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### Four political objectives

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

### Four economic objectives

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

### Four social objectives

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

## Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than on inspection tour of Bago Division



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects extension of 25 miles and 6 furlongs long road linking Kyonmaku Creek and Shwegyin.— MNA

YANGON, 4 May — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko

Ko, senior military officers, local authorities and officials, after attending the opening ceremony of industries in Indagaw Industrial Zone of the Ministry of Industry-2 on 3 May, left for Mingalun Village along DaikU-Nyaungkhashay Road.

Thongwa-Thayethamein Road, feasibility study for construction of road sections and bridges.

In response, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions on timely completion of three-mile-long Mingalun-Thongwa section for better transport of local people.

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**The 25-mile road section is being implemented under a two-year project. The 12-mile section from Shwegyin to Donzayit Village has been extended to a 50 feet wide road; and the 30-mile remaining section has been expanded to a 30 feet wide road. The 30 feet wide road section will be upgraded to a 50-foot wide facility next year.**

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspected construction of the axis for the road linking Mingalun Village and Thongwa Village of DaikU Township and Thayethamein Village of Waw Township.

At Thongwa Village, they met with local people and social organization members and explained arrangements for construction of the road, and urged local people to participate in regional development tasks. Director U Maung Maung Aung of Bago Division Development Affairs Department briefed them on construction of the axis of Mingalun-

### INSIDE

Half of the 12 wards of Myeik are densely populated. As its basic industries covering rubber, oil palm and fish and meat sectors are developing, its population is also on the rise. Thus, plans are under way to expand Myeik.

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## Industry-1 Minister receives Indian delegation

YANGON, 4 May — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang received an Indian delegation led by Chairman Dr Lalit Kumar Malhotra of New Delhi-based International Affairs Committee for Asia & Oceania of PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry India, at his office this evening.

They cordially discussed investment and exchange of technologies on common interest.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minis-

ter Brig-Gen Thein Tun, directors-general and managing directors of departments and industries.

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Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang receives Chairman Dr Lalit Kumar Malhotra of International Affairs Committee for Asia & Oceania of India and party. — INDUSTRY-1



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

**PERSPECTIVES**

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**Strive for the successful realization of national education promotion plan**

The State Peace and Development Council has been striving for all-round development of the Union by implementing the political, economic and social objectives through the united strength and cooperation of the entire national people.

Embodied in the four social objectives is "uplift of education standard of the entire nation" and special emphasis is being placed on improvement of the education sector. Education is the driving force in every stage of the development process.

In his address at the General Meeting of the Union Solidarity and Development Association held in November, 2004, Patron of the Association Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe said that peace and stability, strong economy and higher education standard were the basic requirement if a democratic nation was to be firmly established and that practical measures had to be taken for development of democratic practices.

Successful implementation of national education promotion plans and the process for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation are related and education plays a pivotal role in every stage of the development process.

Therefore, employees of the education sector and students are to put their energies into the task of enhancing the education standard with national spirit.

This year is the last in the five-year short-term plan of the 30-year long-term education promotion plan.

Therefore, all-out efforts will have to be made to meet the targets of the plan through practical and effective ways and means.

At a time when the entire national people are making concerted efforts for all-round development of the nation, the government is striving for enhancing the education sector by encouraging the development of science and technologies and turning out skilled technicians.

It is necessary to master science and technologies to be able to carry out nation-building tasks and national defence and contribute to national development and perpetuation of the State.

We would like to call on all those responsible and employees in the educational field to strive with national outlook and awareness for the successful realization of national education promotion plan.

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**People's Desire**

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

**Thailand Exhibition 2005 opens**

YANGON, 4 May —The Thailand Exhibition 2005 under the arrangement of enhancing economic cooperation between Myanmar and Thailand was opened at Yangon Trade Centre in Mingala Taungnyunt Township this morning.

Present were Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun, Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, Charge d' Affaires ai of the Royal Thai Embassy Mr Opas Chantrasab, Commercial Attaché Mr Matyawongse Amatyakul, officials and guests.

Charge d'Affaires ai of the Royal Thai Embassy Mr Opas Chantrasab delivered a speech.

Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun formally opened the Thailand Exhibition. The deputy ministers and guests visited the booths.

Chemicals, construction materials, electrical appliances, cosmetics, food and beverages, packaging devices, furniture, textile, clothing, household items and utensils, leatherware, medicines, stationery, machinery and spare parts are on display at 141 booths.

The exhibition opens from 10 am to 6 pm till 7 May. Participants are welcomed to Thai food eating contest, managed by TTF ( Yangon ) Co Ltd.

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**Just take it this way**

- \* Previously, with doubt  
Him on me, me on him  
While waiting and observing innate mind  
Clear and good, seen reciprocally  
Me upon him, him upon me  
Getting rid of, the original doubt  
Equal loving-kindness, goodwill  
Distinctly shown, find solidarity  
In the families, whenever seen  
Human society, with satisfaction  
Surely enjoy.
- \* Unity of a family  
If not taken, as positive act  
And taken as a fault  
And there's uneasy talk  
And if such talker exists  
Take it as just showing his state of mind.

Byan Hlwar (Trs)



Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun views booths of Thailand Exhibition 2005.—UMFCCI

**Health and Beauty Talk for Women**

YANGON, 4 May— Doctors from Thailand gave talks on health and beauty for women at Mindon Hall of Sedona Hotel this afternoon.

Dr Shakti R Paul gave talks on Myths and Realities of Obesity and Finding the Right Foreign Hospital, Dr Wasit Muninthorn on Latest Medical Technologies in Enhancing Modern Ladies Beauty and Dr Kasem Jayanetra on General Knowledge about Plastic Surgery. Next, the woman fans raised quires at the ceremony.—MNA



Health & Beauty Talks for Women in progress at Sedona Hotel.— MNA

**Dy FM signs book of condolences**

YANGON, 4 May — Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint signed the Book of Condolences at the Embassy of the Republic of Singapore at 3 pm today, in memory of late Dr Wee Kim Wee, former President of the Republic of Singapore.

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**Book for Sarpay Beikman Book Fans Club published**

YANGON, 4 May — Sarpay Beikman Book Fans Club will publish its 18th book titled Myanma Monsoon written by Naing Shwe Moe who won not only first prize in General Knowledge Genre (Science and Applied Science) of Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award for 2002 but also National Literary Award (Science and Applied Science Genre) for 2003, to the club fans in Yangon and districts. The fans in Yangon are to take out the book at Sarpay Beikman Book Fans Club at 529/531, on Merchant Street, here, and the books have been sent in advance to the district club members. — 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



Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint signs book of condolences for former Singaporean President Dr Wee Kim Wee. — MNA

## Philippine, Japanese defence chiefs meet in Manila

MANILA, 3 May — Philippine defence chief Avelino Cruz on Monday met with visiting Japanese Self-Defence Agency chief Yocshinori Ohno in what signalled the start of and increased security cooperation between the two countries.

Emerging after a two-hour closed door meeting with his counterpart, Cruz said they agreed to increase cooperation in the areas of maritime security, disaster management, counter-terrorism and training.

"This is a historic visit," Cruz said of Ohno's visit, the first made by a Japanese Defence Minister to the Philippines since World War II.

"The first step is to develop a mechanism for an annual continuity of the political security dialogue," Cruz said in a news briefing.

Since Japan's Constitution restricts the sharing of their military hardware, training will focus mainly on education and training, Armed Forces deputy chief Lieutenant-General Edilberto Adan said.

"There are restrictions in the Japanese Constitution for provision of military

hardware so what that department of National Defence and the AFP are exploring are the non-traditional areas, for example in education and training," Adan added.

He said the Philippines and Japan would make an effort to hold talks between senior and middle-level officials once a year.

Ohno did not join Cruz at the Press briefing as he had to rush to make a courtesy call to Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo.

By sharing information, the two countries' maritime officials could intercept pirates, drug traffickers, and even terrorists, Cruz said.

Both being prone to earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and storms, the Philippines and Japan could share information on disaster response, he said.

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi women pass by a concertina wire at a checkpoint near the convention centre in Baghdad, on 3 May, 2005.—INTERNET

## S Korean Parlt to probe into rice import deals

SEOUL, 3 May — South Korea's rival parties agreed on Monday to launch a parliamentary probe into controversial rice import deals, parts of which, critics claim, the government left undisclosed to hide import amounts, the official Yonhap news agency reported.

Floor leaders of the ruling and opposition camps said they will put the motion to the National Assembly plenary session on Tuesday or Wednesday for approval. They said the inspection are expected to begin this month.

The focus of the inquiry will be on the full process of negotiations with nine rice-exporting countries, details of bilateral negotiations and how the government made its decisions on rice imports.

The import agreements have yet to be ratified by the Parliament.

But party officials said they will abide by the customary practice of not

disclosing sensitive contents of multilateral trade talks and also consider national interest.

The Office of the Minister for Trade, which represented South Korea in the negotiations, was skeptical of what the inquiry would be able to achieve.

"Trade negotiations are negotiations between governments. The National Assembly can decide whether to ratify it or not, but it cannot change the terms of the agreement," an official from the office said on condition of anonymity.

The Agriculture Ministry said it hopes the investigation will resolve the controversy and

expedite the ratification process.

"We expect the National Assembly to turn positive about ratifying the agreements once the suspicions are cleared," a ministry official said, declining to be named.

Nearly half of the legislators, mostly from the opposition party, signed a motion last month demanding a full inquiry into the rice deals, accusing the government of deceiving the public. They suspect that the government withheld parts of the deals on exactly how much rice and what other agricultural products the country agreed to import.—MNA/Xinhua



## 1,586 of US troops killed since beginning of Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 3 May — As of Tuesday, 3 May, 2005, at least 1,586 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 1,211 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department. The figures include four military civilians.

The AP count is one lower than the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 11 am EDT on Tuesday.

The British military has reported 87 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, 1,448 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,102 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers. Since the start of US military operations in Iraq, 12,243 US servicemembers have been wounded, according to a Defence Department tally released on Tuesday.—Internet

## New rules on city protection take effect in Beijing

BEIJING, 3 May — A set of rules and regulations on protection of sites of historical and cultural values, and old urban districts, streets and structures in the Chinese took effect as of Sunday.

The rules and regulations, worked out to strengthen protection when large-scale reconstruction has posed threat on the cultural features of the ancient city.

Under the new rules, the municipal government encourages residents to move out of the areas under protection in order to reduce the population density in the old city areas and improve their living conditions.

Government employees responsible for protecting and maintaining the ancient city areas would be punished in case they misuse their rights, according to the regulations.

MNA/Xinhua

## China's major SOEs see steady growth in income, export, profits

BEIJING, 3 May — China's 469 major state-owned enterprises (SOEs) reported over 20 per cent growth in their total income from principal operations, export volume and profits in the first quarter of 2005 over the same period last year.

According to sources with the Commission for Supervision and Management of State-owned Properties, the enterprises' principal operations turned over 1.9 trillion yuan (226.9 billion US dollars) in revenue, up by 20.9 per cent, 4.6 per cent down from the same period last year.

As the major driving forces for the rapid growth of the total revenue, the nonferrous metal, coal, chemical, petroleum and petrochemical, transportation and metallurgy industries each experience a growth of over 25 per cent in the first quarter.

With the macro-economic control policies by the central government beginning to take effect in some major industries, the rising trend of products in stock started to slow down in the first quarter. The ratio of sales to output of major state-owned enterprises is 97.4

percent, 0.6 percent higher over the same period last year.

By the end of March, products in stock of major state-owned enterprises were valued at 282.14 billion yuan (34.1 billion US dollars), 19 per cent higher over the same period last year.

The growth rate was 7.7 per cent lower than the fourth quarter of 2004.

Major state-owned enterprises of metallurgy, electronics and chemical industries saw their growth rate of products in stock drop by a larger per cent.

MNA/Xinhua



Thai elephants graze in the town of Khao Lak, Phang Nga Province in southern Thailand, on 3 May, 2005.—INTERNET

# Annan calls for action to strengthen nuclear NPT

UNITED NATIONS, 3 May — UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Monday challenged the parties to the 1968 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) to recognize that disarmament, halting the spread of nuclear weapons and the right to peaceful use are all vital.

"I challenge you to agree that they are all too important to be held hostage to the politics of the past," Annan said in an opening address to the 2005 Review Conference of the Parties to the NPT. "I challenge you to recognize that they all impose responsibilities on all states."

An important step would be for former Cold War rivals to commit themselves irreversibly to further cuts in their arsenals, so that warheads number in the hundreds, not in the thousands, he stressed.

"We can only hope to achieve such major reductions if every state has a clear and reliable picture of the fissile material holdings of every other state, and if every state is confident that this material in other states is secure," he added.

The conference, which kicked off on Monday at the UN headquarters in New York and will run through 27 May, brings together top officials every five years to review the status of the NPT. The treaty is the world's most widely adhered-to multilateral disarmament accord, with 188 states parties, including the five declared nuclear-weapon states.

Recalling the horrific explosions of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, which had ushered in the nuclear age, Annan painted a dire picture of "chaos and confusion" in the immediate aftermath if such a nuclear catastrophe were to occur in a major city today.

"Tens of thousands of people would die in an instant, and many more would die from exposure to radiation," he said,

adding that carefully nurtured collective security mechanisms could also be discredited.

In the 35 years since entering into force, the landmark NPT has "confounded the dire predictions of its critics," Annan said, noting that nuclear weapons have not spread to dozens of states and that indeed, more states have given up their ambitions for such weapons than have acquired them.

A watchful eye has also been kept on the supply of materials to make nuclear weapons, and recent steps had been taken to dismantle weapons and reduce stockpiles, he noted.

"The global non-proliferation norm has been firmly established," he said, but added: "We cannot afford to be complacent. The plain fact is that the regime has not kept pace with the march of technology

and globalization, and developments of many kinds in recent years have placed it under great stress."

He urged state parties to ensure that measures for compliance are made more effective, to maintain confidence that states are living up to their obligations. They must also act to reduce the threat of proliferation not only to states, but to non-state actors.

"As the dangers of such proliferation have become clear, so has the universal obligation for all states to establish effective national controls and enforcement measures," he said.

MNA/Xinhua



During the Terminal Countdown Demonstration Test at NASA's Kennedy Space Center, STS-114 crewmember Soichi Noguchi of Japan is fitted in his launch suit in Cape Canaveral, Florida on 3 May, 2005.—INTERNET

## S Korean Minister visit Dokdo

SEOUL, 3 May — South Korea's Information and Communication Minister Chin Dae-je made an unscripted visit to the easternmost islets of Dokdo on Monday to check communication services there, South Korea's *Yonhap* news agency quoted a ministry official as saying.

"Minister Chin flew to the Dokdo islets by helicopter in the morning to inspect information and telecommunication services in the region like mobile phone and high-speed Internet," the official who declined to be named said. The official said that the minister had made mobile phone calls and used the Internet, confirming those services are in normal operation there.

There is no political meaning to Chin's visit to Dokdo, the official said. "The minister made the visit just to carry out an on-spot inspection of communication services there, so there is no need to attach any political meaning to it."

Japan has recently made a fresh claim to the islets in the East Sea, also known as the Sea of Japan, souring relations between the two countries.

South Korea insists the islets, called "Dokdo" in Korean language, have been listed as its territory in history literature since the fifth century. While Japan also claims the islets, called "Takeshima" in Japanese, has been its territory since 17th Century, as written in literatures. Dokdo now is under effectual control of South Korea's who has deployed a garrison of coast police on the islets since 1954.—MNA/Xinhua

## ARATS President meets KMT Chairman

SINGAPORE, 3 May — Wang Daohan, president of the Mainland-based Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Straits (ARATS), met with visiting Chinese Kuomintang (KMT) Party Chairman Lien Chan and his delegation in Shanghai on Monday.

Wang thanked Lien for paying him a visit during the KMT delegation's stay in Shanghai, and congratulated Lien on the achievements made by the KMT delegation during its Mainland tour.

"We have worked very hard over the past two decades to increase people-to-people contacts and improve political relations across

the Taiwan Straits, in an effort to live up to the aspirations and expectations of Chinese compatriots on both sides," Wang said. "In doing so, we have always harboured the good will of improving and pushing forward cross-Straits relations."

Despite the political differences between the two sides across the Straits, "we're all Chinese linked by the same blood and cultural background", said Wang.

"Therefore we should work together to promote peace, development and cooperation in cross-Straits relations, strive for

a win-win situation and contribute to the glorious future of the Chinese nation."

Wang said the basis of his two meetings with Koo Chen-fu, late chairman of the Taiwan-based Straits Exchange Foundation (SEF), in 1992 and 1998 respectively, was the "1992 Consensus", which embodies the one-China principle. This is a fact that can be proved by letters and telegrams exchanged between the ARATS and SEF, as well as by reports of media organizations from both sides of the Straits, he said.—MNA/Xinhua

## Former President of Singapore Wee Kim Wee dies

SINGAPORE, 3 May — Former President of Singapore Wee Kim Wee passed away at about 5.10 am on Monday at own residence.

Wee died of prostate cancer complications at the age of 89.

Born in 1915, Wee had been Singapore's President for eight years since 1985.

He visited China as the state leader in 1991. Before his tenure as President, Wee served as High Commissioner to Malaysia for seven years as well as Ambassador to Japan and South Korea.

MNA/Xinhua

## Annan condemns bombings, attacks in Iraq

UNITED NATIONS, 3 May — UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan condemned the wave of bombings and other attacks in Iraq that have reportedly killed more than 100 Iraqis and wounded twice that many since Friday, UN spokesman Stephane Dujarric said Monday.

In a statement issued by the spokesman, Annan said he was appalled by the attacks and strongly condemned "this cruel and heartless practice, for which there can be no justification."

According to the spokesman, Annan called the attacks an apparent effort to undermine the newly established government.

Annan was "particularly disturbed by reports that the perpetrators of these latest crimes have also prevented ambulances from reaching the victims," the spokesman said.

MNA/Xinhua



An Airbus A320 in Air Asia livery seen on 3 May, 2005. Malaysia's AirAsia Bhd— the region's biggest budget carrier — signed a purchase order for 60 Airbus A320 aircraft and took options to buy 40 more.—INTERNET

# Protesters stage anti-nuke, anti-war rally in New York

**NEW YORK, 3 May — Thousands of protesters marched through midtown Manhattan and staged a massive anti-war and anti-nuke rally in the Central Park of New York on Sunday.**

Holding signs that read "No War, No Nukes," "End the occupation," they passed the United Nations headquarters, where a conference to reassess the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty has been scheduled for this week.

Among the protesters was Paul Brailsford, a 90-year-old World War II veteran from Ipswich, Massachusetts. He said he was worried about the government's policy on nuclear weapons and the war in Iraq, and would do his share to make people's voice heard by joining other veterans.

Justin Gonzales, 9, a fourth grader from New Jersey, marched alongside his mother. He has lost his

voice from shouting too loud half way through the march. His mother said this is the second time for her son to join an anti-nuke and anti-war rally. "It is necessary for kids to come to know the evil of wars, and nuclear wars in particular," she said.

Protesters marched through midtown Manhattan to reach Central Park, where they formed a human peace symbol for photographers in helicopters overhead.

They were joined by 1,000 activists from Japan, some of whom are survivors of the atomic attacks on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki nearly 60 years ago.

Tadatoshi Akiba, mayor of Hiroshima, was

among the speakers at the rally. He said survivors of the atomic bombs of the two cities were "the only people who have had the experience of nuclear war".

"The human family needs peace, a peace without nuclear weapons. We want a world without violence, particularly nuclear violence. The struggle against nuclear weapon is a fight we can win and must win," he said.

One of the Hiroshima survivors, Sunao Tsuboi, was a 20-year-old college student when his city was blasted by an atomic bomb. He told the audience of his great physical and mental sufferings since the catastrophe.

MNA/Xinhua



*Holidaymakers view thousands of carp streamers, a symbol of good health and strength for children, hanging on the bank of the Sagami River in Sagami-hara, southwest of Tokyo on 3 May, 2005. About 1200 carp streamers are put up to celebrate the Japanese national Children's Day holiday on 5 May. —INTERNET*

## Italy blames agents slaying on US soldiers' lack of rules

**ROME, 3 May — The killing of an Italian intelligence agent in Baghdad by US soldiers was not deliberate, but as a result of stress, inexperience, fatigue and a lack of rules among the US troops, said the Italian Foreign Ministry on Monday night.**

A probe found no evidence that the March 4 killing of Italian intelligence agent Nicola Calipari was deliberate, said the ministry in a report.

"The soldiers in the American patrol opened fire out of inexperience and because of the tension," it said.

The report said the US temporary roadblock near the airport, where the killing took place, was illegal because it had not been properly signaled and lacked unified command.

Calipari was shot dead at the roadblock when he was escorting a freed Italian hostage to the airport.

The report differed from the US account issued Saturday, which exonerated the US soldiers who shot Calipari. The US investigators said the American soldiers gave adequate warning before opening fire on Calipari's car which was running on high speed.

But the Italian report blamed US military authorities for failing to

provide warning that there was a roadblock ahead. It also rejected the US account of the speed of the vehicle, saying the car driven by Calipari was not going fast.

The probe was jointly conducted by Italy and the US military. The two Italians on the probe prepared the separate report. The Italians did not challenge many of the US conclusions in their report, but refused to sign on to the US report.

MNA/Xinhua

## Chinese firms receive investment licences in Ethiopia

**ADDIS ABABA, 3 May — About 70 Chinese enterprises have so far received licences to invest in Ethiopia thanks to the country's efforts to attract Chinese investments, Ethiopia's Investment Commission said on Monday.**

The commission said in a Press release that 18 of the enterprises, engaged in pharmaceuticals, infrastructure, iron, restaurant and other manufacturing sectors, had already entered into production phase. Some 17 licensed enterprises involved in service provision, electricity, textile, mines and other relevant sectors, were in the construction phase, it said.

According to the commission, the remaining entrepreneurs were undertaking research that

would enable them to engage in various investment sectors.

The Chinese Government was providing various incentives to Chinese entrepreneurs to invest in African countries, it said.

An agreement had been signed between Ethiopia and China in 1998 to foster investment relations between the two countries.

The commission said Ethiopia would benefit a lot from Chinese investment when Ethiopian entrepreneurs work in

partnership with their Chinese counterparts.

Such partnership would be highly important as Chinese technology is suitable to Ethiopia and generates employment for thousands of people, it said.—MNA/Xinhua

MNA/Xinhua

## IAEA head calls for better mechanism to prevent N-Proliferation

**UNITED NATIONS, 3 May — Mohamed ElBaradei, Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), said on Monday that the way to prevent nuclear weapons devel-**

opment is to effectively adjust the mechanism for achieving the goals of security and development.

ElBaradei made the remarks at the opening session of the 2005 Review Conference of the Parties to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). "Without question, improving control of facilities capable of producing weapons-usable material will go a long way towards establishing a better margin of security," he said.

ElBaradei also stressed that the mechanisms for achieving the goals of security and development must evolve.

"We should be clear: there is no incompatibility between tightening controls over the nuclear fuel cycle and expanding the use of peaceful nuclear technology,"

ElBaradei noted, stressing the importance of balancing both development and security interests.

"In fact, by reducing the risks of proliferation, we could pave the way for more widespread use of peaceful nuclear applications," he added. The month-long Review Conference brings del-

egations together every five years to consider the workings of the landmark agreement, which seeks to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons technology, foster the peaceful use of nuclear energy and further the goal of general and complete disarmament.

MNA/Xinhua



*Miss IMF ('I am fat') Thanchanok Mekkeaw, 25, raises her arms and smiles as she weighs in at the Miss IMF ('I am fat') contest at an elephant ground at the zoo in Nakhon Pathom Province, about 35 miles south of Bangkok, on 1 May, 2005.*

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## India's Honda Siel sales jump 28% in April

**NEW DELHI, 3 May — Honda Siel Cars India, a joint venture between Japan's Honda Motor Company and Siel India, Monday said its sales witnessed a growth of 28 per cent over the same period in the previous year, Indo-Asian News Service reported.**

Honda Siel sold 3,575 cars in April this year, compared to 2,793 units last April, said a company statement.

Cumulative sales for the period between January and April registered an increase of 25 per cent. Sales during the four-month period rose from 11,456 units last year to 14,286, said the statement.

Honda Siel, which forayed into the country in 1997, sells the Honda City, Honda Accord and Honda CRV luxury cars in India. — MNA/Xinhua

## Indonesia's export, import jump in 1st quarter

**JAKARTA, 3 May** — Indonesia's export in the first quarter jumped by 31.20 per cent, which reached 19.76 billion US dollars, compared to the same period last year, the Central Bureau of Statistic (BPS) announced on Monday.

The rise was attributed to the increase of oil and gas products by 22.29 per cent and non-oil and gas products by 34.20 per cent, which reached respectively by 4.33 billion US dollars and 15.43 billion US dollars, the head of the BPS Choirul Maksum said.

The increase of export of the oil and gas products was caused by the increase of exports of crude oil by 30.96 per cent, oil production by 19.73 per cent and natural gas by 15.38 per cent, he added.

He said that the export figure in March reached 7.25 billion US dollars or 13.63 per cent higher than in February.

Indonesia's export to the European Union (25 countries) reached 886.3 million US dollars, he added.

Meanwhile Indonesia's import in

the first quarter this year reached 13.09 billion US dollars or significantly increased by 28.26 per cent compared to the same period last year, Maksum said.

The rise was driven by the significant growing of oil and gas import by 50.75 per cent which stood at 3.69 billion US dollars and non-oil and gas import by 21.17 per cent or 9.40 billion US dollars, he said.

Indonesia's import in March reached 4.98 billion US dollars or significantly increased by 22.02 per cent from the previous month, he added.

Japan, China and the United States are the main contributive countries supplying their products to Indonesia in the first quarter, Maksum said.

MNA/Xinhua

## African people want more own language broadcasts

**LAGOS, 3 May** — African people appear to prefer to speak in their own languages, and they want more African language broadcasts and consider them to have a number of positive impacts, according to a study funded by UNESCO on Monday.

The findings by the Centre for Advanced Studies of African Society (CASAS) are based on a survey through questionnaires and interviews in three West African countries: Mali, Ghana and Senegal, says the report published on UNESCO's web site.

Although the sample at under 400 people is too small, it was "possible to obtain impressions about the relative strength of opinions between countries and within the samples in each country", CASAS Director Kwesi Kwaa Prah said.

The study shows that most people questioned want more African language programmes and have suggestions on how

this could be encouraged.

"An award for stations that use African languages should be introduced," it quotes one respondent in Ghana as saying, while a Senegalese respondent advises that there should be "more airtime for African languages at peak time".

They call for more African-language programming concerned national radios as well as private and community stations, it says.

Besides, three-quarters of respondents believe that African language FM broadcasting has a positive social impact, particularly on community radio and local FM, which invite listener participation.

MNA/Xinhua

## OPEC says its output exceeds official ceiling by 2.2 million bpd

**KUWAIT CITY, 3 May** — The Organization of Petroleum-Exporting Countries (OPEC) announced here Monday that the cartel exceeds officially-declared production ceiling of 27.5 million barrels per day (bpd) by 2.2 million bpd.

OPEC president Sheikh Ahmed Al-Fahd, who is also Kuwait's Minister of Oil, told reporters that OPEC actual production now stood at 29.7 million bpd according to the latest information.

"We think the market is well supplied... I think by numbers we already have more than the 500,000 bpd of real production," he said, referring to a proposed 500,000 bpd increase by mid-May.

MNA/Xinhua



## NZ offers grant to help Cambodia solving labour disputes

**PHNOM PENH, 3 May** — New Zealand will offer 500,000 US dollars grant to help Cambodia and the International Labour Organization (ILO) to accelerate joint effort to strengthen the country's capacity to resolve labour disputes.

Labour conflicts have increased dramatically amid Cambodia's recent industrialization and economic growth, according to a Press release of ILO.

These disputes have contributed to lowering Cambodia's labour productivity, which, according to the World Bank estimate, is roughly 65 per cent behind India, 62 per cent behind China, and 10

per cent behind Bangladesh, it said. The money will be used to train employers, union representatives, shop stewards, police, other civil servants and the judiciary on their rights and responsibilities in strikes and labour disputes.

"This wide range of activities is expected to build a firm basis for resolving current and future disputes," said Hugo Van Noord, chief technical ad-

viser to the ILO Labour Dispute Resolution Project in Cambodia.

During the past year, Cambodia's economy has grown 5 to 6 per cent a year, and garment sector workforce expanded from virtually nothing into an industry that now employs more than 270,000 workers. By 2004, the hotel and tourism sector employed more than 200,000 workers.

MNA/Xinhua



Miss Thailand 1992 and supermodel Metinee Kingpoyome wears a creation designed by her compatriot Nagara during the KL Fashion Week Gala Night at a hotel in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 3 May, 2005.—INTERNET

## India to continue to monitor developments in border areas

**NEW DELHI, 3 May** — While maintaining that relations with Pakistan and China were moving in a "positive direction", the Indian Defence Ministry said Monday that India would continue to monitor development of military infrastructure by Beijing in the border areas and Islamabad's failure to dismantle terrorist infrastructure on the Line of Control.

Noting that there was some decline in the level of infiltration across the Line of Control, the annual report of the Defence Ministry said this was more on account of measures on the part of the Indian Armed Forces than any discernable change of heart or action by Pakistani authorities.

"There was no evidence of any significant Pakistani efforts to dismantle infrastructure of terrorism such as communications, launching pads and training camps on its eastern borders with India," the report said.

Highlighting that the challenges posed by terrorism and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction remained cen-

tral to the international security agenda and at the bottom of India's primary security concerns, the report observed that China's close defence relationship and military assistance to Pakistan continued.

About India's relations with China, the report said that the two countries had stepped up efforts to address differences on the boundary question through discussions and continued to maintain peace and tranquility on their long-shared borders.

The report said that New Delhi will continue to monitor development of military infrastructure by China in the border areas and its military mod-

ernization, including its expansion of the Navy.

On the threat posed by terrorism and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, the report said India's response to these challenges had always been "restrained, major and moderate".

It said while diplomacy remained the chosen means of dealing with these challenges, "effective diplomacy has to be backed by credible military power".

On the threat posed by terrorism, the report said that despite operations against al-Qaeda and Taliban elements on the Pakistan-Afghan border, the principal threat to the region remained.

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A girl, perched on the shoulder of her father, plays in a park in Shanghai on 2 May, 2005. UP to 3.8 million tourists are expected to visit Shanghai during the week-long May Day Holiday.

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# Developing and prospering Taninthayi

Moe Htet Myint (Delta)

Kawthoung, a border town of Myanmar, is located on the cape of Bayintnaung at the southern tip of the Taninthayi coastline. A monument still stands in the town till today. On the cape stands the magnificent work of a colossal stone statue of King Bayintnaung.

Standing at the foot of the statue of King Bayintnaung, the founder of the Second Myanmar Empire, I watched the Myanmar waters of the Andaman Sea, and enjoyed the sea breeze, with patriotism and nationalistic fervour high in my mind. Patchan river marking the border between Myanmar and Thailand empties into the sea in the east of Kawthoung. A few miles from the river on the other bank lies Ranong, a small town in Thailand

Thais call Kawthoung "Kawsuon" in their language. And in Malay, it is called "Puloduar". Both languages carry the same meaning, which is, "twin islands".

For me, Kawthoung, lying beautifully on a plain at the end of Taninthayi mountain range stretching nearly 500 miles to the south, is a memorable town. I visited the Pyidawaye Pagoda at the entrance to the new airport, and at the sea port, I broaded the Thanlwin cruise ship to proceed to Dawei via Myeik.

I fell asleep in my cozy room while riding the ship, and when I woke up the ship had just arrived at Myeik port. With its thriving international fish market, Myeik was a busy town, surrounded by a number of units of cold storage, fish and prawn processing factories, and rubber, oil palm, durian, mangosteen and betel nut farms, all of which are contributing to its economic progress. I visited the islands in the south of Myeik on board a motor schooner. The Mergui District Gazetteer compiled by Mr GP Andrew says that the Myeik archipelago has 804 islands and the area of the largest island is 170 square miles.

Myeik archipelago is rich in marine resources. Birdnests can be found on the steep hills lying on the islands and islets, and it is one of the products of the archipelago. Some of the islands are inhabited, but most are not. And there are islands full of rock with no trees.

Some of the islands are surrounded by white sandy beaches, while some are covered with dense forests, housing hills whose elevations reach over 1,000 feet. Whirlpools occurred in the channels between islands because of the quick tides. And in the small bays and channels live the giant sea turtles. The coral reefs under the sea are ideal places

for sea leeches to thrive. Colourful shells of sea creatures create a pleasant view of the islands under the bright sun. The pearls found in the sea at Myeik is famous in the global jewellery markets.

The 13,736-square-mile Taninthayi Division is formed with 10 townships and 317 wards and villages. Dawei is the capital of the division with a population of over 1,537,000 comprising various nationalities including Bamar, Kayin and Dawei races. The division is touching Mon State in the north, bordering Thailand in the east and south and facing Andaman Sea in the west. Maungmagan in Dawei Township is famous for its wide sandy beach and bluish waters.

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance on

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regional development undertakings at a meeting held in Kawthoung on 25 February 2004. He said, "I arrived Kawthoung for the first time in roundabout 1962, during which, Kawthoung had only 300 or 400 houses. The Government has launched the border areas development drive with the aim of developing the undeveloped areas. Thanks to the drive, Kawthoung has become a district town, which needs further development of its economy covering fish and prawn farming and perennial cropping including palm oil and rubber, with human endeavours and innovative efforts as the base."

"Oil palm should be cultivated according to the annual target to reach the goal of 500,000 acres. Only then will the Taninthayi Division become an oil bowl of the nation. All will have to make energetic and collective efforts with the aim of meeting the domestic cooking oil demand in 2007-2008."

Although its population is only over 1.5 million, the division has plenty of land and water resources. The completion of the construction of the seven major bridges — Winwa, Palauk, Palaw, Pathaung, Taninthayi, Kywegu-Kyaukphya, and Lenya-Mandaing bridges that started in 1988 — on the Dawei-Myeik and Taninthayi-Bokpyin—Kawthoung Union Highway, has helped facilitate the regional transport.

At present, motor roads have reached certain

areas, which were difficult of access in the past, of the division. In addition, infrastructures have been built at places along the roads. As the division is producing rice more and more every year, its food production has almost met the local demand. At present the division puts 320,000 acres of land under paddy, up from more than 190,000 acres ten years ago in 1995.

The national entrepreneurs have now planted over 100,000 acres of oil palm. They will continue to extend oil palm farming, and the aim of transforming the division into an oil bowl is well under way. Moreover crude oil mills have been set up in the region. Similarly, rubber farming project is also gaining more ground.

The fish and meat sector, the most suitable business for the division according to its topographical and climatic conditions, is also growing at a fast rate. Myeik has witnessed the development of coastal and deep-sea fishing industry together with an increase in the production of aquatic farming, followed by progress of the fish-and-prawn-based industries, including cold storage, ice factories and fish and prawn blending factories.

The over-440-mile Dawei-Myeik-Thanthayi-Bokpyin-Kawthoung Union Highway stands witness to the sustainable development the division is enjoying. With the guidance of the Head of State, an advanced 200-bed hospital was built in Myeik on 15 April 1999, and launched on 25 October 2003. The Government used K 374.2 million to build the facility. Before 1988, the 100-bed hospital was in sufficient to accommodate all the in-patients. Kawthoung, which is smaller than Myeik, got a 100-bed hospital in April 2005.

I have visited Myeik University campus housing the Marine Biology Department and the Government Computer College, and the islands in the archipelago.

Half of the 12 wards of Myeik are densely populated. As its basic industries covering rubber, oil palm and fish and meat sectors are developing, its population is also on the rise. Thus, plans are under way to expand Myeik.

As the Government has permitted the national entrepreneurs to run large-scale oil palm, rubber and fish and meat industries, the local people are enjoying the fruits of progress. The division is now contributing more and more annually to the national economy, and its own economic development has helped raise the living standard of the locals.

(Translation: TMT)  
Myamma Alin: 3-5-2005

## 2005 National Education Promotion Symposium (Basic Education Sector) (Yangon) commences

YANGON, 4 May — The Ministry of Education organized the 2005 National Education Promotion Symposium (Basic Education Sector) (Yangon) at Diamond Jubilee Hall on Pyay Road in Kamayut Township this morning.

Minister for Education U Than Aung delivered an address at the opening ceremony of the symposium. It continues up to 7 May and representatives of Lower Myanmar will submit reports and papers.

After the opening ceremony, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min gave instructions on matters related to basic education plans.

Director-General U Bo Win of Education Planning and Training Department discussed implementation of

the fourth year of the education plan for 2004-2005. Officials took part in the discussions. Director-General U Bo Win explained review on accomplishment of the fourth year plan and tasks to be carried out in the fifth year plan.

Later, three groups of the participants at the symposium held discussions.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Education U Myo Nyunt, President of Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science U Than Oo, directors-general of the departments, the chairman of Myanmar Board of Examinations, rectors, deputy directors-general, education college principals, state and division and district education officers and school heads. — MNA

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## MMCWA annual meeting lays down six resolutions, ten future tasks

YANGON, 4 May — The 15th annual meeting of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association laid down six resolutions and 10 future tasks on the final day today.

### The six resolutions

1. To ensure pregnancy health care for all expectant mothers and proper delivery services for them with the help of medical experts, especially, in suburban wards and rural areas.
2. State/Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committees are to play a leading role in reviewing the work of township MCWAs.
3. State/Division MCWSCs are to draw the curriculum for health instructor courses and to conduct the courses under their own programme.
4. In line with the guideline of the MMCWA, the subordinate associations at all levels are striving utmost in launching the job generation and income acceleration programmes for families to create other income sources for them and to improve their living standard. However, some mothers lost jobs and faced sufferings because of the closure of a number of factories resulting from the economic sanctions imposed on Myanmar by the EU and certain western nations. The MMCWA, hereby, condemns the sanctions, while pledging to continue its work of further increasing the family income.
5. As the task of building roads and bridges is the basic factor for the development of public health, education, economy and social undertakings, all the Myanmar NGOs including the MMCWA and the people are contributing voluntary services in carrying out the meritorious deeds of own volition. However, the International Labour Organization (ILO), without understanding and having knowledge about Myanmar traditions and culture and customs, are making false accusation against the nation, branding the undertakings of building roads and repairing bridges with collective efforts as forced labour.

As a social organization, MMCWA denounces the accusation to harm the nation and tarnish her image, and its members are to continue to take part in public welfare endeavours.

6. The MMCWAs at all levels are to set up garbage-free zones for the environmental sanitation.

### The 10 future tasks

1. To take part in the task of successfully implementing the seven-point Road Map.
2. To accept and follow the facts contained in the addresses of the National Health Committee and the Minister for Health as work guidelines.
3. To accelerate the momentum of the on-going undertakings. (For example: anti-HIV/AIDS, anti-malaria and anti-TB campaigns, nutritious programmes, reproductive health and education programmes and income generation programmes)
4. To make collective efforts to ensure health care for all expectant mothers and delivery services for them with the help of medical experts, especially, in suburban wards and rural areas.
5. To create a healthy environment for children, to set up garbage-free schools, to prevent dengue haemorrhage fervour, to establish AIDS-free schools and to designate schools as tobacco-free zones.
6. To help handicapped children and disabled children complete their primary education.
7. To continue to conduct surgical operation on children with cleft lips and palette and other inborn physical problems.
8. To organize housewives to grow essential herbal plants and to extend the traditional medicine courses for all housewives to carry out family health care services with indigenous medicine.
9. To find illiterate women and help them read and write, and to improve their reading power.
10. To help housewives increase their income.

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## MMCWA will continue to...

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form of family type in Myanmar. If one repaired or built his own house, the whole village helped him with his work. There has been collective work in cultivation in agriculture. This is the custom of Myanmar nationals which has existed for thousands of years since our ancestors. Myanmar people usually take part in collective work with cetena and own free will according to religious faith and culture.

She said International Labour Organization (ILO) one-sidedly accused Myanmar of forcing the people to participate in construction of roads and bridges without realizing the custom and culture of Myanmar and the ILO is tarnishing the dignity of the country.

There are even negative views towards Myanmar custom due to different attitudes of those who do not understand the traditional cultural customs of Myanmar. MMCWA, a social organization, condemns one-sided accusations of ILO and members of MMCWA will continue to take part in commu-

nity welfare services.

The chairperson of Yangon Division MCWA said that adhering to the instructions of the MMCWA, the associations at state and division levels are creating job opportunities and raising income of the family members so as to improve their living standard. However, the closure of some factories and workshops due to the economic sanctions imposed by EU and some western countries made many national women jobless and it harmed the economic, health, education and social sectors of the families.

The unjust economic sanctions led to the closure of more than 160 garment factories and the reduction of workforces at 40 other factories. So, over 80,000 female workers became jobless and it had adverse effects on more than 400,000 family members.

She said that the MMCWA condemns the economic sanctions imposed by the EU and some western countries, and stressed the need for the association to expand the scope of doing businesses and creating job opportunities for ensuring higher income of the families.

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## Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than...

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Mingalun-Thongwa-Thayethamein Road is 11 miles and two furlongs long. On completion, local people from 15 villages can enjoy better transportation from their regions to Yangon, Mandalay and Mawlamyine along the motor road.

In Thayethamein Village in Waw Township, Col Zaw Win Myint and officials of Shwegyin Station reported on regional development. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave necessary instructions.

In the afternoon, they proceeded to Kwamseik Model Village in Shwegyin Township. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than heard reports on requirements of the region. He gave instructions on rural development tasks and fulfilled the requirements.

At the local battalion in Shwegyin Station, he met with officers, other ranks and families and instructed them to join hands with local people for regional development tasks upholding Our Three Main National Causes, carry out livestock breeding and agricultural tasks on a manageable scale and fulfil requirements of education, health, social welfare to family members.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presented gifts to the family members, and cordially conversed with them.

On arrival at the 1,000-acre land reclamation site of Southern Command for rubber plantation at Donzayit Village of Shwegyin Township, Col Zaw Win Myint of Shwegyin Station and officials reported on land reclamation and establishment of the rubber nursery.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions on thrifty, cultivation of quality rubber saplings, fire prevention, land allotment for growing rubber, distribution of saplings and providing of technologies.

Next, Col Zaw Win Myint submitted reports on extension of 25 miles and six furlongs long road section from Kyonmaku Creek to Shwegyin and future tasks. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions on road construction linking Bago Division and Mon State to be completed meeting the set standard before the rainy season.

They oversaw extension of the road with the use of heavy machinery.

The road section project is being implemented in two-year period. The road has been extended as 12 miles long and 50 feet wide one from Shwegyin to Donzayit Village; and the remaining section measuring 30 miles long and 30 feet wide has been built. The 30 feet wide road section will be upgraded to the 50 feet wide one next year.

Later, they inspected extension of the road section. — MNA

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Chairperson of Mandalay Division Supervisory Committee for MCWA. — MNA



Chairperson of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for MCWA. MNA



Dr Daw San San Thi of Taninthayi Division Supervisory Committee for MCWA.—MNA



Dr Daw Aye Aye Mu of Ayeyawady Division MCWSC. MNA



Dr U Kyaw Hla Myint of Magway Division MCWSC. MNA



Dr Tin Win Kyaw of Mon State MCWSC. MNA





President of MMCWA Daw Khin Khin Win speaks words of thanks at the dinner. (News on page 16)—MNA

**MMCWA will continue to...**

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MMCWA President Daw Khin Khin Win dealt with the future programmes of the association. Vice-President Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint made further clarification of the future programmes. Those present held a general round of discussions about the programmes and approved them.

President Daw Khin Khin Win delivered concluding remarks, saying that it is heartening to see that state/division MCWAs submitted the activities and papers on work they had performed in a year. It reflects the volume of the tasks carried out by the MMCWA across the nation. At the meeting, instructions have been given to continue to shoulder the tasks after the central level has laid down the future programmes based on proposals and suggestions of state/division MCWAs.

Only when mothers are healthy, so will the infants, and will the social life rise. She highlighted the need of the members

to pay serious attention to health care of the mothers, newly-born babies, and children.

She also spoke of the need to continue to place emphasis on community health care concerns, and education, economic and social welfare tasks. In the process, efforts are to be exerted to be able to enhance the abilities and capabilities of the members year after year. Accordingly, it is required to augment the membership, which makes up eight per cent of the nation's population. She called on the members to organize the people in respective states and divisions to increase the membership.

She said that she would like to put on



Dr Maung Maung Myint of Kachin State.—MNA



President Daw Khin Khin Win presents third prize to Sagaing Division. (News on page 16)—MNA



Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo presents second prize to Mon State. (News on page 16)—MNA

record the brilliant performances of the entire members. She called on them to try to their best to be always equipped with goodwill and good morale, whether assistance is provided or not.

It is needed to constantly perform the public welfare services with loving-kindness and

goodwill to enable the association to stand for ever as a dependable force of the nation.

It is known to all that the government is taking measures in all corners to put the nation on the path towards a peaceful, modern and developed nation. At a time when the State's seven-point Road

**It is needed to constantly perform the public welfare services with loving-kindness and goodwill to enable the association to stand for ever as a dependable force of the nation.**

Map is in progress to meet the goal, renegade Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts are resorting to evil means to break up the Union and to undermine the national solidarity, and to disrupt the drive for transition to democracy.

In retrospect, the national people had faced hardships and difficulties for more than forty years due to lack of peace and tranquillity, resulting from the errors based on racism.

Instead of taking lessons from these historic evidences, descendants

of some Shan sawbwas again commit the acts intentionally, relying on the external elements, to break up the Union.

She said the MMCWA strongly protests against the acts and aims of the lackeys and fugitives as their destructive acts pose grave dangers to the Union and the people. She also pledged that the MMCWA will continue to stand as a national force and serve the interests of the nation and the people for ever.

The annual meeting ended in the evening.

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Dr Aung Win of Shan State (North).—MNA



Dr Khin Aung Cho of Rakhine State.—MNA



Dr Khin Maung Tun of Mandalay Division.—MNA



Dr Khin Maung Win of Kayah State.—MNA



Dr Kyaw Shein of Sagaing Division.—MNA



Dr Hla Myint of Yangon Division.—MNA



Dr Than Tun Oo of Chin State.—MNA



Dr U Htay Aung of Bago Division.—MNA



Dr Myint Aung of Shan State (East).—MNA



Dr Htay Naung of Kayin State.—MNA



Dr Sai Hkam Hlaing of Shan State (South).—MNA



Joint-Secretary-2 Dr Daw Thein Thein Htay of MMCWA.—MNA

## Get-together of Outstanding Red Cross Members commences

YANGON, 4 May—The opening of the Get-together of Outstanding Red Cross Members (2005) took place at the Institute of Nursing (Yangon) on Bogyoke Aung San Street here this morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, central council members of the Myanmar Red Cross Society, departmental heads, representatives of UN agencies, the International Committee of the Red Cross, and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, guests, and outstanding Red

Cross members from the states and divisions.

The minister in his address said that deservedly receiving the encouragement of the State, the MRCS is carrying out not only humanitarian tasks but also national development tasks.

The get-together is a plan that helps constantly produce outstanding Red Cross members.

In conclusion, he urged the members to safeguard and defend the national interests, while shouldering the Red Cross duties to the best of their ability for ensuring perpetual existence of the nation and mental and physical development of the people.

Next, the minister

cordially greets the guests and outstanding Red Cross members.

At the second session, President of the MRCS Dr Hla Myint and executives presented badges and certificates of honour to the outstanding members, those who won medal for outstanding performance in social field, and those who brilliantly performed the relief services at risk to their lives.

In the afternoon, talks on social welfare and relief tasks of the ICRC and the IFRC took place at No 2 Basic Education High School in Latha, where the get-together is being held. The get-together continues till 10 May. — MNA



Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint speaking at Get-together of Outstanding Red Cross Members (2005).— MNA

## Economic cooperation between Myanmar and the Philippines discussed



Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung receives Philippine Minister of Environment and Natural Resources Mr Michael T Defensor.— FORESTRY

YANGON, 4 May—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung received Minister of Environment and Natural Resource of the Philippines Mr Michael T Defensor

and party at the International Business Centre on Pyay Road, here, this morning. Also present on the occasion were officials of the Ministry of Forestry and National Commission for Environmental Affairs of the Union of Myanmar.

Next, the discussion of bilateral economy cooperation between Myanmar and the Philippines followed. Also present on the occasion were officials of the Ministry of Forestry, National Commission for Environmental Affairs and Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs Association and the members of Philippine delegation.

The visiting minister and party met with officials of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry at Sedona hotel here this afternoon.

The Philippines delegation visited Teak Farm Timber Industry in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone at noon. Officials explained the salient point of their industry to them.

Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung hosted a dinner to the visiting minister at IBC in the evening. This morning, the Philippine delegation visited Shwedagon Pagoda.

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## Grand Royal Special Reserve Golf Championship held in Monywa Golf Club



YANGON, 4 May — Under the supervision of the Myanmar Golf Fed-

eration, the Grand Royal Special Reserve Golf Championship for 2004-2005 co-organized by Monywa Golf Club and International Beverages Trading Co Ltd took place at Monywa Golf Club from 30 April to 1 May.

After the golf events, the prize present-

ing ceremony continued and Director (Quality Control) of IBT Co Ltd U Tint Oo presented nearest to the pin prize to Tin Lin, longest drive prize to Maj Myo Han Chin and the prizes of most par and most birdies to Aung Lwin Moe and Hsan Nyunt.

Afterwards, Execu-

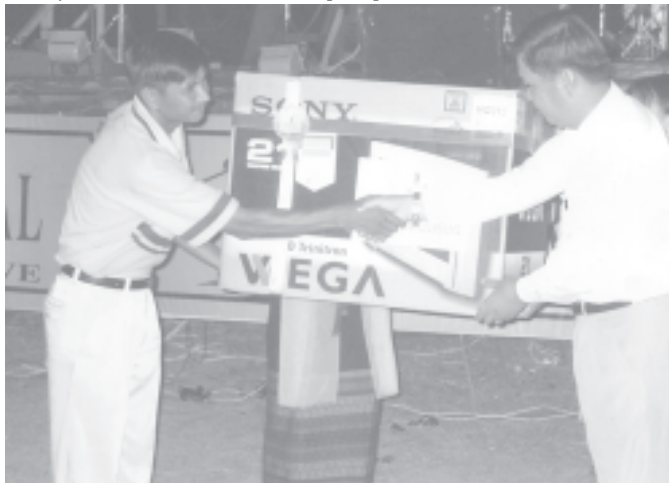
tive of Myanmar PGA and MGFU Ko Ko Lay, Chairman of Monywa Golf Club Col Hla Ngwe and Deputy Commander of the North-West Command Brig-Gen Tin Maung Ohn awarded consolation prizes.

Next, Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of the North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye presented prizes to Khin Zaw Win who stood first, Win Htike second and Than Naing Oo third.

Director of IBT Co Ltd U Tint Oo donated a lawn-mower for the golf club.

The championship was mainly sponsored by IBT Co Ltd and co-sponsored by Air Mandalay, Popa Aqua Drinking Water, Crusher Club Soda and Traders Hotel.

The championship was successfully organized by Han Event Management. — MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye presents first prize to Khin Zaw Win in Grand Royal Special Reserve Golf C'ship.— MGF

## 3 innocent persons wounded in KNU attack

YANGON, 4 May — Three innocent persons were wounded in KNU terrorist armed insurgent attack on two villages in Bago Division on 30 April.

Some terrorists of battalion 8, brigade 3, of the KNU launched small arm and heavy weapon fire on Mwedaw and Kyaungpya villages in Kyaukkyi Township, at 12.30 am, in which, two members of the Sangha were wounded in the former and a woman in the later.

The random attack had also burnt down and destroyed 35 houses.

As soon as they received information about the attack, local Tatmadaw columns and officials rushed to the villages, and made arrangements to help the wounded and homeless victims. The Tatmadaw columns are in hot pursuit of the fleeing terrorist insurgents.

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## Jade and gems special sale 28 June

YANGON, 4 May — Under the aegis of the Ministry of Mines, the special sale of jade and gems of the Myanma Gems Enterprise will be held at Myanma Gems Mart from 28 June to 5 July. The gems to be sold in the jade and gems special sale will be tested and fixed for the floor prices within from 16 May to 10 June 2005.

For detailed information, contact the Myanma Gems Enterprise (Head Office) Yangon, jade extract camp (Lonekhin), gems extract camp (Mogok) and the extract camps based on Mandalay, Myitkyina, Hkamti, Monghsu.

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## USDA youth on tour of Bago

YANGON, 4 May— Under the programme of exchange of visits by the USDA members, the excursion group of youth members of States and Division USDAs led by Bago Division USDA

Executive U Than Htay and officials paid homage to Shwemawdaw Pagoda yesterday. They also paid homage to Seinthalyaung Image, Hinthagon Pagoda, Shwethalyaung Image

and Mahaceti, Tam-palawha Mahathwon Bronze Image and made cash donation. In the afternoon, the youth visited Kanbawzathadi palace.

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USDA excursion group members present cash donation to the funds of Seinthalyaung Pagoda in Bago to Pagoda Board of Trustees.— MNA

## USDA youth tour Myitkyina

YANGON, 4 May— Under the programme of exchange of visits by the USDA members, the excursion group of youth members of State and Division USDAs led by officials of Kachin State USDA visited State Cul-

tural Museum in Myitkyina on 2 May. Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe received the youth and spoke on the occa-

sion. Next, an official of Kachin State PDC explained facts about Kachin State.

The youth next visited the confluence, Kareinnaw resort, Bala Min Htin Bridge and Washaung Dam. —MNA



USDA excursion group members visit Kachin State Cultural Museum in Myitkyina.— MNA

## 14 persons exchange arms for peace in Southern Command area

YANGON, 4 May — Armed groups deeply regretted that their acts caused various miseries to the State and the people and that armed insurgency among national races were wrong.

Therefore, they have been exchanging arms for peace with the concept that they would like to join hands with the Government, the Tatmadaw and the people to participate in regional development tasks. On 30 April, Pado Saw William, L/Cpl Saw

Soe Moe, Pvt Saw Ba Le, Khun Aung Win, Saw Hsar Mu, Saw Ahbee and Saw El El of No 19 Battalion of No 7 Brigade bringing together with one AR-15, one magazine, 18 rounds of ammunition, one barrel shotgun and three rounds of ammunition, Cpl Saw El Mu, L/Cpl Saw El Kaw Say, Pvt Saw El Kyaw Htoo, Saw Htoo Kay, Saw Hsay Aung, Saw Aung Tu and Soe Lwin of No 3 Company of No 5 Battalion of No 2 Brigade with two carbines,

29 rounds of ammunition, one barrel shotgun, two rounds of ammunition and two grenades, exchanged arms for peace in Southern Command area.

Local people and officials warmly welcomed 14 armed group members who exchanged arms for peace and provided necessary assistance to them.

More armed group members still remained to exchange arms for peace.

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## State and division USDA members on excursion tour of downtown



USDA youth excursion group from states and divisions carry out sanitation work at Shwedagon Pagoda.— MNA

YANGON, 4 May — The USDA youth excursion group from states and divisions visited Shwedagon pagoda this morning and paid homage to the pagoda.

The youth excursion group members donated cash for the pagoda and posed for the docu-

mentary photo at the pagoda. Afterwards, the excursion group held a discussion with Township USDA secretaries, and executives at Yangon Division USDA Office.

In the afternoon, the excursion group visited Bogyoke Aung San Market. Next, they pro-

ceeded to Yuzana Plaza. They were conducted by the officials around the plaza. In the evening, a dinner was hosted by Yangon Division USDA Secretary U Aye Myint to members of the USDA youth excursion group at the office of Yangon Division USDA. — MNA

## State and Division USDA members on excursion to Mandalay Division

YANGON, 4 May — Under the programme of exchange of visits by the USDA members, the excursion group of youth members of State and Division USDAs led by In-charge of Youth Affairs of Mandalay Division USDA U Tin Win, Executives of Mandalay Division USDA U Aung Kyaw Tun and U Tint

Lwin Oo visited the site of Yeywa hydel power projects yesterday morning. At the briefing hall, Project Deputy Director U Myint Zaw explained the salient points of the project to them. Afterwards, they viewed round the work site.

At Maha Arnthoo Kantha Sutaungpyi Buddha Image in

PyinOoLwin Township, they paid homage to the Buddha Image and made cash donation to the fund through the pagoda board of trustees.

After that, they visited Pwaykauk falls and National Kandawgyi Gardens in PyinOoLwin.

They arrived back Mandalay in the evening. MNA



USDA excursion group members pose for documentary photo at National Kandawgyi Gardens in PyinOoLwin.— MNA

## Brazil to build natural gas pipelines linking S-E with N-E

RIO DE JANEIRO, 4 May— Brazil's state-run petroleum firm PETROBRAS announced Monday it will start the construction of 3,200 kilometres of natural gas pipelines in southeast and northeast of the country in the second half of the year.

Ildo Sauer, PETROBRAS director for gas and energy, said the move is to increase the consumption of natural gas, the cheapest fuel in the country with a cost of 3.0 US dollars per BTU (British Thermal Unit), as compared to 10 and 12 dollars per BTU of

diesel and gasoline. The main part of the programme will be the 1,365 kilometre-long extension of the Gasene gas pipeline, which will link the network of the southeast, the country's largest gas producing region, to the northeast. —MNA/Xinhua

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**Jordanian Govt urged to secure its remaining prisoners in Israel**

AMMAN, 4 May — Seven ex-detainees who were freed by Israel in April and returned home recently have urged the government to do more in rescuing the remaining detainees in Israel, the *Jordan Times* newspaper reported on Tuesday.

"We hoped that government efforts to ensure the release of the prisoners would amount to the level of public support by people and civil society, but the gap is very wide," Wael

Amir, one of the freed prisoners was quoted as saying. It was reported that Israel holds about 50 Jordanians in the prisons.

On 17 April, the Israeli Cabinet unanimously voted to release nine Jordanian prisoners. Five days later, the nine were released, and seven of them returned home while the other two remained in the Palestinian territories with their families.

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**India to open up retail sector for foreign investment**

WASHINGTON, 3 May — India plans to partially open to foreigners its 190-billion-dollar retail industry, which has been growing as much as 5 per cent a year, Commerce and Industry Minister Kamal Nath has said. It would be done way that encourages investment while protecting the jobs of millions of small shopkeepers who dominate the trade, Kamal Nath said in an interview to *The Wall Street Journal*.

Initially, the access would be for grocery companies, with priority for facilitating the entrance of refrigerated distribution networks to ensure fruit and vegetables are well preserved in transit to shops, he said.

Nath said that as much as three quarters of the initial opening for foreign investment could be in food and related establishments.

MNA/PTI

## France striker Trezeguet banned for two matches

PARIS, 4 May—France striker David Trezeguet has been banned for two matches by FIFA for headbutting an opponent during last month's 1-1 draw against Israel in a World Cup qualifier.

"That is the minimum for a player hitting another player," said a spokesman for the French football federation.

Trezeguet will miss France's Group 4 qualifiers against the Faroe Islands on September 3 and in Ireland on 7 September.

The Juventus striker will be back for France's last two qualifiers in Switzerland on 8 October and against Cyprus on 12 October.

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## Liverpool dash Chelsea dream to reach Champions League final

LIVERPOOL, 4 May—Thanks to a controversial goal from midfielder Luis Garcia, Liverpool beat Chelsea 1-0 to reach the Champions League final on Tuesday.

The goal came in the third minute when Liverpool captain Steven Gerrard superbly deflected forward a square pass from John Arne Riise on the left and striker Milan Baros lobbed it over Chelsea's advancing goalkeeper Petr Cech who brought down his Czech countryman inside the area.

Garcia followed up to knock the ball goalwards and it took a slight deflection off Chelsea captain John Terry before William Gallas hooked it out from under the bar. The goal was given though TV replay could not make clear whether it was in or not.

The sole goal was

enough to put Liverpool, who played a near-perfect defensive game, through with a 1-0 aggregate semi-final win to their sixth European Cup final which will be held in Istanbul on 25 May. They are to meet the winner between AC Milan and PSV Eindhoven.

Chelsea, newly-crowned as Premier League champions on Saturday, suffered the heart-break of losing at the semi-final stage of the Champions League for the second year running after their 5-3 aggregate defeat by Monaco last season.

Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho said: "The best team lost. Nobody knows if it was a goal, not even the linesman."

Liverpool manager Rafael Benitez said: "We have qualified for the final which means we have done a good job. When you have your supporters behind you, you run a little bit more".

The London side battled to the end, though, and Liverpool had to soak up almost continual Chelsea pressure throughout a second half onslaught that produced few clear chances because of the brilliance of Liverpool's defending.

The nearest Chelsea came was with almost the last kick of the game when Icelandic striker Eidur Gudjohnsen fired wide from a tight angle.

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Liverpool's Steven Gerrard (R) and John Arne Riise (L) celebrate beating Chelsea in their Champions League semi-final soccer match at Anfield, Liverpool, on 3 May, 2005. —INTERNET

## FIFA fines Belgium for crowd problems

BRUSSELS, 4 May—Belgium have been fined 12,000 Swiss francs (10,000 US dollars) by FIFA after crowd problems during last month's World Cup qualifier against Bosnia. Fireworks were thrown on to the pitch during the Brussels match on March 26, which Belgium won 4-1.

A spokesman for the Belgian Foot-

ball Association said on Tuesday it was disappointed with the decision.

"However, as with all games under our jurisdiction, we will continue to endeavour to stop fireworks getting in to the stadium and to make all our games as safe as possible for the fans," the spokesman said.

MNA/Xinhua



Young Chinese acrobats practice balancing a jar on their heads in the training room of an acrobatic troupe in Changzhi, in north China's Shanxi Province, on 19 April, 2005. The troupe has 40 members, mostly from rural areas, aged between six and 15. —INTERNET

## Russia's soccer chief to investigate Spartak doping claim

MOSCOW, 4 May—Russia's newly elected soccer chief Vitaly Mutko has vowed to investigate allegations of widespread doping by Spartak Moscow in 2003.

UEFA handed down a one-year ban to Spartak captain Yegor Titov in January 2004 after he tested positive for the banned stimulant bromantan after the first leg of Russia's Euro 2004 playoff against Wales in November 2003. He was an unused substitute at the game.

"Doping allegations are always a serious matter and we must do a complete and thorough investigation," a spokesman for the Russian Football Union quoted

Mutko as saying on Tuesday.

Mutko was voted RFU president last month, replacing former chief Vyacheslav Koloskov.

Despite allegations that doping has been rife in Russian soccer for years, the Titov case shocked many within the game.

Wales lodged appeals with UEFA and the Lausanne-based Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) to try to overturn Russia's victory and take their place

in Euro 2004.

The appeals were rejected by both UEFA and the CAS.

Russian media has now accused Spartak of systematic doping in 2003 and that the country's soccer authorities knew about it and tried to cover it up.

"The players were simply used as guinea pigs," former Spartak defender Maxim Demenko was quoted as saying by Sport-Express newspaper last Friday. —MNA/Xinhua

## Macri sees Maradona as future Boca Juniors coach

BUENOS AIRES, 4 May—The President of Argentine soccer club Boca Juniors Mauricio Macri considered on Tuesday that, in time, it will be natural for Diego Maradona to become coach of the team.

"Without a doubt, as the one-time world's best player, he could be the coach of any team he chooses, as long as he is in peace and healthy," said the Boca official in reference to Maradona.

Macri added that Maradona has to lose some weight "to leave the heart-attack-risk zone."

Boca's board offered Maradona to take on the General Direction of the club's amateur soccer but, according to Madri, "nothing has been said in this sense. He took the plane to Cuba and then will go to Europe, as he announced."

Macri said that the Boca proposal "is in line with what he (Maradona) had said, that he did not want to be behind a desk, that he wanted to be closer to the pitch."

The Boca official said that, as director of the club's amateur soccer, Maradona

would be near the coaches all the time and would be supervising a large group of people." Nevertheless,

the director said "hiring Maradona would be such a gambling."

MNA/Xinhua



Seattle SuperSonics forward Nick Collison (4) looks to make a midair pass after saving the ball from going out of bounds as Sacramento Kings' Peja Stojakovic (R) tries to block him during the first quarter of their Western Conference first round NBA playoff game five at Key Arena in Seattle, on 3 May, 2005. —INTERNET

# Iran pledges continued cooperation with IAEA

TEHRAN, 4 May — Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Kharazi has pledged his country's continued cooperation with the UN nuclear watchdog, terming the cooperation as "positive and constructive," the official news agency IRNA reported on Tuesday.

On the sidelines of the UN conference to review the nuclear Non-Proliferation-Treaty (NPT), Kharazi made the pledge at a meeting with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director-General Mohammad ElBaradei in New York on Monday.

Kharazi was quoted as saying Iran is resolved to cooperate with IAEA to remove existing ambiguities. He briefed ElBaradei on Teheran's negotiations with the EU trio France, Germany and Britain on its nuclear programme and said "we hope the conference will take serious and unbiased steps to safeguard the legitimate rights of all the member countries of the NPT".

ElBaradei, on his part, expressed the hope that Iran will be able to iron out the remaining

snags so that he can include them in his report to the IAEA governing board.

Kharazi also expressed concerns over slow and fruitless trend of nuclear talks between Iran and the European trio during his separate meetings with German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer, his Australian counterpart Alexander Downer and Luxembourg Deputy Foreign Minister Nicolas Schmit on the sidelines of the NPT Review Conference.

He said Iran must witness a considerable progress in that regard, adding Iran's cooperation with IAEA "has been proved that Iran has not made use of nuclear energy for non-peaceful purposes and took serious steps to build confidence transparently". — MNA/Xinhua

# Survey shows shift workers have higher risk for prostate cancer

TOKYO, 3 May — Men working on rotating shifts at factories, hotels, railways and other workplaces with 24-hour operations have a higher risk of developing prostate cancer than those who work in the daytime, according to a study by a Japanese Government-supported research group on epidemiology.

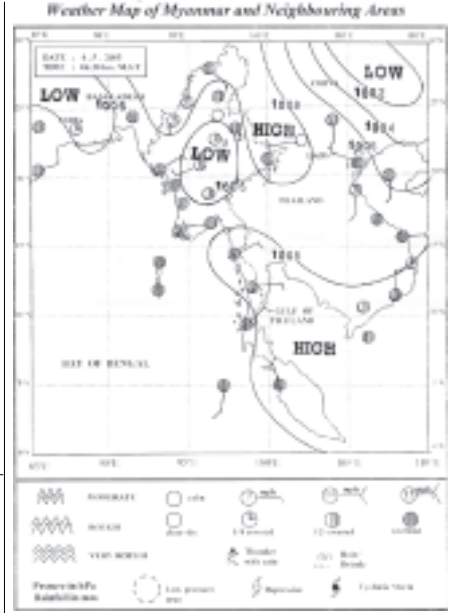
These men are 3.5 times more likely to develop prostate cancer than those who work regular hours and are also 2.8 times more likely to die of cardiovascular diseases, including stroke, according to the research group sponsored by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare.

Little research has been conducted in Japan to examine the health effects of irregular working schedules. This latest research on relations between rotating shifts and prostate cancer risk was the first of its kind in the world, the group said in a preliminary report on the study.

The misaligned body clock due to irregular working schedules seems to be the culprit. A rise

in blood pressure and accumulated stress are also seen to cause cardiovascular diseases, according to the report.

MNA/Xinhua



## WEATHER

Wednesday, 4 May, 2005

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Shan State, scattered in Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, isolated in Kachin, Chin and Rakhine States, Magway and Bago Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Mogoke (1.42) inches, Mawlaik (1.34) inches and Kyaukse (0.80) inch. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kayin and Rakhine States, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above normal in Mon State, Magway and Ayeyawady Divisions. (7°C) to (9°C) below normal in Shan State and upper Sagaing Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperature was Magway (42°C).

Maximum temperature on 3-5-2005 was 103°F. Minimum temperature on 4-5-2005 was 74°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 4-5-2005 was 65%. Total sunshine hours on 3-5-2005 was (11.0) hours approx. Rainfalls on 4-5-2005 were nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were 1.46 inches at Yangon Airport, 1.93 inches at Kaba-Aye and 0.32 inch at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from Northwest at (21:15) hours MST on 3-5-2005.

**Bay inference:** Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 5-5-2005:** Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers in Kachin and Shan States, Sagaing Division, isolated in Rakhine State, Mandalay, Magway, Yangon, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**State of the sea:** Seas will be slight in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Thundery conditions in the upper Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 5-5-2005:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 5-5-2005:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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**Lectureship in Art- Anatomy**  
**Principal (SSFA) Retd, Sr. Lecturer (Retd)**  
**Education Senate Member (University of Culture) 61 years**  
 Only son of (U Sein Ban-Daw Kyi) of Wakema, Ayeyawady Division, son-in-law of (Brig-Gen Aung Thin (Retd)- Daw Tin Nyunt), brother of (Daw Thawda Thin), Daw Mu Mu Thin-U Myint Ohn, beloved husband of Daw Lynn Min Thin of Room-6, Building-8, Zizawa-2 Condominium, 15 Ward, Thanthumar Road, South Okkalapa Township, beloved father of U Aung Soe Tint (NSO-MRTV)-Daw Hlaing Sabai Oo (MRTV), Ma May Thet Soe Tint (TTC-Pyay Road) and grandfather of one passed away at Thingangyun General Hospital at 3.45 pm on 3-5-2005. The remains will be carried from morgue of the hospital to Yayway cemetery for cremation on 5-5-2005. (Cars will leave the hospital at 12.30 pm.) **Bereaved family**



## Thursday, 5 May Tune in today:

- 8.30 am** Brief news
- 8.35 am** Music: Endless love
- 8.40 am** Perspectives
- 8.45 am** Music: -Nothing but the truth
- 8.50 am** National news/Slogan
- 9.00 am** Music: This one's for you
- 9.05 am** International news
- 9.10 am** Music -Hit by love
- 1.30 pm** News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm** Lunch Time Music -The hardest thing -This heart will love again -Dreams -Who do you think you are -Crush on you -I want you back
- 9.00 pm** Aspects of Myanmar -Jaggery Article
- 9.10 pm** Pourri
- 9.20 pm** -China becomes world's third largest exporter -Rhino census conducted in Nepal's National Park -WHO says destruction of fatal flu virus samples to finish soon -Australia hosts Int'l Chemical, Biological Weapons Forum - Russian spaceship docks with ISS
- 9.30 pm** Favourite songs chosen by music lovers -Smile-VitaminC -Bring it all back -S club 7 -Free up your mind-Baby spice
- 9.45 pm** News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm** PEL



## Thursday, 5 May View on today:

- 7:00 am** 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံယာဇာနည် နာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာရတနာ၊ အဘိဓမ္မာရတနာ၊ သဒ္ဓမ္မဓမ္မာတိက၊ ထိပ်ငှက်စရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာ ဘိဝံသ၏ ဝရိတ်တရားတော်
- 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. Dance of national races
- 8:00 am** 6. အတိတ်ပြန်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am** 7. Dance Variety
- 8:20 am** 8. ဝုလင်းရေလှောင်တံခါး

- 8:30 am** 9. International news
- 8:45 am** 10. Happy and Educational English Summer Course MRTV
- 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
- 5:00 pm** 5. အစောသင်တန်းသို့လည်ရာရောက် ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -"ခုတ်ယခုန် (ရွာပေးအထူးပြု) (ရွာပေး)
- 5:15 pm** 6. Cute little dancers
- 5:30 pm** 7. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းပေးဂီတတေး
- 5:40 pm** 8. "အမွေပြတ်ကမ်းလက်ဆောင်" (ရေရှင်လင်း၊ နှင်း၊ အနုသာခေါ်၊ ဝေအိုင် (ရှမ်းပြည်))၊ ခေတင်တင်လှ (ခါရိတ်တာ-မောင်မောင်မြင့်)

- 6:00 pm** 9. Musical programme
- 6:10 pm** 10. နိုင်ငံအဝန်းသစ်တော့စွမ်းဖြင့် စိမ်းလန်းရေးပညာ
- 6:20 pm** 11. ဗုဒ္ဓကဏ္ဍသံသယကြိယာ
- 6:30 pm** 12. Evening news
- 7:00 pm** 13. Weather report
- 7:05 pm** 14. နိုင်ငံတော်အသံလွှင့် "ရုစင်သောညီမ" (အပိုင်-၂၇)
- 7:35 pm** 15. Musical programme
- 7:45 pm** 16. ကြည့်ရှုရမ်းမြေပျော်ရွှင်အမျိုးသားကန်တော်ကြီးဥယျာဉ် (ပြင်ဦးလွင်) (အပိုင်-၁)
- 8:00 pm** 17. News
- 18. International news
- 19. Weather report
- 20. Myanmar Movie "ဆီရေ" (အပိုင်-၁) (ညွန့်ဝင်း၊ လွင်မိုး၊ မြင့်မြင့်စိုင်း၊ စမ်းစမ်းအေး၊ နိုင်နင်းဝေ) (ခါရိတ်တာ-ကြည့်ရှုရမ်းမြေ)
- 21. The next day's programme

# MMCWA will continue to stand as a national force, serve interests of the nation and the people for ever

## 15th annual meeting of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association winds up



MMCWA President Daw Khin Khin Win gives concluding remarks at 15th Annual Meeting of MMCWA.— MNA

YANGON, 4 May —The 15th annual meeting of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association continued for the second day at the multi-purpose building of MMCWA at the corner of Parami and Thanthuma Roads in South Okkalapa Township this morning.

Present were President of MMCWA Daw Khin Khin Win, Vice-President Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint, CEC members, members of the Central Council, chairpersons of state and division MMCWA Supervisory Committees and secretaries and joint secretaries. President of MMCWA Daw Khin Khin Win presided over the meeting and Joint Secretary-2 Dr Daw Thein Thein Htay acted as master of ceremonies.

Secretaries of Kachin, Kayah, Kayin and Chin State, and Sagaing, Taninthayi and Bago Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committees submitted related papers.

President of MMCWA Daw Khin Khin Win took part in the discussions. At 11 am, the meeting resumed. Vice-President Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint presided over the meeting.

Secretaries of Magway, Mandalay and Yangon Division, Mon and Rakhine State and Shan State (South) MCWSCs submitted related papers.

Next, Shan State (North), (East) and Ayeyawady Division MCWSCs submitted related papers. President of MMCWA Daw Khin Khin Win took part in

the discussions.

Members of the Central Council of MMCWA and Secretaries of State and Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committees discussed education, health, economic and social arrangements for families in states and divisions.

Chairman of Mandalay Division MCWSC said that construction of roads and bridges contributed to progress of education, health, economic and social sectors. NGOs and the people including members of MCWA are rendering voluntary services in construction of roads and bridges. Traditionally, there have been collective efforts in the

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- \* **International Labour Organization (ILO) one-sidedly accused Myanmar of forcing the people to participate in construction of roads and bridges without realizing the custom and culture of Myanmar.**
- \* **MMCWA, a social organization, condemns one-sided accusations of ILO.**

- \* **Over 80,000 female workers became jobless and it had adverse effects on more than 400,000 family members.**
- \* **MMCWA condemns the economic sanctions imposed by the EU and some western countries.**

- \* **Instead of taking lessons from historic evidences, descendants of some Shan sawbwars again commit the acts intentionally, relying on the external elements, to break up the Union.**
- \* **MMCWA strongly protests against the acts and aims of the lackeys and fugitives as their destructive acts pose grave dangers to the Union and the people.**

## MMCWA's 15th annual meeting dinner hosted

YANGON, 4 May — A dinner marking the 15th Annual Meeting of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (MMCWA) was held at the multi-purpose building of the MMCWA here today.

MMCWA President Daw Khin Khin Win extended greetings and presented gift to Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint.

At the dinner, Dr Kyaw Myint and Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo presented prizes for outstanding activities to state and division Maternal and Child Welfare Associations. Afterwards, MMCWA President Daw Khin Khin Win presented prizes for the best papers to Yangon, Taninthayi, Sagaing Divisions and Mon State and consolation prizes to Rakhine State and Ayeyawady Division.

MMCWA Vice-President Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint presented gifts to performers who participated in educative video produced by MMCWA.

Honorary patrons of MMCWA, Daw Khin Than Nwe, Daw Khin Lay Thet and Daw Than Than Nwe, also attended the dinner. — MNA



Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint presents second prize to Ayeyawady Division through an official. — MNA



Vice-President Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint presents gifts to a performer who participated in educative video produced by MMCWA.— MNA