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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

## Senior General Than Shwe welcomes back Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win on his return from Lao PDR, Vietnam and Cambodia

YANGON, 9 April — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar Lt-Gen Soe Win arrived back here by special flight at 10 am today after paying goodwill visits to Lao People's Democratic Republic, Vietnam and Cambodia at the invitation of Prime Minister of the Lao PDR Mr Bounnhang Vorachith, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Phan Van Khai and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia Mr Samdech Hun Sen.

At Yangon International Airport, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and party were welcomed back by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the State Peace and Development Council

General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of the State Peace and Development Council, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), the Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command, ministers, senior military officers, charges d'affaires ai of the Laos Embassy, the Vietnamese Embassy and the Cambodian Embassy and embassy staffs and officials. When the Prime Minister arrived back, ladies of three embassies presented bouquets to the Prime Minister.

Members of the Myanmar delegation led by the Prime Minister, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and departmental heads also arrived back on the same flight. —MNA



Senior General Than Shwe shakes hands with Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win who arrived back from goodwill visits.— MNA



Senior General Than Shwe welcomes back Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win at Yangon International Airport.— MNA

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

**PERSPECTIVES**

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**Strive in concert to bring about all-round development in the nation**

The State Peace and Development Council has laid down national and regional development projects and rural development tasks and is taking measures for ensuring equitable development across the nation.

At present, various parts of the nation including border areas are thus enjoying tangible results of unprecedented development.

Changes and developments brought about today in the nation have been dramatic when compared to those in 1988. They are the fruitful results of concerted efforts of the State, the Tatmadaw and the people.

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, on his tour of Taninthayi Division, on 7 April met officers and other ranks and their families of battalions and units in Dawei Station and departmental officials and townselders at Aung San Hall of the station and gave guidance.

He said that in the successive periods, there were armed insurgencies in Taninthayi Division, as such there was lack of peace and stability. However, in the time of the Tatmadaw government, systematic steps have been taken in political and defence spheres. Now, the region has witnessed peace and stability and security which are indispensable for development.

The population of Taninthayi Division is still low in proportion to its natural resources. Hence, the government is creating opportunities for rising working population, economic progress and better transport in the region.

With peace, stability and higher working population, the region will soon become a modern and developed one.

The State, the Tatmadaw and the people are to rely on one another in the drive for national and regional development.

Tasks for better transport in Taninthayi Division are being launched while arrangements are under way for development of education, health and communication sectors.

Integrated and united efforts of the State, the Tatmadaw and the people will prove to be a boon to the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

This being the case, the entire national people are to strive in concert with the Tatmadaw under the leadership of the government for bringing about all-round development in the entire nation.

**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

**Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than on inspection tour of Pyinsalu, Labutta**

YANGON, 9 April — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing, met with departmental officials and local people at Bayintnaung Hall of Pyinsalu BEHS on 7 April.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and officials accepted K 1.75 million donated by 11 wellwishers for the victims from Pyinsalu region hit by tidal waves.

Deputy Director-General U Tun Lwin of Meteorology and Hydrology Department reported on natural disaster preparedness.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and the commander

presented rice, edible oil, gram, clothes and 23 personal items donated by Japan and Malaysia to the victims.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspected Pyinsalu Station Hospital and Pyinsalu Police Station.

In Labutta, he met with departmental officials and explained regional development matters. Afterwards, they inspected dredging of lake by Wa Wa Win International Co for supply of water to the local people.

Wa Wa Win International Co maintained 10 acres each of three lakes and is digging a 26.53 acres new lake. On completion, the whole Labutta can get sufficient drinking water.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party headed for Myaungmya.— MNA

**Commander attends seed-sowing ceremony**

YANGON, 9 April — The Environmental Conservation Work Group of Yangon Division Organization for Women's Affairs held a seed-sowing ceremony at the nursery of Yangon Division Forest Department in the central forest zone of Yangon Kandawgyi Gardens this morning.

It was graced by the attendance of Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Yangon City Development Committee Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin.

Daw Khin Thet Htay, Patron of Yangon Division Organization for Women's Affairs, explained the purpose of the ceremony. Next, the commander and



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe sows the seeds at the nursery .  
YANGON COMMAND

the mayor presented various kinds of seeds to patrons of district organizations for women's affairs. The commander and party sowed the seeds, and planted trees such as *Gangaw* and star flower. Later, they viewed the

nurseries of various kinds of plants. At the ceremony, 12 kinds of saplings were grown and over 200,000 seeds sown. MNA

**Wood-based Technology Courses conclude**

YANGON, 9 April—A ceremony to conclude Wood-based Technology Course Nos 1 and 2 conducted by Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs Association was held at Wood-based Technology Training School in Dagon Myothit (North) Township yesterday.

First, Chairman U Aung Lwin of MTEA gave a speech. Principal U Kaung Yin briefed the guests on the school. Next, trainees recalled their experience of the course. Vice-Chairman U Htein Win of MTEA presented gifts to the principal, and an official gave certificates of honour to instructors. Managing Director U Win Tun of Myanma Timber Enterprise and Director-General U Soe Win Hlaing of Forestry Department gave first, second and third prizes to respective trainees. Next, Training School Supervisory Committee member U Sein Lwin presented complete certificates to 26 trainees of Course No1 and 12 trainees of Course No 2.— MNA



**Isolated rain in Kachin, Kayin and Mon States**

YANGON, 9 April— During the past 24 hours, rain had been isolated in Kachin, Kayin and Mon States and weather had been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was in Putao with 1.26 inches. It is possible of isolated light rain in Kachin, Mon, Kayin and Rakhine States and Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions tomorrow. For the next two days, isolated rain will be possible in the northern parts of Myanmar.— NLM

**Temporary closure of waterway near Chauk**

YANGON, 9 April— The Myanma Electric Power Enterprise will install new cables of Kyunchaung-Chauk cable-line crossing Ayeyawady river near Chauk on 13 to 18 April from 7 am to 5 pm. During the time, waterway under the cable line will be closed temporarily. Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River System warned vessels to wait for a moment while the tasks are being carried out and vessels are to cross the site only after getting permission from the supervisory committee.— MNA

Training School Supervisory Committee member U Sein Lwin presents a trainee completion certificate.—MTEA

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# Chinese Vice-Premier vows to increase grain production, farmer's incomes

NANCHANG, 8 April — Chinese Vice-Premier Hui Liangyu has asked government agencies nationwide to implement central policies for supporting agriculture to achieve continuous growth in farmer's incomes and grain production.

During his inspection tour of East China's Jiangxi Province, Hui said "Although China's agriculture has seen a favourable turn in grain production and an increase of farmer's income in the past year, it remains an onerous task for us to maintain the momentum."

On 6 April, Hui presided over a meeting in Nanchang attended by senior officials from six major grain producing provinces. He stressed that all departments should pay more attention to the difficulties and uncertainties in this year's agricultural work.

In order to ensure the smooth operation of the current spring plowing, he urged them to step up efforts in checking price increases of chemical fertilizer, and improve supervision over farming materials to ensure the quality of seeds, farm tools and chemical fertilizer.

He asked relevant departments to ensure timely delivery of subsidies for buying fine seeds and farm tools and direct subsidies for grain production, and to crack down on illegal activities of bidding up the price of farming materials across the country.

At the beginning of

2005, the Chinese authorities jointly released the year's "No 1 Document", which worked out 27 detailed, substantial measures to ensure financial, administrative and technological support to the agricultural sector, including tax exemption and reduction.

The per capita annual net income for Chinese farmers was 2,936 yuan (about 354 US dollars) in 2004, up 6.8 per cent over the previous year, a record growth rate since 1997. Grain output reached 469.5 billion kilos, up 9 per cent over the previous year. — MNA/Xinhua



# Bangladesh's total gas output to exceed demand

DHAKA, 8 April — With the beginning of production in a new gas field, Bangladesh's total gas production will reach 1,470 million cubic feet per day (mmcf), exceeding the country's total demand of about 1,450 mmcf.

The Masulvibazar gas field in the northeast of the country, which was opened Tuesday by Prime Minister Khaleda Zia, will pump 70 mmcf into the national grid.

Officials of Unocal, the United States-based oil and gas exploration company, said that after three months of the launch of commercial operation, the field will

be able to run to its full capacity, pumping 150 mmcf of gas into the network regularly.

Unocal signed the gas purchase and sales agreement with Petrobangla in 21 October, 2003 to produce 70 to 100 mmcf from the field.

Total cost of the project, including development of two wells, has been estimated at 45 million US dollars.

Unocal will build a gas processing plant and a 25-kilometre long pipeline to connect the field with the national grid.

The company estimates the field at a gross resource potential of more than 440 billion cubic feet of gas. — MNA/Xinhua



A woman demonstrates DMB SCH-B100 mobile phones and the broadcasts they receive at the satellite digital multimedia broadcasting centre in Seoul on 8 April 2005.—INTERNET

# Japan, Indonesia to agree on formal FTA

TOKYO, 8 April — Japan and Indonesia are expected to reach an accord in late April to launch formal talks aimed at concluding a bilateral free trade agreement, after the two countries resumed preparatory FTA negotiations at a study group in late January, *Kyodo News* reported on Thursday.

Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi and Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono are expected to announce the accord on the start of official FTA negotiations at the occasion of the 21-23 April 50th commemorative summit of the 1955 Asia-Africa Conference in Indonesia.

According to *Kyodo*, the two countries resumed preparatory FTA talks at the study group, whose members include private-sector business bodies, in late January with an eye to reaching an accord on the start of formal negotiations in April.

Such talks had been long stalled due mainly to Indonesia's generally cautious stance on FTAs, but the two sides agreed to restart negotiations last December after Yudhoyono was sworn in as president last October.

During the past preparatory FTA talks at the study group, Japan requested that Indonesia will work out investment rules and eliminate tariffs on vehicles and auto

parts, while Indonesia urged Japan to facilitate personnel transfer and remove tariffs on forestry and fisheries products. — MNA/Xinhua

# First Malaysia studies institution opened in Chinese Mainland

XIAMEN, 8 April — The first academic institution on Malaysia studies in the Chinese Mainland opened on Wednesday morning in Xiamen University, southeastern Fujian Province.

President of the university Zhu Chongshi said that Xiamen University has set up academic exchange programmes with University Malaysia's China studies department, which opened in 2004.

The Malaysia Studies Institute will focus its research on politics, economy, culture, language, religion and history of the Southeast Asian nation, Zhu said.

Malaysia studies has long been a key programme of Southeast Asia research in Xiamen University, Zhu said. The university started a Malay language programme in 2002. — MNA/Xinhua

# Mobile phone service to resume in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 8 April — Post-paid mobile phone services will resume from next Sunday in the Kathmandu Valley after more than two months' suspension, an official said here on Thursday.

"The Nepali Information and Communication Ministry has already given the approval letter to Nepal Telecom (NT), the government owned operator company, to resume the post-paid mobile services," Director of NT New Services Directorate

Madan Kaji Sakya told reporters.

Since NT started the re-registration process on March 15, about 43,000 out of 55,000 customers using post-paid mobile phone within the valley have re-registered their personal details, he re-

vealed.

The government at present has been scrutinizing and verifying re-registration documents submitted by the consumers, he noted, adding that the government may decide to block some cell phone lines.—MNA/Xinhua

# 1,545 US troops killed since beginning of Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 8 April — As of Friday, 8 April, 2005, at least 1,545 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 1,174 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department. The figures include four military civilians. The *AP* count is two higher than the Defence Department's tally, last updated at 10 am EDT on Friday.

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, 1,407 US military members have died, according to *AP*'s count. That includes at least 1,065 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers. —Internet



An Iraq Police officer looks over a damaged police car after a roadside bomb attack in Basra, Iraq on 5 April 2005.—INTERNET

## Chinese, French architects talk about Chinese cities

BEIJING, 8 April — Chinese and French architects attending the Sino-French Architectural Forum here on Thursday aired opinions on city and architectural development in China.

Zhang Yu, vice-president of the Beijing Institute of Architectural Design (BIAD), said government officials and architects should pay more attention to protecting the regional character of China's city planning.

"We need to negotiate the relationship between tradition and innovation," he said.

Since 1982, China has classified 99 cities as "historic cities," but most of them are losing their distinctive ancient features in urban reconstruction and real

estate development. Many ruins and ancient streets risk being demolished at any moment.

In Beijing, the "hutongs" or alleys, which make the traditional framework of a Chinese city, are disappearing at a rate of 600 per year.

Liu Kaiji, the consultative architect with BIAD, supported Zhang's opinion by taking Beijing for example.

"People in other countries love Beijing for its traditional brilliant architecture, such as The Forbidden City and The

Temple of Heaven. Any building is part of the city ... and must be consistent with its context," he said.

The soon-to-be-completed China National Opera House in Beijing, designed by French architect Paul Andreu, has sparked fierce controversy in China.

Opponents say the "bulky and bizarre" building is out of tune with its surroundings, and overshadows The Great Hall of the People, a symbol of majesty of Communist China.

MNA/Xinhua

## Beijing opens defence tunnel to tourists

BEIJING, 8 April — Beijing opened an old defensive tunnel about 10 metres underground to tourists on Wednesday.

The tunnel, built by volunteers in 1969, is known as "Beijing's Underground Great Wall", said Wang Junliang, an official at Qianmen's community labour service management centre, which manages the tunnel.

"Most native Beijingers dug tunnels at home in the four downtown districts of Dongcheng, Xicheng, Chongwen and Xuanwu in those years," said Wang.

"But most tunnels were just around three metres deep and were filled up over the past decades."

Except for the "Underground Great Wall" in Chongwen District in the south-eastern part of the city proper, which encircles more than 1,000 square metres and links to

several downtown subway stations today, he said.

The underground tunnel is 2.5 metres high and has two exits, one leading to a lane in

Qianmen community and the other to the Temple of Heaven where Chinese emperors used to pray for plentiful harvests, said Wang.

MNA/Xinhua

## NZ expands development assistance to Indonesia

WELLINGTON, 8 April — New Zealand is expanding its development assistance programme to Indonesia by 50 per cent in light of the earthquakes and tsunami in that country recently, Prime Minister Helen Clark announced on Wednesday.

She gave the remarks at a state dinner for Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, who is paying a two-day official visit to New Zealand.

Clark said the focus of New Zealand's development assistance programme in Indonesia has been on basic education, rural livelihoods, and governance. Prior to the tsunami, much of the programme concentrated on Indonesia's eastern islands.

"The new funds will be directed to reconstruction and development in Aceh and Northern Sumatra," said the New Zealand Prime Minister.

Susilo, who arrived here Wednesday, will discuss issues of trade, education links and anti-terrorism with the New Zealand leader. — MNA/Xinhua

## စက်မှုဝန်းအား ခေတ်တော်လွှား

## Safety assurance key to reviving tourism in S Thailand

BANGKOK, 8 April — Trust and confidence are the key to reviving tourist industry in Thailand's southern region which was hit hard by last year's killer waves, said Japanese experts.

Advertising campaign in Japan will not convince Japanese tourists to return, said Masayuki Watanabe, president of the Institute for International Development Disaster Prevention and Peace Incorporated.

Although price of air tickets has fallen, many people are still looking for safety guarantees. "Only assurances of a safe and comfortable stay can bring about a sustainable and fast recovery," Masayuki Watanabe was quoted by Bangkok Post newspaper as saying on Thursday.

Thailand needs a historic and long-term physical and economic recovery plan, a comprehensive scheme which involves the community, provincial and central government, noted Haruo Hayashi, director of Kyoto University's Research Centre for Disaster Reduction

System. He added that people have to realize the possibility of reoccurrence of the disaster. So investment in town planning along with multi-lingual signs indicating emergency

procedures are needed. Since local people are still looking for jobs or living in temporary shelters, tourists may feel guilty about having fun in the area, he said.

MNA/Xinhua



A Vietnamese farmer works on a rice field outside Hanoi on 6 April, 2005. —INTERNET

## Sales of imported autos in Japan down 3.8% in fiscal 2004

Tokyo, 8 April — Sales of new imported motor vehicles in Japan fell 3.8 per cent in fiscal 2004 from the previous year to 268,703 units, the Japan Automobile Importers Association said on Wednesday.

The total for the year that ended on 31 March comprised 244,384 units manufactured by non-Japanese companies, down 0.5 per cent, and 24,319 units produced by Japanese automakers at overseas factories, down 27.9 per cent, the association said.

Volkswagen was the top-selling brand in fiscal 2004 with a 20.84-per-cent market share, selling 55,989 units, up 2.7 per cent, it said.

Mercedes-Benz ranked second with a 15.83-per-cent share, selling 42,543 units, down 8.7 per cent, followed by

BMW with a 14.58-per-cent share on a 4.9-per-cent gain in sales to 39,166 units.

Toyota ranked fourth with a 6.20-per-cent share, selling 16,654 units, up 2.2 per cent. Volvo ranked fifth with a 5.43-per-cent market share, selling 14,598 units, down 0.7 per cent.

Toyota Motor Corp. has been high in the sales ranking since it began marketing Avensis sedans and station wagons assembled at its British plant in Japan from October 2003.

MNA/Xinhua

## CBS freelance cameraman detained in Iraq

NEW YORK, 9 April — A cameraman wounded in Iraq while videotaping earlier this week for CBS News has been detained by US-led military forces, the network said on Friday.

The Pentagon said the cameraman was arrested and was being investi-

gated as to whether or not he was "more than an observer" of insurgent activities, CBS News said in a statement.

The freelance cameraman, who was not named by the network, was shot last Tuesday in northeastern Mosul. The Pentagon said at the time that forces

mistook his camera for a weapon and shot him, CBS News said.

The cameraman, who was treated at a military hospital, has worked for CBS News in Mosul for about three months. CBS News said it was continuing its own investigation into the incident. —Internet



Workers toil in a garment factory in Beijing on 8 April, 2005. —INTERNET

# On the correct path with discipline and good morale

*Tekkatho Hla Maung*

When no honking zones were set up first, we thought that they were unnecessary. But when we see the traffic moving with less noise pollution, we come to understand its value. In Loka Niti, it is said that a fool thinking himself a wise man is a real fool; and that a fool who knows himself a fool is a wise man. Thus, we all should know our weaknesses and faults. Man is facing troubles because of their wrong views and concepts. We should have the correct perception to have the right views and concepts. We know that greed, anger and jealousy are bad. But the question is "Can we control our mind?" It is our brains that can differentiate between right and wrong, and it is our intelligence that makes us perceive the right concept and views.

Correct perception can be called intelligence, and it is the intelligence that helps us to understand the difference between good and bad. Evil may follow if we commit sins. And if we do good things the good may follow.

The Buddha had also taught us to live in accord with discipline. Thus Myanmar should be a nation where discipline flourishes in accord with the teachings of Buddha. It is the mind that determines to break or follow the discipline. So, it is important for all of us to have noble mind. We should have the sense of shame to break the rules. As we are marching towards a discipline-flourishing developed nation, we should build a disciplined society. We will have to raise our standard by ourselves. As our living standard is improving, we must also improve our morale. There should be harmony between material and spiritual development. But some nations of the world are facing troubles as spiritual development cannot catch up with the material development.

It is said that Myanmar lost independence because they failed to observe the rules and discipline. In reality, no danger might befall us, if we stayed united in accord with discipline. Thanks to

the united struggles of all the nationalities, the people today are enjoying the fruits of independence. We will be able to perpetuate our independence only if we continue to observe the discipline. The unity and discipline of the nationalities will ensure a strong nation. We should have discipline in our behaviour, lifestyles and way of thinking. We must be polite. Discipline will lead us to preserving our traditions and culture. Thus, we must live, act and dress in accord with our culture.

We are working every day to earn our living. We have customs and traditions and culture to preserve and follow. A race will not vanish, even if it is swallowed by the earth. It will become extinct only

**We will have to observe the laws and discipline. Our nation will see progress only when we obey the discipline and rules. Discipline will also lead us to prosperity. Undisciplined democracy is undesirable. Ours should be a discipline-flourishing democratic nation.**

when it loses its traditions and culture. We should stay away from the lifestyles that are against or may tarnish our traditions and culture. We have a cultural yardstick for everyone from children to adults. Companies will advertise their goods to attract consumers. Because it is their work. What we need is to weigh in mind to know the dos and don'ts.

Sometimes artificial foods may cause various kinds of illness. Chemicals are used in preserving foodstuff and making them more delicious or tasty. Sometimes chemical changes may cause in foods as they are not fresh anymore. I have seen on TV people being warded for drinking too much artificial tonics. Canned or packed foods and bottled drinks are called junk food in other countries. But the word "junk" means cheap and worthless. They are not real, just fakes. Sodium glutamate or seasoning agent is also included in the artificial foods. Thus, we should stay

away from eating artificial and synthetic foods.

Myanmar have a bad habit of chewing betel quid and spit it elsewhere. But chewing betel quid is an age-old habit of Myanmar. But ancient Myanmar never spit betel spittle randomly. They always placed a spittoon near them when they chewed betel quid.

We have another bad habit of throwing garbage indiscriminately. We should have discipline if we want our country achieve progress, otherwise we will be left behind. We should try to catch up with other nations in terms of development and discipline observance.

The nation will see increase in the number of intellectuals and intelligentsia together with its developments. But it is the mind that control the people. If the intellectuals and intelligentsia have evil mind they will harm mankind. The atomic bombs that were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki killed thousands of innocent people of the two cities during the World War II. Thus, if intellectuals and intelligentsia have high morale and goodwill, they will benefit mankind a lot.

The legislative, executive and judicial sectors discussed at the National Convention in reality are the rules and discipline for all of us. We will have to observe the laws and discipline. Our nation will see progress only when we obey the discipline and rules. Discipline will also lead us to prosperity. Undisciplined democracy is undesirable. Ours should be a discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

Thus, we should do what is necessary for us, and make amendments where and when necessary. Modernization of our lifestyles should be within the framework of our traditions and culture. We should not let our traditions and culture and national identity be overwhelmed by alien thoughts. Only then will our nation be able to exist in the world with honour and dignity.

(Translation: TMT)

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## Tiger Amateur Knock-out Golf Tournament concludes



YANGON, 9 April—The Tiger Amateur Knock-out Golf Tournament, mainly sponsored by Myanmar Brewery Ltd, was held at Pun Hlaing Golf Resort in Hlinethaya Township yesterday morning.

Altogether 70 amateur golfers competed in nine holes for the first round. Next, 10 winners in the trials participated in the knock-out event. In the final, Aung Thwin Kyaw and Thein Lin Tun played at an extra hole.

President of MGF and MPGA Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd) awarded first prize to Aung Thwin Kyaw and second to Thein Lin Tun.

General Manager Mr David Teng of Myanmar Brewery Ltd presented US\$ 2,500 to the President of MGF.

Aung Thwin Kyaw got a free ticket to watch Tiger Skins Golf Tournament to be held at the Blue Canyon Golf Course in Phukhet of Thailand from 15 to 17 April free of charge together with Champion Thein Zaw Myint of Tiger Myanmar Amateur Open Championship and the permission to participate in the event for guest players during

the free-of-charge three-night-stay visit together with world class professional Retier Goosen, Colin Montgomerie, Thomas Bforn and Miss Seri

Pak of the Republic of Korea. Myanmar Brewery Ltd sponsored to host a lunch to the winners at Grand Plaza Park Royal Hotel. — MNA



President of MGF and MPGA Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd) accepts US\$ 2,500 donated by General Manager Mr David Teng of Myanmar Brewery Ltd.—MGF

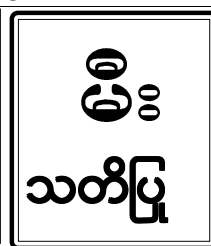
## Artistes honoured

YANGON, 9 April—Artistes who participated in the tele play titled 'Thuye-kaung-myarhtongar-the', which was broadcast to hail the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, and officials of Myanmar Motion Pictures Asiayon were honoured at the Karaweik Palace Hotel yesterday evening.

Present on the occasion were Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyan Tun, Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint and senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, Myanmar Motion Pictures Asiayon Chairman U Sein Tin and officials and guests. After giving an honorary

speech, Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint presented gifts to Gita Lulin U Ko Ko, film director Bachi Soe Moe and scrip-writer U Nyein Min.

Next, Commodore Nyan Tun and senior military officers presented gifts to the officials and the artistes and Bachi Soe Moe expressed thanks. Later, a dinner was hosted to those present. — MNA



# Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win arrives in Vientiane



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and Lao PDR Prime Minister Mr Bounnhang Vorachith take the salute of the Guard of Honour at the airport.—MNA

YANGON, 9 April— At the invitation of Prime Minister of Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Bounnhang Vorachith, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Phan Van Khai and Prime Minister

Protocol Department of LPDR Mr Ly Bounkham boarded the plane and welcomed the members of Myanmar goodwill delegation.

Members of Myanmar goodwill delegation led by the Prime Minister of the

Affairs of LPDR Mr Somsavat Lengsavad, LPDR Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chanthavy Bodhisane, Myanmar Ambassador U Tin Oo and wife Daw Thida Htay, Military Attachè Col Hla Myint and wife Daw

Prime Minister who descended the plane.

Members of Myanmar goodwill delegation led by the Prime Minister, accompanied by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of LPDR Mr

Prime Minister of Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Bounnhang Vorachith. Next, a young Laotian girl presented bouquet to the Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win.

A ceremony to welcome members of Myanmar

Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and Prime Minister Mr Bounnhang Vorachith went to the dais and took the salute of the Guard of Honour. At that time, The State Band played the anthems of the Union of Myanmar and LPDR. The



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win greets Laotian ministers and deputy ministers.—MNA



Lao PDR Prime Minister Mr Bounnhang Vorachith greets Myanmar goodwill delegation members.—MNA

of the Kingdom of Cambodia Mr Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar Lt-Gen Soe Win, accompanied by Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and officials left here on 6 April for LPDR as the first leg of three-nation tour.

The Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and party arrived at Wat Tay International Airport in Vientiane at 10:25 am local time.

First, Myanmar Ambassador to LPDR U Tin Oo and Head of

Union of Myanmar were welcomed by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign

Theingi Soe, embassy staff and families.

A young Myanmar girl presented bouquet to the

Somsavat Lengsavad and officials, arrived at the National Assembly where they were welcomed by

goodwill delegation led by the Prime Minister was held at the National Assembly building. Prime

two Prime Ministers inspected the Guard of Honour.

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Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and LPDR Prime Minister Mr Bounnhang Vorachith inspect the Guard of Honour.—MNA



Laotian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Somsavat Lengsavad welcomes Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and party at Wat Tay International Airport.—MNA



A Myanmar girl presents a bouquet to Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win.—MNA

### Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win arrives...

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Prime Minister Mr Bounnhang Vorachith presented Deputy Prime

Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of LPDR Mr Somsavat Lengsavad, the ministers, the deputy ministers, senior officers from armed forces and police, MPs and senior officials to Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win.

Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win also presented members of Myanmar delegation to Prime Minister Mr Bounnhang Vorachith. The members of Myanmar delegation led by Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win went to the Memorial Monument and laid wreath.

They next went to Lao Plaza Hotel in Vientiane.—MNA



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win pays tribute to Memorial to Fallen Heroes in Vientiane.—MNA

## PM Lt-Gen Soe Win leaves for Vietnam

YANGON, 9 April — The Myanmar Delegation led by Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win of the Union of Myanmar were cordially greeted by Prime Minister of Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Bounnhang Vorachith at Lao Plaza Hotel in LPDR on 7 April morning.

At the meeting, Prime Minister of Lao PDR Mr Bounnhang Vorachith presented Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win of the Union of Myanmar documentary photo album on the goodwill visit as a gift.

Also present on the occasion were the Ministers, the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Myanmar Ambassador to Lao PDR, the military attaché and departmental heads.

On arrival at Wat Tay International Airport in Vientiane at 8 am, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Lao PDR Mr Somsavat Lengsavad, Lao PDR Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Chanthavy Bodhisane and officials, Myanmar Ambassador to Lao PDR U Tin Oo and wife Daw Thida Htay, Military Attaché Col Hla Myint and wife Daw Theingi Soe, staff of Myanmar Embassy and Military Attaché's Office and families bade farewell to Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and party.

Next, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and party left for Vietnam by special aircraft.



Laotian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Somsavat Lengsavad sees off Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and party at Wat Tay International Airport.—MNA

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**Senior General  
Than Shwe welcomes  
back Prime Minister  
Lt-Gen Soe Win  
on his return from  
Lao PDR,  
Vietnam & Cambodia**



*Senior General Than Shwe welcomes back Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win at Yangon International Airport.— MNA*



*Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win being welcomed back by diplomats at Yangon International Airport.— MNA*

**Government of Lao PDR...**

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Afterwards, President Mr Khamtay Siphandone delivered an address, saying that the two countries have a good tradition of friendly relationship. Thanks to successful discussions of the two Prime Ministers, it would promote relations between of the two coun-

tries. And, there has been a mutually supportive relationship between the two countries. He added that he knew progress of the Union of Myanmar. He was delighted at the successful convening of the National Convention and hosting of the World Buddhist Summit. The Government of the Lao

PDR and the people will always support the Union of Myanmar. Therefore, Myanmar should lay emphasis on development of the country by neglecting accusations and pressures of external elements.

After the call, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and Laotian President Mr Khamtay Siphandone had a documentary photo taken.—MNA



*Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win greets Laotian President Mr Khamtay Siphandone at the hall of the President's House in Vientiane.—MNA*



*Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and Laotian President Mr Khamtay Siphandone pose for documentary photo.*

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*Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win calls on Lao PDR President Mr Khamtay Siphandone at the hall of the President's House in Vientiane.—MNA*



# Laotian Prime Minister hosts dinner in honour of Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and party



*Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bounnhang Vorachith proposes toasts at the dinner at Lao Plaza Hotel in Vientiane.— MNA*



*Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win proposes toasts at the dinner at Lao Plaza Hotel in Vientiane.— MNA*

YANGON, 9 April — The Myanmar Delegation led by Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar Lt-Gen Soe Win on an official visit to the Lao People's Democratic Republic were hosted a dinner by Prime Minister of Lao PDR Mr Bounnhang Vorachith at Lao Plaza Hotel in Vientiane at 7 pm on 6 April.

Also present at the dinner were the ministers, the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Myanmar Ambassador to Lao PDR, the Military Attaché and departmental heads.

The Prime Minister of the Lao PDR was accompanied by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Somsavat Lengsavad, the ministers, the deputy ministers, the MPs and senior officials.

At the dinner, Prime Minister of the Lao PDR Mr Bounnhang Vorachith and Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win proposed toasts.

Before and during the dinner, they enjoyed songs and traditional dances by Lao cultural troupe.

After the dinner, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win together with Prime Minister Mr Bounnhang Vorachith presented the artistes a basket of bouquet.

Next, they posed for a documentary photo together with the artistes.—MNA



*Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bounnhang Vorachith hosts dinner in honour of Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win at Lao Plaza Hotel in Vientiane.— MNA*

*Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bounnhang Vorachith pose for documentary photo after the dinner.— MNA*

*Laotian cultural troupe entertains Myanmar delegation led by Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win with traditional dance at the dinner.*

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# Success achieved in cooperation for bilateral...

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 Minister for Agriculture and Forestry Dr Sien Saphangthong, Deputy Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Dr Bovieng Kham Vongdala, Planning and Investment Committee Deputy Minister Mr Lien Thiako, Laotian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chantharvy Bodhisane, and high-ranking officials.

The Laotian PM in his speech said that the Myanmar PM attended the 10th ASEAN Summit held recently in Laos and now paid a goodwill visit to Laos and he welcomed the Myanmar PM's visit. Prime Minister Lt-Gen

sides. It is encouraging to know that success has been achieved in cooperation for bilateral and common interests under Ayeyawady Chao Phraya Mekong Economic Co-operation Strategy.

He said that he would like to let the hosts know the present political developments of Myanmar. The Myanmar Government announced the State's seven-point Road Map on 30 August 2003. For the first phase, the National Convention is being held to lay down basic principles for the drawing of a new State constitution.

In his speech, the Laotian PM said that the Lao



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and party discuss with Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bounhang Vorachith and party.— MNA



Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bounhang Vorachith greets Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win at Lao Plaza Hotel.— MNA



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win cordially greets Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bounhang Vorachith at the Prime Minister's Office. MNA

Soe Win said that Myanmar and Laos have been able to maintain the amicable friendly relations based on mutual respects and understanding. The friendship and cooperation between the two nations has been further cemented through to the exchange visits of state leaders of the two

PDR thanked Myanmar for presenting the progress of Myanmar. Laos agreed to the statements of the Myanmar Prime Minister. Myanmar is a good neighbouring country of Laos. The border of the two nations is witnessing peace and stability and speedy bilateral cooperation. Thanks to the local ad-

ministrative bodies of the two sides, bilateral cooperation has been promoted on border line. He again expressed thanks to Myanmar for its cooperation in many sectors and giving a helpful hand to Laos to host the 10th ASEAN Summit. The establishment of diplomatic ties of the two nations has

turned the 50th anniversary in July 2005, and Laos would like to coordinate to observe the diplomatic relations with a fine tradition. He said Laos would like to promote border trade between the two sides.

The two also dis-

cussed matters to implement the resolutions of the sixth meeting of the joint commission of the two nations, to hold the seventh joint commission meeting at the end of the year, to review implementation of the resolutions passed in the meet-

ings of ACMECS and CLMV summit meetings, to hold EAS meeting in 2005, and to organize a preliminary meeting for holding informal meeting of the ASEAN Foreign Affairs Ministers in the Philippines.

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Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bounhang Vorachith seen at a meeting.— MNA



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win meets with Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bounhang Vorachith at Lao Plaza Hotel.— MNA

## Secretary-1 Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein attends MWVO Central Organizing Committee regular meeting 3/2005



YANGON, 9 April — The Myanmar War Veterans Organization Central Organizing Committee held the regular meeting 3/2005 at its headquarters on Pyay Road in Mayangon Township this morning, with an address by Chairman of the Central Organizing Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman Lt-Gen Thein Sein explained at length matters related to laying down policies and plans for holding the Myanmar War Veterans Organization Conference 2005, arrangements for extending agriculture, livestock and fisheries, production and trading of the organization and construction of war veterans villages, housing estates, schools, roads and bridges for ensuring convenience of war veterans and families in their basic needs.

Secretary of the Organization Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe read out the minutes of the Meeting 2/2005 and reported on work

accomplishment. Next, Secretary of the Organizing Committee for the Myanmar War Veterans Organization Conference 2005 Brig-Gen Phone Swe submitted reports on holding of the conference.

Chairman and officials of sub-committees discussed matters concerning the conference.

Vice-Chairman Vice-Admiral Kyi Min (Retd) gave a supplementary report on holding the conference. The chairmen of the State/Division Supervisory Committees presented reports on preliminary meetings to the conference, and those present took part in the discussions.

Before concluding the meeting, Lt-Gen Thein Sein gave necessary instructions.

Also present at the meeting were Vice-Chairman Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, senior military officers, deputy ministers and departmental officials.

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Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses the meeting 3/2005 of Myanmar War Veterans Organization Central Organizing Committee.—MNA

## Mercantile Marine Officer Cadet Training Course (CD/32) concludes, course (CD/33) opens

YANGON, 9 April — The concluding ceremony of Mercantile Marine Officer Cadet Training Course (CD/32) of the Ministry of Transport was held in conjunction with the opening of the course (CD/33) at the parade ground of the Institute of Marine Technology on Bayintnaung Road here this morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Deputy Minister Col Nyan Tun Aung, Officer on Special Duty Brig-Gen Myo Tin, Principal of the institute U Win Thein, departmental heads and families and relatives of cadet trainees and officials.

After taking the salute of the parade companies, the minister awarded prizes to outstanding trainees. In his speech, the minister said as the marine transport sector is an auxiliary force of the Tatmadaw



Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe presents award to an outstanding cadet.—MNA

(Navy), you, the trainees, are required to shoulder duties steadfastly with patriotic spirit by holding the three main national causes in the fore. Next, he stressed the need for the trainees to try to become officers on whom the State can rely. Later, the trainees saluted the minister and the ceremony came to a close.

A prize-distribution ceremony for the cadet trainees of the course (CD/32) took place at the mass hall of the institute. Principal U Win Thien, after delivering a speech, presented prizes to 23 outstanding trainees. Then completion certificates were handed out to 301 trainees.

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## Colombia welcomes China to invest in oil

BEIJING, 8 April — Colombia welcomes China to invest in its vast but largely unexplored oil resources, Colombia's President Alvaro Uribe Velez said here on Thursday.

At a Press conference on Thursday evening, Uribe said China's explosive economic growth will be beneficial to Colombia if it decides to explore the countries rich oil resources, 87 per cent of which remains unexplored.

"As long as China invests, there would be great potential," he said.

Uribe arrived here

Wednesday morning to start his state visit to China as guest of Chinese President Hu Jintao.

The two countries signed five documents in the areas of plant and animal quarantine, information and telecommunication, film exhibition, economy and technology.

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## Roman relics to be exhibited in ancient Chinese capital

Xi'an, 8 April — More than 170 Roman cultural relics arrived in Xi'an, capital of northwest China's Shaanxi Province, Wednesday night for an exhibition later this month, Ma Zhenzhi, deputy curator of the provincial museum, said on Thursday.

The exhibition will open on 20 April and

last for three months. The museum will also stage an exhibition of cultural relics of the Western Han Dynasty (206 BC-24) excavated in Xi'an, which served as national capital in the period.

Ma said it will be the first time cultural relics from oriental and Western civilizations are dis-

played for exhibition at the same time in a Chinese city.

"It's a good chance for the Chinese people to glimpse the past glory of these two ancient civilizations and feel their differences," Ma said. Rome and Xi'an were two flourishing capitals on the ancient Silk Road.

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**China to recall  
defective  
passenger vehicles**

BEIJING, 8 April — Frequent traffic accidents have forced the Chinese Government to tighten its inspection of passenger vehicles with more than nine seats, a senior official from the State Administration for Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine said on Wednesday.

Vice-director Han Yi of the Quality Control Department of the administration said that the nationwide quality overhaul will target larger vehicles because most road accidents are related to passenger transportation.

In 2004, a total of 852 people were killed in 55 severe road accidents. Of the number, thirty-two accidents or 58.2 per cent were related to passenger vehicles, according to statistics from the Ministry of Public Security.

To remedy the situation, the administration has decided to enforce the recall of defective vehicles with more than nine seats by 2006.

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**Inventions  
exhibition  
opens in  
Geneva**

GENEVA, 8 April — The annual International Exhibition of Inventions of Geneva opened on Wednesday with around 1,000 innovations presented by about 670 exhibitors from 42 countries. The exhibition, the 33rd, will run through to Sunday. Organizers call it the most important invention show in the world.

A large number of the 56,225 visitors are professionals who come to Geneva to do business, buy licences or find the product they would like to market. Last year, the business volume generated during or just after the exhibition was over 30 million US dollars.

Apart from the chance of finding partners, the exhibitors will be able to test the performance of their inventions, since they are all judged by an international jury.

Participants of the event will compete for the Grand Prix of the exhibition and 39 special prizes.

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**British manufacturing  
output falls in  
February**

LONDON, 8 April — British manufacturing output fell in February for the first time in the past six months and the previous month's small gain was revised down to unchanged, according to official figures on Thursday.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) said the output of manufacturing industries fell by 0.5 per cent in February, its first fall since last August.

It said the output of chemicals and man-made fibres industries dropped by 2 per cent and that of pulp, paper, printing and publishing industries was 1.3 per cent down.

This was unexpected as the ONS had expected to see further improvements in the industrial production in February following a surprised increase of manufacturing output in January.

The ONS said from last December to February, manufacturing output increased by 0.4 per cent, mining and quarrying output increased by 1.6 per cent, but output of electricity, gas and water supply industries was down 1.5 per cent, compared with the previous three months.

Manufacturing output in the latest three months was 1.1 per cent higher than the same period last year.

The figures strengthened widespread expectations that the Bank of England would keep the interest rates on hold at 4.75 per cent later Thursday, amid signs of weakness in other parts of the economy.

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**IMF Chief warns of further sharp rises  
in oil prices**

WASHINGTON, 8 April — International Monetary Fund chief Rodrigo Rato warned here on Wednesday that further sharp increases in oil prices may have more serious effects on global growth.

The impact of record-high oil prices on global growth and inflation has so far been "manageable", Rato said in a speech at Georgetown University.

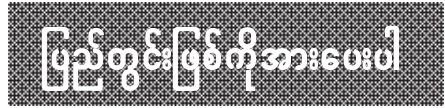
"But further sharp increases may have more serious effects: looking forward, supply and demand will remain in balance at best, with limited prospects for building spare capacity, and the oil market will remain vulnerable to shocks," he said.

He noted that oil-producing and consuming countries need to work

together to ensure oil market stability by strengthening energy conservation, reducing obstacles to investment, and improving data transparency.

As to rising interest rates in the United States, Rato said the Federal Reserve was right to worry about evidence of inflationary pressure.

"A sharp increase in US interest rates, for instance prompted by a rise in inflationary expectations or weaker demand for US securities, would adversely affect the (glo-



**English names to be banned  
from Swiss administration**

GENEVA, 8 April — The Swiss Cabinet announced on Wednesday that it will outlaw the use of English-sounding names by government departments.

The new rules decided by Cabinet mean that all departments will have to ensure by the end of May that their names are clear, logical and formulated only in the four national languages — French, German, Italian and Romansh.

The move away from English-sounding names such as "fedpol" for the Federal Police, or "Swissmint" for the Federal Mint comes a few months after an official protest from a French-speaking member of Parliament, who demanded that the country's national languages be given priority over English.

The government also wants a common logo for all departments.

At the moment, the 80-odd Swiss Govern-

ment offices all have their own logos and graphic styles. The cross on the Swiss flag, for example, appears in dozens of variants.

According to the Cabinet's decision, all official documents will now have the same heading: a shield with the Swiss cross at its center. On one side will be the wording "Swiss Confederation" in the four national languages, and on the other, the name of the office issuing the document.

All changes should be implemented by next year. The government says the single logo will help reinforce collaboration between departments and save seven million Swiss francs (5.8 million US dollars) annually.

MNA/Xinhua

**China's AIDS-afflicted province  
takes new measures against  
epidemic**

ZHENGZHOU, 8 April — Central China's Henan Province, one of the areas in the country most affected by AIDS, is renewing its efforts to fight the epidemic this year with eight new measures, according to the provincial government.

With the eight measures, the province aims to set up its own system for HIV/AIDS prevention and control, said an official of the provincial health department.

The new measures

emphasize carrying out research on the human immunodeficiency virus, improving monitoring networks by setting up a data base of the province's HIV positive and AIDS sufferers and launching clinical studies and an evaluation system of traditional Chinese herbal medicine AIDS treatments.

Statistics from the health department show 25,036 people have been confirmed HIV-positive in Henan and 11,815 developed AIDS by 2004.

Henan spent 334 million yuan (40.2 million US dollars) last year in free medical treatment to AIDS patients and education for orphans of AIDS patients and to take care of the elderly who have lost children to AIDS in the province's 38 most affected villages.

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First bicommunal women cone, mulls roles, challenges

NISCOSIA, 8 April — Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot women met here on Wednesday for the first time to discuss their roles in the labour market and common challenges they face.

During the bicommunal conference, the participants also discussed solutions to the reunification of the island and all agreed a united Cyprus would benefit all women in their struggle for equality and prosperity.

Cyprus has been divided into Greek Cypriot south and Turkish Cypriot north since 1974 when Turkish troops took control of the northern third of the island after a failed Greek Cypriot coup seeking union with Greece.

The latest efforts to reunite the island floundered after Greek Cypriots rejected a UN reunification plan in a referendum in April last years. —MNA/ Xinhua

Digital library to be built in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 8 April — The New Zealand National Library said on Thursday it will collect and store a vast amount of materials to build a digital library.

Library collection services director Alison Elliott was quoted by the NZ Press Association as saying that almost everything can be collected, including those embarrassing chat room conversations, especially if they were in a forum everyone could see on the Web for free.

“But the library has said that in some areas we will have to be quite selective. Some digital material will be given more priority than others.”

Steve Knight, the national digital heritage archive programme architect, said to set up a digital database was not as easy as it sounded as such repositories were almost unheard of overseas.

The biggest issue is publishers’ worry about copyright. To solve this, the only digital material which the National Library can put online is material which was already available free to the public, unless the publisher agrees.

The library has also agreed not to make printed material such as books available online. Films, television and radio material will continue to head towards their own archives.

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Despite the inherent risks, NASA said it will resume its space shuttle programme by launching the Discovery, seen here on 6 April, before July, more than two years after the Columbia Disintegrated on reentry. — INTERNET

Study shows early Earth atmosphere hydrogen-rich, favourable to life

LOS ANGELES, 8 April — Early Earth atmosphere was hydrogen-rich, favourable to life, US scientists said in a study published on Thursday in the online edition of journal Science.

This new finding indicates Earth in its infancy probably had substantial quantities of hydrogen in atmosphere, altering the way many scientists think about how life began on the planet, according to researchers at the University of Colorado.

The new study indicates up to 40 per cent of the early atmosphere was hydrogen, which implies a more favourable climate

for the production of prebiotic organic compounds like amino acids, and life ultimately.

Scientists believe Earth was formed about 4.6 billion years ago, and geologic evidence indicates life may have begun on Earth roughly a billion years later.

“This study indicates that the carbon dioxide-rich, hydrogen-poor Mars and Venus-like model of

Earth’s early atmosphere that scientists have been working with for the last 25 years is incorrect,” said Owen Toon, senior author of the paper. In such atmospheres, organic molecules are not produced by photochemical reactions or electrical discharges.

Toon said the premise that early Earth had a carbon dioxide-dominated atmosphere long after its

formation has caused many scientists to look for clues to the origin of life in hydrothermal vents in the sea, fresh-water hot springs or those delivered to Earth from space via meteorites or dust.

The researchers concluded that even if the atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations were large, the hydrogen concentrations would have been larger. In that case, the

production of organic compounds with the help of electrical discharge or photochemical reactions may have been efficient.

Amino acids that likely formed from organic materials in the hydrogen-rich environment may have accumulated in the oceans or in bays, lakes and swamps, enhancing potential birthplaces for life, the team reported.

MNA/Xinhua



A 10-day-old male orangutan named Nias drinks milk from a bottle at Taman Safari in Prigen, East Java recently. — INTERNET

Mercedes Car Group increases sales in March

BERLIN, 8 April — German carmaker DaimlerChrysler said on Wednesday that the Mercedes Car Group increased worldwide sales by 2 per cent to 117,500 units in March.

It said Mercedes-Benz brand sales fell by 2.5 per cent to 103,300 units while Smart sales were up 49.7 per cent to 14,100 units, compared with the same period last year.

During the first quar-

ter as a whole, it delivered 261,700 Mercedes-Benz and Smart passenger cars to customers worldwide, 4.5 per cent lower than the same period last year.

MNA/Xinhua

US weekly jobless claims fall by largest amount in two months

WASHINGTON, 8 April — US jobless claims declined 19,000 in the week to 2 April, the largest drop in two months, the Labour Department reported Thursday. The decline pushed the number of Americans applying for unemployment benefit down to a seasonally adjusted 334,000.

Economists had been expecting last week’s claim applications to fall 20,000. Last week’s decline came after two consecutive weekly increases — claims unexpectedly jumped by 23,000 the week before last — and was the largest drop since a decline of 27,000 in the week to February 5.

MNA/Xinhua

Study shows Blacks lag in American wealth stakes

WASHINGTON, 8 April — Blacks lag far behind Whites in the United States in economic status, health and education and are in danger of “a great backslide” from the gains made since the civil rights movement began, the US National Urban League said on Wednesday.

“This year... almost every indicator available shows that progress for Black America is stalling or falling,” Urban League President Marc Morial told a news conference.

The organization said in a study entitled “The State of Black American 2005” that the median net worth of Black Americans is less than 10 per cent of Whites. The study found

that the median net worth for Black Americans was 6,100 dollars, versus 67,000 dollars for Whites. Only 48.1 per cent of Black Americans own their homes, compared with 75.4

percent of Whites, and there are nearly three times as many White-owned businesses as Black-owned ones. In addition, Blacks are more than twice as likely to be unemployed as

Whites. The study also found that American Blacks’ health status is 76 per cent of Whites’, with a life expectancy of 72 years versus 78 years for Whites.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

**Perrin named as manager of Portsmouth**

LONDON, 8 April — Former Olympique Marseille coach Alain Perrin was appointed as manager of English Premier League side Portsmouth on Thursday.

The 48-year-old Frenchman will be at Fratton Park for the next two years, the club said on their official web site.

"I am very happy to join the premiership and to come to England because it is the best championship in Europe," Perrin told a news conference at the club's Eastleigh training ground.

"When I first had contact with the chairman, I was very happy to come here," added Perrin after making apologies for his broken English.

Perrin cemented his reputation during a decade at Troyes, who he steered from the French Fourth Division to Ligue 1 and a UEFA Cup place.

He joined Marseille in 2002 but is suing the club for unfair dismissal after being sacked in January 2004.

Portsmouth are now 16th in the table, four points above the relegation zone. — MNA/Xinhua

**Nigeria settles for foreign coach ahead of 2006 World Cup**

LAGOS, 8 April — Nigeria seems to have decided to hire a foreign soccer coach for the Super Eagles ahead of the Germany 2006 World Cup.

The Nigeria Football Association (NFA) held a two-day emergency meeting in the capital Abuja this week with the issue of hiring a foreign technical adviser, the de-facto coach for the national team, topping the agenda.

"We all agreed that there is urgent need to have a foreign technical adviser for the national team (at the meeting). But we have

not given anybody the responsibility to go for one," said a board member of the NFA, Sam Sam Jaja, according to the Guardian daily Thursday.

Now, the issue is entirely dependent on whether or not the NFA can secure funding for the coach. "As soon as we are able to source for the salary that will be used in paying the coach, we will go for one," Jaja said.

Nigeria's popular The Punch daily however reported that an indigenous telecom giant, Globacom, was now willing to sponsor the foreign coach project.

"We have been discussing with Globacom since last week and we are

going to ensure that everything is concretized this time before we start talking about the coach," NFA Chairman Ibrahim Galadima was quoted as saying. The call for a foreign coach for the Eagles was re-awakened shortly after the 26 March World Cup qualifying game in which the Eagles had to wait for two late minute goals to survive the Panthers of Gabon.

Nigerian fans and some officials of the NFA accused indigenous coach Christian Chukwu of lacking the technical know-how to manage the Eagles and said that leaving the team in the hands of Chukwu will amount to a great risk. — MNA/Xinhua



Los Angeles Lakers' Caron Butler, left, is fouled under the basket by Seattle SuperSonics' Jerome James during the second half on 8 April, 2005, in Seattle. — INTERNET

**Security increased for Real Madrid-Barcelona match**

MADRID, 9 April — A security scheme involving 700 members of the National Police, the Municipal Police and private-security personnel, will keep the vigilance around the classic Real Madrid-Barcelona match.

This was informed here on Friday by the Delegation of the Government through the Provincial Citizen Security Brigade and the Madrid authorities.

The match, considering the long hostility of the two teams, was declared as one of high risk by the Anti-Violence Commission, and the security operation will be activated from the early hours of Sunday with the participation of 350 agents of the National Police.

There will also be 100 agents of the National Police, 200 of private-security organizations and 100 more of the Red Cross and the Civil Protection Office present among the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium.

MNA/Xinhua

**Feyenoord appeal against stadium ban by UEFA**

BRUSSELS, 9 April — Feyenoord have appealed against a stadium ban handed down by UEFA to make them play one match behind closed doors after fan turbulence.

The Dutch club was also fined 16,000 euros as punishment for incidents during their UEFA Cup tie against Portuguese club Sporting on 24 February.

Feyenoord fans threw fireworks and other missiles on to the pitch, causing a 15-minute delay.

UEFA's Control and Disciplinary Body cited a lack of security in the De Kuip stadium and risks to the players.

Feyenoord then announced Friday that the club had lodged an appeal against the punishment, which will take effect from Feyenoord's next home game in Europe.

The Dutch side had lost both legs of the round of 32 tie 2-1 to Sporting, who progressed 4-2 on aggregate.

MNA/Xinhua

**Brazil to host World Cup qualifier against Paraguay**

RIO DE JANEIRO, 9 April — Brazil will host one of their World Cup 2006 qualifying games against Paraguay at the southern city of Porto Alegre, the Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF) said on Friday.

Date and venue of the 14th round match in the South American qualifiers, however, have yet been established by the South American Football Confederation (CONMEBOL), according to the CBF.

There are two alternatives for international matches in the city, one is the Olympic Stadium owned by the Gremio soccer club, and the other is the Beira-Rio Stadium owned by rival club the Internacional.

Brazil now sit second with 24 points from 13 rounds of games in the South American group, four points behind Argentina. And Paraguay is fourth on 19 points with five games to go. — MNA/Xinhua

**China unveils 30-strong team for U-20 world soccer c'ship**

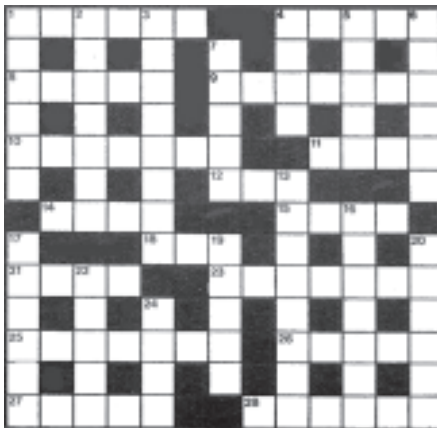
BEIJING, 9 April — China on Friday unveiled a 30-member team for this year's U-20 world soccer championship, to be held in the Netherlands in June.

The team comprises three goalkeepers, eight defenders, 12 midfielders and seven forwards, with an average age of 19.3 and average height of 1.81 metres.

The head coach is German Eckhard Krautzun who will make up a final 21-strong team from the 30 players to compete in the Netherlands.

MNA/Xinhua

**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**



**Across**

- 1 Curb
- 4 Sugary
- 8 Drive back
- 9 View
- 10 Vulcanised rubber
- 11 Commotion
- 12 Boy's name (dim.)
- 14 Note
- 15 Charity
- 18 Legume
- 21 Disembark
- 23 Cross-beam
- 25 Sale
- 26 Cures
- 27 Occurrence
- 28 Mean

**Down**

- 1 Infertile
- 2 Ameliorate
- 3 Sweetmeat on stick
- 4 Earth
- 5 Decree
- 6 Holding
- 7 Desire what belongs to another
- 13 Long-distance
- 16 Communication
- 17 Gratify
- 19 Expiate
- 20 Ticked
- 22 Mother-of-pearl
- 24 Elevator

**Davenport beat Venus to reach semifinals at Florida**

WASHINGTON, 9 April — World number one Lindsay Davenport beat Venus Williams 1-6, 6-3, 6-4 to reach the semifinals of the Amelia Island tennis championship in Florida on Friday.

The defending champion and top seed looked on her way out as she was blitzed in the first set but she rallied to secure victory and take her place in the last four.

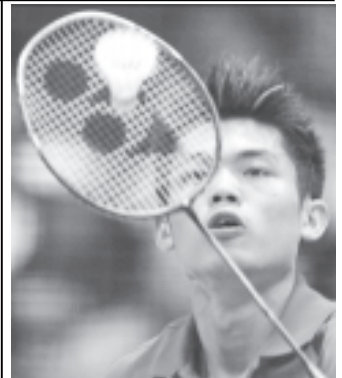
Full of confidence after her win over Serena to make semis in Miami last week, Venus left Davenport reeling with a succession of winners.

The fifth seed had completed a rain-delayed victory over Polish qualifier Marta Domachowska

earlier on Friday, but it did not seem to affect her as she romped through the opening set.

As the second set wore on, Venus began to make mistakes and Davenport levelled the match and then broke to lead 3-2 in the decider. Venus had Davenport at 0-40 on her serve in the eighth game but the world number one held her nerve and served out two games later to seal victory.

MNA/Xinhua



World number one Lin Dan of China beat Denmark's Kenneth Jonassen at the Japan Open badminton 17-14, 15-10 recently. — INTERNET

**မြန်မာ့ယဉ်ကျေးမှုမဟာသင်္ကြန် ဆင်နွှဲသူများ လိုက်နာရန် တိုက်တွန်းနိုးဆော်ချက်**

- \* မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှုဓလေ့စရိုက်နှင့် ဖီလာဆန်ကျင်ပြီး မြန်မာလူမျိုးများ၏ အမြင်တွင် မတင်တယ်သည် ဝတ်စားဆင်ယင်မှု၊ ပြုမူပြောဆိုမှုများ မပြုလုပ်ရန်။
- \* ဗုဒ္ဓဘာသာယဉ်ကျေးမှုအဆုံးအမနှင့် ဖီလာဆန်ကျင်သည် အပြုအမူ၊ ပြောဆိုမှုများ မပြုလုပ်ရန်။
- \* အချင်းချင်း ဒဏ်ရာအနာတရ ဖြစ်စေပြီး အန္တရာယ်ဖြစ်စေသည့် ကြမ်းတမ်းသည့် ရေကစားမှုများ မပြုလုပ်ရန်။
- \* တိုင်းရင်းသားစည်းလုံးညီညွတ်မှုကို ပျက်ပြားစေပြီး ဆူပူမှုကို ဖြစ်စေနိုင်သည့် လှူဆော်ဖန်တီးပြုမူပြောဆိုကြိုပမ်းမှုများကို မပြုလုပ်ရန်။

မဟာသင်္ကြန်စည်းကမ်းထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကော်မတီ

**သတိ**

- ၁။ လေပေါင် (၁၀၀) မှ (၁၅၀) အထိ အတင်အချ ရှိလှုပ်၍ ရာသီဥတုကွန်ပရက်ဆာပန်များဖြင့် ရေပတ်ကစားခြင်းကြောင့် ရေစူးအား ပြင်းလွန်၍ ရေပတ်ခံရသူတွင် အသားရေများ ပြင်းပဲ့စုတ်ထွက်နိုင်ခြင်း၊ မျက်စိ၊ နားများအား ထိခိုက်ပျက်စီးခြင်း၊ နားတန်းနိုင်ခြင်း၊ အန္တရာယ်ဖြစ်စေနိုင်ပါသဖြင့် ရေကစားမဏ္ဍာပများ၊ ရေပတ်ခံကားများတွင် ကွန်ပရက်ဆာပန်များ အသုံးပြု၍ ရေပတ်ခြင်း မပြုရန် တာ-မြစ်ပါသည်။
- ၂။ သင်္ကြန်ရေပတ်ကစားခြင်းအား သင်္ကြန်ရက်များအတွင်း နေ့စဉ် နံနက် (၀၇:၀၀) နာရီမှ (၁၈:၀၀) နာရီအတွင်းသာ ရေပတ်ကစားကြရန်နှင့် (၁၈:၀၀) နာရီ နောက်ပိုင်း ရေပတ်ကစားခြင်း မပြုရန် တာ-မြစ်ပါသည်။
- ၃။ တာ-မြစ်ချက်အား ဖောက်ဖျက်ပါက ထိရောက်စွာ အရေးယူခံရမည် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းအေးချမ်းသာယာရေးနှင့် ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးကော်မတီ

**သတိ**

**ရန်ကုန်မြို့တော်အတွင်း ဟွန်းမတီးရ။**

ယာဉ်စည်းကမ်းထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကော်မတီ



**Sunday, 10 April**  
**View on today:**

- 7:00 am  
1. Recitations 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
- 7:55 am  
5. ယဉ်ကျေးမှု (၃၈) ပြာ မင်္ဂလာ
- 8:15 am  
6. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ
- 8:30 am  
7. International news
- 8:45 am  
8. Say it in English
- 11:00 am  
1. Martial song
- 11:10 am  
2. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ

- 11:25 am  
3. Round up of the week's international news
- 11:40 am  
4. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်ခင်မေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၂၇)
- 12:20 pm  
5. တံငါတံတား
- 12:30 pm  
6. "သင်္ကြန်မိုး" (နေအောင်၊ စင်ပိုင်၊ စော်ဝမ်း၊ ဇင်သန်း၊ မေသန်း၊ သီတာသိန်း) (ခါရိုက်တာ-မောင်တင်ဦး)
- 2:45 pm  
7. 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. အစေးသင်တန်းသို့လမ်းညွှန်ရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ - ဝတ်စုံနှင့် (သို့) အထူးပြုအားလုံး (ဝေဇာဓာ)
- 5:00 pm  
5. Dance of national races
- 5:15 pm  
6. Musical programme
- 5:30 pm  
7. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ
- 5:45 pm  
8. Sing and Enjoy
- 6:30 pm  
9. Evening news
- 7:00 pm  
10. Weather report
- 7:05 pm  
11. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်ခင်မေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၂၈)
- 7:30 pm  
12. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ
- 7:45 pm  
13. Agricultural Source Country's development.
- 8:00 pm  
14. News
- 8:00 pm  
15. International news
- 16. Weather report
- 17. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတမ်းတွဲ "အချစ်သံသရာ" (အပိုင်း-၃၃)
- 18. The next day's programme

**African countries urged to attract more foreign investments**

**NAIROBI, 9 April— The Kenyan Government has called on African countries to actively participate and diversify trade activities in a bid to attract more foreign direct investments (FDI) to avoid over-dependence on foreign aid.**

Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs Moses Wetangula said the East African nation was already actively trading with other countries in the East African Community, Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) and other areas in a bid to attract the much-needed FDI.

"The newly established East African Community Customs Union whose protocol took effect on January 1, 2005, in the three East African states has opened a vast market for trading activities in the region greatly boosting their economies," Wetangula was quoted as saying by a statement from the Foreign Ministry on Thursday.

He said this when meeting in Nairobi with Christoph Zopel, head of the United Nations Subcommittee under the German Federal Parliament's Foreign Affairs

Committee.

The Kenyan assistant minister called for debt cancellations by developed countries, saying that debt repayment by developing countries takes up a huge amount of their budgets, which could be used on other development undertakings.

He said the East African nation recognizes that the newly found peace in Sudan and Somalia would have immense positive implications for the entire region.

On his part, Zopel reiterated his government's support towards providing technical and financial assistance to Kenya. He also lauded the pivotal role played by Kenya in both the Somalia and Sudan peace processes.

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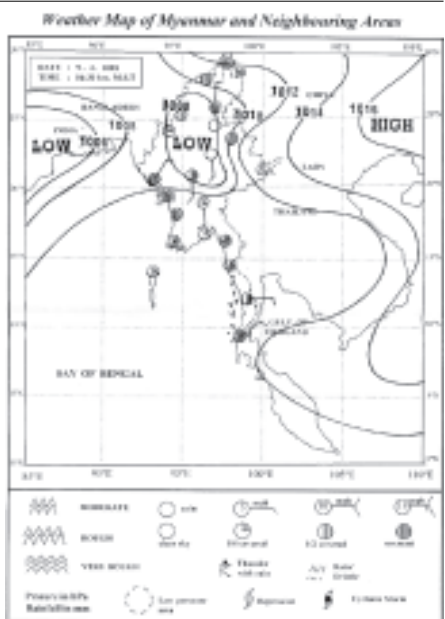


- Sunday, 10 April**  
**Tune in today:**
- 8.30 am Brief news
  - 8.35 am Music: Wanna get to Enow U that good
  - 8.40 am Perspectives
  - 8.45 am Music: Book of love
  - 8.55 am National news/Slogan
  - 9.05 am Music: Nothing to it
  - 9.10 am International news
  - 9.15 am Cultural images of Myanmar: Buddha's sacred hair relic pagoda -Myat Maw Tin
  - 1.30 pm News/Slogan
  - 1.40 pm Story for children Happy kiddies & lovely Thingyan
  - 1.50 pm Songs for children
  - 9.00 pm Weekly news review
  - 9.10 pm Music
  - 9.15 pm Article
  - 9.25 pm Music -Living on the island -Making love out of nothing at all
  - 9.45 pm News/Slogan
  - 10.00 pm PEL

**သတိ**

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**WEATHER**

**Saturday, 9 April, 2005**  
**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain has been isolated in Kachin, Kayin and Mon States and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Putao (1.26) inches. Day temperatures were (5°C) below normal in Kachin State, (5°C) above normal in Ayeyawady Division, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Chin State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay Magway, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Magway (43°C), Myingyan and Minbu (42°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 8-4-2005 was 102°F. Minimum temperature on 9-4-2005 was 72°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 9-4-2005 was 68%. Total sunshine hours on 8-4-2005 was (10.7) hours approx. Rainfalls on 9-4-2005 were nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (0.59 inch) at Yangon Airport, (1.69 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (0.32 inch) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from South at (17:15) hours MST on 8-4-2005.

**Bay inference:** Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the South and West Central Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 10-4-2005:** Possibility of isolated light rain in Kachin, Mon, Kayin and Rakhine States, Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

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

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 10-4-2005:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 10-4-2005:** Partly cloudy.

# Government of Lao PDR and the people will always support the Union of Myanmar

Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win calls on Laotian President Mr Khamtay Siphandone



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win calls on Lao PDR President Mr Khamtay Siphandone at the hall of the President's House in Vientiane.—MNA

YANGON, 9 April — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar Lt-Gen Soe Win paid a courtesy call on President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Khamtay Siphandone at the hall of the President's House in Vientiane at 3.45 pm on 6 April.

Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win was accompanied by Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu, Myanmar

Ambassador to Lao PDR U Tin Oo, Director-General U Soe Tint at the Prime Minister's Office and departmental heads. The president was accompanied by Lao PDR Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Somsavat Lengsavad, Minister at the President's Office Mr Soubanh Srithirath, Laotian Ambassador Mr Chanthavy Bodhisane and senior officials.

In his address, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win said that he would like to convey the message of Chairman of the State Peace and Development Coun-

cil Senior General Than Shwe wishing good health. The exchange of goodwill visits between leaders of the two countries means to further cement friendly relationship of the two countries. In the Union of Myanmar, the National Convention is being convened. And, the seven-step Road Map of the country will be implemented to achieve success. Furthermore, the Prime Minister explained progress of economic and social sectors of the Union of Myanmar.

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## Success achieved in cooperation for bilateral and common interests under Ayeyawady Chao Phraya Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy

Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win confers with Laotian counterpart

YANGON, 9 April—Members of the Myanmar goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win, together with Laotian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Somsavat Lengsavad, in a motorcade on 6 April afternoon arrived at the Laotian Prime Minister's Office in Vientiane, where they were welcomed by Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bounnhang Vorachith.

The two prime ministers held a meeting at the of-

ice. Also present on the occasion were Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu, Myanmar Ambassador to LPDR

U Tin Oo, Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office U Soe Tint and departmental heads, Laotian Deputy PM Mr Somsavat Lengsavad, Minister of Information and Culture Mr Phandnangchith Vongsa,

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**The Myanmar Government announced the State's seven-point Road Map on 30 August 2003. For the first phase, the National Convention is being held to lay down basic principles for the drawing of a new State constitution.**

*Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win*

**The Lao PDR thanked Myanmar for presenting the progress of Myanmar. Laos agreed to the statements of the Myanmar Prime Minister. Myanmar is a good neighbouring country of Laos. The border of the two nations is witnessing peace and stability and improving bilateral cooperation.**

*Prime Minister Mr Bounnhang Vorachith*



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win meets with Lao PDR Prime Minister Mr Bounnhang Vorachith at Prime Minister's Office in Vientiane.— MNA