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Till now, efforts have to be made with added momentum to eliminate poppy cultivation and reduce development gap among the regions in Shan State

Thanlwin Bridge (Tapar) on Kutkai-Tarmony-Mongsi-Tarshwehtan Road opens



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses ceremony to inaugurate Thanlwin Bridge (Tapar) in Kutkai Township.— MNA

YANGON, 21 May — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein together with member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, the ministers, the deputy ministers, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and heads of departments left here by air and arrived in Lashio yesterday.

The Secretary-1 and party were welcomed at the Lashio Airport by Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council (North) Commander of North East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, senior military officers, departmental personnel, members of social organizations, members of traditional cultural troupe and officials.

The Secretary-1 attended the ceremony to unconditionally exchange

arms for peace by the Brigade-19 of Shan State National Army (SSNA) led by U Gon Khay.

This morning, the Secretary-1 delivered a speech at the opening of

Thanlwin Bridge (Tapar) on Kutkai-Tarmony-Mongsi-Tarshwehtan Road in Kutkai Township.

It was constructed by special group-9 of Bridge

Construction of Public Works of the Ministry of Construction.

Present on the occasion were member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen

Aung Htwe, Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council (North) Commander of North East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, the ministers, the deputy

ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and heads of departments, officials, local authorities, Shan State (North)

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Newly commissioned Thanlwin Bridge (Tapar) built in Kutkai Township of Muse District. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 22 May, 2005

Kason Fullmoon Day, Buddha Day

Today, Buddhist devotees of all ages across the Union of Myanmar will be observing the Fullmoon Day of Kason in accord with the noble traditions like pouring water at the Sacred Bo Tree, keeping Sabbath, observing Precepts, practising meditation (Vipassana) and paying homage to pagodas and members of the Sangha at monasteries.

Buddhists accept the day as one of the holiest. Pouring of water at the Sacred Bo Tree is the central theme of the day and it is a significant ceremony because it was under such a tree that Lord Buddha gained Enlightenment.

It was also under such a tree that Buddha delivered His First Sermon—the Dhammacakkha Pavattana Sutta to His first five disciples.

It is fitting, for the land at the height of summer is parched, and leaves of trees including those of the Bo Tree are known to wither. Slaking the thirst of the ground on which the tree is rooted would mean adding an abundance of life-giving water to the tree, to render it green and beautiful till more strength is added by the arrival of the monsoon.

The day is four-fold blessed, for it was on this day that Lord Dipankara Buddha prophesied to the Hermit Sumeda that he would become Gautama Buddha, and it was also on this day in Maha Era 68 that the babe Siddhattha was born to Queen Maya. Again, it was on the Fullmoon Day of Kason in Maha Era 103 that Prince Siddhattha, after a six-year austere period of meditation attained enlightenment, and it was also on this day in the year 148 Maha Era that Gautama Buddha entered Maha Parinibbana (Demise).

Buddhists throughout the world celebrate it as Buddha Day. On this day, in remembrance of the greatness of the Lord and the refuge we have sought in His Teachings, celebrating it by doing meritorious deeds, especially going to the pagodas in the precincts of which are the Bodhi trees to which they pour water is auspicious.

On this auspicious occasion, we join the millions of other lay Buddhists in sharing merit. Pouring of water to the Bo Tree held on the eve of the monsoon is something like a silent prayer for good rain and weather since such advantages are vital for an agricultural country like Myanmar.

Good intentions coupled with good deeds and utmost efforts will certainly pay. We, all of us, will observe the Fullmoon Day of Kason in all seriousness remembering Buddha's Teachings in order that we may achieve optimum results in every human endeavour.

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People's Desire

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

Ceremony to honour Tipitakadhara Sayadaws 5 June

YANGON, 21 May — A ceremony to honour two member Sayadaws of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, two Sayadaws of Tipitakadhara Selection Ovadaçariya Committee, eight Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida title recipient Sayadaws and 34 members of the Sangha who passed the 57th Tipitakadhara Selection Examination will be held at Tipitaka Dhammarekhhita Beikman on Gyardawya Road in Bahan Township on 5 June morning.

The Sayadaws are to attend the ceremony, and wellwishers and laypersons may attend it. Dial 382111 and 248224 for further information. — MNA

Forum for General Practice Family Medicine

YANGON, 21 May — The Continuing Professional Development CPD Forum for General Practice Family Medicine to be organized by general practitioners of the Myanmar Medical Association (Central), will take place at the hall-B of the association from noon to 3 pm on 25 May and the enthusiasts may attend it.

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To non-Myanmars claiming they are doing good to Myanmar in various ways

- * Marching ahead without stopping
 No matter who stops us, that's us Myanmar.
- * Working hard, unperturbed
 No matter who disturbs us, that's us Myanmar.
- * On the move, without stopping
 No matter who stops us, that's us Myanmar.
- * Unscared, we keep on going
 Unafraid, without stopping
 We keep going, that's us Myanmar.
- * No matter who flatters us, we're unbolstered
 We go undreamy, undisturbed in our work
 We keep on marching, that's us Myanmar.
- * No matter who divides us, we don't change our mind
 As surely exists, in course of history
 Take lesson, join hands together
 Ever firm and fast
 That's what we're doing, that's us Myanmar.
- * Myanmar mind, as should be known
 What is being said, in your honour
 Consider it, keep on doing
 What you've started, is it proper
 That's to be considered, decided and done.

Po Wa (Trs)

Preliminary Conference of Bago Division (West) WVO 2005 held



Chairman of Bago Division (West) PDC Brig-Gen Hla Min delivers an opening speech at the preliminary conference of Bago Division (West) War Veterans Organization 2005 at Khittaya Yadana Hall.— MNA

YANGON, 21 May— A preliminary conference of Bago Division (West) War Veterans Organization 2005 was held at Khittaya Yadana Hall in Pyay on yesterday morning. It was attended by patron of Bago Division (West) WVO Chairman of Bago Division (West) Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Hla Min, members of Central Organizing Committee of Myanmar War Veterans Organization Deputy Minister for Labour Brig-Gen Win Sein and Managing Director Col Maung Maung Tin (Retd) of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications, members of Bago Division (West) PDC, members of Bago Division WVO Supervision Committee, departmental heads,

members of Pyay and Thayawady district WVO Supervision Committees and social organizations.

Chairman of Bago Division (West) PDC Brig-Gen Hla Min made an opening speech.

Next, those present submitted reports on national and political sectors, State defence and security affairs, social welfare and tasks. The meeting laid down five future tasks and approved it. Later, the meeting chairman read three decisions, one approval and put one matter on record at the preliminary conference 2005 and the conference ended with chanting of slogans.

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Waterworks (Pyawbwezu) in commission

YANGON, 20 May—The opening of the relay pump station (Pyawbwezu) of the Engineering Department (Water and Sanitation) of Yangon City Development Committee took place at the facility near Pyawbwezu village in Wanetchaung village-tract, Hmawby Township, yesterday morning.

It was attended by YCDC Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Joint-Secretary U Tin Soe, members Col Aung Than Win, Col Kyaw Soe and Col Nyi Nyi, officials and guests.

Joint-Secretary U Tin Soe and Col Kyaw Soe formally opened the facility. The mayor unveiled it and sprinkled scented water on it.

Next, officials conducted the mayor and officials round the station.

The the relay pump station, which is installed three 184-kilowatt machines, strengthens the flow of the 56-inch Gyobyu pipeline, and 10 million more gallons of water is provided for the city dwellers.

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Chinese telecom company to become major supplier in ASEAN

SHENZHEN, 20 May — Chinese telecom equipment supplier, Huawei Technologies, said it will expand business in the ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations) market.

“ASEAN has a large population and its telecom market is of great potential,” said Fu Jun, a spokesman for Huawei Technologies on Thursday.

Huawei entered the ASEAN market in 1999 and its programme scale in the area rose nearly ten times. The company’s programme in ASEAN is expected to reach 600 million US dollars in 2005 and 1.2 billion US dollars in 2008, said Huawei.

At present, Huawei provides telecom solutions including mobile network, next generation network (NGN), broadband and intelligence network to ASEAN telecom operators. Its market share for broadband and NGN in ASEAN would reach more than 50 per cent this year and the mobile products over 30 per cent in 2005, Huawei noted.

The company predicted that its

shares in the whole telecom equipment market in ASEAN would reach nearly 20 per cent this year.

Huawei has set up its branches or agencies in seven of the ASEAN countries, including Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Philippines and Indonesia. It expects to employ more than 800 people in ASEAN countries by the end of this year; more than 70 per cent of them will be local staff, said the company.

ZTE, another representative of China’s telecom equipment suppliers, also gains a strong momentum of growth in the international market, especially in the ASEAN region. In 2004, ZTE reported sales revenue of some 22.7 billion yuan, a rise of 41.5 per cent year-on-year. Its overseas sales recorded 4.894 billion yuan, up 155.29 per cent over the previous year. — *MNA/Xinhua*

GMS countries determine to strengthen anti-drugs cooperation

PHNOM PENH, 21 May — The senior officials from six members of the Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS) determined in a meeting on Thursday to strengthen cooperation in anti-drug trade.

Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen opened the regional meeting in Siem Reap, the home of Angkor temples, warning that cross-border crime was flourishing because of open frontiers.

Hun Sen said that “with openings of international borders and the strengthening of economic and social cooperation among the region, we are facing more transnational crime, especially drug production and trafficking”.

The Premier called on the countries in the region to work out more clear strategies and targets to combat the cross-border crime.

In the meantime, he urged the region and international society to offer more help to the poor in an effort to prevent them from becoming the victims of the organized transnational crime.

The six-nation ministerial meeting focused on reviewing progress made on the 1993 memorandum

on combating the illicit drugs trade.

Zhang Xinfeng, Vice-Minister of China’s Ministry of Public Security and head of the Chinese delegation, gave a positive assessment of the cooperation mechanism of the memorandum on regional anti-drugs at the meeting. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Pakistan to enhance ties with ASEAN

KUALA LUMPUR, 20 May— Pakistan was enhancing further ties with the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) as a dialogue partner, its Foreign Minister Kurshid Mehmoud Kasuri said Thursday.

Pakistan had in fact strengthened the relationship with ASEAN over the past three or four years after a long lag, the Foreign Minister told a Press conference on his brief stopover here from a four-day official visit to Australia and New Zealand.

“We are very happy to learn the experience of ASEAN which has been very successful. We hope to be able to do the same with the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC),” he said. — *MNA/Xinhua*

ထိုက်တန်နာဒေ ဝိုးဇ်ဇွဲ



An Indonesian woman decked out in a traditional wedding costume sits beside her groom before a mass wedding for the poor in Jakarta on 18 May, 2005. —INTERNET

Singh says India committed to remain open economy

WASHINGTON, 20 May — Asserting that India was committed to remain an open economy, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has said there was a greater willingness internationally now to work with the country and build relationships of mutual benefits.

It is now a new India committed to remain an open society and open economy where ideas of “brain drain” have been replaced by “brain gain,” Singh said in an op-ed article in *The Wall Street Journal* published Thursday. If a commitment to remain an open society is one of the pillars of India’s nationhood, the other is its commitment to remain an open economy — one that guarantees freedom of en-

terprise, respects individual creativity, and mobilizes public investment for social infrastructure, he said.

Just as developed industrial economies enabled “economies in transition” to graduate into open economies, said Singh, “I believe India’s policies toward the world have been shaped by this commitment, and we should be proud to identify with those who defend the values of liberal democracy and secularism across the world.” Today, the Prime Minister noted, there is a greater willingness internationally to work with India and to build relationships of mutual benefit. Indian industry and Indian professionals, he pointed out, have demonstrated their ability to step out with confidence from a

highly protected environment into a mercilessly competitive one.

“We do have a vast unfinished agenda of social and economic development, and my government’s priority will be to implement this,” said Singh. “Doing so will further enable us to deal with the challenges of globalization. The global environment has never been more conducive to India’s economic development than it is today. “The world wants India to do well. However, we recognize that our real challenges are at home. It is for this reason that we place such great emphasis on increasing investment in infrastructure, agriculture, health and education, urban renewal and the knowledge economy,” the Prime Minister said. — *MNA/PTI*



A building burns following a rocket attack by a US helicopter (according to an eye witness) following an explosion which targeted an army convoy, in Baghdad on 20 May, 2005. —INTERNET

1,628 US soldiers killed since beginning of Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 20 May—As of Friday, 20 May 2005, at least 1,628 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 1,244 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department. The figures include four military civilians.

The AP count is five higher than the Defence Department’s tally, last updated at 11 am EDT Friday.

The British military has reported 87 deaths; Italy, 21; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, eight; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Kazakhstan and Latvia one death each.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,490 US military members have died, according to AP’s count. That includes at least 1,135 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military’s numbers. — *Internet*

India, Australia moot trade, economic framework agreement

SYDNEY, 20 May— Setting eight billion dollar bilateral trade by 2007, India Thursday wanted Australia to tackle the issue of non-tariff barriers to further push up two-way trade.

An Indo-Australian Trade and Economic Framework Agreement covering trade, services and investment has also been mooted at the Joint Ministerial Commission meeting here.

"We hope that this Agreement will establish a new and forward looking mechanism to guide our bilateral economic interface," Commerce and Industry Minister Kamal Nath, who is heading the Indian delegation, said here.

The framework would work as a mechanism for addressing the issues of business operators from both sides, he added. India proposed to step up bilateral trade from the present 5.5 billion US dollars to eight billion dollars in the next two years. But Nath cautioned that this target will not be met if the issue of non-tariff barriers, particularly the sanitary and phyto-sanitary measures and technical barriers, to trade in Australia were not tackled.

"We have to create a truly facilitative climate if we are going to experience a quantum leap in trade," he said.

Nath, who also inaugurated the "Destination India" summit organized by Federation of Indian Chambers of

Commerce and Industry, invited Australian entrepreneurs to invest in India and assured the government's commitment to reforms.

"The present government is committed to economic reforms and was examining an India specific model for FDI into retail. Economic reforms are irreversible. We have calibrated them to India's specific needs," he said.

Nath said foreign direct investment was an integral part of economic strategy. FDI is allowed under the automatic route in most of the sectors except a few sensitive ones, he said.

"Where equity caps exist, these were being reviewed and our attempt is to do away with them completely. Most recently we opened construction development and even the retail sector is under examination," he said.

Stressing that India was keen on greenfield investments, Nath said India was looking for investments that created employment opportunities, brought in technology and not the one that replaced Indian capital. Infrastructure presented a big window of opportunity for foreign investment, he said.—MNA/PTI



An Indian man sweeps the floor in front of a large billboard advertising the newly released 'Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith' at the cinema hall in Mumbai on 20 May, 2005. 'Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith' opened in Mumbai on 19 May, 2005.—INTERNET

Australian Defence Minister hints at Iraq troop withdrawal in a year

SYDNEY, 20 May—Australia's Defence Minister believes Canberra could withdraw some of the more than 1,300 troops it has stationed in and around Iraq within a year, according to an interview published Saturday.

Defence Minister Robert Hill told *The Weekend Australian newspaper* that a contingent of more than 400 troops recently sent to the southern town of Samawah in al-Muthanna province as security for Japanese military engineers working there on humanitarian projects.

"Muthanna ... is significantly growing its own security force in numbers and capability," Hill said. "Unless the unexpected happens, they (the Iraqi security forces) should be able to look after their own security within 12

months." Australia has some 1,370 troops in and around Iraq including troops providing security for Australian diplomats in Baghdad, the crew of a naval ship patrolling the Gulf and soldiers training the new Iraqi defence force.

Australian diplomats and police currently are working in Baghdad to secure the release of an Australian engineer, Douglas Wood, who was taken hostage by militants more than three weeks ago.

Internet

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China, Australia agree on strategic cooperation in mineral resources

PERTH (Australia), 20 May— Visiting Chinese top legislator Wu Bangguo and the Premier of Western Australia agreed on Thursday to form a long-term strategic cooperative partnership between China and Australia's largest state in energy and mineral resources.

Wu, met Geoff Gallop, Premier of Western Australia, for discussions on ways of promoting relations between China and the state, as well as their cooperation in energy and mineral resources.

Wu, chairman of the Standing Committee of China's National People's Congress, said western Australia plays a pivotal role in the two countries' cooperation in energy and mineral resources, an area of vital importance to China-Australia trade and economic cooperation.

China and western Australia are highly complementary in economic terms and their cooperation has huge

potentials and broad prospects, Wu said, adding that strengthening mutually beneficial cooperation in energy and mineral resources is in keeping with the common interests of both sides.

Wu said the purpose of his trip to western Australia is to push for the establishment of a long-term strategic cooperative partnership in energy and mineral resources.

Gallop said the relationship between China and western Australia should be one of long-term strategic cooperation and his state is happy to become a long-term and stable supplier for the Chinese market.—MNA/Xinhua

Thailand, Hong Kong to join efforts against avian flu

BANGKOK, 20 May— Thailand has demonstrated its commitment to spearhead regional efforts to halt the spread of avian flu, announcing that it was joining hands with Hong Kong to set up the world's first bank of influenza vaccines and anti-viral drugs, the *Thai News Agency* reported.

While attending a meeting of the World Health Assembly in Geneva, Public Health Minister Suchai Charoenratanakul said that he had secured the deal during discussions with Hong Kong Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food Dr York Chow.

The agreement forged between Thailand and Hong Kong also included the establishment of a joint bank of the anti-viral drug Tamiflu.—MNA/Xinhua

Greece, China to promote bilateral ties

ATHENS, 20 May— Greek President Karolos Papoulias and visiting Chinese State Councillor Chen Zhili pledged on Thursday to strengthen and deepen bilateral ties in every aspect, especially in the fields of economy and sports.

During his talks with Chen Zhili, the Greek President praised the traditional friendship between Greece and China, adding that both countries enjoy long histories and splendid cultures.

He expressed his appreciation of China's long-standing foreign policy of peaceful coexistence and actively making friendly cooperation with every country in the world.

He stressed that Athens is willing to contribute to the world peace and stability together with Beijing.

The President reiterated Greece's support to the One-China principle and China's every effort

for reunification. It is inspiring and exciting to find that China is playing a more important role in the international affairs while taking a big stride in economic and social development, he added. He also expressed his best wishes for a successful Beijing 2008 Olympics.

On her part, Chen noted that the relations between the two countries have developed smoothly since the establishment of diplomatic ties 33 years ago, and the recent years have witnessed a constant progress of their cooperation in the fields of politics, trade and cultural exchanges.

MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi policeman directs firemen towards a burning truck after a roadside bomb attack on a Baghdad highway on 20 May, 2005.—INTERNET.

Indonesia becomes production base for Kawasaki moped motorcycles

JAKARTA, 20 May — Japanese leading motorcycle-maker Kawasaki plans to add investment of 20 million US dollars to make Indonesia its production base of Kawasaki moped motorcycle for Southeast Asian market, a local newspaper, *Bisnis Indonesia*, reported on Thursday.

“Last year’s production reached some 100,000 units and we plan to boost production to 200,000 units this year,” Kawasaki Motor Indonesia (KMI) president Kunioki Morri was quoted as saying.

“We also aim for moped type export to Thailand,” he added.

Kawasaki, which started production in Indonesia ten years ago, will keep increasing the local content of moped motorcycles manufactured in its Jakarta plant from the current 75 per cent. In Thailand, he said, Kawasaki produces sports motorcycles for European, US and Australian markets.—MNA/Xinhua



Hyundai employees work on a car on the assembly line during the grand opening of their plant in Montgomery, Alabama on 20 May 2005.—INTERNET

Industrial zone to update Sino-Russian technological cooperation

BEIJING, 20 May — Construction of an industrial zone, aimed at improving technological and trade cooperation with Russia, is underway in Harbin, capital of northeast China’s Heilongjiang Province.

The zone will focus mainly on technological cooperation with Russia in the fields of telecommunication, bioengineering and new medicine, aviation, new materials, environmental protection, and other sectors, Li Zhiheng, director with the management committee of the zone, told a Press conference here Thursday.

The industrial platform, covering an area of two million square metres in its initial developmental stage, will serve

as an incubator to transform advanced technologies from Russia into products which could enter the world market.

A first group of five Chinese companies have taken residence in the zone, said Li, adding that 30 firms have shown interests in joining.

The industrial zone is expected to expand to 20 million square metres after long-term development, making itself China’s largest industrial base, targeting technological and trade cooperation

with Russia, said Fei Yuhai, deputy director with the management committee.

Song Kui, researcher with Heilongjiang Provincial Academy of Social Sciences, acknowledged that the establishment of the zone in Harbin will help to upgrade Sino-Russian technological cooperation and optimize the configuration of traditional trade, which has seen irregular cross-border exchanges of labour-intensive products including textile, clothing and

machinery.

Abounding in natural resources, Heilongjiang enjoys great geological advantages in developing trade with Russia. The traditional old industrial base in China’s northernmost region reported nearly four billion US dollars in its trade with Russia last year, or 20 per cent of China’s total trade turnover with the northern neighbour in the year.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese Vice-Premier calls for promoting peaceful use of N-power

BEIJING, 20 May — Chinese Vice-Premier Zeng Peiyan has called for stepping up international cooperation in promoting the peaceful use of nuclear energy in a bid to achieve sustained economic development.

Zeng, also a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, gave the remarks in a letter congratulating the opening of the 13th International Nuclear Engineering Conference in Beijing on Tuesday.

“Developing clean energy and protecting the environment is an important task for the humankind to realize sustained economic development,” Zeng said.

“There are wide prospects for the development of nuclear energy,” he said, “as it has been proven over the past decades that the nuclear energy is environment-friendly and consumes less resources.”

China aims to develop 40 million kilowatts of installed nuclear power

generating capacity by the Year 2020, and this is crucial for the improvement of its energy structure and ease the tension between its environment and resources.

Zeng called on Chinese nuclear experts to introduce advanced technology from overseas and enhance the self-designing, self-manufacturing and self-operating capabilities to ensure the quality and safety of nuclear power plants.

During the conference, Zeng met with representatives of Chinese and foreign nuclear energy organizations, and a senior official of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

China has opened nine nuclear power generators, according to

Zhang Huazhu, director of China’s Atomic Energy Agency. The country’s nuclear power generating capacity currently stands at 8.7 million kilowatts.

The conference was co-sponsored by the China Nuclear Institute, the US Mechanical Engineers Institute, the Japanese Mechanical Engineers Institute and the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Nearly 1,000 nuclear scientists, engineers and representatives from China and abroad attended the conference.

The first such conference was launched in 1991, and previous conferences were held in the United States, Japan and France.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam spends big on district hospital upgrade

HANOI, 20 May — Vietnam is to invest 8.5 trillion Vietnamese dong (VND) (nearly 538 million US dollars) in upgrading hospitals and further training health workers in the next three years.

Most of the money will be used to increase the number of beds and upgrade medical equipment of 622 general hospitals and 566 clinics in districts nationwide in the 2005-2008 period, according to the country’s Health Ministry on Thursday.

The number of beds in each district hospital will increase to 50-200. Vietnam is facing shortage of beds and modern medical facilities in both central and local hospitals, while many patients rush to central hospitals, abandoning smaller ones in districts.

Now, in some localities, there are only 9-10 beds for every 10,000 residents, while the country’s average bed figure is 16. Equipment in many hospitals is aging, even nearly 50 years old.

MNA/Xinhua

International banks tread carefully in Iraq

DEAD SEA, Jordan 21 May — International banks are proceeding with caution in Iraq, building tie-ups with Iraqi partners and slowly expanding operations constrained by security and communications.

Financiers whose banks were awarded postwar licences say the lack of security has prevented a full-scale entry into Iraq but takeovers of local banks have helped handle risk and keep a low profile in country where suspicion of foreigners runs high.

“The game in Iraq now is positioning,” said Karim Souaid, head of corporate finance at HSBC, which has been negotiating to acquire the Dar al-Salam bank.

“You won’t see Chase Manhattan opening tomorrow on Baghdad square. The business so

far has not been lucrative and there is no retail banking or project finance but his could begin in more stable regions,” Souaid told Reuters on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum meeting in Jordan

Internet



A special Key Industry protection squad trains at the Jurong Island petrochemical facility on 20 May, 2005 in Singapore.—INTERNET

South China city planning new subways

BEIJING, 19 May — Guangzhou, capital of south China's Guangdong Province, is busy this year in construction of subways, according to the plan to open nine lines by 2010, when the Asian Games is held in the city.

Thursday's *China Daily* reported that Metro projects planned to be completed this year include the extension at the Pazhou end of Line 2, the Kecun-Guangzhou East Railway Station section of Line 3, and the section of Line 4 linking up the University City.

The newspaper quoted the city government sources as saying construction is expected to start full scale on lines 4 and 5 this year, and the city will strive to start building experimental sections of lines 6, 8 and the airport line. Preliminary work will continue on the line linking Guangzhou and the neighbouring city of Foshan.

Spending on lines 3, 4 and 5 alone this year will amount to 3.3 billion yuan (398 million US dollars) to be paid by government funds and bank loans, according to the Guangzhou Municipal Development and Reform Commission.

When all the lines are completed by 2010, the subway network in Guangzhou will be about 255-kilometre long.

The subway system, seen by the municipal government as an important way to ease the mounting traffic pressure on the roads, makes up part of the plan for

an overall facelift of the city before the 2010 Asian Games. It is intended to shorten travelling time as the urban area expands.

The permanent population in Guangzhou exceeds 10 million. Average daily traffic on subway lines 1 and 2 topped 450,000 passengers last year, according to Guangzhou Metro Corp., which is wholly owned by the government.

The two lines, with a combined length of 37 kilometres, carried 640,000 passengers per day on average during the week-long May day holiday season, setting a day record of 890,000 passengers on 1 May.

Line 3, totalling 36 kilometres and 18 stops when completed in 2006, will become the first line on the Chinese Mainland capable of accommodating speeds of 120 kilometres per hour, said sources from the Guangzhou Metro Corp.

In the meantime, Guangzhou intends to build a light railway linking Guangzhou East Railway Station and the New Zhujiang Town, which is expected to be the city's urban centre in coming years, according to the Guangzhou Municipal Construction Commission.

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A Chinese customer looks at Chinese-made textiles in a clothing stall at the Dongjiadu textile market in Shanghai, China on 20 May, 2005. —INTERNET

WHO confirms Ebola virus kills 9 in Republic of Congo

YAOUNDE, 19 May — The World Health Organization (WHO) said Wednesday that the disease killing nine people in northwestern region of the Republic of the Congo was caused by Ebola virus.

Medical experts from Congo and epidemiologists from neighbouring Gabon confirmed the victims died of disease of Ebola after testing samples from the dead bodies, said Adamo Alzouma Yada, WHO representative in Congo, at a news conference in the country's capital Brazzaville.

Since 4 May, eight people have been reported dead in the Itoumbi region, some 700 kilometres north of Brazzaville, and another died in the neighbouring county of Mbomo. They had all shown some symptoms of Ebola, such as deadly fever and hemorrhage.

MNA/Xinhua

Indian, Palestinian leaders meet on M-E peace

NEW DELHI, 20 May — Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh held talks with visiting Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas here Thursday evening, with Singh expressing support for the Palestinian cause.

At the meeting, Manmohan Singh also assured Abbas, who arrived here Thursday evening on a two-day visit, that India will use its stature to help the peace process in the Middle East, sources said.

This is the first visit to India by Abbas who succeeded the late Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat — the iconic leader who enjoyed a special relationship with India.

Abbas thanked India for its support for the cause of an independent Palestinian state and extensive humanitarian assistance for the beleaguered people of Palestine.

Abbas, president of the Palestinian National Authority (PNA), also briefed Manmohan Singh about the current situation in Palestine and urged India to use its influence to end the "Israeli occupation of Palestine".

He will meet President APJ Abdul Kalam, External Affairs Minister K Natwar Singh and United Progressive Alliance (UPA) chairman Sonia Gandhi Friday before ending his visit.

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An Indian woman walks past a jewellery advertisement billboard during the Gold Jewellery India International Exhibition (GJIE) in the southern Indian city of Madras, on 20 May, 2005. The exhibition is hosted by the World Gold Council and more than 6000 jewellers from India as well as from abroad are participating in the three-day long exhibition. —INTERNET

Sri Lanka, Iran enter oil deal

COLOMBO, 20 May — The Sri Lankan and Iranian governments have entered a new crude oil deal, the state radio here said Thursday.

Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation said that during the talks held in Teheran last week, Sri Lanka's Ceypetco, a government owned subsidiary of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) had agreed to purchase one million tons of crude oil from Iran.

This would ensure uninterrupted fuel supply in the country, the radio said. The Sri Lankan Government is looking at ways to enhance its refinery capacity in order to minimize the huge losses currently suffered by the CPC. The government subsidy on fuel was 16 billion rupees (about 160 million US dollars) or equivalent to a nearly 1 per cent of the country's gross domestic project in 2004.

The government has promised its international donors to effect reform in the power sector which includes the introduction of a third player in the petroleum industry for 88 million US dollars. About 60 per cent of Sri Lanka's fuel needs are imported as crude and the balance come as refined products from Saudi Arabia, Iran and Malaysia. — MNA/Xinhua

Chinese archaeologists help protect ancient royal horses

ZHENGZHOU, 19 May — Chinese archaeologists will dress up a King's carriages and horses dating back more than 2,000 years ago in central Henan Province with new chemical "clothes" to protect them against mould and efflorescence.

Since the new clothes for the "six horses for a King's carriage" in Luoyang, the country's political centre millennia ago, is invisible, the appearance of the valuable horses and carriage will be well maintained, said archaeologists of the city's museum on Tuesday.

"Making such clothes will take us about one or two weeks," said Guo Tingcai, head of the museum, where a set of ancient royal tombs dating back to the Eastern Zhou Dynasty (770 BC-256 BC) were unearthed in 2002. Guo said experts and technicians from the Henan Provincial Institute of Culture Relics Research would use their own chemical prescription, which he was reluctant to further elaborate on.

The horses and carriage pit, which was excavated at a construction site in 2002, was compared to the world-famous Terracotta Warriors and Horses in Xi'an by

some archaeologists, as the new findings provided crucial evidence for the "six horses for a King's carriage" myth, which previously only recorded in historical works.

The pit contains six-horse skeletons and one chariot, a form echoing historical records, which said the earliest Chinese Kings rode in chariots pulled by six fine horses in wars.

Though the pit survived during the city's construction of a square, high temperature, ground water and mould proved hazardous to the relics. "We have removed the redundant clay between those bones and skeletons and undercut the ground surface of the moist areas inside the pit," Guo said. "Harm to those horses by efflorescence and dust will be greatly reduced after the treatment with chemicals." — MNA/Xinhua

Myanmar religious buildings in Lumbini Region

Maung Than Nyein

Fullmoon Day of Kason is named Buddha's Day. Indeed, it is an auspicious day, on which would-be-Buddha was born and attained enlightenment and Buddha Gotama entered Mahaparinibana (Demise). Besides, when He was in the existence of Sumedha Hermit in the time of Buddha Dipankara, the hermit was prophesied for the first time on the fullmoon day of Kason that he would become a Buddha in future.

It is very generous of the government of the Union of Myanmar and the people to have donated a great deal of cash and kind for construction of religious buildings in Lumbini Region, the birth place of Buddha.

In the early 1992, the Lumbini Region Development Body of Nepal offered Myanmar through the Myanmar Embassy that under a plan, it would grant land allotments to Buddhist countries and organizations to construct religious buildings in the region.

On 8 July 1992, the Myanmar government accepted the offer and it was the first to do so among Buddhist nations and organizations. So Myanmar had an opportunity to choose the two out of the 18 plots.

On 11 February 1993, Myanmar and the Lumbini Region administrative body of Nepal signed the lease agreement of the two plots. The Myanmar Government made a quick start to construct five kinds of religious buildings — pagoda, ordination hall, Dhammayon (religious community hall), and Zayat (public rest house) — to fulfil the wishes of the pilgrims.

In more than 2,500 Sasana years, no other Buddhist countries or organizations have obtained such a unique opportunity to construct splendid buildings in the regions in connection with the existence of Lord Buddha including the four Samvejanaya places — Lumbini Region, the birth-place of Buddha, Buddha Gaya Region where the would-be-Buddha was enlightened, Migadavun Region where the Buddha gave His first sermon, and Kusinayon, where the Buddha entered Mahaparinibana.

In the time of King Mindon, who provided four requisites for holding the Fifth Buddhist Synod in Myanmar, Myanmar took the opportunity to construct a zayat in Budh Gaya. But the zayat no longer existed. During the post-independence period, pilgrims to Lumbini Region could put up only in a monastery and a building donated by wellwishers then.

However, in the time of the Tatmadaw Government, Myanmar began the construction of religious buildings in the early 1995 with the donations of the people and the funds of the govern-

ment.

Thanks to the efforts of the leading committee, the work committee and subcommittees formed by the government, the supervision of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, and the close supervision of the Myanmar Embassy to Nepal, five kinds of religious buildings constructed by Myanmar have emerged in Lumbini Region.

Lokamanicula Pagoda

It is a replica of the Shwedagon Pagoda in Myanmar and 60 feet high. The stake driving ceremony for construction of the pagoda was held on 14 May 1995. The then Minister for Religious Af-

The laying of cornerstones for the construction of Shwekyaungdawgyi and the Arnanda Ordination Hall was held on 7 April 1996. Member Sayadaws of the SSMNC consecrated the ordination hall on 29 April. The merit-sharing ceremony for the buildings took place on 30 April 1998.

fairs, the Deputy Minister for Construction, and three Myanmar ambassadors accredited to Nepal, India and Bangladesh laid cornerstones to construct the building. The construction of the pagoda completed on 7 April 1996.

The ceremony to enshrine religious objects into the upper reliquary of the pagoda and to hoist Htidaw (tier and ornamented finial) atop it took place at the pagoda, attended by member Sayadaws of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee and Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, wives of high-ranking officials, the Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs and the Myanmar ambassador.

Shwekyaungdawgyi and Arnanda Ordination Hall

The laying of cornerstones for the construction of Shwekyaungdawgyi and the Arnanda Ordination Hall was held on 7 April 1996. Member Sayadaws of the SSMNC consecrated the ordination hall on 29 April. The merit-sharing ceremony for the buildings took place on 30 April 1998.

Zayat (Public rest house)

The construction of a two-storey public rest house started on 30 April 1998 and completed on 28 April 2000. The merit-sharing ceremony for the building took place on 28 April 2000, attended by the Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs and the Myanmar Ambassador.

It can accommodate more than 60 pilgrims. A water tank was installed in the house in 2003.

Sasanabeikman (Dhammayon)

The stake-driving ceremony for the construction of a Dhammayon was held on 28 April 2000, and the project was completed on 17 November 2001 at a cost of more than 28 million Nipalese rupees.

All the religious buildings built with the contributions of the Myanmar Government and the public are fine and artistic and draw the attention of the pilgrims around the world.

The timely completion of these religious buildings meeting with the standards was due to the guidance of the Head of State, instructions and directives of the high-ranking officials, contributions of the wellwishers inside and outside the nation, the assistance provided by the host nation, patronage of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, assistance of the Ministry of Construction, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other related departments, and close supervision of successive Myanmar ambassadors to Nepal U Hla Myint Oo, U Khin Maung Ohn, U Tin Latt, U Tin Win, U Nay Win and U Myint Swe, and U Win Lwin (India).

According to Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, who represented Myanmar at the Second World Buddhist Summit held at Lumbini Park in Nepal in December 2004, Myanmar, the People's Republic of China, Japan, Thailand and Sri Lanka have completed the construction of respective religious buildings, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the Republic of Korea and Mongolia were still constructing their buildings.

The Minister of Culture of Nepal told Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko that out of the religious buildings in Lumbini region, those of Myanmar and Japan were the most outstanding and splendid; that as soon as he arrived at Myanmar's Shwekyaung, Lokamanicula Pagoda, Arnanda Ordination Hall and Sasana Beikman, he felt peace and tranquillity; and that Myanmar's artistic works were fine and magnificent.

Myanmar's religious buildings in Lumbini region will be existing till the end of the world. The Myanmar government and the people will continue to make necessary donations.

On this Buddha Day, I wish Myanmar become a peaceful, modern and developed nation and the entire national people blessed with health and happiness for such meritorious deeds.

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MTF President's Cup Tennis Tournament 25-30 May

YANGON, 21 May — Myanmar Tennis Federation President's Cup Tennis Tournament 2005 will be held at Theinbyu Tennis Court from 25 to 30 May.

In the A class team event, only four or five players in each team are allowed to participate and only six or seven players in each team in the B class team event.

Only national and State/Division

selected players are to participate in the A class team event.

Only a former State and Division selected player, over 45 years of age may take part in each team in the B class team event.

Those wishing to compete in the tournament are to enlist at MTF (Tel: 372360, 381991 and Fax No 381992), not later than 24 May evening.

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Billboard set up to hail WVO Preliminary Conference 2005

YANGON, 21 May — To hail Mon State War Veterans Organization Preliminary Conference 2005, a billboard was erected in front of the State Hall in Mandalay Ward, Mawlamyine, on 19 May.

Present on the occasion were Mon State Peace and Development Council Chairman South East Command Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, departmental officials, state and district WVO supervisory committee members and social organization members.

Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung formally unveiled the billboard.—MNA

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.

The second best time is now.



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein unveils stone plaque of Thanlwin Bridge (Tapar) in Kutkai Township.— MNA

Entire Shan State has now...

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another. Gradually, national development programmes are beginning to take shape section by section.

It is heartening to note

ing transport and communication sectors with lofty aims. In accord with the guidance, the government laid down systematic plans and is implementing the tasks for upgrad-

Shwenyaung-Yaksawk-Kyaukgu-Nawngkhio Road were built, communication channels between northern and southern Shan State have improved.

In the past, Mandalay-Lashio-Muse Road was a poor transport facility. But

to areas at border with China easily. In Shan State, Tarkaw-ek Bridge, Tarhsan Bridge and Tapar Bridge across Thanlwin River were built. Therefore, the regions on the eastern bank of Thanlwin River that lagged behind

as schools, universities and colleges, hospitals and dispensaries, hydel power stations and telecommunication networks, TV relay stations and agriculture and livestock breeding projects were established. Like

legacies of imperialists most. It is obvious that they practised the divide-and-rule policy among the national races and left Shan State in feudal administration form to secede Shan State from the Union.



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party inspect Thanlwin Bridge (Tapar).— MNA

that whenever the government completed a road or bridge project in Shan State which had poor transport in the past, economy and trade and transport developed considerably, he said.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe has given guidance on upgrad-

ing Union Highways linking major regions in Shan State and other states and divisions, joining Shan State (North, South and East) and construction of roads in the state and upgrading them to all-weather ones.

As Loilem-Panketu-Hsipaw Road and

now people can go from Mandalay to Muse in a day.

As the Hsenwi-Kunlon-Chinshwehall Road on Lashio-Muse Road and Thanlwin river bridge (Tapar) on Kutkai-Tarmony-Mongsi-Tarshwehtan Road were built, local people can go



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially meets with local people at the opening ceremony of Thanlwin Bridge (Tapar).— MNA

in development have easy access to those on the western bank of river and it is part of national development process.

At the same time, four special development regions were designated in Shan State and socio-economic foundations such

other states and divisions, progress has been made in economic and social sectors.

If we review why better foundations are achieved in a short time, it is obvious that peace and tran-

In addition, the colonialists intentionally launched poppy cultivation in Shan State that poses grave danger to the entire mankind. When the colonialists had to hand over independence to the

If we review why better foundations are achieved in a short time, it is obvious that peace and tranquility is the prime factor.

quillity is the prime factor, he said.

Only when national solidarity spirit and Union spirit that form mutual respect, mutual confidence, mutual understanding, mutual assistance and interdependence among the national races are strong will there be peace and stability and will the Union exist forever. All the people have to keep this fact in their mind, he said.

He said Shan State is a region that suffered evil

nation, they resorted to all possible wicked means to extend their domination over Shan State.

When Myanmar regained independence, there arose armed insurgency, the nation lacked peace and stability, the people lived in a state of alarm, and many regions lagged behind in development due to the evil legacies left by the colonialists such as sectarianism, dogmatism, racism and subjectivity.

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Aerial view of Thanlwin Bridge (Tapar) built in Kutkai Township, Muse District.— MNA

Entire Shan State has now...

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They are indeed unforgettable historic lessons.

That is why the government has given top priority to Our Three Main National Causes — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, and perpetuation of sovereignty to regain national reconsolidation and to narrow down and to close the development gap between national races.

After understanding well the benevolent attitude of the government, many national race armed groups have returned to the legal fold one group after another. So, peace and stability has been restored in many regions one after another. Shan State enjoyed fruitful results of peace and stability earlier than any other regions where armed struggle line reigns, and it

Union and to put it their complete domination, and their lackeys are inventing stories to undermine national unity and committing harmonious acts to break up the Union so as to incite racism and to sow conflict and hatred among the national brethren. So, local people in Shan State are to be constantly aware of and crush such wicked acts with Union Spirit.

It has been only more than a decade the government and the people have overcome the instigations of the colonialists and to build fine foundations for national solidarity and peace.

Till now, efforts have to be made with added momentum to eliminate poppy cultivation and reduce the development gap among the regions in Shan State.

The entire local people



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party pose for documentary photo together with local people. MNA

State does not suffer undesirable consequences of the evil legacies of the colonialists again.

Nowadays, thanks to the combined endeavours of the three forces — State, the people and the Tatmadaw — the entire

At such a time like this, the seven-step Road Map has been laid down and is being implemented for the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation and for perpetual existence of the

In conclusion, the Secretary-1 called on the national people and local authorities to make concerted efforts for bringing equitable development across the Union, making the best use of development infrastructures created by the government and to strive together for further strengthening national unity and Union Spirit.

Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun delivered an address, saying that construction tasks of Tarpa Bridge started on 1 November 2003. Construction materials were sent from Yangon to the project site via Mandalay, Lashio, Kutkai. Employees and officials made efforts for timely completion of the construction tasks both sides of the bridge at the same time. Therefore, the bridge was completed during one and a half year. Later, the minister thanked the commander, officials and local people for their participation in building the bridge, and added the Ministry of Construction plans to construct roads and bridges for better transport of the regions.

Next, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing spoke on the occasion.

U Myint Lwin of Kutkai Township expressed gratitude.

The Secretary-1, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and party took the designated places.

The commander and the minister cut the ribbon to open the bridge. The Secretary-1 unveiled the plaque of the bridge. Next, they posed for documentary photo together with the local people.

Thanlwin Bridge (Tapar) is located on Kutkai-Tarmoeyne-Monesi-Tarshwehtan Road. It is the shortest road linking Muse and Laukkai Districts. The bridge is 600 feet long and it has 16 feet and four inches wide motor road. Its foundation is of pile foundation. Super structure of the bridge is of reinforced concrete, steel frame suspension type. The bridge can withstand 60-ton loads.

The Secretary-1 and party met with U Aik Mone, U Kan Na and U Gon Khay, who exchanged arms for peace unconditionally, at Shweli Yeiktha of North-East Command Headquarters in Lashio this morning.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein said that U Kan Na of SSNA Brigade-11, U Gon Khay of SSNA Brigade-19 and U Aik Mone of PSLA that had returned to the legal fold previously have exchanged arms for peace unconditionally.

That is why all the members of the group are now in a position to reunite with their families and do their jobs independently. As for the local national people, they are free from worries they felt in the past and they can do their businesses peacefully. And the whole region has now enjoyed peace and stability. It has been achieved due to the unconditional exchange of arms for peace, the Secretary-1 noted.

To ensure the development of border regions and raise the living standard of national people, the

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Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun formally open Thanlwin Bridge (Tapar).— MNA

reflected the genuine desire of the local people in Shan State.

However, neo-colonialists, who have been continuously attempting to shatter the

are thus to be united in crushing the dangers of the destructive elements and those attempting to break up the Union with the four-point people's desire in order that Shan

nation including Shan State has enjoyed the sweet taste of peace, stability, all-round development, strong national economy, and high living standard.

good foundations already in place. The national races who have been living in the Union for ages sharing woe and weal were always united in times of emergency. They are now taking part in successful realization of the seven-point Road Map for perpetuation of the Union and for the nation to keep abreast of the world community.

In striving for the successful realization of the seven-point Road Map, all the national races with the national awareness are to ward off the dangers of the destructive elements who are resorting to various ways and means to cause disintegration of the Union and undermine national unity.



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing.— MNA



Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun.— MNA

Entire Shan State has now enjoyed...



U Myint Lwin of Kutkai Township.— MNA (from page 9)

State has been implementing projects for development of border areas and national races and five rural development project. So, the Secretary-1 said, the group members are urged to cooperate with the public in these development projects. Like the public under the protection of law, they are also needed to work together with the government.

The commander reported on undertaking of regional development tasks in Mangton, SeU and Nampaung regions.

Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hla Myint submitted reports on needs of education, health, agriculture and transport in these regions.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min and Deputy Minister for

Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe briefed the Secretary-1 on assistance to be provided by the ministries to the regions. The Secretary-1 attended to the needs.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party left Lashio and arrived back here in the evening.

USDA Secretary-General Maj-Gen Htay Oo and CEC member Myanmar War Veterans Organization Supervisory Committee member Minister Brig-Gen Pyi Sone on 20 May met with executives of state, district, township USDAs and supervisory committee members of state, district, township WVOs at Shan State (North) USDA Office.

The Secretary-General explained peace and development of the State and participation of the association members in nation-building tasks together with the local people. Brig-Gen Pyi Sone gave instructions and presented uniforms to officials.

On 20 May morning, Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa inspected No 1 and No 2 Pre-Primary Schools. At Youth Training Centre in Lashio, he met with students and gave blankets, sweaters and garments to them. — MNA

Proficiency Course trainees on excursion of Museums

YANGON, 21 May — The trainees totaling 57 members of Proficiency Course for Officers No 2/ 2005, organized by Information and Public Relations Department, led by Deputy Director (Production) U Than Tun of Information and Public Relations Department, visited the Defence Services Museum, the National Museum, Drug Elimination Museum and Myanma Radio and Television this morning. — MNA



Trainees of IPRD Proficiency Course for officers visit MRTV. — MNA

AIDS is a national concern.

Sanitation, upgrading tasks inspected in Yangon City



Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspects sanitation tasks in Moegaung Street in Yankin Township. — MNA

YANGON, 21 May — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin oversaw sanitation, proper flow of water at drains and upgrading tasks in Yangon City this morning. They inspected repaving of Banyadala Road

near ENT Hospital and sanitation and dredging of Khunnapinlein Creek in Tamway Township, sanitation tasks along Pyidaungsu Road and construction of tarred roads in Dagon Myothit (North) Township and cleaning tasks at Myawady Yeiktha in Yangon Command Headquarters. After inspecting upgrading and sanitation tasks, they left necessary instructions. — MNA

Commander inspects paddy plantation and foundry plant in Mandalay

YANGON, 21 May — Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint visited the five-acre plantation of Mandalay District General Administration Department in Chanmyathazi township on 19 May morning. There he inspected cultivation of three kinds of paddy species that have been genetically modified from paddy pollen and cultivation of other paddy strains and gave necessary instructions to officials.

Mandalay Division has put 195,289 acres of land under paddy exceeding the target of 193,356 acres. Out of them 12170 acres of paddy strains such as Manawthukha, Shwe Myanmar, Shwethweyin and MR-9 are grown. At 12.30 pm, the commander and party visited the foundry plant of Mandalay industrial zone development project. He later inspected production process and left necessary instructions. — MNA

Tubewell, rural health care unit opened in Budalin

YANGON, 21 May — A ceremony to open a wellwisher's tubewell was held in Bishu Village of Budalin Township on 16 May morning. Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye and officials attended the ceremony. The tubewell is 330 feet deep and the two-inch-diameter well pumps out 1,000 gallons of water an hour. It was sunk at a cost of K 1.16 million.

The commander also attended the opening ceremony of rural health care unit in Ngapayin Village. It was built at a cost of K 13.5 million. After the ceremony, the commander provided school stationery, school uniforms and sports gear to BEHS (Branch) and magazines to the library. He inspected Maha Bandoola Library and Maha Bandoola Statue and paid homage to Maha Bandoola Pagoda. — MNA

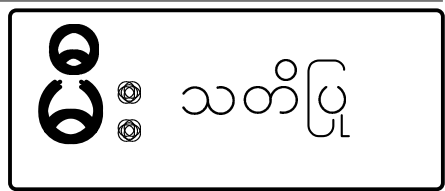
Commander inspects regional development tasks

YANGON, 21 May — Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Chairman Western Command Commander Brig-Gen Min Aung Hlaing together with officials, inspected the construction of Kanntaunggyi-Chaukchon road section and regional development tasks in Kanntaunggyi village on 16 May and gave necessary instructions. The commander attended the talks on treatment and health education of the Supervisory Committee for the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and specialists held at Taunggyi Village BEHS and made an address. Afterwards, the commander looked into the health treatment to local patients. In the afternoon, the commander inspected the progress of building Kanntaunggyi Village two-storey BEHS and station hospital, and attended to the needs. Next, the commander inspected the development of the village and donated K 500,000 for the tasks of constructing tank and digging for drinking water lake. — MNA

CEC member of USDA Brig-Gen Than Htay attends concluding ceremonies of summer courses

YANGON, 21 May — Member of Central Executive Committee of Union Solidarity and Development Association Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay attended concluding ceremonies of the summer courses organized by Hmawby Township USDA this morning. The deputy minister gave a concluding speech on the occasion, presented the outstanding trainees the prizes and donated cash for the courses. Afterwards, the deputy minister proceeded to the office of Taikkyi Township USDA and met with the secretary and the executives. He urged them to implement the tasks undertaken by the USDA and take part in guarding

against destructive acts for the security of the community and donated cash for courses of Township USDA. The deputy minister also inspected short and long-term agricultural services of the Township USDA. — MNA



Vietnam deals with potential power shortage

HANOI, 21 May — The Vietnamese Government has just asked relevant agencies to acquire more electricity from both local and foreign sources to deal with potential power shortage, according to local newspaper *Young People* on Friday.

The state-owned Electricity of Vietnam (EVN), the country's biggest power producer and sole distributor, is urged to facilitate the purchase of electricity from independent power projects invested by other economic sectors, and from foreign countries, since hydroelectric plants are running below capacity due to droughts, while local power demand is increasing this summer.

Water levels of reservoirs for many hydroelectric plants in Vietnam are falling. If the water level of the reservoir for the Hoa Binh Hydroelectric Plant in northern Hoa Binh Pro-vice drops by one metre to 80 metres, the plant, which accounts for 23 per cent of the national electricity capacity, will be unable to gener-

ate power. Since early this month, electricity consumption in Vietnam's northern region has increased 28 per cent compared with the same period last year, the EVN said.

In addition to asking relevant agencies to buy more electricity and accelerate construction of new power plants, the government has required them to take measures to save power. However, power reduction and cut are not to affect essential production fields as well as security and national defence.

The EVN has decided to import more electricity with capacity of nearly 200mw in the coming months. "The EVN has asked us to coordinate with such northern provinces as

Lao Cai, Ha Giang, Yen Bai and Quang Ninh to rapidly upgrade their transmission lines to 220kv from current 110kv to facilitate greater purchase of electricity from China," the Power Company No 1 (PC1) under the EVN told *Xinhua* recently.

In March, the PC1 signed with China's Yunnan Electric Power Group Co Ltd the second contract on buying electricity via the 110-kv transmission line with a capacity of 50-70mw and annual output of 180-200 million kwh to serve the two northern provinces of Ha Giang and Yen Bai. Accordingly, the connection of electricity grids of the two sides will start in early July and end in late December 2006.

MNA/Xinhua



Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspects Relay Pump (Pyawbwesu) in Hmawby Township. (News on page 2) — YCDC

ASEAN police to join hands in fighting crime

JAKARTA, 21 May — Participants at the 25th conference of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) chiefs of police in Bali have agreed to establish a partnership between the group's members to fight transnational crimes and develop an electronic Aseanapol database system (e-ADS), *The Jakarta Post* reported on Friday.

A joint communique issued here on Thursday after the two-day meeting said the agreement covered cooperation in fighting drug trafficking, terrorism, arms smuggling, people trafficking, maritime crime, commercial crime, banking crime, credit card fraud, cyber crime, travel document fraud and transnational fraud.

After making his closing remarks, Indonesia's National Police chief General Da'i Bachtiar said the establishment of e-ADS had actually been under discussion by ASEAN police forces since 1990.

He said preparing the infrastructure and training the necessary personnel would take one year. The

project is expected to be completed in December for trial stage, when a test is slated to be held and the results conveyed to all members of Aseanapol, the name of the ASEAN police forces grouping.

And another idea has been proposed by Interpol, Da'i said, adding that we expect that the Aseanapol database can be connected to the Interpol database so that it will be easier and faster for Interpol and Aseanapol to communicate with one another. Da'i did not deny the possibility of exchanging confidential data within Aseanapol. However, he said any such data would only be used by Aseanapol members for such purposes as helping

each other dealing with terrorism and drug trafficking cases. "Of course, each member will release only specific data and protect data that is confidential and needs to be kept within the confines of each country. But all information on transnational crimes will be provided," Da'i explained.

During the discussions, delegates of the 10 ASEAN member states and seven non-ASEAN countries — China, South Korea, New Zealand, Japan, Australia, Papua New Guinea and East Timor — elaborated on the details of the measures that will be taken to fight transnational crimes within the ASEAN countries. — MNA/Xinhua

Susilo calls for national support for anti-graft drive

JAKARTA, 21 May — Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono on Friday urged his people to support the government's anti-corruption campaign.

"I call for all Indonesian citizens to support intensive moves to prevent and eradicate corruption that we are taking today," the President said in speech to commemorate the National Awakening Day at the State Palace here. Susilo said Indonesia has been severely humiliated by rampant corruption and listed as one of the world's most graft-ridden countries by international corruption watchdogs.

"We must fight against such a ridicule. The way to fight is by establishing good governance and getting rid of

corruption and frauds from the country. "I believe the time will come for us when we become a respected nation," Susilo said.

Since taking power last October, Susilo has signed a presidential decree designed to accelerate his anti-graft measures and formed the Corruption Eradication Commission. A significant number of high-profile officials in various state agencies have been jailed or put under police investigation for graft in recent months under the government's anti-graft drive. — MNA/Xinhua

Education, book fair opens in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 21 May — "Nepal Education and Book Fair 2005," the 9th edition of Nepal's largest education-cum-book fair, kicked off in Kathmandu on Friday. "The last eight events have been very successful. Regular support from exhibitors and participants, as well as overwhelming responses from the public are the basic factors that has imparted continuity to it," said Santosh Chhetri, executive director at Global Exposition and Management Services Pvt Ltd, who is one of the organizers of the event.

Since its inception, the event has grown steadily in all aspects including number of visitors, exhibitors, participants and sales turnover, he said.

According to Santosh, started with 47 stalls in 1997, the number of the stalls this year is expected to cross 150. About 20,000 people visited the first event, whereas the figure for last year was above 50,000 visitors, professionals and publishing houses as well. Besides the exhibition, talk programmes, workshops, demonstrations and various educational programmes will be the added attractions, he said.

International participants including China, India, the United States, Britain, Singapore, Malaysia, Italy, Switzerland and Thailand will promote educational courses and other opportunities being offered at their respective institutions, he added. — MNA/Xinhua

Thailand to send troops to Burundi for reconstruction

BANGKOK, 21 May — Thailand will send troops of engineers to Burundi at the end of May on a UN peacekeeping and reconstruction mission.

The 175-strong Thai company will comprise 152 engineering corps from the Army, 16 from the Navy and seven from the Air Force.

They are expected to stay in Burundi two or three years. The first batch will be replaced in six months.

"The Thai soldiers will help them (locals) improve their livelihood by introducing sufficient-economy projects, in addition to reconstruction

work and mine disposal," *Bangkok Post* on Friday quoted company leader Lieutenant-General Surachet Khamphut as saying.

They will leave on 27 May and reach Burundi on 31 May. Thailand has been active to send troops for overseas missions. The country has sent troops for peacekeeping mission in East Timor. More Thai troops also worked in Afghanistan and Iraq. — MNA/Xinhua

Drug trafficking into Thailand up 60% in April

BANGKOK, 21 May — The amount of drugs being smuggled into Thailand has increased by an estimated 60 per cent since early April, said Deputy Prime Minister Chidchai Wannasathit.

Some 277,503 methamphetamine pills had been seized over a period of 45 days, *Bangkok Post* on Friday quoted the Deputy Prime Minister as saying. Marijuana traffickers had also changed their routes from the Northeast to the East. A total of 259 kilos of marijuana had been seized in three eastern provinces recently.

Chidchai attributed the rise of drug dealings to traffickers moving their production bases in neighbouring countries.

Meanwhile, Narcotics Control Board secretary-general Krisana Polanand said his office was track-

ing 100 suspects who had fled to neighbouring countries. It was also watching foreigners involved in the drug trade in the kingdom.

Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, China, Myanmar and the United Nations Drug Control Programme (UNDCP) on Thursday signed cooperation agreements to fight drugs within the region.

Thailand has reiterated that it is ready to offer technical assistance and introduce sustainable economic development and crop-substitution models to neighbouring countries to solve the drug problems from roots. — MNA/Xinhua

All this needs to be known

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

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The bereaved family

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 - (၁) Newsprint Paper (48.8 GSM) ၁၇၅၀ တန် (28 " , 30")
 - (၂) WoodfreePaper(30") (80 GSM) ၅၀ တန်
- (ခ) သတင်းနှင့်စာနယ်ဇင်းလုပ်ငန်း:
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1. Web Offset Ink
 - (a) Black 12000 Kg
 - (b) Yellow 1500 Kg
 - (c) Magenta 1000 Kg
 - (d) Cyan 793 Kg
 2. Sheeted Offset Ink (Process)
 - (a) Black 800 Kg
 - (b) Yellow 400 Kg
 - (c) Magenta 200 Kg
 - (d) Cyan 200 Kg
 3. Positive Plates & Chemicals
 - (a) 740x615x0.30 mm 300 Shts
 - (b) 635x745x0.24 mm 1000 Shts
 - (c) 1065x785x0.30 mm 150 Shts
 4. Negative Developer for above Plates
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- (ခ) သတင်းနှင့်စာနယ်ဇင်းလုပ်ငန်း:
1. Web Offset Ink (Black) 45000 Kg
 2. Sheeted Offset Ink(Black) 1600 Kg
 3. Agfa Film(24" x 200") 45 Rolls
 4. Agfa Film(22" x 32") 90 Boxes
 5. P. S Plate(889x586) 2600 Shts
 6. Wipe On Aluminium Plate(745x635) 240 Shts
 7. P. S Developer 100 Litre
 8. Hilitodol 60 Boxes
 9. Coating(A+B) Set 160 Sets
 10. Developing Lacquer 160 Boxes
 11. A3Toner 63 Boxes
 12. Gestetner Ink Tube 500 Boxes
 13. Rubber Blanket
 - (a) 676x545x1.95 mm 8 Shts
 - (b) 765x780x1.95 mm 8 Shts
 - (c) 676x545x1.95 mm 24 Shts

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Chinese top legislator arrives Perth

PERTH (Australia), 20 May — Wu Bangguo, chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of China, arrived in the western Australian port city of Perth on Thursday, beginning a week-long official goodwill visit to the South Pacific country.

Australia is the second leg of Wu's current four-nation tour of Asia and the Pacific. He visited Singapore from 17 to 19 May and will also travel to New Zealand and Malaysia.

In an arrival statement, Wu said the peoples of China and Australia have a long history of friendly ties and the aim of his current visit is to move forward bilateral relations in an all-round and in-depth way.

"With the joint efforts of the governments and peoples of both countries, China-Australia relations have made steady headway, producing gratifying exchanges and cooperation in all fields," he said.

"Continued deepening of the comprehensive cooperative relations between China and Australia

is not only in the fundamental interests of our two countries and peoples, but also conducive to stability and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific and the world at large," Wu said.

Wu said he is convinced that his visit to Australia will help promote mutual trust, achieve greater consensus and enhance cooperation for common development, so as to move forward the comprehensive cooperative relations between the two countries.

During his stay in Australia, Wu will have separate meetings with Australian Governor-General Michael Jeffery, Prime Minister John Howard, Senate President Paul Calvert and Speaker of the House of Representatives David Hawker,

and will exchange views with them on a wide range of issues of common concern.

The Chinese top legislator will also meet local leaders in western Australia, Queensland and New South Wales and discuss with them ways of broadening and deepening mutually beneficial cooperation between the two countries through new forms and channels.

Wu's visit to Australia encompasses stops in Perth, Cairns, Sydney and Canberra.

In Sydney, Wu will attend the China-Australia Economic and Trade Forum and deliver a keynote speech in which he will make proposals for deepening bilateral economic and business cooperation.

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Donald Trump offers alternative plan for WTC site

NEW YORK, 20 May—Billionaire real estate developer Donald Trump said on Wednesday that Governor George Pataki should endorse an existing plan that calls for the rebuilding of the Twin Towers in their original shape and height at Ground Zero in lower Manhattan.

The project, called Twin Towers II, is a spitting image of the old World Trade Center (WTC) towers, but is fortified with much stronger construction material and is one storey higher at 111 storeys.

Trump called a planned iconic 1,776-foot Freedom Tower a disgrace and said if he were in charge, the rebuilding

would have already begun.

He also wanted the designers of the WTC site to be fired because their plan "looks like a junk yard, a series of broken-down angles that don't match each other".

Trump suggested that he would show off the design during the season finale of the hit show "The Apprentice," to be aired Thursday night on NBC.

Earlier this month, Governor Pataki had announced that Freedom Tower would have to be redesigned after the New York City Police Department raised security issues. Last week, Pataki said WTC leaseholder Larry Silverstein's chosen architect, David Childs, would have a new design by the end of June.

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Scientists reassess last year's earthquake in Sumatra

LOS ANGELES, 21 May—The Sumatran-Andaman earthquake on 26 December, 2004, which caused a tsunami killing hundreds of thousands of people, was a surprisingly complex event that began gradually, exploded to life and then tapered off slowly, according to a series of studies released Thursday.

In a special section in the 19 May online issue of journal *Science*, scientists issued six research papers to re-evaluate this earthquake.

The event was the second-largest earthquake on record and the third most fatal. The amount of energy that the earthquake released was equivalent to a 100-gigaton bomb, or about as much energy as the United States uses in six months. Although there have been multiple earthquakes, some with destructive tsunamis, in this region over the last 200 years, nobody could have foreseen the magni-

tude and complexity of last December's earthquake, scientists said.

If the movement along the northern portion of the fault had not been slow, the earthquake would likely have generated tsunamis along the entire 1,300-kilometre fault, causing even more devastation, they said.

Two studies have reconstructed the Sumatran-Andaman earthquake rupture from one minute to the next. Scientists analyzed the P-waves, the fastest seismic waves that travel outward from an earthquake, recorded by seismometers around the

world.

They found that the rupture initiated slowly, with small slip and slow rupture in the first 40 to 60 seconds. Instead of slowing, the rupture accelerated to 3-kilometre-per-second for the next four minutes, and then maintained an average speed of about 2.5-kilometre-per-second for six more minutes.

After this explosive period, the slip slowed at the northern end of the rupture, where it took approximately 30 minutes for 7 to 20 metres of displacement to occur.

This slow slip pro-

Egypt awards honours to Chinese Arab scholars

CAIRO, 20 May—Egyptian Minister of Higher Education Amr Salama on Wednesday awarded honours to five Chinese Arab scholars for their excellent work in Arabic-teaching, translation and research.

The honours, the first of their kind awarded to Chinese scholars by an Arab country, went to Professor Zhu Weilie from Shanghai International Studies University, Professor Zhong Jikun from Peking University, Professor Guo Shaohua from Beijing Foreign Studies University, Professor Yang Yanhong and Professor Ge Tiejing from University of International Business and Economics.

Visiting Chinese Vice-Minister of Education Zhang Baoqing and several senior Egyptian officials including Salama and Minister of Education Ahmed Gamal Eddin Mussa attended the ceremony.

Before the ceremony, Zhang held a meeting with the Egyptian officials to discuss means to further promote cooperation between the two countries in the field of higher education.

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duced extremely long-period seismic waves, which were detectable for weeks. Researchers calculated that the slow slip released about one-third of the total energy in the earthquake.

The earthquake triggered a cluster of smaller earthquakes near the Mt. Wrangell volcano in Alaska, halfway around the world, a third study said. The Alaskan earthquakes occurred in phase with one of the types of seismic waves generated by the Sumatran-Andaman earthquake, at 20- to 30-second intervals for 11 minutes.

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China welcomes foreign investment in environmental protection sector

BEIJING, 20 May — China will work to allure more investment from overseas to boost its recycling economy and help develop a pollutant-free new energy, a senior environmental-protection official said here Wednesday.

“China will introduce a diversified investment mechanism to absorb foreign investment as governmental input is inadequate,” Deputy Director General Pan Yue of the State Environmental Protection Administration said at the Fortune Global Forum, which ended Wednesday afternoon.

So far, the financial input of the Chinese Government on environmental protection is only 1 per cent of the country’s total gross domestic output. Experts hold that the proportion should be at least 1.5 per cent in order to improve the present situation.

Giving a long list of multinationals engaged in China’s environmental protection business, Pan encouraged foreign companies to invest in this sector that took in a total revenue of 250 billion yuan last year, about 30.23 billion US dollars.

“China’s environmental protection sector is predicted to generate revenue of 300 billion yuan (36.28 billion US dollars) this year. By 2010, the number is expected to hit 500 billion yuan (60.46 billion US dollars), which will present an excellent opportunity for foreign companies with advanced technology,” he said.

As many experts predict that coal will continue to be China’s dominant energy source for the next 10 to 20 years, Pan said the Chinese Government will not pinch pennies to develop a pollutant-free substitute energy.

The Chinese Government will also take a series of substantial measures including pricing, taxation and fiscal policies to make better use of private capital and to facilitate the utilization of new energy, he said.

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Most US diabetics not controlling blood sugar

WASHINGTON, 20 May — Two thirds of the 18 million Americans with Type 2 diabetes do not have their blood sugar under control and risk early death from the disease’s complications including stroke, heart attack and kidney failure, showed a report released Wednesday.

A survey during 2003 and 2004 on 157,000 Type 2 diabetics in the United States found 67 per cent of the patients did not have an adequate level of A1C, a blood sugar reading. The survey was sponsored by the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (AAACE) and the American College of Endocrinologists.

The A1C test indicates average blood sugar level over the past two months. A normal A1C level is 5, and an A1C level beyond 6.5 indicates that the blood sugar is generally not under good control.

A separate AAACE-commissioned survey of 501 adults with diabetes also showed that 84 per cent believed they were doing a good job of controlling

their blood sugar, and 61 per cent did not know what the A1C test is.

Type 2 diabetes is adult-onset and comes as a result of a gradual loss of the body’s ability to use insulin, which is a hormone responsible for converting blood sugar into energy. The disease can lead to stroke, heart attack, kidney failure, blindness and amputations of feet and legs. Diabetes is the sixth-leading killer in the United States. The disease can be prevented and controlled through healthy diet and exercise. Serious cases also need medications for control. Experts on Wednesday also advised patients to get well informed of their A1C levels to strictly monitor their blood sugar.

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State of emergency remains in NZ flood devastated area

WELLINGTON, 21 May — A state of emergency would remain until at least Monday in the flood devastated Matata/Edgumbe region of eastern Bay of Plenty, north New Zealand, said officials Friday.

Over half the 500 residents of the area have been evacuated from their homes since the floods struck on Wednesday, said local media.

Up to 20 houses were destroyed with another 50 suffering minimal to substantial damage.

Whakatane Mayor Colin Holmes said there was still some uncertainty over what the weather would do over the next few days and many residents were unable to enter into their properties.

Prime Minister Helen Clark, who went to the flood-ravaged communities Friday afternoon, said the flooding, brought on by a devastating rainstorm, was a major disaster for the region.

“The recovery exercise is now under way and I commend Civil Defence, the police, the Fire Service, the Army, St John ambulance units, staff from local councils and other government departments, and members of the community who have pitched in to help,” said Clark. — MNA/Xinhua



A surfer flies off the back of a wave at Sydney’s Manly Beach on 20 May, 2005. INTERNET

HK launches programme to promote RFID technology

HONG KONG, 21 May — Hong Kong has launched a programme to enhance the competitiveness of local engineers through the utilization of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology.

According to the Hong Kong Productivity Council (HKPC) Friday, the Institute of Industrial Engineers (Hong Kong) (IIE-HK) Thursday launched the programme on “Capability Building of Manufacturing and Industrial Engineers on the Application of RFID Technology on Supply Chain Management”.

The CEPA Business Development Centre of the HKPC is the implementation organization of the programme.

Focusing on the manufacturing and industrial sectors in the Pearl River Delta region, the programme comprises a series of experience-sharing seminars and technical training workshops which will be held in the coming months.

According to Edmund Sung, director (Business Productivity), HKPC, RFID, as an advanced wireless technology, could have a significant impact on the entire supply chain.

“It can be deployed across the sup-

ply chain, from materials sourcing, manufacturing, storage, picking and packaging, through to logistics, cross-border transportation and shipment, and all the way to inventory control and retailing,” said Sung.

“By enabling automatic reading of the identity of goods, RFID technology can help enterprises improve productivity on the overall supply chain. It can speed up the flow of goods, manage inventory, enhance management efficiency, improve customer services, and facilitate trading activities,” he said.

With funding support from the Professional Services Development Assistance Scheme (PSDAS) of the Hong Kong Government, the programme is co-organized by the Institution of Electrical Engineers Hong Kong (IEEHK) and the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE), with 12 trade associations as supporting organizations.—MNA/Xinhua

US economist says domestic-led growth essential to Asia economy

BANGKOK, 20 May — A US economist has advised Asian countries to undertake adjustment toward domestic demand-led growth from export-led growth models due to possible recession of the US economy.

A US recession would force Asian economies to shift toward domestic demand policies, Paul Krugman, a Princeton University economist and well-known columnist, was quoted by Thursday’s Bangkok Post as saying when giving a speech in Bangkok on Wednesday.

He warned that the US economy was currently unsustainable, with the huge current account deficit and over-investment in the housing market eventually leading to an economic recession.

“Asia and Japan will see a fall in exports,” he said. “It will be an end of export-led growth. The US will no longer be an importer of last resort. Asia will need domestic demand for support.”

Krugman said Asian central banks

also were expected to increasingly diversify their foreign reserve portfolio away from dollars to euros and yen.

Describing public investment as a “stopgap” for economic adjustment in Asia, Krugman said the final benefits of public investment would rely on the quality of the projects.

Taking Thailand as an example, Krugman suggest the kingdom to avoid repeating Japan’s mistakes by careful selecting sound infrastructure projects.

“Thailand would be in a situation resembling Japan in the past, when enormous infrastructure public investments were made purely to increase domestic demand. Many projects had no receivables,” he said.

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S P O R T S

Totti gives Roma 2-1 win over Udinese

ROME, 21 May — An 81st-minute goal from Francesco Totti gave AS Roma a 2-1 (aggregate 3-2) win over Udinese in the semifinals of the Italian Cup on Thursday.

Roma meets Inter Milan in the two-legged final on June 12 and 15. Inter reached the final after a 3-1 (aggregate 4-2) win over Cagliari on Wednesday.

The victory also earned Roma a UEFA Cup berth as Inter have gained a spot in the Champions League qualifying round through their guaranteed third-place finish in Serie A.

Brazilian Mancini put Roma in front with a 21st-minute header from a deep cross by Leandro Cufre. Antonio Di Natale levelled for Udinese from close range in the 57th.

The game looked to be heading for extra-time when Mancini was brought down by Udinese's Slovenian keeper Samir Handanovic and a penalty was awarded.

Handanovic parried Totti's spot-kick but the Roma captain pounced on the loose ball to score.

Udinese had their Chilean midfielder David Pizarro sent off in injury time for retaliating against Vincenzo Montella.

The win was a timely boost for Serie A struggler Roma.

Coach Bruno Conti, whose side is three points

off the relegation zone with two games remaining, will be without match-winner Totti for Sunday's trip to rock bottom Atalanta.

Totti must serve the last game of his five-match suspension.

"It's completely different having Francesco on the field but I am sure we will still do well against Atalanta," said Conti.

"We beat a very good side who were at us right until the end. In a tricky period for us it was vital to win this game."

Udinese is level on points with Sampdoria in the fight for fourth place in Serie A, which also yields a place in the qualifying round of the Champions League.

"We have to get over this now and think about the league. It is a shame though because we really wanted to win the Cup," said Udinese coach Luciano Spalletti.

MNA/Xinhua

Mourinho backs Manchester United to win FA Cup final

LONDON, 21 May — Chelsea boss Jose Mourinho backed Manchester United to win their FA Cup final against Arsenal.

Mourinho wishes Portuguese countrymen Cristiano Ronaldo and Carlos Queiroz to shine but also enthused on his relationship with Sir Alex Ferguson.

"I respect him, but not just respect, I like him," Mourinho told BBC Sport in a documentary.

"He is a person to fight with but a person that when a game ends we share a glass of wine and speak openly."

He added: "He is a very correct person and he teaches me a few things."

"I also have a strong relationship with Sir Alex. I think a man like him deserves silverware year after year."

"I would like Manchester United to win. I have no problem to say that."

Mourinho led Chelsea to the Premiership title and a Carling Cup win this season in his first campaign in English football.

And while he has bonded with Ferguson his rapport with Wenger remains distant.

"I don't know him well, so I think it's not fair to speak about someone I don't know personally," added Mourinho.

"When he says he likes other Chelsea teams much more than our team I know why — because we are the champions. He preferred the other way when they were the champions."

"I didn't like Arsenal at the start of the season when they smashed everybody and I don't like them now when they beat Everton 7-0 and they win."

"But I liked them very much in the middle of the season when every weekend they lost points."

"I was in love with them then, so I can understand why Arsene doesn't like us."

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Ferguson warns of "feisty" FA Cup final

LONDON, 21 May — Alex Ferguson urged on Friday referee Rob Styles to take caution as Saturday's FA Cup final will be "feisty".

"You have to remember the players are human beings," said Ferguson.

"It's a cup final and there will be nerves. The early parts of the game will be feisty, just as they were at Old Trafford and Highbury this season."

Manchester United take on Arsenal in the final at the Millennium Stadium at 1500 BST on Saturday.

In the pair's last meeting in February, which United won 4-2, tempers were frayed even before kick-off with

rival captains Roy Keane and Patrick Vieira squaring up in the tunnel.

Ferguson added: "Graham Poll [who refereed that game] found the early parts of the last match difficult to handle but used his experience to get through it."

"There has been this incredible competition between the two clubs over the last 10 years and I honestly don't believe the games are any different now than they were then."

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Italian Cup final to be played on 12, 15 June

ROME, 21 May — The Italian Cup final between Inter Milan and Roma will be played over two legs on June 12 and 15, the Italian Soccer League said Friday.

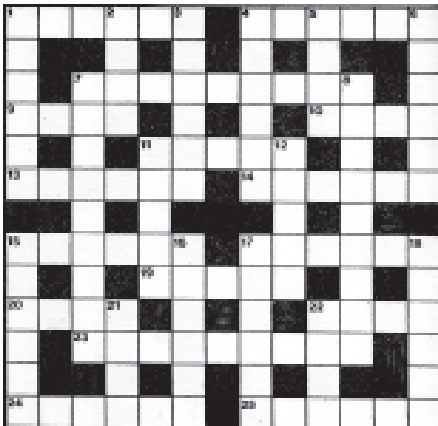
The first leg will be played in Rome, it said.

Roma, which stands 14th in Serie A, beat Udinese on Thursday night to reach the final and earn a UEFA Cup berth as Inter has gained a spot in the Champions League qualifying round through its guaranteed third-place finish in Serie A.

Inter beat Gianfranco Zola's Cagliari in the other semifinal.

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Chelsea beat Suwon Samsung 1-0 in friendly

SEOUL, 21 May — Visiting English Premier League champion Chelsea beat the South Korea's K-League champion Suwon Samsung Bluewings 1-0 at Suwon World Cup Stadium in a friendly on Friday night.

Suwon conceded an early goal to midfielder Joe Cole in the 15th minute, but were not overawed by their opponents. The match drew 43,109 spectators, a sell-out crowd.

Chelsea arrived in South Korea on Wednesday. Suwon's Croatian defender Mato, who recently recovered from surgery after suffering a broken nose, led a tight line against Chelsea, but failed to block Cole's goal.

Cole fired the ball past South Korean national team goalie Lee Woon-jae after he received a headed pass from Tiago at the centre line in the 15th minute.

Despite their accumulated fatigue from the end of a gruelling season and jet lag, the Chelsea players dominated the first half, while Suwon players countered with long balls.

With accurate and speedy passwork, Chelsea showed the brilliant skills and ball control for which they are well-known.

However, many of Chelsea's key players missed the five-day trip to South Korea.

Such players as Didier Drogba, Arjen Robben, Frank Lampard and John Terry did not play because of scheduling conflicts or injuries.

Also, forward and captain Eidur Gudjohnson, another forward Mateja Kezman and defender William Gallas did not join their team's flight to South Korea.

Suwon goalie Lee deflected a powerful long-range shot of midfielder Tiago five minutes before the break. Jiri Jarosik's shot also missed the right post.

Suwon striker Sandro saw his powerful shot just out of the box blocked by the English Premier League Golden Glove awardee Petr Cech a minute before the first half ended.

Suwon attacked early in the second half, but failed to score an equalizer because of the water-tight Chelsea defence line.

Suwon coach Cha virtually conceded the loss when he replaced goalie Lee with bench warmer Kim Daehwan with 15 minutes left, and focused more on giving his bench players a chance to experience top-level football.

Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich appeared on the pitch before the match and posed for a photo with his team's officials.

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British Premier League champions Chelsea's Joe Cole, left back, fights for the ball with South Korea's Suwon Bluewings' Mato Nereljak, right, as Suwon's Park Kun-ha looks on during their exhibition match at the World Cup Stadium in Suwon, south of Seoul, South Korea, on 20 May, 2005. Chelsea defeated Suwon Bluewings with 1-0.—INTERNET

မိုးဦးကျနှင့် မိုးရာသီတွင် ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်သော ရောဂါများအတွက် နှိုးဆော်ချက်

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(စ) ရေကိုကျိုချက်၍ သောက်ပါ။
(ဆ) လတ်ဆတ်သန့်ရှင်းသည့် အသီးအနှံနှင့် အစားအစာများကို ပူပူနွေးနွေး ချက်ပြုတ်စားပါ။
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Asylum applications decrease in industrialized countries

GENEVA, 21 May — As a downward trend in asylum claims, fewer people have applied for asylum in 36 industrialized countries in the first three months of this year compared to the last quarter of 2004, the United Nations refugee agency UNHCR said here Friday.

Releasing the first-quarter asylum statistics in 36 industrialized countries, UNHCR spokesman Ron Redmond said there were a total of 81,900 asylum applications between January and March 2005, down 13 per cent compared to the last quarter of 2004, and down 17 per cent over the corresponding period last year.

In Europe as a whole, the number fell by 15 per cent compared to the last quarter of 2004, and by 18 per cent compared to the first quarter last year, according to the statistics.

In North America, the drop was relatively modest — 7 per cent — compared to the last quarter of 2004, and 11 per cent down on the first quarter of last year. The fall is even more striking when seen over a two-year period, said Redmond.

Compared to the first quarter of 2003, Europe as a whole was down 34 per cent and North America down 40 per cent.

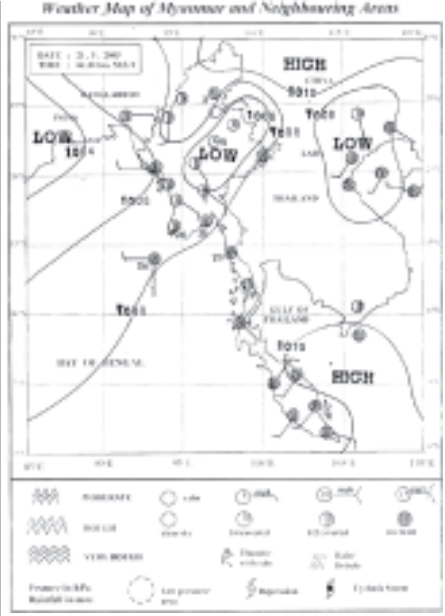
France remained the top receiving country during the first quarter, with 15,700 asylum applications.

The second largest receiving country was the United States, with 13,600 applications, followed by England with 8,260 and Germany with 6,660.

Greece was the only receiving country to see a major increase in the first quarter of this year — up 177 per cent to 2,816.

Most of this increase was accounted for by Georgians, 992 of whom applied for asylum in Greece in the first quarter of this year compared to only 16 in the last quarter of 2004.

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WEATHER

Saturday, 21 May, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Mon State, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Kachin and Kayin States, upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions, isolated in Chin and Shan States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Ayeyawady Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Zaungtu (2.84) inches and Mawlamyine (1.85) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (1.54) inches, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (1.38) inches, Taunggyi (1.34) inches, Central Yangon (1.22) inches and Pyinoolwin (1.18) inches. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Mon State, (5°C) to (6°C) above normal in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine and Kayin States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, (7°C) to (8°C) above normal in Magway and Bago Divisions, (10°C) above normal in Ayeyawady Division and about normal in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Minbu and Magway (44°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 20-5-2005 was 101°F. Minimum temperature on 21-5-2005 was 67°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 21-5-2005 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 20-5-2005 was (6.5) hours approx. Rainfalls on 21-5-2005 were (1.53 inches) at Yangon Airport, (1.38 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (1.22 inches) at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (4.37 inches) at Yangon Airport, (4.84 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (3.11 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (18) mph from Southwest at (20:20) hours MST on 20-5-2005.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 22-5-2005: Weather will be partly cloudy in lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain or thundershowers are likely to be widespread in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, scattered in upper Sagaing and Yangon Divisions and isolated in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Thundery conditions in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 22-5-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 22-5-2005: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).



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Sunday, 22 May View on today:

- 7:00 am 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကျွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံယဟာ နာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်အသံချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာပာရဂူဂုဏ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာ အဂ္ဂမဟာ သဒ္ဒမ္မဇာတိတော်၊ တိပိဋကဓမ္မ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိဇ္ဇာသာရာဝ တိပိဋကဓမ္မ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
7:15 am 2. တိပိဋကဓမ္မ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသီရိနာဂ တိပိဋက (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော် မူ အပိသော ပဉ္စဂါထာသီရိတော်
7:30 am 3. Morning news
7:40 am 4. နိုင်ငံတော်သံယဟာနာယက အဖွဲ့ (အဖွဲ့ဝင်)၊ မန္တလေးတိုင်း ဘောင်ဧည့်သံသံမြို့နယ်၊ မျင်းသာ ကြိုတော်တိုက်၊ ရတနာစိမ္မာန် ဓမ္မကျောင်း၊ ပဓာနနာယက ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တ ဇောတိကာ တိပိဋက(အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ)ဟောကြား တော်မူသော "ကဆုန်လပြည့် ဗုဒ္ဓနေ့ ကိုယ်တွေ့ညွှန်ပြခြင်း နိဒါန်းတော်"
8:15 am 5. Religious song
8:30 am 6. International news
8:45 am 7. Hill of Dhamma
11:00 am 1. Martial song
11:10 am 2. Musical programme
11:25 am 3. Round up of the week's international news
11:40 am 4. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတမ်းတွဲ "ဇောပဏ္ဍိတနှင့် မိစ္ဆာစွမ်းစား" (အပိုင်း-၅)
12:25 pm 5. ရွှေလိပ်တား
12:40 pm 6. "ပြတ်ပုဒ္ဓ၏ မဟာပုဒ္ဓဝင်"
1:40 pm 7. Religious song
2:00 pm 8. အတုလားမိပတိမဟာမုနိသံဃာ ကိုးထပ်ကြီးဘုရား
2:15 pm 9. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
2:30 pm 10. ဝေလင်းရေလှောင်တံခံ
2:45 pm 11. 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. သာယာမျိုးအေး (၃၈) မြာ မင်္ဂလာတေး
4:50 pm 5. Religious song
5:00 pm 6. အစားသင်တန်းပုဂ္ဂိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်စဉ်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (သိပ္ပံအထူးပြုအားလုံး) (ရုပ်ပုံခေ)
5:15 pm 7. Dance of national races
5:30 pm 8. Agricultural force country's development
5:35 pm 9. ကဆုန်လပြည့်နေ့တေးများ
5:50 pm 10. ကုသိုလ်စီမံရေးအဖွဲ့အစည်းတော်
5:55 pm 11. Sing and enjoy
6:30 pm 12. Evening news
7:00 pm 13. Weather report
7:05 pm 14. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတမ်းတွဲ "မုနိစွန်းမြင့်သီတစ်ရတုစံလီ" (အပိုင်း-၂၄)
7:30 pm 15. သီတကဆရာတော်အဖွဲ့ညွှန်ပြသော ရှစ် ကဆုန်လပြည့် ဗုဒ္ဓနေ့တရားတော် (သံဇောဓိယ ဝေလင်းဌာန) (ဌား၊ မှိုင်း၊ ဟော၊ စံ)
8:00 pm 16. News
17. International news
18. Weather report
19. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတမ်းတွဲ "အမျိုးသမီး" (အပိုင်း- ၄၄)
မင်းကျွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး ဦးစိတ္တသာရာဝတိပိဋက အရပ် ဝယ်မျက်နှာ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဝန် ဌာပနာခြင်း တရားတော်
21. The next day's programme



Sunday, 22 May Tune in today:

- 8:30 am Brief news
8:35 am Music: Turn around
8:40 am Perspectives
8:45 am Music: Down town
8:55 am National news/Slogan
9:05 am Music: I gotta know
9:10 am International news
9:15 am Music: Love won't wait
9:20 am Cultural images of Myanmar: -Kason-The late summer month
1:30 pm News/Slogan
1:40 pm Story for children: -The old man and 500 monkeys
1:50 pm Songs for children
9:00 pm Weekly news review
9:10 pm Music
9:15 pm Article
9:25 pm Music: When I need you
-Woman in love
9:45 pm News/Slogan
10:00 pm PEL

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

**Entire Shan State has now enjoyed peace and stability
It has been achieved due to the unconditional exchange of arms for peace**



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein meets with U Aik Mone, U Kan Na and U Gon Khay, who exchanged arms for peace unconditionally, at Shweli Yeiktha of North-East Command in Lashio.— MNA

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Special Region-1 Chairman of Kokang Peace group U Phon Kyar Shin, Vice-Chairman U Phon Kyar Phu and members, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, Women's Affairs Organization, Maternal and Child Welfare Association, War Veterans Organization, Red Cross and Auxiliary Fire Brigades, traditional cultural troupes and local people

from Muse and Laukkai Districts and Kutkai-Tarmonye, Kongyan and Laukkai Townships numbering 2,500.

In his address, the Secretary-1 said on behalf of the government he was pleased to see the bridge that would bring about smooth and secure transport and communication for local people at a far-flung area in north-east of Myanmar and he was glad to witness the

pleasure of local people.

The government is systematically implementing the regional development projects towards the development of all parts of the Union the interest of all national races, he said.

By doing so, construction tasks such as Thanlwin river bridge (Tapar) have become successful one after (See page 8)

Factories in Indagaw Industrial Zone inspected

YANGON, 21 May — Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, accompanied by Deputy Minister Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw and officials, inspected production process of Automobile Part Factory of Myanmar Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries in Indagaw Industrial Zone this morning.

The minister also oversaw construction of the electric motor factory of Myanmar Machine Tool and Electrical Industries, installation of machines and test-running. Officials conducted him round the factories.

After inspecting factories, the minister gave necessary instructions to officials.— MNA



Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin at Automobile Part Factory in Indagaw Industrial Zone.— INDUSTRY-2

Sagaing Division WVO Preliminary Conference held

YANGON, 21 May — Sagaing Division War Veterans Organization's Preliminary Conference 2005 was held at the city hall in Monywa on 19 May.

Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye gave a speech.

Sagaing Division WVO Supervisory Committee Chairman Lt-Col Myo Myint accepted K 500,000 for social and welfare tasks of the division organization donated by North-West Command through Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Tin Maung Ohn; K 6.4 million for business of the organization by Sagaing Division PDC; and K 5 million by Police Col Tin Maung Maung.

Next, Supervisory Committee Chairman Lt-Col Myo Myint provided cash assistance to old members.

The meeting chairman sought approval for five future tasks of the preliminary conference.

Later, the meeting decided two matters, approved one matters and put four matters on records.

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The laying of cornerstones for the construction of Shwekyawngdawgyi and the Arnanda Ordination Hall was held on 7 April 1996. Member Sayadaws of the SSMNC consecrated the ordination hall on 29 April. The merit-sharing ceremony for the buildings took place on 30 April 1998.

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