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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

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

PERSPECTIVES

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In the interests of the State and the people

The 15th Annual General Meeting of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association was held at its meeting hall of the association in South Okkalapa Township on 3 and 4 May.

The MMCWA is a social organization that has been striving together with governmental departments for all-round development of maternal and child sector under the leadership of the government.

The number of the association members has now reached over 4.38 millions. On the basis of ward, village, battalion and unit, factory and workshop, there have been 324 associations at different levels and 15,172 branches.

The education group, the health group, the economic group and the social group have been formed under the MMCWA and systematic steps are being taken for all-round development of health, education, economic and social sectors of mothers and children.

Papers were presented by the respective supervisory committees of states and divisions and matters related to maternal and child welfare discussed at the meeting.

The meeting also strongly denounced the acts committed by descendants of some Shan Sawbwas, that are detrimental to the State and the entire national people and could lead to disintegration of the Union.

The ILO, without having the knowledge of the traditions and customs of Myanmar people, made an attempt to tarnish the image of Myanmar by making the one-sided accusation to the effect that Myanmar is using forced labour in construction of roads and bridges.

Moreover, the EU and some western countries have imposed economic sanctions on Myanmar. This has led to the closure of over 160 garment factories and workshops. And another 40 factories had to lay off their workers.

As a result, more than 80,000 women have become jobless, thereby hurting the health, education and socio-economic life of over 400,000 family members. The MMCWA denounced their sinister acts in the strongest terms.

Being one of the national forces, the MMCWA will continue making constant efforts for the welfare of mothers and children without seeking self-interests.

We believe that the MMCWA will firmly remain one of the national forces and constantly strive for serving the interests of the State and the people in accord with the future work programmes of the meeting.

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

Philippine Minister leaves for home



Minister of Environment and Natural Resources Mr Michael T Defensor and party of the Philippines being seen off at the airport. — MNA

YANGON, 6 May — Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung saw off Minister of Environment and Natural Resources Mr Michael T Defensor and party of the Philippines at Yangon International Airport this morning.

While in Myanmar, the guest minister discussed cooperation for mutual interests with officials of the Ministry of Forestry and National Commission for Environmental Affairs, UMFCCI and Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs Association. — MNA

Educative talks held at Wingabar Women's Development Association

YANGON, 6 May — Nurturing and Rehabilitation Sub-Working Group and Girl/Child Sub-Working Group under the Rehabilitation and Reintegration Working Group of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation organized the educative talks at Wingabar Women's Development Association on Wingabar Road in Bahan Township on 30 April.

Present were Deputy Leader of the Working Group Daw Khin Myo Myint, leaders of the sub-working groups Prof Daw Htay Htay, Daw Khin May Soe, Daw Kyi Kyi Mya and Daw Po Po Kyi, officials of Wingabar Women's Development Association and girl trainees totalling about 100.

Writer Saw Mon Nyin and writer Chit Naing (Chit Naing-Psychology) gave lectures to the trainees.—MNA

Knowledge lecture to be aired

YANGON, 6 May —A lecture titled 'Healthy life for all' to be discussed by Rector Professor Dr Than Nu Shwe of Institute of Medicine-2 of Rehabilitation and Reintegration Working Group of MWF and staff of Radio Myanmar will be aired in the knowledge for ladies' affairs programme of Radio Myanmar at 5:30 pm on 13 May and 11.35 am on 14 May.

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All this needs to be known

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

Colonialist Road Map

- * Bosom brothers, within our nation
With love entwined, with bonds of love
The flame of spite that's already put down
He who stated it, in servitude
He acted to put us.
- * Flame of spite, on the rise
Anger swelling, killing own kind
Seeing our plight, he rejoiced.
- * While fighting, fond embrace materialized
Elder and younger brother, love reciprocate
Pure goodwill, that's innate
Sensing this, they relented
And when fighting stopped
He was unhappy, felt spiteful.
- * When in the family, minds were clear
And there was warm embrace
He dealt with us, sowing discordance
Schemed and plotted, to sow among neighbours
Doubt and derision
He continued to get us go wrong.
- * Seeing neighbours within region
Rid of doubt, and in reciprocation
Helping one another,
He felt distressed, and found fault
Angry words, he spoke
Organized strength of world citizens
And on his journey
He decided to continue, and acted out his part.
- * Colonialist Road Map, three points
We all see it distinctly
The umbrella of love, that had existed
Let's take it out again
And use it, brothers.

Po Wa (Trs)

Myanmar delegation leaves for Malaysia

YANGON, 6 May — A Myanmar delegation led by Acting Managing Director Daw Mya Mya of Printing and Publishing Enterprise of the Ministry of Information left here by air this afternoon to attend the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Ministerial Meeting on the Advancement of Women to be held in Putrajaya of Malaysia from 7 to 10 May.

The delegation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, departmental heads and officials.

Acting Managing Director Daw Mya Mya of PPE was accompanied by Director U Myint Thein and Deputy Director Daw Khin Htar May of Social Welfare Department. — MNA



Myanmar delegation led by Acting Managing Director Daw Mya Mya of Printing and Publishing Enterprise of the Ministry of Information being seen off at the airport. — MNA

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Pakistan allows duty-free imports from India

ISLAMABAD, 5 May — In an attempt to bring down soaring prices, Pakistan on Tuesday gave private traders permission to directly import meat and certain vegetables from India and other neighbouring countries without any duty.

Private traders have been given the permission to import livestock and other perishable goods from neighbouring countries, including India, without any duty to meet domestic demand, Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz' financial adviser Salman Shah told reporters here.

Announcing the major policy decision, which for the first time will give a major opening for Indian goods into Pakistan, he said the government will allow import of beef and mutton and tomato, onion, garlic and potatoes from neighbouring countries, including India and China.

The step was taken to meet the domestic demand as well as to control hike in prices of these commodities due to rise

in demand, he said.

It was taken on the direction of the Prime Minister as part of a short term strategy of the government to provide relief at the grassroot level as government apprehended that rise in prices of commodities was due to shortage, he said.

The Ministry of Commerce and the Central Board of Revenue have been directed to not to impose any sort of duty on the imports, he added.

Under the short term

policy, the import from India of at least one million cattleheads is allowed for a year, Shah said.

"We are working on short-term, medium term and long term strategy to overcome hike in price, especially of these commodities.

Our ultimate objective is to strengthen growth of livestock and other perishable goods in the country to meet the domestic demand as well as to export the surplus," he said.

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi people leave the spot where a US Army vehicle burns after it was hit by a suicide car bomb in the Dorah District of Baghdad, Iraq, on 5 May, 2005. At least 20 people were killed in three separate attacks targeting Iraqi and US security forces in Baghdad on Thursday.—INTERNET

American climber dies in Mt Qomolangma's Nepali side

KATHMANDU, 5 May — An American climber died on Mount Qomolangma's Nepali side while trying to scale the world's highest peak with his brother, officials said here Wednesday. "Michael O'Brien, 39, of Washington, slipped and fell into a crevasse as he and his brother Chris, 32, were returning to their base camp on Sunday", Rajendra Dev Pandey, officer of the Trekking and Mountaineering section of the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation told Xinhua.—MNA/Xinhua

GDP growth of India, China likely to be higher in 2005

ISTANBUL, 5 May — India along with China and Indonesia may be the only "exceptions" among Asian economies to post an impressive growth in 2005 despite the adverse impacts of global oil price spiral, rise in interest rates and depreciation in US dollar, rating agency Standard and Poor's said on Tuesday.

"GDP growth rates for many Asian economies in 2005 is likely to slow toward their medium-term trends, with some below potential. India and perhaps China and Indonesia, are the exceptions to lower growth in 2005," S&P said.

S&P rates India's foreign currency at "BB+" with a "stable" outlook, while it is "BBB+" for China and "B+" for Indonesia.

However, S&P warned the Asian economies of the adverse impacts of global oil price spiral, rise in interest rates and a falling greenback.

"Chief among the risks will be the speed of interest and exchange rate adjustments, and duration of sustained high oil prices," S&P credit analyst Ping Chew said on the sidelines of ADB meeting here.

"A combination of these adverse external developments could affect growth prospects, inflation trends, budgetary outturns, and the balance of payments," he said.

The global economic and financial conditions are still supporting Asian growth and credit quality, S&P said but added "nevertheless, a less benign environment may present several risks to the generally positive outlook for the region."

"Even if these risks do not materialize, a more cautious policy stance by Asian governments could

induce a hiatus to the reform and consolidation process," Chew said.

In particular, policy orientation could be more growth-focused, with restructuring taking a back seat. Fiscal consolidation could also be delayed.

Correspondingly, the positive rating trends for Asian nations might moderate in 2005, compared with the previous two years.

S&P does not expect tightening global liquidity conditions to choke off economic activities.

However, the medium-term credit outlook would be linked to the process of resolution of economic and financial imbalances triggered by the US twin deficits, which are currently financed mainly by Asian central banks. Specifically, a rapid US dollar decline and spiking interest rates could deliver a major global economic and financial shock.

Short of this scenario, most Asian sovereigns are generally likely to be able to sustain any developments thanks to their external strengths, including high foreign exchange reserves and low external debt, S&P said.

MNA/PTI

Bangladesh, India discuss dates for holding SAARC Summit

DHAKA, 5 May — Bangladeshi Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan on Tuesday telephoned his counter-parts in New Delhi and Islamabad to discuss the dates for holding the stalled Summit of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) in Dhaka.

Morshed Khan, as Foreign Minister of the host country, has proposed two sets of dates, September 4-5 or November 13-14, for holding the 13th SAARC summit, which was postponed twice, the United News of Bangladesh, a private news agency in the country, reported Wednesday.

Diplomatic sources were quoted as saying that in his tele-talk with Indian External Affairs Minister Natwar Singh, Morshed Khan said Dhaka sent the proposed dates to Islamabad, the current chair of SAARC, for securing the concurrence of the member states.

Singh assured Khan that he would convey to him about the confirmation of the dates in a day or two.

On bilateral issues, the two foreign ministers agreed to resolve all bilateral irritants through dialogue. They also agreed to take necessary steps to keep the border peaceful.

MNA/Xinhua

1,592 of US troops killed since beginning of Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 5 May — As of Thursday, 5 May, 2005, at least 1,592 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 1,217 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 Defence Department's tally, last updated at 11 am EDT Thursday.

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 May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,454 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,108 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.—Internet



Chinese visitors look at a cyclist jumping over six people during a performance at the 15th China International Bicycle & Motor Fair in Shanghai on 4 May, 2005. 120,000 visitors from over 80 nations and regions are expected to attend the fair from Wednesday to Saturday.—INTERNET



Indian children run in the rain on a street in New Delhi on 4 May, 2005. — INTERNET

Philippine Govt assures public of enough rice supply despite El Nino

MANILA, 5 May — The Philippine Government on Wednesday assured the public that there will be no shortage in the country's supply of rice or corn despite the El Nino phenomenon hitting the country this year.

Department of Agriculture Secretary Arthur Yap said the weather phenomenon affected some 50,000 metric tons of an estimated 15.1-million-metric-ton harvest of the country's rice granaries.

He added that El Nino had a much larger effect on the country's corn crops, affecting 150,000 metric tons of an estimated 5.7-million-metric-ton harvest.

"The corn harvest was hit harder because the crops were washed out in December due to the typhoons and when the

water receded and the farmers started planting, the (El Nino) phenomenon hit. There was a definite impact but we are still going after our targets," he said in a radio DZMM interview.

The National Food Authority earlier said it would hold a tender on 24 May to buy a total of 400,000 tons of rice to meet an expected shortfall in local supply.

In an announcement in local newspapers, the state-run agency said it would buy 300,000 tons of non-iron-fortified rice and 100,000 tons of iron-fortified rice.

It said the rice should come from Thailand, Vietnam, China, Pakistan, Australia or the United States.

Yap said the El Nino weather phenomenon is expected to end this month, according to the latest report from the Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) weather bureau.

El Nino is a disruption of the ocean-atmosphere system in the Tropical Pacific, causing warm weather in the Philippines due to decreased rainfall.

MNA/Xinhua

Singapore must ride on development of China, India

SINGAPORE, 5 May — Singapore is well-positioned to take advantage of emerging economies like China and India, said Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports Vivian Balakrishnan here on Wednesday.

Speaking at a business event, Vivian pointed out that Singapore must adapt to exploiting the development of the two big countries as the economic centre of gravity shifts towards Asia. "Our trade links with China and India have improved rapidly over the past decade, he added.

MNA/Xinhua

Bulgarian deputies vote to pull all troops from Iraq by year's end

SOFIA, 5 May — In a new setback to the United States and its dwindling band of allies in Iraq, Bulgaria's outgoing parliament voted to pull all Bulgarian troops from that country by the end of the year, with some to leave as early as next month.

The decision was adopted after heated debate, with 110 votes for and 53 against and 45 MPs abstaining.

Coming just days after the country suffered its 10th military fatality in Iraq, it provides for a reduction of Bulgaria's 462-strong contingent to 400 men in June, followed by a full withdrawal by 31 December.

Defence Minister Nikolai Svinarov, who drafted the proposal for a withdrawal, on Thursday denied that Bulgaria was abandoning its allies in Iraq.

The current Bulgarian

parliament's mandate expires in two weeks, and the decision could be reviewed by the new legislature following general elections on 25 June. But it seems unlikely it will be reversed as opinion polls show that the Bulgarian Socialist Party enjoys the support of most voters.

The party has vowed to withdraw the troops from Iraq immediately if it were to win the elections, and on Thursday, in a counter proposal to the government's, called for a full pullout by 31 May.

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India to woo Intel with development promise

NEW DELHI, 5 May—India on Tuesday said it would urge the world's biggest chip maker Intel to set up a manufacturing facility in the country, even as the company was contemplating on moving into either India or China, *Indo-Asian News Service* reported.

"I am meeting Intel chief Craig Barrett this month-end and I have a one-point agenda — to press him for setting up a manufacturing facility here," Indian Communication and IT Minister Dayanidhi Maran said on the sidelines of a telecom seminar.

Maran, who said IT companies should par-

ticipate in the robust growth witnessed by the Indian IT industry, would be leaving for the US later this month to pursue his mission.

Intel already has a facility in Bangalore for key semiconductor design work. Earlier, he said India was committed to liberalizing the telecom industry further to allow convergence of techno-

logy and market.

He said the Indian telecom industry was witnessing a boom, and pointed out that the country had achieved a telecom subscriber base of 100 million this year, though the National Telecom Policy of 1999 had only set a target of commissioning 75 million telephone lines by 2005.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam's auto component imports soar in first four months

HANOI, 5 May — Vietnam spent 240 million US dollars importing automobile components and spare parts in the first four months of this year, a year-on-year surge of 73.8 per cent, according to the Ministry of Planning and Investment on Wednesday.

The sharp increase could be attributed to the local stronger purchasing power of automobiles, especially trucks and coaches, because Vietnam earlier ordered its agencies and businesses to replace over 20,000 outdated automobiles with new ones by early February.

The country imported 6,000 automobiles worth 100 million US dollars in the first four months, posting respective rises of 7.6 per cent and 19.9 per cent. Meanwhile, it assembled over 16,000 automobiles, up 26 per

cent, said the ministry.

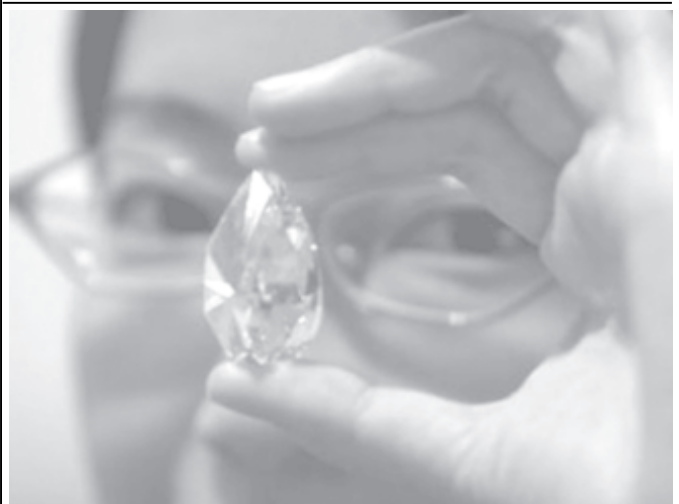
Local experts said the demand for automobiles in Vietnam with the population of over 82 million people will remain high in the coming years, citing the country's high economic growth and low penetration of cars among local residents as major reasons. Now, every 142 Vietnamese people have a car, compared with the rate of 4-5 in Malaysia, 9-10 in Thailand and 30-32 in the Philippines.

Eleven automobile joint ventures in Vietnam posted total sales of 40,138 units in 2004, down 6 per cent against 2003. They

have proposed the Vietnamese Government reduce special consumption taxes on locally-assembled automobiles and develop the production of vehicle accessories and spare parts.

Recently, the government approved an overall plan on developing its automobile industry by 2010, with the main target of manufacturing more made-in-Vietnam vehicles and raising the proportion of locally-made components in assembled products.

MNA/Xinhua



A promoter displays a rare and unmounted 120-carat pear-shaped faint brown diamond, the largest diamond ever to be offered for auction in Asia, in Singapore, on 6 May, 2005. — INTERNET

Shanghai to build tallest ferris wheel on earth

SHANGHAI, 5 May — The world's tallest ferris wheel is to be constructed on the Huangpu River in Shanghai, the project's developer, Huamen Group, said.

Xu Qun, chairman of the board of Huamen Group, said the super-wheel will be located near Huishan Dock, northern part of the Bund, in Hongkou District and will cover an area of 3.46 hectares.

The ferris wheel project will consist of a wheel with a diameter of 170 metres, which will be supported by two 200-metre-long planks, and a plaza at the base. The wheel will contain 36 cabins capable of accommodating 1,100 tourists at a time.

Huamen Group secured a contract, to the tune of 1.46 billion yuan (about 176 million US dollars), for development of the wheel by winning on April 25 an open bidding on use rights of a 3.52-hectares stretch of land near Huishan Dock.

MNA/Xinhua

China starts producing ethylene out of corn

HEFEI, 5 May — The world's first biological ethylene product line has started operation in east China's Anhui Province, marking a significant step for the country's bio-energy development.

The Fengyuan Group, a leading fine chemical producer based in Suzhou City of Anhui, recently began production of ethylene from old corn stock instead of petroleum in a traditional way, after ten year's research and development.

Li Rongjie, chairman of the group, said that tuber crops and crop stalks can also be used for materials. The new technology includes two major steps of ferment

and extraction.

Ethylene is a basic material for the chemical, electronic, automobile and textile industries. China consumes more than 20 million tons of ethylene annually.

Li said that with the rise of demand for oil in the Chinese market, the traditional raw material supply for ethylene production might dwindle.

"We believe our new product line will be profitable as long as the oil price remains above

35 dollars per barrel," Li said. The annual production capacity of the product line is 20,000 tons.

According to Ouyang Pingkai, an academician of the Engineering Academy of China, the cost of a biological ethylene plant is one third of that of a traditional one.

He said the successful operation of this new technology in China can help boost research and

application of bio-energy technologies.

"To replace petroleum and coal with biological energy has become an unavoidable trend, and Fengyuan Group's new product line is revelatory in China, a country that is rich in biological materials," said Wang Hongguang, director of the Biological Technology Research Centre under the Ministry of Science and

Technology. Experts said the country's vast area of low-yield farmland, salina, grassland and dry land can serve as a huge production base for biological materials. China has more than 260 million hectares of unarable land and more than 66 million hectares of grassland. In the country's rural areas, about 600 million tons of crop stalks lie wasted in fields, according to experts.—MNA/Xinhua



Malaysian motorists pump petrol in Kuala Lumpur on 5 May, 2005. —INTERNET

Fighting poverty remains huge challenge for Asian countries

ISTANBUL, 5 May— To reduce by half the number of people living in extreme poverty in Asia by 2015 remains a huge challenge for the developing continent, said a senior official of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) on Wednesday.

Ibrahim H Canakci, chairman of the ADB's Board of Governors, made the statement in his inauguration speech of the ADB's 38th annual meeting that kicked off Wednesday in Turkey's biggest city of Istanbul. "As a whole, the region is on track to reduce by half the number of people living in extreme poverty by 2015, but for most of developing Asia, addressing the full range of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) will remain a huge challenge," said Canakci. The MDGs, a broad set of initiatives laid out by the United Nations Millennium Summit in New York in 2000, call for halving the number of people living in extreme poverty by 2015. ADB president Haruhiko Kuroda echoed Canakci's concerns, saying significant challenges still remain for Asia to win the battle against poverty.

In Asia and the Pacific, almost 700 million people, making up two-thirds of the world's desperately poor, still struggle on less than one US dollar a day,

said Kuroda at Wednesday's meeting.

"In the last 15 years alone, more than 200 million people in the region have broken free of poverty. Progress has been remarkable. But significant challenges still remain," he said.

Millions of people, especially in Asia's rural areas, have no access to clean water and sanitation and infant mortality rates in some Asian countries are up to 20 times higher than in developed countries, he noted. To cope with the uphill battle against poverty, Kuroda, who assumed office as the new ADB head in February, pledged to push forward reforms in the aid-lending organization.

Terming the reforms as "a comprehensive and challenging framework for institutional change and renewal", Kuroda said, "to remain relevant in the new era of development, the ADB must address some fundamental challenges... and become more relevant, more responsive and more focused on results".

MNA/Xinhua

Japan considers conceding ITER site to France

Tokyo, 5 May — Japanese Government is considering giving up its bid to build the planned International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) in Rokkasho, north Japan's Aomori Prefecture, and bowing out of the race with the other candidate site in Cadarache, southern France, *Kyodo News* reported on Wednesday.

The ballooning construction cost burden amid stalled negotiations has prompted Japan to consider withdrawing its bid, *Kyodo* said, citing reluctance from the Finance Ministry. But the science and technology ministry maintains that the govern-

ment's stance of seeking to win the bid remains unchanged.

"The ITER bid is still being negotiated and we have not given up," the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology said in a statement. "We will work and negotiate with the European Union and other participating countries based on our policy of winning the bid to build the ITER in Rokkasho and realize the ITER project."

Japan proposed to the ITER international consortium in June 2004 that if Rokkasho is chosen, the country will pay for half of the ITER construction fee estimated at about 285 billion yen (2.69 billion US dollars), up from 48 per cent. It also suggested providing 46 billion yen (434 million dollars) for the construction of related facilities in the European Union.

The ITER plant is an experimental facility of thermonuclear fusion, at which nuclear fusion reactions that occur on the sun are produced by fusing the nuclei of heavy hydrogen and tritium at more than 100 million Centigrade. The energy produced from 1 gramme of fuel in the facility is equivalent to that of 8 tons of oil.—MNA/Xinhua

Blair admits Iraq has divided Britons

LONDON, 5 May—Prime Minister Tony Blair retained his Parliamentary seat on Friday, despite a challenge from the father of a British soldier killed in the Iraq war. He acknowledged the war was divisive, and urged Britons to unite and "look to the future."

"I know Iraq has been a divisive issue in this country, but I hope now that we can unite again and look to the future there and here," he said after results gave him a resounding victory in his constituency of Sedgefield in northeastern England. Blair had to win his seat to keep his job as prime minister.—Internet



A US soldier stands next to a burning army truck destroyed by a car bomb in Baghdad on 5 May, 2005. —INTERNET

Vietnam to build 20 powerful locomotives this year

HANOI, 5 May — Vietnam Railway Corporation (VRC) will manufacture 20 locomotives with 1,900-horse power (HP) engines this year on the technology transferred from China, according to local newspaper *The Saigon Times Daily* on Wednesday.

"This will be the first time locomotives of such capacity are manufactured in the country," Tran Van Minh, director of the Hanoi-based Gia Lam Train Company under VRC, said.

He added that until now, the locomotives, which are the strongest machines in Vietnam, have been imported. The first locally made 1,900-HP locomotive will be finished by the end of this year, several months after the project worth 270 billion Vietnamese dong (17.2 million US dollars) starts this quarter, he noted.

The company has chosen two Chinese factories, namely Ziyang Diesels Locomotive Works and Yongji Electric Machine Factory, to sign the contracts on technology transfer and acquisition of engines and equipment.

"We have prepared in terms of technology, facilities and human resource for the project since 2003," Minh said. In 2003, the company finished the first two locomotives with 800 HP engines, which are being used on the railway linking capital city Hanoi and northeastern Lao Cai Province, he said. — *MNA/Xinhua*

High quality gas flow found in test well in S-W China

BELING, 5 May — A high quality gas flow has been drilled from a test well in Southwest China's Sichuan Province by the Southern Branch of the China National Petrochemical Corporation (Sinopec), according to sources from the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission (SASAC) under the State Council.

SASAC, supervisor of the country's key state-owned enterprises, said in a Press release Tuesday that the Heba No 1 Well obtained a daily natural gas flow of 296,000 cubic metres of high quality gas that does not contain sulfureted hydrogen.

Experts held that this breakthrough demonstrates the huge potential of gas reserves in the Tongnanba formation, located in the cen-

tre of the Daba Mountains.

The Tongnanba formation has a surface area of more than 800 square kilometres, second only to the Weiyuan formation in the Sichuan Basin.

The manager of Sinopec Southern Branch, Yang Fangzhi, said there should be no problem finding gas reserves of 150 billion cubic metres in the area by 2010.

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A Chinese worker

directs crane

operators in

Zoucheng in

Shandong

Province, eastern

China, on 6 May,

2005. — INTERNET



Singapore reports 5,420 HFMD cases in first four months

SINGAPORE, 5 May — A total of 5,420 cases of Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD) have been reported in Singapore from the beginning of this year till April 25, according to Channel NewsAsia report on Tuesday. It is more than doubled the number of 2,435 cases as recorded in the same period of last year, the report said.

As is common in children, eight HFMD cases were identified at the Bright Kids School House most recently.

To help contain the disease, the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources has requested report of all cases and advised parents not to send unwell children to school and crowded places.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam encourages overseas science, technology study

HANOI, 5 May — Vietnam will give state-funded scholarships to those who want to seek doctorate and master degrees in science and technology in foreign countries to accelerate its modernization process.

Under a recent government decision, in the 2006-2010 period, nearly 16.5 million US dollars will be annually allocated to 400 local people who will seek the degrees in such countries as the United States, Canada, Germany and France, according to *Vietnam News* on Wednesday.

Vietnam is sending 100 state-financed study abroad students and 90 others mainly to developed countries this year to get doctorate and master degrees in many fields, respectively. The number of people self-financed studying abroad is much higher.

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The country will embark on a 2006-2010 programme on intensifying the application of automation, including robots, in socio-economic fields.

Under Vietnam's State Programme of Science and Technology on Automation, the country will conduct further research and development of robots, especially smart ones to be used in important sectors, and apply new advancements in automation in such fields as electricity, oil, coal, shipbuilding, fertilizer, farm product processing, environmental protection and natural disaster prevention.

First Swedish astronaut scheduled for shuttle flight

STOCKHOLM, 5 May — Sweden's first astronaut once again is scheduled for his first trip into space, Radio Sweden reported on Wednesday.

Christer Fuglesang is the first European astronaut to train for both Russian and American space missions. He was scheduled for a space shuttle mission when the *Columbia* crashed in 2003, freezing the American space programme.

Now NASA says the 48 year old Swede will be travelling on the *STS-116* mission next April to the *International Space Station*. Fuglesang will be making three space walks to install equipment on the outside of the station.

MNA/Xinhua

Two polio cases reported in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 5 May — The Indonesian Ministry of Health has reported that two 20-month-old toddlers in the West Java Town of Sukabumi had polio, which becomes the first cases of polio in more than 10 years, a local newspaper reported Wednesday.

The ministry's polio surveillance team reported that it had received six reports of acute flaccid paralysis in children in the area and followed up the reports by taking specimens and running laboratory tests, said *The Jakarta Post*. "The virus found in the area is not indigenous, it is imported", World Health Organization medical officer Bardan Jung Rana, who investigated the case, was quoted as saying.

"It means that the infected children had contact with people who acted as carriers after the virus had entered the country and became widespread," he said.

Immediately after the findings were confirmed, the ministry conducted a door-to-door vaccination campaign for children under the age of five in the area, as well as in four surrounding villages.

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Poll finds Americans' support for Iraq war at lowest level

WASHINGTON, 5 May — Support among Americans for the Iraq war has fallen to 41 per cent, its lowest level, since the invasion began in March 2003, a *USA Today/CNN/Gallup* poll published on Wednesday showed.

The survey, conducted last Friday through Sunday, showed that 57 per cent of those polled said the war was not worth it, compared with 41 per cent who said it was.

The poll was taken among 514 adults and had a margin of error of plus or minus five percentage points.

Public support in the United States for the war peaked when former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein was toppled in April 2003, when 76 per cent of the respondents said the war was worth it.

The latest poll found a drop in positive feelings, sparked by Iraq's election in January. Violence declined in the weeks after the elections, but a wave of suicide bombings and attacks in recent weeks have raised concerns that violence will continue.

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A security guard posts a heart-shaped entry form amidst hundreds of others as part of a lottery to win a car in central Beijing recently. — INTERNET

Keep cultural heritage in its rightful place

Manoktha Kyaw Win

Sometimes people find ancient artifacts accidentally at an eroded river bank or while digging ground for various reasons, ploughing land or going into a forest to collect something.

Once workers found bronze *nat* statues while levelling earth in Amarapura Township, Mandalay Division, Central Myanmar. Officials handed over the ancient objects to Mandalay Archaeology Department. The department assumed that during the ancient times, bronze *nat* statues were buried in the four corners of the palace wall as protectors. The treatises on the establishment of Inwa in 960 Myanmar Era during the reign of King Nyaungyan, the rebuilding of Inwa by King Hsinbyushin in 1125 ME and the building of Amarapura royal city in 1144 during the rule of King Bodaw said that bronze *nat* statues were cast.

An 11-year old boy accidentally found 82 200-year old silver coins at a place under a tree at Shwekyangpyin village, one mile from Thandwe in Rakhine State in the western coastal area of Myanmar. The boy was searching for snails to be used as bait when he found the coins in a hole. The circular-shaped coins have ancient alphabets marked on both sides. The number 1146 and the name Amarapura Hsin Thuma Shin (a) Hsinbyu Mya Shin were also found on them.

Again, it was in Rakhine State where a girl of Yanbye town found three silver bracelets while searching for mushrooms on a mountain slope eroded by heavy rains. The archaeological experts believed that the bracelets of excellent handiwork were 500 years old.

A stone inscription written in Mon language and votive tablets and other Buddha images were found while repairing an ancient Pagoda at a monastery in Twantay, Yangon Division. The finds have helped scholars to study ancient Mon literature and stood witness to Myanmar's high standard of religion and early civilization.

In one incident, a lucky farmer couple accidentally found a gold tray weighing nearly three kilos at their farm at Ooyingon village, 20 miles south-east of Natmauk, Magway Division, in Central Myanmar, while ploughing the land. They discovered another gold tray when they dug the place they found the first one.

In another event, workers found Neolithic weapons including a stone axe, some stone spears and a stone ring at a Pariyatti monastery in Amarapura, Mandalay Division, while digging ground to lay foundation for a new monastery.

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Apart from the above-mentioned events, there are many other accidental finds of ancient objects in various parts of the nation. In the future also people will find ancient artifacts. In most of the cases, Archaeology Department is able to collect the ancient objects from the persons who find them. The department always gives them back handsome amount of money as a reward. But in some cases the nation loses her ancient valuables because of the greedy persons.

In 1969, a group of students found a gold sash, a gold bowl, a small gold box, and a gold spoon in the river while they were bathing in Danubyu town, Ayeyawady Division. The boys presented the ancient artifacts to the Ministry of Culture through duty conscious persons. The ministry presented them a large amount of money as a re-

ward. The artifacts have been on display at the National Museum in Yangon since 1970. In another event, a farmer of Oohnaunggon village, Myinmu Township, Sagaing Division, handed over Pyu-era bracelet and other ancient objects to Archaeology Department, which gave him a handsome reward he deserved. Those artifacts too can be studied at the National Museum.

Unfortunately, there are incidents in which the valuable artifacts are lost and ruined due to greed. For example, a group of villagers in Shwedaung Township, Bago Division, in 1986 found a haul of ancient objects while trying to kill a snake in its burrow. The objects included titles and decorations of high level court officials, various kinds of necklaces, small gold containers, and gold earrings. However, the villagers took off jewels from the artifacts and melted the gold to sell them to others. When the officials received the information about the matter and rushed to the village, most of the objects were already ruined. Very few of them were left intact, and could be displayed at the National Museum. Authorities had to take action against the villagers for their wrong doing, because the law prohibits destroying or selling any piece of ancient artifact. If they handed over the objects to the officials concerned, they would be honoured with handsome amount of cash rewards, and all the objects could be displayed at the museum.

The Government has laid down the social objective — Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character. Hence, I wish all the persons who find ancient objects present them to the Government, to be able to display them at the right place. Because I assume that it is the national duty for every citizen.

(Translation: TMT)

Myanma Alin+Kyemon: 6.5.2005.

Prompt tsunami relief efforts keep disease outbreak at bay

PHUKET (Thailand), 6 May — Prompt actions and full attention to health aspect in relief process have prevented outbreak of disease in the aftermath of last year's tsunami, a senior official of World Health Organization (WHO) said here on Thursday.

"We were successful in preventing major epidemic and outbreak of disease in these populations (affected by tsunami)," David

Nabarro, representative of director-general for Health Action in Crisis of WHO, told *Xinhua* in an interview.

Following many dis-

asters, particularly in poor countries, WHO have seen outbreaks of disease for lack of drinking water, damaged sanitary facilities, shortage of food

and lack of shelters. The danger of disease also appeared after last year's tsunami, which left more than 169,000 dead, 127,000 missing and two million people displaced across the Indian Ocean region. Some small outbreaks of dysentery, other kinds of diarrhoea, measles and malaria were reported found in the affected areas after the tsunami, said Nabarro. Fortunately, "those outbreaks didn't develop into epidemics, because of the relief efforts concentrating on health", he said. Within one week after the tsunami hit, WHO had set up early warning system in every affected places, which surveyed and reported individual cases and outlined technical guidelines to be observed.

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BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES DISCUSSED: Indian delegation led by Chairman Dr Lalit Kumar Malhotra of PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) met General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing, Joint-Secretary-1 Dr Maung Maung Lay, Joint Secretary-2 U Tun Aung and CEC members of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry on 4 May and discussed matters relating to investment, business opportunities, promoting tourism industry, importing beans and pulses and textile industry.—UMFCCI



CASH DONATED: U Tin Khaing-Daw Mya Ngwe and family of No 55, Thittaw Street, Ahlon Township, Yangon Division, donates K100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Joint Treasurer U Maung Maung Gyi on 19-3-2005.—H

WTO negotiations should have development audit

NEW DELHI, 6 May — India on Wednesday said the ongoing WTO negotiations needed to have development audit as a first step towards evolving an outline of the package for the next ministerial conference in Hong Kong.

Participating in a session of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris, Commerce Minister Kamal Nath took the lead in activating the development agenda of the WTO negotiations.

He urged members not to forget that Doha was supposed to be primarily a development round.

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Senior General Than Shwe receives newly accredited Korean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Lee Ju-Heum. (News on page-1) — MNA

Commander inspects tax free markets

YANGON, 6 May — Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspected tax free markets in the city this morning and gave necessary instructions to officials.

First, the commander visited Konmyinthathax free market in Mayangon Township, Nawade tax free market on Swedaw Road, Yankin tax free market in Yankin Township, Tamway tax free market in Tamway Township, Pantra tax free market in Dagon Township and Hanthawady tax free market in Kamayut Township and inspected sale of goods at the shops



Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspects tax-free market in Yankin Township.

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of ministries, local battalions, district and township PDCs, Yangon Division vegetable production and livestock breeding zone, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries and Union of

Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd and other privates shops.

He also greeted shoppers there.

During his inspections, the commander gave instructions

to officials on selling of fresh meat and vegetables and measures to be taken for keeping the markets and their environs neat and tidy.

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Sports Minister's Cup & ISD Myanmar Traditional Chinlon Tournaments conclude

YANGON, 6 May — Final matches of the 1st Sports Minister's Cup Myanmar Traditional Chinlon Tournament and the 31st Inter-State/Division Myanmar Traditional Chinlon Tournament were held at the National Indoor Stadium-1 in Thuwunna, here, this morning.

After the final matches, the prize distribution ceremony followed.

The President of Myanmar Sports Writers Federation and Director-General U Thuang Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department presented prizes to the winners in the article contest in commemoration of the Sports Minister's Cup Myanmar Traditional Chinlon Tournament.

Officials gave away third and second prizes to winners in the two tournaments. Similarly, Chairperson of Central Committee of the Myanmar Women's Sports Federation Daw Aye Aye awarded first prizes to Yangon Division team in the ISD Tournament and Ministry of Industry-1 team in the Minis-

ter's Cup.

The SPED Director-General presented first prizes to Yangon Division women's team and Ayeyawady Division men's team in the 31st ISD Tournament; Ministry of Industry-1 women's team and Ministry of Industry-1 and Ministry of Finance and Revenue men's teams in the Minister's Cup. Later he awarded championship trophy and prizes to Ministry of Finance and Revenue (A) team. — MNA

UDNR to open courses on 1 June

YANGON, 6 May — Regular courses of University for Development of National Races for 2005-2006 academic year — BEd four-year course, JAT one-year course, BEd one-year course, BEd (Bridge) two-year course and Diploma in Education one-year course — will be opened on Wednesday, 1 June 2005.

The trainees are to report to UDNR, not later than the last week of May. — MNA

Regional development undertakings supervised in Sagaing Division

YANGON, 6 May — Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye inspected Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) Project (Sagaing bank) on 1 May morning.

Project in charge Deputy Superintending Engineer U Hsan Win reported on construction of the approach road, installation of iron beams, and erecting of pillars.

The commander provided assistance for the project and gave instructions on timely completion of the project.

Next, the commander supervised the construction of Pyidaungsu Highway from Pizzawtaton to the technological college in Monywa.

On 2 May, the commander held a meeting with departmental personnel at the Sagaing Division PDC office.

On the occasion, the commander elaborated on implementation of the projects for 2005-2006 fiscal year.

Officials concerned gave accounts of sector-wise implementation of the projects. The commander assigned duties for the projects to the chairmen of district PDCs.

The meeting to coordinate to extend cultivation of monsoon paddy up to 2 million acres for 2005-2006 financial year took place. The commander dealt with extension of the agricultural sector.

The district chairmen reported on work progress to meet the target; and departmental officials, on the programmes for rendering assistance for extended cultivation of crops. The commander delivered concluding remarks.

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Implementation of Capital's hotel projects in progress

YANGON, 6 May — Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu inspected hotel construction projects being implemented with foreign investment in Yangon this morning.

First, the deputy minister and party inspected progress in building the Shangri-La Hotel on Kandawgyi Kanyeiktha Road.

They proceeded to Rose Garden Hotel Project site on Upper Pansodan Street and looked into construction tasks.

On arrival at Hotel Sofital Project site at the corner of Sule Pagoda Road and Merchant Street, the deputy minister oversaw progress of the project and left necessary instructions.

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General Officer Commanding of 3rd Corps of Indian Armed Forces and wife and party visit Shwedagon, Defence Services Museum

YANGON, 6 May — The visiting goodwill delegation led by General Officer Commanding of 3rd Corps of Indian Armed Forces Lt-Gen Daljeet Singh and wife, accompanied by officials of the Ministry of Defence, Military Attache Col Jasvinder Singh Chopra from Indian Embassy to Myanmar, visited the Shwedagon Pagoda. They were welcomed there by members

of the Board of Trustees of the pagoda and officials.

Lt-Gen Daljeet Singh and wife and party offered flowers, lights and joss sticks and paid homage to the Buddha images. Next, Lt-Gen Daljeet Singh signed Visitors' Book and donated cash. Members of Board of Trustees accepted the donation and presented a picture of the Shwedagon pagoda as a

souvenir.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Daljeet Singh and wife and party proceeded to Defence Services Museum. They were welcomed by Deputy Director of the Defence Services Museum and Historical Institute Lt-Col Zaw Win and officials and conducted round the booths of the museum. Next, Lt-Gen Daljeet Singh signed Visitors' Book and left the museum. — MNA



General Officer Commanding Lt-Gen Daljeet Singh of 3rd Corps of Indian Armed Forces and wife and party visit Defence Services Museum.— MNA

Youth excursion group observes development of Kengtung

YANGON, 6 May — Under the arrangements of exchange of visits of USDA members, the youth excursion group led by executives of Shan State, District and Township USDAs went to Government Computer College in Kengtung on 4 May.

Principal Daw Mei Mei Su Thwin explained facts about the college.

At Maha Muni Buddha Image in Kengtung, the youth paid homage to the Buddha image and donated cash to the funds of the image to officials.

They also visited Kengtung Degree College and paid obeisance to Khemarak Standing Buddha Statue. They also visited the Cultural Museum and viewed Kanyin tree (*Depterocarpus alatus*) on Thittabin Hill.

Next, all the excursion group members attended the ceremony to call on Patron of Shan State (East) USDA Commander of Triangle Region Command

Maj-Gen Khin Zaw at Shan State (East) USDA Office. The commander extended greetings.

At Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Office, Secretary of Shan State (East) PDCLt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw explained development of the state.

On 5 May, the youth viewed thriving summer paddy in Yanglaw Village tract in the township. They paid homage to Sayadaw U Kusala of Yanglaw Monastery. Furthermore, they observed livestock breeding and agriculture tasks in Lwelon Village.

At Government Technological College in Kengtung, they attended the tree planting ceremony. The commander planted a Gangaw sapling (*Mesua ferrea*). The youth also planted oak saplings. In the evening, the commander hosted a dinner to the excursion group members at new Kengtung Hotel. — MNA



USDA members visit Cultural Museum in Kengtung.— MNA



Senior General Than Shwe presents credentials of newly accredited Ambassador of Vietnam Mr Tran Van Tung at Zeyathiri Beikman. (News on page 1) — MNA

Youth delegates carry...

(from page 16) 34 delegates from Mandalay Division at Wetyyi-in Village of NyaungU Township, 34 delegates each from Yangon Division, Shan State (South), Rakhine State, Shan State (East), Bago Division

(East) and (North), Bago Division (East), Sagaing Division, Ayeyawady Division, Magway Division and Bago Division (West) at Taungbi Village, Kyansittha Ward, Anawrahta Ward, Thiri Pyitsaya Ward,

Thantsinkyei Ward, Myingapa Village, Phwasaw Village and Taungba Village. They provided health care services to the local people and participated in the community welfare tasks.

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Youth delegates from States and Divisions on arrival at Bagan-NyaungU.— MNA

Measures for drawing transnational laws coordinated

YANGON, 6 May — A meeting was held at the Ministry of Home Affairs this afternoon, to draw transnational laws in accordance with the resolutions of the convention on transnational crimes.

It was attended by Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Maung Aung, Deputy Attorneys-Gen-

eral Dr Tun Shin and U Myint Naing, Director-General of the Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yee, Director-General of the Bureau of Special Investigation Col Aung Saw Win, Deputy Director-General of the MPF Col Zaw Win, Police Chief of Staff Police Brig-Gen Win Myaing, Head of Special Investigation Department Police Brig-Gen Myint Thein, sen-

ior police officers, and directors of the Supreme Court, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Immigration and National Registration Department.

The minister delivered a speech on the occasion.

Next, those present held a general round of discussions on enacting new transnational laws.

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Commander inspects development tasks in Ayeyawady Division

YANGON, 6 May — Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing inspected laying of gravel on 14 miles long Thanlyetsoon-Hlegiyat section of Pathein-Thanyetsoon-Thabaung Road being undertaken by Bridge Construction Special Group-4 of Public Works on 4 May morning.

The commander oversaw bridges along the road. At Thabaung Pulp Mill that can produce 200 tons of pulp a day, Project in-charge U Nyunt Aung and officials briefed the commander on installation of machines and functions of the mill.

After leaving necessary instructions, the commander viewed round the mill.

Next, the commander inspected plantations on hills near the mill and along Thabaung-Wayah road and nurseries by car.

In the afternoon, the commander met with departmental officials at the meeting hall of Thabaung Township Peace and Development Council. Chairman of the Township PDC U Hla Thung submitted reports on development tasks carried out in Thabaung Township with the use of charts. Departmental officials also reported on their sectors.

District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Hla Thwin gave a supplementary report.

The commander urged them to participate in rural development tasks. —MNA

Kyauktan Bridge on Yagon-Sittway Road nearing completion

YANGON, 6 May—Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by Brig-Gen Than Tun Aung of Sittway Station and departmental officials, on 4 May morning inspected construction of Kyauktan Bridge at the milepost 191/1 on Yagon-Sittway Road in Sittway Township.

At the briefing hall of the project, the commander heard a report on work being carried out and

future tasks.

The commander gave instructions on timely completion and meeting the set standard, and inspected the project site.

The 452.5 feet long bridge has 24 feet wide motor way and three feet wide pedestrian lanes on either side. The clearance under the bridge is ten feet high and 108 feet and five inches wide.

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Youth teams in Mon and Shan State (South)

YANGON, 6 May — Under the programme to exchange study tours of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, a youth team visited the computer college in Mawlamyine, Mon State, on 4 May.

The youths planted trees in the campus in commemoration of their visit. They then paid obeisance to Buddha images at the Kyaikmaraw Hsutaungpyi Pagoda and donated K 15,000, and visited Mon State Cultural Museum. At Ngwemoe Hotel, they met with their counterparts of other states and divisions, exchanging views and explaining regional development undertakings.

Patron of Mon State



USDA members visit Foundry Plant in Ayethaya Industrial Zone of Taunggyi Township.—MNA

USDA Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung hosted a dinner in honour of them at the hotel.

Another youth team was in Pindaya, southern Shan State, on 3 May for home stay visit at the houses

of locals. They enjoyed riding motorized boats in Inlay Lake, and visited significant places and the PhaungdawU Pagoda.

The following day, the youths visited a winery, a sugar mill, and Ayethaya Industrial Zone.

In Taunggyi, they

met with other youth teams and exchanged regional knowledge. Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint cordially greeted them.

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USDA youth members continue study tour

YANGON, 6 May — Under the programme of exchange visits between the youth members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association from states and divisions, the USDA members visited Bo Myat Tun Bridge on May 2 and they were briefed by Assistant Engineer U Soe Maung on facts about the bridge. They next visited and studied Shwemyintta bio-fertilizer plant in Daka village, Kangyidaunk Township, Biotechnology Department of Pathein University, Shwemyin-byan House for Halawa (kind of Myanmar traditional snacks, cold storage factory and fish ponds of Yuzana Co and No 4 Plywood Factory. In the afternoon they paid

homage to Shwemuhdaw Pagoda in Pathein and made cash donations. On 3 May morning, the youth members planted trees in front of Pathien Government Technological College to commemorate the occasion on which member of panel of patrons of the USDA South-West Command Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing attended the study programme of the USDA members. At 8:30 am, the commander met with the youth members and delivered a speech. Next, they visited Thabaung Pulp Factory and Chaungtha Beach.

On 4 May, the USDA youth members paid visits to Maubin University, Maubin

Government Technological College, Maubin Hospital and Wataw fish breeding pond.

Similarly, USDA members from states and divisions, accompanied by Kachin State USDA Secretary U Ra Wan Gyon and executives, attended the tree-planting ceremony to hail the study programme and grew over 1000 saplings.

Next they attended the seminar on exchange of experiences between the USDA members. They discussed matters relating to development of transport, social affairs, economy, education and health and implementation of drugs elimination tasks, rural development work and community

services.

The USDA members also visited and studied Pyithu Markets 1 & 2 in Myitkyina. In the evening Kachin State PDC Chairman Northern Command Commander Maj-Gen Maung Swe hosted a dinner in honour of the USDA youth members. —MNA



USDA members present cash donations to the funds of Maha Muni Buddha Image of Mandalay to an official.—MNA

Youth excursion groups tour Pyay, Mandalay

YANGON, 6 May — Under the arrangements of exchange of visits by Union Solidarity and Development Association, the USDA excursion group, accompanied by Bago Division (West) USDA Secretary U Min Han and executives, carried out sanitation tasks on the platform of Shwehsandaw Pagoda in Pyay on 5 May. Next, they posed for the documentary photo.

The youth excursion group proceeded to Pyay University. They were welcomed by Pro-Rector U Win Myint and faculty members. They planted over 100 saplings for greening the campus of the university. Later, the pro-rector extended greetings and explained salient points of the university. Next, members of the excursion group introduced themselves to the pro-rector.

They visited the viewpoint of Nawade Bridge in Pyay.

Similarly, the youth excursion group members from State and Division USDAs in Mandalay together with Mandalay Division USDA Executives U Tin Win and U Tint Lwin Oo visited Maha Muni Buddha Image on 5 May morning. They were welcomed by members of the pagoda board of trustees and Chanayethazan Township USDA members. The youth offered flowers, water, lights and joss sticks to the Buddha Image and donated cash to its fund through Head of Office U Ohn Shwe. Later, they paid obeisance to the Buddha Image. They proceeded to Myanmar Stone Sculpture Handiwork in Kyunlon Okshaung Ward, Chanmyathazi Township and observed the tasks of stone sculpture.

Next, they arrived at USDA Office of Mandalay Division. At the meeting hall, Mandalay Division USDA Secretary U Tin Maung Oo explained regional development, youth activities and future plans. The youth also participated in the discussions. Later, they visited Zaygyo Market and embroidery workshop of Mandalay Division USDA Joint-Secretary U Sein Myint and Mandalay Hill. —MNA

USDA members observe fish breeding ponds in Pathein.—MNA



Germany, Saudi Arabia invest in southern Philippine railway

MANILA, 6 May — Germany and Saudi Arabia are investing over 18.1 billion pesos (333 million US dollars) to partially finance the construction of an 82.5-kilometre mass transit system linking several cities in Mindanao, southern Philippines, reported the local daily *Business World* on Thursday.

This project, estimated to cost 520 million US dollars or over 28 billion pesos, is expected to benefit 60,000 to 90,000 commuters daily in Iligan-Cagayan de Oro "Industrial Corridor".

According to Transport Undersecretary Guiling A. Mamondiong, Germany would invest

220 million euros this year for the railway's electronics and mechanicals. Through German technology company Siemens it will also provide 12 trains with travel speeds of 80-150 kilometres per hour. It will also put up ticketing, signalling, and communication systems.

Saudi Arabia will also lend 40 million US dollars and donate another 10 million US dollars, or a total of 2.705 billion pesos, for the project.

The official said the government would also seek funding from Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Oman, Libya, Brunei, and Thailand, which would do the feasibility study on the railway. Civil works will start on 2006 and project completion is scheduled for 2008.

"This will be the first major railway system outside Metro Manila, something that is well in line with the decongestion of the metro. After these rail projects are finished, we think we can have 40 per cent reduction in our oil import," he said.

The government is proposing to build the Mindanao Railway System, a six-phase, 2,000-kilometre circumferential railway system.

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Zimbabwe sets up business linkage with Japanese

HARARE, 6 May — The Export Processing Zones Authority (EPZA) of Zimbabwe is to set up business linkages with a Japanese association this year in a bid to lure more foreign investments to the southern African country, according to the *Herald* newspaper on Wednesday.

EPZA General Manager Walter Chidakwa was quoted as saying that the authority has been holding a series of discussions with the Japan-Zimbabwe Hiroshima Friendship Association at the six-month-long Aichi Expo.

EPZA's role is to promote Zimbabwean companies and enable them to link up with other companies worldwide in either

joint venture operations or mergers.

"We hope we will be able to attract Japanese companies into Zimbabwe so that the country can benefit through employment creation and investments," Chidakwa said.

Meanwhile, EPZA approved 43.2 million US dollars' worth of investment projects for the period between January and

December 2004.

The projects created a total of 2,499 jobs and the authority says it is keen to double its efforts to promote foreign and local investment in response to President Robert Mugabe's call that 2005 should be considered a year of investment as part of national efforts to turn around the economy.

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Philippine Foreign Secretary starts tour to Japan, US

MANILA, 6 May — Philippine Foreign Affairs Secretary Alberto Romulo Thursday started a 14-day visit to Japan and the United States, during which he will discuss with other countries issues including regional integration of Southeast Asia, world oil prices and the welfare of overseas Filipino workers.

Before his departure to Kyoto, Japan, Romulo said in a statement that he would attend there the sixth "ASEAN plus 3" Foreign Ministers Meeting and the 7th Asia-Europe Foreign Ministers Meeting (ASEM).

He said he would also meet with foreign ministers of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and those of China, Japan and South Korea, to discuss regional integration.

"With the Kyoto meeting, we will be one more step closer to the creation of the East-Asian Community and the historic East-Asian Summit set for this December," Romulo said.

In the ASEM meeting, Romulo will offer to host the organization's virtual secretariat given the Philippine expertise in information technology.

"I will pursue the offer made by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo during the Fifth ASEAN Summit in Hanoi last year for the Philippines to host ASEM's permanent secretariat," he said.

Romulo said that he would also try to get support from the ASEM for the protection of migrant workers and the Philippine initiative for greater inter-faith dialogue.

He is scheduled to hold bilateral meetings with his counterparts of several European countries, including Foreign Minister Jean Asselborn

of Luxembourg, the presidency country of the European Union. "All the EU members are members of ASEM and this is an important opportunity to discuss further political and trade cooperation and migration issues," he said.

In the United States, Romulo will participate in New York in various United Nations conferences, including the 2005 Review Conference of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and other consultations on UN reform.

The secretary is also to meet with his American counterpart, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, and National Security Adviser Stephen Hadley, to talk about "bilateral, regional, and global political, security, and defence issues".

MNA/Xinhua



A Hyundai Heavy Industries worker takes a picture of a part of a new diesel engine at its unveiling ceremony in Ulsan, south of Seoul, on 6 May, 2005.

South Korea's Hyundai Heavy Industries Co. has achieved an aggregate of 50 million horsepower in 2-stroke engine for the first time in the world. —INTERNET

Newly found dinosaur in transition to vegetarian

WASHINGTON, 6 May — The newly found fossils of dinosaur in Utah shows a transition from meat eaters to vegetarian, US researchers reported in this week's issue of the British journal *Nature*.

The fossils unearthed from ancient gravel at the Crystal Geyser Quarry in central Utah yield a new species that may be a missing link between carnivorous dinosaurs and plant-eating ones. The US researchers name it *Falcarius utahensis*, which means "sickle-

maker from Utah".

The researchers said the 125-million-year-old fossils retained features of the two-legged, meat-eating maniraptorans — a subgroup of therizinosaurs, which was a bizarre-looking group of plant-eaters that walked upright and were mostly found in Asia.

Modern birds are thought to be evolved from maniraptorans.

Meanwhile, the feathered creature, about four metres long and 1.4 metres tall, also had smaller head, leaf-shaped and more densely packed teeth, a lengthened neck and a big belly that were

associated with plant-eaters.

Researchers believed the dinosaur could probably move faster than the later therizinosaurs that had barrel bodies, and suspected its diet probably included yet some meat.

MNA/Xinhua

Colombia, China sign health cooperation agreement

BOGOTA, 6 May — Colombia and China signed an agreement here on Wednesday to promote bilateral cooperation and exchanges on public health.

Under the accord, the two countries will formulate a two-year joint work programme and cooperate in such fields as public health, medical services, public health emergency preparedness, medical research, emergency handling, training and food safety.

The agreement was signed by Colombian Social Protection Minister Diego Palacio Betancourt and visiting Chinese Vice-Health Minister Zhang Fenglou.

Betancourt said that under the document, a new scope will be opened up for bilateral cooperation, which will be extended to such important areas as malaria control, health research and alternative medicine. Zhang said the signing of the agreement has opened the way for increased cooperation between the health authorities of the two countries. —MNA/Xinhua



This image released by NASA on 5 May, 2005 shows the Sombrero galaxy. The galaxy, called Messier 104, is commonly known as the Sombrero galaxy because in visible light it resembles a broad-brimmed Mexican hat called a sombrero. The new Sombrero picture combines a recent infrared observation from NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope with a well-known visible light image from NASA's Hubble Space Telescope. —INTERNET

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Estonia, Russia to sign border treaties

RIGA, 5 May — Estonia has received an official invitation from Russia to sign two border treaties between the two nations in Moscow on 18 May, an Estonian Foreign Ministry spokesperson told *Xinhua* on Wednesday.

The Russian Embassy in Estonia on Wednesday handed over an invitation from Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov to Estonian Foreign Minister Urmas Paet, who accepted it, the spokesperson said.

The invitation means that Russia and Estonia have removed a major obstacle barring good bilateral relations, the Estonian Foreign Ministry said.

"Surely this step takes Estonian and Russian bilateral relations further," the spokesperson quoted Paet as saying.

"It is also a landmark in the development of the strategic partnership between the European Union and Russia," Paet said.

MNA/Xinhua

Malaysia registers high trade surplus in March

KUALA LUMPUR, 5 May — Malaysia registered a high trade surplus for March this year at 10.38 billion ringgit (2.73 billion US dollars), up 51.2 per cent over the same period last year.

This was the 89th consecutive month of trade surplus and also the highest monthly growth in trade surplus since August 2003, the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) said in its preliminary release of external trade statistics here on Wednesday.

Exports in March valued at 46.67 billion ringgit (12.28 billion US dollars) were the highest monthly exports ever recorded, according to MITI.

MITI said that the high export figure together with strong imports of 36.29 billion ringgit (9.55 billion US dollars) boosted Malaysia's total trade by 25.2 per cent from that of the previous month.

The high export

growth was due to a double digit growth in exports of all the major products to all the main markets, particularly for electrical and electronic products, crude petroleum, refined petroleum, palm oil, machinery, appliances and parts, and chemicals and chemical products, MITI said.

Exports to ASEAN (the Association of South-East Asian Nations) increased 31.7 per cent from the previous month, followed by the European Union (20.7 per cent), the United States (28.5 per cent), Hong Kong (43.6 per cent), China (21.2 per cent) and India (42.1 per cent), MITI statistics showed.

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China becomes largest foreign investor in Zimbabwe

HARARE, 5 May — Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe said on Wednesday that China is steadily becoming the largest foreign investor in Zimbabwe and certainly is growing as one of the largest trading partners of the southern African country.

Speaking at the occasion of the official welcome reception in Harare International Airport for the two MA60 aircraft from China, Mugabe said the ceremony opened another page in Zimbabwe's long established and co-operative relations with China.

He said the delivery of the two MA60 aircraft, part of the three to be procured from China, is symbolic of the resolve to fos-

ter even stronger ties with Zimbabwean friends in China who have always supported the cause of Zimbabwe.

Mugabe said Air Zimbabwe has not only acquired the MA60 aircraft, but is also tapping into the vast tourism and other business opportunities by flying twice a week to east Asia.

The President said the new aircraft would complement the airline's current domestic and regional fleet, adding that he was informed that the planes would operate on domestic and regional routes such as Victoria Falls, Kariba, Bulawayo, Buffalo Range, Lusaka, Lilongwe, Johannesburg and Lubumbashi.

MNA/Xinhua

China to become big sugar importer by 2008

NANNING, 5 May — Growing consumption and restricted production caused by the limited area of sugarcane and beet growth will turn China into the world's leading sugar importer by 2008, a leading Chinese company said.

Li Ming, general manager of the cereals and oils arm of China Cereals, Oils Import and Export Company, said the average annual domestic sugar consumption would grow no less than 5 per cent in the years to come, and that domestic production would not keep pace.

The sugar output for the 2003-2004 season was 10.02 million tons in China, but demand was 11 million tons, said Li, who predicted domestic sugar consumption would exceed 13.36 million tons by 2008.

"More sugar imports

are inevitable as China will reach the extreme with both the sown area of sugar-making materials and sugar makers' production capacities in 2008. The sugar output will not exceed 13 million tons unless a major technological breakthrough is made," said Li.

Sugar supply fell behind demand last year by 1.3 million tons. The country's quota for sugar import in the past year was 1.95 million tons, with a tariff of 15 per cent.

Industry insiders suggested that a sugar reserve security system be established to ward off sugar prices from losing control in China. — MNA/Xinhua

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Sudan condemns attack on humanitarian workers

KHARTOUM, 5 May — The Sudanese Humanitarian Affairs Ministry condemned Wednesday a rebel attack on Sudanese Red Crescent (SRC) workers in eastern Sudan.

The ministry's statement described the attack as "disgraceful", stressing the government will hold the perpetrators account-

able and bring them to justice.

Two SRC workers were killed, one wounded and another abducted when gunmen from the Sudan Liberation Movement, a major Darfur rebel group, ambushed their car on 1 May, according to the *Sudan News Agency*.

MNA/Xinhua

Cambodia begins to export rice to US

PHNOM PENH, 5 May — Cambodia, for the first time in recent history, exported locally grown rice to the United States, local media reported on Wednesday.

A total of 39 tons of rice grown in Battambang Province were exported last month in two shipments to Long Beach, California, home to a large Cambodian-American community.

The 22.7 kilos bags of rice were packaged in Phnom Penh and shipped for sale in supermarkets

in Long Beach. Each bag is priced for sale at 13 US dollars.

Shipping to the United States cost 220 US dollars per ton. "The cost is expensive for such a small-scale shipment," Kim Savuth was quoted by *The Cambodia Daily* as saying. Kim is the executive director of the Rice Cambodian Trading Company.

He said he hopes to have foreign investment to enable them to make large-scale shipment of rice abroad.

MNA/Xinhua

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Wireless e-mail drives up global PDA shipments

LOS ANGELES, 5 May — Global shipments of personal digital assistants totalled 3.4 million units in the first quarter of 2005, up 25 per cent year over year, Gartner reported on Wednesday.

Gartner, a high-tech market research firm, said the surge in shipments has made the first quarter of 2005 the strongest first quarter the industry has ever experienced.

The average selling price of personal digital assistants (PDA) in the first quarter of 2005 went up to 406 US dollars, the highest in five years, up 15 per cent from the same quarter of 2004, according to the market research firm.

Gartner analysts attributed the increased shipments and prices to the popu-

larity of high-end wireless models, which have integrated wireless local area network (LAN) or cellular capabilities.

“This increase is primarily the result of the growing popularity of wireless e-mail, with users favouring larger displays and QWERTY keyboards that are operated with both hands.”

Among major vendors, Research in Motion’s BlackBerry shipments grew 75.6 per cent in the first quarter, making the company the No. 1 vendor in worldwide PDA shipments. — MNA/Xinhua

Over 3,000-year-old bronze sword discovered in Henan Province

ZHENGZHOU, 5 May — Chinese archaeologists have recently unearthed a short bronze sword in one of the seven newly-discovered pits of chariots and horses in the famous ruins of Yin, in Anyang City of central China’s Henan Province, said a local cultural relic official.

The official with the Henan Provincial Cultural Heritage Administration said the double-edged sword is about 30 to 35 centimetres long, and its handle, body and ridge are all clear and easy to be identified.

The official said the seven pits of chariots and horses as well as three medium-sized tombs were discovered in a recent excavation at the western edge of the Yin Ruins in Anyang, which was the capital of the late Shang Dynasty (circa 1300-1050 BC), some 500 kilometres south of the national capital Beijing.

Five of the seven newly-discovered pits remained basically intact and they are arranged in a line, with chariots and horses facing eastward, according to the official.

Archaeologists also unearthed 30 bronze arrowheads in the same pit where the sword was found.

Of the three tombs, the one coded

M13 was the biggest, which archaeologists said to have been robbed of, losing many cultural relics. But they still unearthed a dozen bronze daggers, a musical stone and over 20 bronze arrowheads from the tomb.

Covering 30 square kilometres, the Yin Ruins was first discovered by a Chinese archaeologist in 1899. Yin was an ancient name for the Shang Dynasty.

Excavations on either side of the Huan River have revealed tombs, foundations of palaces and temples (but no city wall), bronzes, jade carvings, lacquer, many inlaid items, white carved ceramics and high-fired green-glazed wares as well as oracle bones. One of important discoveries of Yin Xu (Yin Ruins) is the inscribed animal bones and tortoise shells, known as oracle bones. The bones and shells, used for divination by Shang kings, carry the earliest known examples of Chinese characters.

MNA/Xinhua



Royal Jordanian Falcons perform during an air show at the start of the Jordan International Rally in Amman on 5 May, 2005. —INTERNET

Israeli “F-16” crashes at air force base, pilot survives

JERUSALEM, 5 May — An Israeli F-16 fighter jet crashed on Tuesday at the Ramat David Air Force base in the north of the country, but the pilot and navigator managed to eject to safety, local reports said.

Initial investigation of the incident finds that the pilot and navigator came across a severe technical problem with the plane’s landing gear during a routine training flight.

After failing to solve the problem while still in the air, the pilot and navigator ejected and landed safely, who were taken to

a hospital for medical tests afterwards.

The plane itself crashed within the grounds of the base with extensive damage.

Israel Air Force Commander Eliezer Shaked grounded Israel’s fleet of F-16s after the accident occurred and appointed a commission of inquiry to

look into the incident.

In February 2003, an IAF F-16 fighter jet crashed northeast of the West Bank city of Jenin, inside the Green Line. The pilot ejected safely. An investigation found that the crash was apparently caused by a technical fault that led to engine failure.

MNA/Xinhua

Scientists sequence social amoeba genome

LOS ANGELES, 5 May — An international team of scientists reported on Wednesday that it has sequenced the genome of the social amoeba Dictyostelium discoideum.

New information about this unusual organism makes it even more useful as a model for research, and in some cases this knowledge can be applied to humans, the researchers said. Their findings, outlining the unique features of the organism, are published in the May 5 issue of the journal Nature.

“This is the first amoeba genome to be completely sequenced,” said Adam Kuspa, Professor at Baylor College of Medicine and senior author of the paper. The sequencing effort has, over the past seven years, clarified the place this unusual organism occupies in the hierarchy of existence.

“It is more closely re-

lated to fungi and animals than we had previously thought,” he said in a statement. The study was conducted by researchers from the United States, Britain, Japan, Germany and France.

Dictyostelium is used as a model organism for studying cell polarity, how amoeba move and the differentiation of tissues.

It usually exists as a single cell organism that inhabits forest soil, consuming bacteria and yeast.

When starved, however, the single cells come together, differentiate into tissues and become a true multicellular organism with a fruiting body composed of a stalk with spores poised on top. This

increases its utility in a variety of studies.

MNA/Xinhua

Rare beautiful mummy unearthed in Egypt

CAIRO, 5 May — A rare beautiful 2,300-year-old mummy has been unearthed at Egypt’s Saqqara Pyramids complex, 20 kilometres south of Cairo, the head of Egypt’s Supreme Council for Antiquities said on Tuesday.

The unidentified mummy which Egyptian archaeologists found two weeks ago is covered in brightly coloured images of gods and goddesses and bore a golden mask.

“We have revealed what may be the most beautiful mummy ever found in Egypt,” said Zahi Hawass. “The artists who made this mummy more than 2,300 years ago demonstrated the brilliance of the ancient Egyptians by using stunning colours and depicting his face so graphically.” He added that experts will use CT scanning technology within the next week to reveal more details about the ancient Egyptian’s identity. In February, Australian archaeologists discovered in the same area one of the best preserved ancient Egyptian mummies which were made about 2,600 years ago. — MNA/Xinhua



A 2,300-year-old mummy is displayed after it was found near the Saqqara Pyramids south of Cairo, on 3 May, 2005. —INTERNET

Kong/Wang crowned in men's doubles

SHANGHAI, 6 May—Kong Linghui and Wang Hao extended China's winning streak in men's doubles to seven straight times after beating Timo Boll and Christian Suss from Germany in a five-set final at the Shanghai world table tennis championships on Thursday.

With great support from the home crowd, the third-seeded Chinese duo defeated Boll and Suss 11-9, 11-3, 11-9, 7-11, 11-6.

Suss, who had been influenced a lot by the passionate host audience, was waved yellow card for gesturing to a spectators' stand in the fifth set, and the pair lost two points on the rivals' serves and struck the ball to the net to lose the game.

In the second set, Boll and Suss, who ousted Olympic gold medalists Ma Lin and Chen Qi to reach the final, were ruled two serves of Suss illegal.

The doubles gold is the first ever world title for Wang Hao, the Olympic singles silver medalist in Athens, and the eighth for the "Grand Slam" winner Kong. —MNA/Xinhua



Liverpool's Steve Finnan tackles Chelsea's Claude Makelele. Luis Garcia's fourth-minute shot probably did not even cross the line, but it was enough to carry Liverpool into their sixth European Cup final at Anfield and end Chelsea's hopes of a trophy treble in manager Jose Mourinho's first season in charge.—INTERNET

Last-minute survivor Sporting to play CSKA in UEFA final

LONDON, 6 May—Thanks to a dramatic last-minute extra-time goal, Sporting Lisbon brushed aside AZ Alkmaar with more away goals on Thursday and set up a UEFA Cup final clash with CSKA Moscow.

The Russian side thrashed Italian outfit Parma 3-0 but the Moscow club could be in trouble with the European governing body after Parma goalkeeper Luca Bucci was hit on the head by a firework thrown by the crowd.

Alkmaar would rue their bad luck when Sporting defender Miguel Garcia scored at the end of extra time the crucial goal to put Sporting into the final which will be played at their own Jose Alvalade Stadium on May 18.

The Dutch side thought they had done enough to make the final themselves when defender Kew Jaliens gave them a 3-1 lead on the night, and 3-2 on aggregate, in the ninth minute of extra time.

But in an astonishing climax, Garcia headed in a corner in the second minute of injury time at the end of the extra period to make the final score 3-2 to Alkmaar and 4-4 on aggregate but Sporting, who won the first leg 2-1, went through on away goals.

Alkmaar, who were runners-up to Ipswich Town in the UEFA Cup in 1981, stunned Sporting with an opening goal after just six minutes.

Moroccan international Tarik Sektioui got to the byline and his cross was met by

Sebastien Perez who headed in past Ricardo in goal.

Sporting equalized on the stroke of half-time through Brazilian striker Liedson but Alkmaar then took the lead on the night and levelled the tie on aggregate when substitute Stein Huysegems scored in the 78th minute.

In the 19th minute of extra-time, Jaliens buried what the Dutch hoped would be the winner but just as the little Dutch side were dreaming of the final, up popped Garcia to deliver the killer blow.

In Moscow, CSKA Moscow reached their first ever European final with a 3-0 second leg win over cash-strapped Parma.

After a goalless draw in Italy last week, the Russians were indebted to two goals from Brazilian midfielder Daniel Carvalho who scored in the ninth and 53rd minutes while Vassili Berezoutski added the third on the hour mark.

The win means CSKA the first Russian side to reach a European final since 1972, but the tie was overshadowed by the injury to Bucci who was forced to leave the field in the 20th minute when he was injured by the flare thrown onto the pitch and was replaced by veteran Sebastien Frey.—MNA/Xinhua

Maze wins over second Chinese to reach semis

SHANGHAI, 6 May—Michael Maze from Denmark became the sole European beating two Chinese to reach the men's singles semifinals at the Shanghai world table tennis championship after overcoming a 3-0 deficit to win 4-3 over China's world championship debutant Hao Shuai.

The 19-seeded Maze, who ousted Chinese sensation Wang Hao in Wednesday's clash, found his game in the fifth set and took control in the sixth set before wrapping up the quarterfinal clash 5-11, 8-11, 6-11, 12-10, 11-7, 11-9, 11-6.

Hao Shuai, 21, used his well-prepared strategy to move Maze around the table in the first three sets, but failed to hold on his tactics and lost the last four after being led by the opponent who forced many long balls.

Maze found a little bit his game after losing the first set 11-5, taking an upper hand in 8-5 on long ball in the second set.

But Hao, who upset backhand expert Kalinikos Kreanga from Greece in a last 16 round match on Wednesday, played even much smarter, and earned

six points in straight with close-to-the-table play to wrap up the set 11-8.

The Dane, however, saved four match points in the fourth set, coming back from 6-10 to win 12-10, after losing the third as he failed to hold his nerves.

Hao, too eager to beat the strong-minded Maze, was forced several errors in the fifth set, squandering a 4-2 lead to 5-9 and beaten 11-7 after twice striking wide.

The 27-ranked wasted a 6-5 lead in the sixth set with two under-the-net shot, beaten 11-9 after saving two set points.

In the decider, Hao fought back from a 2-7 deficit to 5-8 before Maze held five match points in 10-5, but failed to come back further. Maze will face in the semifinals the winner between Chinese Ma Lin and Liu Guozheng in a later quarterfinal. —MNA/Xinhua

Kezman pondering Chelsea future

LONDON, 6 May—Chelsea striker Mateja Kezman has hinted that he will remain in England even if he opts to quit Stamford Bridge.

Kezman, 26, is frustrated at his lack of first-team action having been brought off the bench 27 times. "It's nice to be part of the English atmosphere and to feel the spirit and maybe it will be more than just one season, we will see," said Kezman.

"We need to talk about my future because I'm not happy, I cannot cope

with it much longer."

PSV Eindhoven coach Guus Hiddink has admitted to considering a move to bring Kezman back to the club.

The Serbia & Montenegro striker scored 105 goals in 122 games for PSV to earn his 5m transfer to Stamford Bridge.

Kezman admitted he has found it hard adjusting to being a substitute so regularly.

He said: "It has been a difficult season but I'm proud of myself because I changed my mentality a little bit."

"Last season I was always the star of the team, the goalscorer and the best player; this season I'm a little behind and I accept that and I have changed myself into a player who just plays for the team.

"When I need to play five minutes I die in those five minutes. It's difficult, and I don't know how long I can do it like this but for this one year I'm very proud and very happy.

"About my future, we have three more matches and it's not correct to talk about it before the end of the season. I like this club, the supporters are behind me all the time." —MNA/Xinhua

Zhang Yining claims first singles title

SHANGHAI, 6 May—World top-ranked Chinese Zhang Yining beat her Beijing team and national teammate Guo Yan 4-2 to nab her first world singles crown at the world table tennis championships here on Thursday.

The Olympic champion triumphed 5-11, 11-7, 11-7, 4-11, 11-8, 13-11.

It is China's 16th and sixth straight women's singles title.

Chinese Guo Yue and Lin Ling from Hong Kong, finished joint third.

MNA/Xinhua



Brazilian children play soccer on Copacabana beach in Rio de Janeiro on 4 May, 2005. —INTERNET

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သို့ဖြစ်ပါ၍ လိပ်မျိုးပြန့်တိုးရေးနှင့် မြန်မာသက်ရှိ သယံဇာတများ ရေရှည်တည်တံ့စေရေးအတွက် အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ အချက်များကို လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ကြပါရန် နှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

- ၁။ လိပ်မျိုးကို တူးဖော်စားသုံးခြင်း မပြုရန်နှင့် လိပ်သားပေါက်များအား ထိန်းသိမ်းစောင့်ရှောက်ရန် သန့်ရှင်းစေရန်။
- ၂။ လိပ်မျိုးကို သတ်ဖြတ်စားသုံးခြင်း မပြုရန်နှင့် ငါးဖမ်းပိုက်များတွင် မတော်တဆ ဖမ်းဆီးရမိပါက ဘေးကင်းရာ ရေပြင်သို့ ပြန်လွှတ်ပေးရန်။
- ၃။ ငါးဖမ်းရေယာဉ်ရှိ ပိုက်များ၌ လိပ်မျိုး လွတ်မြောက်စေနိုင်သော ကိရိယာ Turtle Excluder Devices (TEDs) များ တပ်ဆင်သုံးစွဲရန်။
- ၄။ ငါးဖမ်းပိုက်အစများ၊ ရော်ဘာစများ၊ ပလတ်စတစ်အိတ်ခွများနှင့် စက်သုံးစွန့်ပစ္စည်းများ၊ စာတုစွန့်ပစ်ပစ္စည်းများ ရေပြင်သို့ မစွန့်ပစ်ရန်။
- ၅။ ငါးလုပ်ငန်း၌ ဦးစီးဌာနက ထုတ်ပြန်ထားသော အမိန့်ကြော်ငြာစာအမှတ် (၂/၉၃) ပါ ငါးလုပ်ငန်း ဦးစီးဌာန၏ ခွင့်ပြုချက်မှတစ်ဆင့် မည်သူမျှ မည်သည့် လိပ်မျိုးကိုမဆို ဖမ်းယူခြင်း၊ သတ်ဖြတ်ခြင်း၊ အနှောင့်အယှက်ပြုခြင်း၊ သယ်ယူခြင်း၊ သိုလှောင်ခြင်း၊ ရောင်းချခြင်း၊ လက်ဝယ်ထားရှိခြင်းတို့အပြင် လိပ်မျိုးကို ရွှေ့ပြောင်းခြင်း၊ တူးဖော်ခြင်း၊ သယ်ယူခြင်း၊ သိုလှောင်ခြင်း၊ ရောင်းချခြင်း၊ လက်ဝယ်ထားရှိခြင်းနှင့် အခြားနည်းတစ်စုံတစ်ရာဖြင့် နှောင့်ယှက်ခြင်း မပြုလုပ်ရန်၊ ထုတ်ပြန်ထားသည့် တားမြစ်ချက်များကို လိုက်နာရန်။

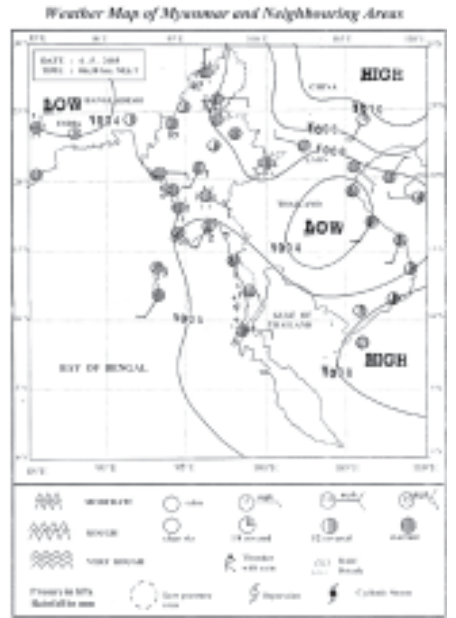
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US population to reach 296.5 million in July

WASHINGTON, 6 May — The number of US residents is projected to reach 296.5 million on July 4, this year's Independence Day, the Census Bureau said Thursday.

The figure would be more than 118 times the figure in July 1776, when there were about 2.5 million people in the 13 colonies and the Declaration of Independence was approved by the Continental Congress. In 2004, there were 34 million foreign-born residents in the United States, accounting for 12 per cent of the nation's total population, and another 30 million Americans were "second-generation", meaning that at least one of their parents was born abroad. In 2003, 706,000 immigrants were granted legal permanent residence in the United States, and 463,000 people became naturalized US citizens, according to Census Bureau statistics.

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WEATHER

Friday, 6 May, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Yangon Division, scattered in Shan, Chin, Rakhine and Kayin States, Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkamti (1.65) inches. Hpa-an (1.42) inches and Maungdaw (0.87) inch. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kayin and Mon States, Sagaing and Magway Divisions. (5°C) below normal in Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions. (3°C) below normal in Bago Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Minbu and Magway (42°C) each and Nyaung Oo (40°C).

Maximum temperature on 5-5-2005 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 6-5-2005 was 72°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 6-5-2005 was 79%. Total sunshine hours on 5-5-2005 was (2.7) hours approx. Rainfalls on 6-5-2005 were (0.08) inch each at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and (0.11) inch at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were 1.54 inches at Yangon Airport, 2.01 inches at Kaba-Aye and 0.43 inch at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (9) mph from Southwest at (17:30) hours MST on 5-5-2005.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 7-5-2005: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Kachin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and isolated 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: Isolated rain or thundershowers in the lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 7-5-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 7-5-2005: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Weather outlook for first weekend of May 2005: Isolated rain or thundershowers in Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.

Untimely Rainfall Warning (6-5-2005)

(Issued at 15:15 hrs MST Today)

As a consequence of the clouds moving Northeast wards in the Bay of Bengal, scattered to widespread rain or thundershowers are likely in South Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Ayeyawady, Yangon and South Bago Divisions during the next (48) hours commencing this afternoon.



Saturday, 7 May View on today:

- 7:00 am
 - 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာမဟာ နာယကအဖွဲ့အကူအညီအားအားချစ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာဟာရဂ္ဂရ၊ အဘိဓမ္မ အဂ္ဂမဟာ သဒ္ဓမ္မစောတီက၊ ထိပိဋကဓရ မေဃာဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာ ဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am
 - 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
 - 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
 - 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am
 - 5. အတီးမြိုင်မြိုင်
- 8:10 am
 - 6. Musical programme
- 8:20 am
 - 7. စွန့်ချောင်းရေလှောင်တစ်
- 8:30 am
 - 8. International news
- 8:45 am
 - 9. Happy and Educational English Summer Course MRTV
- 11:00 am
 - 1. Martial song
- 11:10 am
 - 2. Musical programme

- 11:30 am
 - 3. News
- 11:40 am
 - 4. Games for children
- 12:05 pm
 - 5. Round up of the week's TV local news
- 12:55 pm
 - 6. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတစ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်မိန်းမအတ္ထာ" (အပိုင်း-၃၂) (စာတစ်လမ်းပိုင်း)
- 1:30 pm
 - 7. စိမ်းအုပ်ချုပ်မှု ဒီပလိုမာသင်တန်း နှစ်(၅၀)ပြည့် ဓမ္မရာဇာ အထိမ်းအမှတ်
- 1:40 pm
 - 8. "အပြုရေးစာမေတ္တာ" (မင်းမော်ကွန်း၊ ရီဇေး၊ ဆုပိုမိုအောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်မြင်မြတ်)
- 2:35 pm
 - 9. Dance of national races
- 2:45 pm
 - 10. International news
- 4:00 pm
 - 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
 - 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
 - 3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:40 pm
 - 4. Musical programme
- 4:55 pm
 - 5. အသေးသင်တန်းသို့လိပ်ညာရေး ရုပ်မြိုင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (သန့်စာ၊ ဓာတုဗေဒ၊ ရူပဗေဒအတွက်ပြုများ) (သန့်စာ)
- 5:10 pm
 - 6. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းအစဉ်(ရုပ်သေး)

- 5:15 pm
 - 7. Musical programme
- 5:30 pm
 - 8. အတီးမြိုင်မြိုင်
- 5:45 pm
 - 9. Musical programme
- 6:00 pm
 - 10. "သစ်တောင်းတစ်ပင်" (ဒုစိန်၊ ပြည့်စုံသျှင်၊ ကျော်မျိုးဟိန်း၊ မိုးယံထက်၊ ရန်ပိုင်မိုး၊ ဖောင်ဂဠုန်) ဒါရိုက်တာ-မိုးထက်လှ(သစ်တော)
- 6:15 pm
 - 11. Musical programme
- 6:25 pm
 - 12. Discovery
- 6:30 pm
 - 13. Evening news
- 7:00 pm
 - 14. Weather report
- 7:05 pm
 - 15. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတစ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်မိန်းမအတ္ထာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၅)
- 7:30 pm
 - 16. လှုပ်ယူပွယ်ရာတေး၊ ထီးတောင်း၊ ကျေးဇူး သွေးလှူရှင်များ
- 7:45 pm
 - 17. ရွှေယံရည် မြန်မာပြည်
- 8:00 pm
 - 18. News
- 19. International news
- 20. Weather report
- 21. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတစ်လမ်းတွဲ "အမျှစ်သံသရာ"(အပိုင်း ၃၈)
- 22. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး ဦးဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ အရပ်အယံမျက်နှာ မေတ္တာ ဘာဝနာပွားများခြင်းတရားတော်
- 23. The next day's programme



Saturday, 7 May Tune in today:

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music: From this moment on
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music: -We are one
- 8.55 am National news/Slogan
- 9.05 am Music: All or nothing
- 9.10 am International news
- 9.15 am Music
 - Forever in your eyes
 - If my heart had wings
- 1.30 pm News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm Request
 - Uptown girl
 - I have a dream
 - Season in the sun
- 9.00 pm ASEAN review
 - News
- 9.10 pm Article
- 9.20 pm Myanma culture by Dr Khin Maung Nyunt
 - Myanma jade trade till 1938
- 9.30 pm Souvenirs
 - Whatever will be will be
- 9.45 pm News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL

*Member of the State Peace and Development
Council Quartermaster-General*

*Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and
wife being welcomed by Russian Ambassador
to Myanmar Mr Oleg V Kabanov and wife
at the reception to mark the
60th Anniversary of the Victory over Fascism
on 6-5-2005. — MNA*



Yangon International Airport being upgraded with modern facilities

YANGON, 6 May — Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, accompanied by Deputy Minister Col Nyan Tun Aung, arrived at the site of Yangon International Airport Upgrading Project yesterday.

Director U Maung Kyay of Asia World Co Ltd reported on completion of the extended airport building, decoration tasks, construction of car parking, underground tank and custom warehouse.

Director-General of Department of Civil Aviation U Tun Hlaing gave a supplementary report. The minister oversaw progress



Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe views tasks for the upgrading of Yangon International Airport. — TRANSPORT

of construction tasks. The departure lounge measuring 340 feet by 140 feet is being extended to the facility measuring 800 feet by 200 feet. Four boarding bridges were installed at the airport. In addition, the basement car parking is under construction in front of the arrival lounge and the apron is being upgraded to the one measuring 600 feet by 600.—MNA

Youth delegates carry out public welfare tasks in NyaungU



Youth delegates from States and Divisions on arrival at Bagan-NyaungU. — MNA

YANGON, 6 May —Youth delegates from States and Divisions who will attend the Youth Seminar in Bagan Archaeological Region arrived Bagan-NyaungU by car, train and air today.

With a view to enabling the youth to realize the life of people in Bagan region and flourishing Union Spirit, the youth delegates stayed at the residences of local people in wards of Bagan-NyaungU region.

Thirty-four delegates each from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin and Chin States stayed at Wards 1, 2, 3 and 4 of NyaungU, 34 delegates each from Taninthayi Division and Mon State at Wards 5 and 6 and (See page 9)

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In Rakhine State that a girl of Yanbye town found three silver bracelets while searching for mushrooms on a mountain slope eroded by heavy rains. The archaeological experts believed that the bracelets of excellent handiwork were 500 years old.

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