the huge labour force, will be greatly helpful to build the industrial corridor.

According to the provincial statistical bureau, the gross domestic product of Heilongjiang was 530.3 billion yuan (about 64.1 billion US dollars) last year, rising 11.7 per cent year-on-year.

The 16th China Harbin Fair for Trade and Economic Cooperation is scheduled to be held from 15 to 19 June in the province capital city of Harbin. — MNA/Xinhua

MNA/Xinhua

Bangladesh to double tea production with high yielding variety

DHAKA, 1 April — Bangladeshi experts have developed a high yielding variety of tea, and expected to double the country's tea production in a decade.

An official from the Bangladesh Tea Research Institute (BTRI) Thursday told *Xinhua* their scientists have successfully crossbred a local low growing tea with a high yielding variety of tea plant brought from India.

It took eight years for the agri-experts to accomplish the task, said the BTRI official, adding the newly evolved "BT-16" species is much improved and some 3,000 to 4,000 kilos of tea can be produced in each hectare of land from the cloned tea trees, making two and a half time of the present

production rate.

He said the cloned variety would almost double the tea production of Bangladesh to 120 million kilos from the current 54 million kilos, as most of the 64 tea garden owners of Bangladesh will plant this variety gradually.

It will help regain the country's leading tea exporter glory, which has been eroded with low quality and shortfall in production.

During the 1990s Bangladesh was among the world's top ten tea exporters with exporting,

accounting for 2 per cent of global exports. The exports, however, had started to fall due to rise in the domestic consumption. Tea consumption in Bangladesh is increasing by 3 per cent per annum, but its production is increasing 1 per cent only. Experts held that if the tea consumption growth rate continues, in 2020, tea consumption will reach 65 million kilos while its production will reach only to 54.1 million kilos, making Bangladesh become a tea-importing country.

MNA/Xinhua

China's first dictionary on world's diplomacy published

BEIJING, 1 April — A two-volume Chinese dictionary on world diplomacy was published here Wednesday after 14 years of preparation.

"Compiling a dictionary like this is a tough job that involves arduous academic innovation and steadfast efforts in scholarly research," wrote renowned Chinese diplomat Qian Qichen, Chief Editor of the dictionary, in the foreword.

The dictionary, with 14,000 entries

and approximately eight million words, is considered China's first and authoritative dictionary on diplomacy.

It covers diplomatic information from general knowledge to world affairs in every historical period, particularly the diplomacy of various countries, multilateral relations, and issues of general interest after World War II. Over 190 countries are included in the dictionary.

MNA/Xinhua



National flags of participating countries are displayed during the opening of the 2005 World Exposition in Nagakute, central Japan recently. — INTERNET

Patients treated in hot spring pond in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 1 April — More and more patients suffering from various diseases are taking a dip in a pond of natural hot spring in western Nepal with a hope to get treatment for diseases.

The number of people visiting Tatopani has exceeded 10,000 so far this year, Dev Bahadur K C, secretary of the pond man-

agement committee, told reporters Wednesday.

Last fiscal year, about 8,000 patients visited the pond in Tatopani, near Beni Bazaar, the capital town of Myagadhi District, some 250 kilometres west of Kathmandu, he said.

The hot water which originates from its source at temperatures from 52 to 58 degrees Celsius is

believed to treat many diseases like gastro-enteritis, skin diseases and asthma, he noted.

The pond has a capacity to accommodate 150 people at a time and three groups of women and two groups of men take a dip in a pond at least for two hours every day, he added.

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Beijing continues to trace cancer-causing Sudan 1 colourant

BEIJING, 1 April — Beijing will continue to trace the whereabouts of cancer-causing Sudan 1 colourant even after forbidding 25 kinds of food from being sold since the dye was discovered early this month in Meiweiyua-brand pepper sauce made by the Guangzhou-based Heinz Meiweiyuan Food Co Ltd.

Beijing's food safety office announced Wednesday the municipal government had strengthened the screening process for food containing Sudan 1 in production and will conduct an overall checkup for products with excessive quantities of the additive.

Since the discovery, providers are required to seal up the goods containing the colourant in 24 hours, producers commanded to call back their products unconditionally, and restaurant runners requested to check their existing stock.

Meanwhile, a primary system to track dangerous food and an emergency-meeting mechanism for dealing with cases involving food safety has been set up in the city, the sources said.

Experts also tried to assuage the public by saying that there is a low probability of developing cancer in the event of consuming items with only a little Sudan 1 colourant.

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Britain urges setting up global warning system on natural disasters

LONDON, 31 March — Britain has urged the international community to set up a global early warning system for natural disasters, said a local report Wednesday.

"Because the public are so sensitized to the issue of natural hazards, this is the moment to put in not just an Indian Ocean tsunami early warning system, but something that is glo-

bal," Professor David King, the British Government's chief scientific adviser, was quoted by *The Times* newspaper as saying.

"We have to set up an early warning system which has no boundaries, covering all physical and natural hazards: earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanoes and near-Earth objects," he added.

MNA/Xinhua

Uganda's literacy rate ups to 68%

KAMPALA, 31 March — Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni on Wednesday said that the literacy rate in the East African country has risen to 68 per cent from about 50 per cent in 1986.

President Museveni made the remarks when meeting a delegation of 48 principals of Primary Teacher College in Uganda led by chairman John Willy Arinaitwe, according to a Press release issued here by State House.

tics in the 2002 Census report showed an upward shift to 68 per cent literacy rate as compared to about 50 per cent in 1986.

He pointed out that his government strongly believes in fundamental change and that is why it deliberately introduced the Universal Primary Education (UPE) programme to enable the majority of Ugandans to attain basic education that would eventually causes transformation in the society.

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US Government missing out \$300b in unpaid tax each year

WASHINGTON, 31 March — The US Government is missing out more than 300 billion dollars in unpaid taxes every year and part of the problem appears to be that the tax laws are so confusing, US Internal Revenue Service (IRS) reported on Tuesday.

The report estimated the tax gap at 312 billion to 353 billion dollars for 2001, about 15 per cent of the total taxes owed. Taxpayers were slightly less

likely to comply with tax laws than they had been at the time of the latest previous study which conducted in 1988.

The IRS recovered 55 billion dollars of the unpaid taxes through audits and late payments, leaving a net gap between 257 billion to 298 billion dollars in the year.

The report showed that majority of unpaid-tax cases involved individuals, not businesses.

Among the people who contributed to the tax gap, most understated their income, especially business income. Individuals who report less income than they earn, either intentionally or not, contribute most to the tax gap, the IRS said.

Excessive deductions, exemptions, credits and other adjustments also accounted 25 billion to 30 billion dollars of the tax gap. — MNA/Xinhua

Mubarak to announce decision to run for presidency

CAIRO, 31 March — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak will announce his decision to run in the upcoming presidential election after a referendum on the amendment of the Constitution to allow in more than one candidate, an official of the ruling National Democratic Party said on Wednesday.

Safwat al-Sherif, secretary general of the ruling party, made the remarks at a meeting with NDP women members participating in a training course. He said the referendum on the amendment of Article 76 of the Constitution will be held in May. The official also stressed the importance of rules and regulations governing the presidential election with a view of preventing any violations, adding that a judicial-political committee will

oversee the election. Under Egypt's current political system, the President is not elected directly by the electorate. Instead, the Parliament chooses a sole candidate first and then the only nominee is put to a referendum. In late February, Mubarak proposed to the Parliament that the Constitution be amended to allow more candidates to stand in the presidential race.

MNA/Xinhua

US panel on intelligence to recommend more dissent within agencies

WASHINGTON, 31 March — A US presidential commission assigned to look into the intelligence failures leading up to the Iraq war will recommend a series of changes intended to encourage more dissent within the nation's spy agencies, *The Washington Post* reported Wednesday.

In a report to be made public Thursday, the panel will propose more competitive analysis and information-sharing by intelligence agencies, and the appointment of an intelligence ombudsman to hear from analysts who believe their work has been compromised, the

Post said. The report will also suggest the creation of a new national non-proliferation centre to coordinate the fight against weapons of mass destruction, according to officials who have read the 700-page classified version of the report and declined to be identified. Unlike the trend toward greater centralization enshrined in a new intelligence law signed by President George W. Bush, the report envisions the centre as a facilitating body and urges the government to keep its specialists dispersed in various intelligence agencies.

The net result, according to officials, would be to move away from the intelligence community's tradition of searching for consensus, in favour of opening up internal debate and including a more diverse spectrum of views. The goal is to provide policymakers a fuller understanding of the state of the government's knowledge.

The commission report offers a scathing review of the CIA for concluding that Saddam Hussein had secret weapons that ultimately were never found, while also taking aim at the FBI, the Defence Intelligence

Agency, the National Security Agency and other agencies, according to officials.

Bush was briefed on the report Tuesday by aides who have reviewed it. White House Press Secretary Scott McClellan praised the report as "a very thorough job" and suggested that Bush would adopt many, though not necessarily all, of its ideas.

MNA/Xinhua

France reaffirms support for Annan

PARIS, 31 March — French Foreign Ministry reaffirmed Tuesday its "full support and entire confidence" for UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan ahead of the publication of a report on the oil-for-food programme in Iraq.

"As for Kofi Annan's work in general as Secretary-General of the United Nations, I can tell you that we offer him our full support and confidence," said French Foreign Ministry's Spokesman Jean-Baptiste Mattei.

The *Wall Street Journal* reported Friday that a report, which would be published Tuesday, directly questioned Annan for some mistakes involving his son Kojo and a company contracted by the United Nations.

MNA/Xinhua



A sales clerk wearing a fanny pack with a Gucci label displays handbags bearing the Bulgari trademark name, as other bags showing the Yves Saint Laurent brand are seen behind, in Beijing's newly opened Silk Market commercial plaza on 31 March, 2005. —INTERNET

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Hungary reaffirms support for Albania's bid to join EU, NATO

TIRANA, 31 March — President of Hungary Ferenc Madl confirmed Wednesday in Tirana his country supports Albania's integration into the Euro-Atlantic structures.

Hungary would back without reserves Albania to join the European Union (EU) and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) through the help for development of infrastructure and investments in other domains, Madl said when he met respectively with his Albanian counterpart Alfred Moisiu and Albanian Prime Minister Fatos Nano.

The Albanian leaders emphasized that the experience of Hungary for membership in NATO and EU was worthy for Albania.

During the meetings, both sides expressed common will to intensify bilateral relations, especially cooperation in economic field. They also exchanged opinions on the regional issues.— *MNA/Xinhua*

Damage to ecosystems harms human health

GENEVA, 31 March — A new report warns that the erosion of ecosystems could lead to an increase in the incidence of existing diseases, such as malaria and cholera, as well as in the risk of new diseases to emerge, the World Health Organization (WHO) said here Wednesday.

The Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA) synthesis report shows that some 60 per cent of the benefits that the global ecosystem provides to support life on the earth are being degraded or used unsustainably, WHO said in a Press release.

In the report, scientists warn that harmful effects of this degradation on human health are already being felt and could grow significantly worse

over the next 50 years.

"Ecosystems are the planet's life-support system. They are fundamental to human health and indispensable to the well-being of all people everywhere in the world," said Kerstin Leitner, WHO assistant director-general for sustainable development and healthy environments, and member of the MA Board.

"One of the striking and over-arching conclu-

sions of this assessment lies in the fundamental need to ensure ecological sustainability to safeguard ecosystems and therefore protect human health in the long-term," said Carlos Corvalan, a WHO scientist who contributed to the MA report.

The report is the first in a series of seven synthesis and summary reports and four technical volumes that assess the

state of global ecosystems and their impact on human well-being.

The study started in 2001 in response to a call by United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan for global support of the Millennium Development Goals. Some 1,300 experts from 95 countries volunteered to conduct the study, while 900 served as reviewers and editors.

MNA/Xinhua

Poll shows many Americans sleep poorly

WASHINGTON, 31 March — Many Americans do not sleep well, and this affects their work quality and driving safety, showed a poll released on Tuesday.

The survey by the National Sleep Foundation found that American adults get an average of 6.9 hours of sleep a night, short of the 7-9 hours the foundation recommends.

"Half of the country sleeps pretty well — the other half has problems," foundation chief executive Richard Gelula said in a statement.

Of the 1,506 adults interviewed over telephone between September 20 and November 7, 2004, 75 per cent were found to have a sleep problem, mostly snoring.

MNA/Xinhua

Oscar-winning actress fined for bringing fruit into NZ

WELLINGTON, 31 March — Double Oscar-winning actress Hilary Swank was told Wednesday to pay a 200-New-Zealand-dollar (142-US-dollar) fine for trying to bring fruit into New Zealand in January.

The American actress has been fined 200 NZ dollars and ordered to pay 30 New Zealand dollars (21.3 US dollars) in costs after she failed to declare an apple and an orange when she arrived at Auckland International Airport from Los Angeles.

She declined to pay the 200 New Zealand dollars instant fine at the airport but instead wrote a letter defending herself.

However, Manukau District Court, which cov-

ers the airport, rejected her letter and imposed the fine with costs in a hearing without lawyers.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) said Wednesday that Swank had admitted liability and explained the circumstances.

That letter went to the court and was considered on March 18 but court officials refused to say then what had happened until Swank had been told, saying she needed to know

before the whole world.

MAF said that "New Zealand's strict biosecurity regulations were to keep the country free of pests and diseases that could seriously damage our environment, natural resources, threaten our economy and undermine our way of life".

International passengers are obliged to declare all foodstuffs they may be carrying when entering New Zealand.

MNA/Xinhua



Call it Hilary Swank and the case of the forbidden fruit.—INTERNET

Aspirin a better choice for people with blocked brain arteries

WASHINGTON, 31 March — Aspirin works just as well as a common anti-clotting drug to prevent strokes in people with blocked arteries in the brain, but it causes fewer deaths and less major bleeding, showed a study to be published Thursday in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

The study was conducted in patients who had suffered a stroke or mini-stroke caused by the

buildup of fatty deposits in the brain arteries' inner walls, which restricts blood flow. Such patients usual-

ly get blood-thinning and anti-clotting medication to prevent stroke, taking either aspirin or warfarin.

In the study at more than 50 sites across North America, the 569 participants randomly either took warfarin or aspirin. The aspirin group was given a daily dose of 1,300 milligrammes, more than is recommended for heart disease and general stroke prevention.

During follow-up, about 20 per cent of the patients died from circulatory problems, had a second stroke or suffered brain hemorrhage no matter which drug they took. But more warfarin-taking patients developed complications.— *MNA/Xinhua*

World's shortest woman gets taller after Chinese medication

BEIJING, 31 March — Twenty-year-old Zhu Haizhen, listed in the *Great Guinness World Records* as the world's shortest female grown-up, has grown taller by four centimetres after two months of treatment with Chinese traditional medicine, the state media reported Tuesday.

Born in October 1984 in Gao'an, a city in East China's Jiangxi Province, Zhu was confirmed as "the world's shortest female grown-up" by the Shanghai-based *Great Guinness World Records* in 2004 for her height of 79 centimetres.

Zhu suffered from a serious illness when she was one year old which stunted her growth in later years. When she was 20, she was only 79 centimetres tall and weighed 10 kilos. With short arms and legs, Zhu could only toddle like a baby.

In January 2005,

Zhu was taken to the Nanjing Gulou Chinese Medicine Hospital in Nanjing, capital of East China's Jiangsu Province. She was diagnosed with pituitary dwarfism, a rare disease that occurs in less than one in 100,000 people. The hospital promised free treatment for her.

In the next two months, Zhu took traditional Chinese medicine prescribed by the hospital but did not undergo surgery. After two months of treatment, Zhu reached 83 centimetres and gained four kilogrammes in weight.

MNA/PTI



Newly-married Chinese couples in Shenzhen recently.—INTERNET

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Boca Juniors wants Maradona to be its "ambassador"

BUENOS AIRES, 31 March — The president of Argentine soccer club Boca Juniors, Mauricio Macri, will meet next week with former soccer star Diego Maradona to offer him the charge of "sports ambassador", club sources said on Wednesday.

"Diego has the doors of Boca open. This institution wants him not to directly feel the pressure surrounding soccer," said Wednesday the former treasurer of Boca, Orlando Salvestrini.

Salvestrini, who would be in charge of giving a legal form to the future ties with the Maradona — who played for the club in 1981 and in 1995-1997 - also said that the main duty of the soccer legend would be to accompany the club in its tours.

"The importance of Maradona's image is incalculable. Today he appears in magazine covers, in Venezuela with personalities like (Hugo) Chavez, Luiz I. (Lula) da Silva and (Jose) Rodriguez Zapatero, which is a small token of what this personality represents," added Salvestrini. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Peruvian media criticizes draw against Ecuador

LIMA, 1 April — Peru's sports Press criticized the 2-2 draw against Ecuador and lamented that the national team lost three important points to qualify for Germany 2006.

"Father away from Germany," "The road for the World Cup has become complicated," "No comments," were some of the headlines of local dailies.

Analysts considered that Brazilian coach Autuori lacked of capacity to change the impuductive game of his players, which played in a disorderly fashion lacking of precision.

The Peruvians started

with a 1-0 advantage 40 seconds into the game and ended the first half with a 2-1 advantage.

Peru lost three key points and its possibilities to qualify have become more difficult, said the analysts.

Although the locals controlled the game longer than Ecuador, the Peruvians were not precise and the defence allowed Ecuadorian counterattacks.

Ecuador, who had not gotten any point in their matches as visitors, remain third, with 20 points, and closer to qualification to Germany 2006.

Although Peru moved from the ninth to seventh with 14 points, needing urgent victories to keep their hopes.

The last occasion when Peru qualified to a World Cup was in Spain 1982.

MNA/Xinhua

Sharapova defeats Williams to make final

WASHINGTON, 1 April — Russian Maria Sharapova edged Venus Williams 6-4, 6-3 in the women's semifinals



Maria Sharapova celebrates after defeating Venus Williams.—INTERNET

Thursday to seal the Nasdaq-100 Open final at Key Biscayne in Miami.

The 17-year-old Sharapova, No. 2-seeded, will on Saturday play the winner of the late match Thursday between unseeded Kim Clijsters and Amelie Mauresmo, who can regain the No. 1 ranking by winning the title.

Sharapova edged out the tightest of first sets when errors began to creep into Williams' game as she served at 4-5 down.

Sharapova went from strength to strength in the second, breaking Williams to go 2-0 up and she remained ahead until she served for match at 5-3.

In a long and dramatic ninth game, Sharapova was forced to save her first breakpoints of the match as Williams fought to stay in the tournament, which spent 80 minutes.

MNA/Xinhua

Azerbaijan coach blames Owen as "shoddy midget"

LONDON, 1 April — England striker Michael Owen hit back on Thursday after Azerbaijan coach Carlos Alberto blamed him as "shoddy midget".

The Brazilian legend, who led his country to World Cup success in 1970, chided Owen in a bizarre 10-minute post-match rant after his Azerbaijan side lost 2-0 to England in a World Cup qualifier at St James' Park on Wednesday.

Alberto, clearly misguided by pre-match reports into believing Owen had predicted a five-goal salvo, asked: "Who is this midget anyway, what has he ever won?"

Owen responded with a statement, saying: "If he checks my pre-match quotes he will realize that I never said anything about scoring five goals - - I would never be so disrespectful.

"He would, though, be perfectly within his rights to criticize my performance - - I've certainly had better games in an England shirt.

"Fortunately I am a mentally strong person and believe I will learn from the experience and continue to improve as a player and person because of it," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

BOCOG launches Olympic sponsorship programme

BEIJING, 1 April — The Beijing Organizing Committee for the 2008 Olympic Games (BOCOG) launched on Thursday its campaign to seek sponsors for the games.

"As our work of seeking partners nearly came to a successful close, we are entering the second phrase of Olympic marketing programme," Yuan Bin, director of BOCOG's marketing department, told a Press conference.

BOCOG's marketing plan includes partnership, sponsorship and licensing programmes. Partnership and sponsorships grant enterprises four-year exclusive marketing and promotion rights, while the licensing programme authorizes companies to produce and sell products

with the official Olympic logo only after paying royalties to BOCOG.

To date, BOCOG has signed seven partners for the 2008 Games. They are German automobile giant Volkswagen, Sinopec, Bank of China, China Mobile, China Netcom, sportswear manufacturer Adidas and Air China.

Yuan said that several enterprises are in talks with BOCOG over the possibility of cooperation.

"We are likely to sign one or two partners in the near future," she said. "But sponsorship programme is

the focus of our work from now on."

Yuan refused to reveal the amount of money companies should pay if they want to join the Olympic sponsorship programme, only saying it will be much less than that for an Olympic partner. Insiders say that a partnership deal could be worth 50 million US dollars.

White goods, office supply, logistics, tyre, tourism service are listed as the categories in which potential Olympic sponsors come from.

MNA/Xinhua

Mourinho banned for two matches by UEFA

GENEVA, 1 April — Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho was banned for two matches Thursday by UEFA, soccer's European governing body, for bringing the game into "disrepute" and "making false declarations".

The ban will keep Mourinho off the bench for the upcoming Champions League quarterfinal games against Bayern Munich on April 6 and April 12.

UEFA also fined Mourinho 20,000 Swiss francs (16,700 US dollars) and handed the Chelsea



Chelsea's coach Jose Mourinho.—INTERNET

club an added fine of 75,000 Swiss francs (62,600 US dollars).

MNA/Xinhua

Federer advances to semifinal in Miami

WASHINGTON, 1 April — Top-seeded Roger Federer beat No 7 Tim Henman 6-4, 6-2 Thursday in the quarterfinals of the Nasdaq-100 Open in Miami.

Federer, bidding for his first Key Biscayne title, extended his winning streak to 20 matches and improved his record to 46-1 since the start of last year's US Open, according to the AP.

Federer erased the only break point he faced and countered Henman's serve-and-volley tactics by winning 18 of 21 points at the net. His opponent on Friday will be the winner of the quarterfinal late Thursday between six-time champion Andre Agassi and fellow American Taylor Dent. —*MNA/Xinhua*



Roger Federer from Switzerland hits a forehand shot against Tim Henman from England during their quarterfinals match at the Nasdaq-100 tennis tournament in Key Biscayne, Florida, on 31 March, 2005.—INTERNET

Greece refuses to privatize any Olympic venues

ATHENS, 1 April — Greek Government refused to sell off any of its Olympic venues to offset runaway Olympic costs in a long-awaited plan for the post-Olympic use announced here Wednesday.

Fani Pali Petralia, Greek Deputy Culture Minister who led the government's Olympic preparations, announced that none of the facilities would be sold, while the world-class facilities would only be leased or opened for commercial use or converted into conference centres, museums and academies.

"Nothing is for sale and nothing will be sold," she told reporters at a ceremony where she presented the draft legislation at the Olympic Stadium complex.

"Our policy for the utilization of the Olympic properties will be to ensure that the money spent by the tax payer is not lost," she said.

"The profits from commercial usage will create great social benefits and at the same time guard the public character of the facilities," she added.

Most of the facilities have remained closed, and officials at various levels have been debating about their usage, since the conclusion of the "unforgettable dream" Athens Olympic Games, which bears the price tag of about 10 billion euros, the most expensive in Olympic history.—*MNA/Xinhua*

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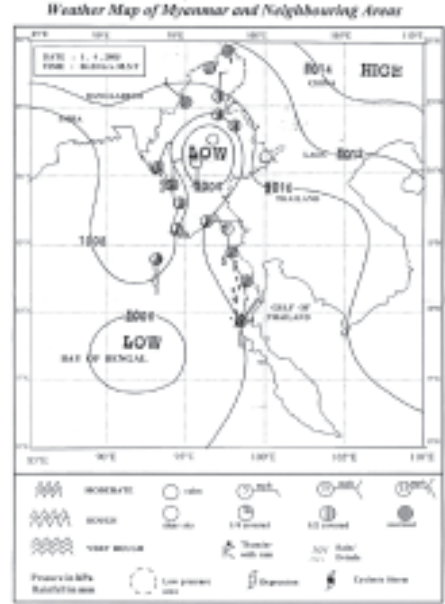
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WEATHER

Friday, 1 April, 2005
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, light rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Taninthayi Division and weather has been generally fair in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Dawei (0.20) inch. Day temperatures were (3°C) below normal in Kachin State, (5°C) below normal in upper Sagaing Division, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Shan and Mon States, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above normal in Kayin State, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Magway (44°C), Hpa-an and Minbu (42°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 31-3-2005 was 102°F. Minimum temperature on 1-4-2005 was 67°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 1-4-2005 was 73%. Total sunshine hours on 31-3-2005 was (10.1) hours approx. Rainfalls on 1-4-2005 were nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (0.59 inch) at Yangon Airport, (1.54 inches) at Kaba-Aye and nil at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from West at (15:10) hours MST on 31-3-2005.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 2-4-2005: Possibility of isolated light rain or thundershowers in Kachin, Mon States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in Shan, Kayin States, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Bago Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 2-4-2005: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 2-4-2005: Partly cloudy.

Weather outlook for first weekend of April, 2005: During the coming weekend, weather will be partly cloudy in Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.

Strong Wind Warning
(Issued on 1st April, 2005)

As the day temperatures rise markedly all over the country till the onset of Southwest monsoon, local strong winds are likely in the afternoon/evening over most of the areas. Surface wind speeds may reach (40) to (50) m.p.h accompanied at times by squalls and hails in some places.

TV Myanmar

Saturday, 2 April
View on today:

- 7:00 am**
- 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Oaktamathara
- 7:25 am**
- 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**
- 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
- 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am**
- 5. အရေးကြိမ်ပွဲ
- 8:00 am**
- 6. ကပ်တပ်ကြားတံတား
- 8:10 am**
- 7. Musical programme
- 8:20 am**
- 8. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ
- 8:30 am**
- 9. International news
- 8:45 am**
- 10. Grammar Made Easy
- 11:00 am**
- 1. Martial song
- 11:15 am**
- 2. Musical programme
- 11:30 am**
- 3. Games for children

- 11:55 am**
- 4. Round up of the week's TV local news
- 1:30 pm**
- 5. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်မိန်းမေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၂၄)
- 2:05 pm**
- 6. ကျေးပင်အက်ရေလောင်တစ်
- 2:10 pm**
- 7. "ချစ်သောရေ ချစ်သောမြေ" (ရာဇာဓိပတိ- နိုင်ငံခြား- ဝေ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ- ဝေခီ.စံ.မူ)
- 2:20 pm**
- 8. Dance of national races
- 2:30 pm**
- 9. ဘိုင်းခါးဟင်းသီးဟင်းရွက် စိုက်ပျိုးရေးအထူးစုန်
- 2:45 pm**
- 10. International news
- 4:00 pm**
- 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
- 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
- 3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm**
- 4. Musical programme
- 4:50 pm**
- 5. အဆေးသင်တန်းတိုင်းပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ - ဒုတိယနှစ် (ရာဇာဓိပတိ) (ရတုဓမ္မ)

- 5:05 pm**
- 6. အတိအကျ
- 5:15 pm**
- 7. "ချစ်လွန်းလို့" (နိဂုံး၊ ဝေခီ.စံ.မူ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ- ကြည်စိုး)
- 5:25 pm**
- 8. Musical programme
- 5:40 pm**
- 9. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ
- 5:55 pm**
- 10. Games for children
- 6:15 pm**
- 11. Musical programme
- 6:30 pm**
- 12. Evening news
- 7:00 pm**
- 13. Weather report
- 7:05 pm**
- 14. Discovery
- 7:10 pm**
- 15. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်ခွန်းမြေသီတစ်ရာတစ်လီ" (အပိုင်း-၁၁)
- 7:40 pm**
- 16. Musical programme
- 8:00 pm**
- 17. News
- 8:05 pm**
- 18. International news
- 8:10 pm**
- 19. Weather report
- 8:15 pm**
- 20. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အချစ်သံသရာ" (အပိုင်း-၃၀)
- 8:20 pm**
- 21. The next day's programme

Radio Myanmar

Saturday, 2 April
Tune in today:

- 8.30 am** Brief news
- 8.35 am** Music: -So demi com
- 8.40 am** Perspectives
- 8.45 am** Music: Macarena
- 8.55 am** National news/Slogan
- 9.05 am** Music: -Witch doctor
- 9.10 am** International news
- 9.15 am** Music: -5,6,7,8
- 1.30 pm** News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm** Request -Stuck in my heart -May be -I love it -Do you remember
- 9.00 pm** ASEAN review -Songs
- 9.10 pm** Article
- 9.20 pm** Myanmar culture by Dr Khin Maung Nyunt -Myanmar Jade Trade till 1938
- 9.30 pm** Souvenirs -Sweet little 16 Pat Boone
- 9.45 pm** News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm** PEL

Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport meets

YANGON, 1 April—The Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport held a coordination meeting at Yangon Command this evening.

Chairman of the Committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe delivered an address concerning smooth and secure transport for people and faculty members and students of universities.

Members of the Supervisory Committee took part in the discussions.



Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw explained process of converting

buses to CNG powered vehicles. Later, the commander gave the concluding remarks.—MNA

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe addresses coordination meeting of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport.—YANGON COMMAND

Veneer factory opens in Shwepyitha

YANGON, 1 April—A veneer factory of Bamaw Veneer Timber Products Co Ltd was inaugurated at No 3 Shwepyitha Industrial Zone, Shwepyitha Township, Yangon Division, this morning, attended by Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung.

Directors-general U Than Swe and U Tun Tun and Director Dr Tin Aung Latt of the company formally opened the factory. The minister unveiled the signboard.

An official of the company reported to the minister on the establishment of the factory, and plans to export veneer manufactured by the factory.

The minister and party observed the production process of the factory. —MNA



Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspects Veneer Factory of Bamaw Veneer Timber Products Co Ltd in Shwepyitha Industrial Zone.

FORESTRY

1,220 gem merchants arrive to attend Myanmar Gems Emporium



Deputy Minister for Mines U Myint Thein meets gem merchants who are checking jade lots at Myanmar Gems Emporium.—MNA

YANGON, 1 April — Chairman of the Central Committee for Organizing the 42nd Myanmar Gems Emporium Deputy Minister for Mines U Myint Thein this afternoon cordially greeted local and foreign gem merchants who were checking jade lots around the ground floor of Myanmar Gems Mart.

The deputy minister viewed sales of jade lots through tender system and left the mart in the evening.

A total of 1,220 gems merchants —792 merchants of 277 companies from 12 countries and 428 merchants of 233 local companies—have arrived at the 42nd Myanmar Gems Emporium.

They are 656 gem merchants of 220 companies from China, 15 merchants of seven companies from Singapore, 91 merchants of 33 companies from Thailand, five merchants of two companies from England, four merchants of two companies from the US, four merchants of two companies from Japan, one merchant of one company from Sri Lanka, six merchants of four companies from Canada, six merchants of three companies from India, one merchant of one company from Korea, one merchant of one company from Australia and one merchant of one company from Belgium.

Jade lots will be sold through tender and auction systems from 2 to 4 April.