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Industry-1 Minister inspects Bicycle factory (Yangon)



Minister U Aung Thaung inspects the bicycle factory (Yangon) of the Myanma General & Maintenance Industries. — INDUSTRY-1

YANGON, 26 May — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, accompanied by Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thein Tun and officials, arrived at the bicycle factory (Yangon) of Myanma General and Maintenance Industries on Upper Pazundaung Road in Mingala Taungnyunt Township this morning. The minister inspected buggy vehicles for golf course use invented by the factory and gave necessary instructions.

Afterwards, the minister looked into the prod-

ucts of the factory, finishing tasks and progress in installing machines. The machine parts and accessories of the factory are exported by Samraint Ltd of India.

Next, the minister and party inspected the project to extend the factory and the progress in renovating the factory. Later, they inspected the production division of the factory and warehouse. At the briefing hall, the minister and deputy minister met with the officials and left necessary instructions. —MNA

Reception held to mark 30th Anniversary of Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between Myanmar and Vietnam

YANGON, 26 May — A reception to mark the 30th Anniversary of establishment of Diplomatic relations between Myanmar and Vietnam was held at Traders Hotel, here, at 6.30 pm today. Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung and Vietnam Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Tran Van Tung delivered speeches.

Minister U Thaung said: On this auspicious occasion of the 30th Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between the Union of

Myanmar and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, it gives me great pleasure to extend my warm greetings to all the distinguished guests present here today.

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MAS disseminates cultivation methods

YANGON, 26 May —A training course to disseminate agricultural methods organized by Yangon Division Myanma Agriculture Service-MAS was launched this morning at the MAS in Insein Township.

The course is intended to educate the trainees on the use of high-yield cultivation methods and pesticide.

A total of 166 trainees including agriculturists in Yangon Division are attending the course.

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Minister U Thaung and wife cut a cake to mark the 30th Anniversary of Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between Myanmar and Vietnam. —NLM

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

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Myanmar has been able to exist with own history for ages thanks to the fact that the entire national people have been always united in crushing all the elements posing dangers to the nation and the people.

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for emergence of a modern and developed nation

In the Union of Myanmar, the government, the people and the Tatmadaw are working in concert for all-round development of the nation and they are doing so in accordance with the guidance given by Head of State Senior General Than Shwe. As a result, each and every sector of the nation is enjoying a gradual development.

The growth of the agro-based industry plays a pivotal role in striving for the all-round development of the nation. Therefore, in various regions, constant efforts are being made for the progress of the agriculture sector and industrial zones established for that of the industrial sector.

For the development of the agriculture sector, it is necessary to boost the production of farm machinery and implements that are in good demand and can meet the regional needs. To be able to do so, respective plants and factories under various ministries are rendering necessary assistance. Industrialists, on their part, are to produce import-substitute items, increase their share of the market, meet the needs of local people and the required standard of quality and cooperate with other industrial zones. For example, the Myaungmya industrial zone is now producing fire engines that can carry 45 gallons of water, powered tillers, gear boxes, engines, CNG engines and various types of combine harvesters.

In striving for the progress of their respective regions, it is necessary for entrepreneurs to strike a balance between the interests of the region and their own, upholding our three main national causes — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.

The industrial sector of the nation has been enjoying a rapid development with a 24-percent annual growth. All the necessary foundations are being laid down to transform the nation from an agro-based industrial one to an industrialized one. Our national goal, the emergence of a modern and developed nation, will be materialized only with the establishment of an industrialized nation.

We would like to call on the entire people and industrialists to work hand in hand with the government for the emergence of a modern and developed nation by striving for the industrial growth based on agro-based industries.

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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

Commander inspects development of Yinnabin Township

YANGON, 26 May — Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye inspected thriving plantations of summer paddy, summer sesame and pulses and beans in Yinnabin Township on 20 May.

He also oversaw construction of Myitkya Bridge and Pale-Gangaw Road and gave necessary instructions to the officials.

The commander looked into sales of products at Win Thuza Shop of the Ministry of Industry-1 in Yinnabin.— MNA

Stipends provided for State/Division MCWA Supervisory Committees



MMCWA President Daw Khin Khin Win presents K 5 million for State/Division MCWA Supervisory Committees through a chairperson.— MNA

YANGON, 26 May — Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association held a ceremony to hand over stipends to State and Division MCWA Supervisory Committees at its office in South Okkalapa Township this afternoon.

President Daw Khin Khin Win of MMCWA gave a speech. Next, the president, the vice-president, Central Council members and CEC members presented K 5 million to chairpersons of State/Division MCWA Supervisory Committees.

Similarly, the Committees donated K 1,972,000 to patients at hospitals in Yangon Division through President Daw Khin Khin Win. — MNA

Medicines, medical equipment donated to MMCWA

YANGON, 26 May — The Indian Embassy donated medicines and medical equipment worth US\$ 600 to Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association at the corner of Parami and Thanthuma Roads in South Okkalapa Township this morning.

President of the association Daw Khin Khin Win extended greetings and accepted the donations from Mrs Kum Kum Bhatia, wife of the Indian Ambassador. Next, she presented a certificate of honour to the Indian Ambassador's wife. Later, Mrs Kum Kum Bhatia explained the purpose of the donation.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-President Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint and officials.— MNA



With clear conscience

- * Our Myanmar, recognized
In all corners of the globe
There's freedom, there's sovereignty.
- * Objectives of own choice
Will be laid down, laid down.
- * Our fate, according to our choice
Will be shaped, will be mapped out
And implemented, implemented
- * On our journey, be our own master
Own helmsman, we'll guide
We'll row on, row on.
- * Our own life, as suits us
Will be mapped out, to raise well-being
We are looking after human rights
Our conscience is clear!

Byan Hlwar (Trs)

Deputy Foreign Minister U Kyaw Thu leaves for Thailand

YANGON, 26 May — At the invitation of the H.E Preecha Laohapongchana, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand, U Kyaw Thu, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar left here by air this morning to pay an official visit to the Kingdom of Thailand.

The deputy minister was seen off at Yangon International Airport by responsible officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the officials of Royal Thai Embassy.

The deputy minister was accompanied by U Soe Lynn Han, Deputy Director and U Kyaw Soe, Assistant Director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

MNA



Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu being seen off at the airport before departure for Thailand. — MNA

DAD D-G tours Mandalay Division

YANGON, 26 May — Director-General U Myo Myint of Development Affairs Department made an inspected tasks for sprucing up townships, supply of water and construction of district-to-districts road in Mandalay Division on 24 May morning.

The director-general toured Wundwin, Thazi, Kyaukse and Patheingyi townships and looked into road construction.

In Kyaukse, he met with executive officers and engineers from Kyaukse, Magway and Chauk townships. He also viewed work for greening of townships and water supply system.

MNA

India, Russia must work to ensure enduring peace

Moscow, 25 May — Observing that peace and prosperity are inseparable from each other in this increasingly globalized world, President A P J Abdul Kalam Tuesday said time had come for India and Russia to ensure an enduring and long-lasting joint responsibility for peace at large.

In his address at the banquet hosted in his honour by Russian President Vladimir Putin, Kalam said “our strategic relations serve our long-term national interests. It is our shared objective to strengthen and deepen our cooperation. The twenty first Century presents new challenges. Peace and prosperity are inseparable from each other in this increasingly globalized world.

“The India-Russia partnership has contributed to international peace and security. Indeed the time has arrived to ensure an enduring and long-lasting responsibility for peace at large,” Kalam said.

The President said the remarkable convergence of “our views and our time-tested friendship leads us” to cooperate in all spheres of national endeavour.

“Our economic prosperity and mutual interest depends upon close partnerships in trade, investment, joint research and development and taking full advantages of opportunities in an increasingly inter-connected and globalized world.”

Referring to Indian investment in the Sakhalin oilfield and close Russian cooperation in building of Kadankulam Nuclear Power plant, Kalam said “we must actively continue to look for means to enhance cooperation in this area, which is of mutual interest and has long-term synergies.”

“Our mutual interest in exploiting opportunities in various fields will add strength to our common development goals,” the President said while listing Information and Communication Technologies, biotechnology, electronics, banking and financial services as the fields that have been “relatively uncharted territory” in bilateral relations.

Calling for cooperation in India’s research efforts, Kalam said “we believe that cooperation in the peaceful use of nuclear energy, space and other frontiers of science can significantly enrich human understanding of nature and lead to the mastering of technologies to improve lives of millions.

MNA/PTI



Iraqi police man a checkpoint on the road between Mosul and Tal Afar in northern Iraq on 24 May, 2005.—INTERNET

Asia witnesses fastest growth in shipping business

SHANGHAI, 25 May — Asia has experienced the fastest growth in shipping industry in the world, with China being the new engine behind a boom in the sector in the continent, said participants to the ongoing 24th World Port Conference held here.

Wei Jiafu, President of COSCO, a Chinese shipping giant, said new demand for shipping service cropped up amid world economy and trade activities in the era of globalization.

Asia was considered as an exporting region of raw materials two decades ago, but it has now become a world manufacturing factory where large numbers of raw materials are imported from other parts of the world for processing and then are exported to the world all over as finished products, said Wei.

“Asia has seen its share growing rapidly in the global trade, which has in turn led to a fast expansion of the shipping sector,” said the COSCO executive, who believed Asia now holds a dominant position in the global shipping industry.

Latest statistics show that out of the world’s top 20 container shipping companies, 13 are from Asia, controlling 70 per cent of the world’s total container shipping capacity.

China has attracted a large amount of overseas investment thanks to implementation of reform and opening-up drive since late 1970s, and its economic vitality has been improved enormously thereafter, said Wei.

China has become the world’s third largest trading nation, with its foreign trade volume surging by 35.7 per cent to hit 1.15 trillion US dollars in 2004 and contributing 12 per cent to the growth in the world trade in the same year.

China’s world factory status, especially the country’s fast export growth, has advanced a fast expansion in container shipping business globally. It leads the world for securing an average growth rate of 30 per cent in container trade in the world over the past decade.

The ports on the Chinese Mainland and those in Hong Kong are capable of handling 83.7 million TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent unit) of containers a year, accounting for one quarter of the world’s total container handling capacity.

MNA/Xinhua

Students to compete for blogging champion in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 25 May — Students from Singapore’s junior colleges and secondary schools will be competing in the country’s first National Interscholastic Blogging Championship starting from June, Channel NewsAsia report said on Monday.

Blog, short for weblog, is a personal web site where a blogger can create his online journal by using words, pictures, audio and video clips as well as Internet links, and control the degree of its openness to other netizens.

The two-month competition requires each school to start and maintain a group blog, which will be managed by five student leaders under the supervision of their teachers. The blog entries will be evaluated in terms of the depth and clarity of thought as well as the creativity by a panel in two rounds.

The event is jointly organized by Singapore Telecommunications (SingTel), the country’s biggest player in the telecoms market, and the Education Ministry.

SingTel said it hopes to reach out to the youth market by providing competitors with short messaging service (SMS) and multimedia message service (MMS) to update their school blogs, while the Education Ministry tries to highlight the potential of blogging as a tool for teaching and learning.

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1,648 US soldiers killed since beginning of Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 25 May—As of Wednesday, 25 May, 2005, at least 1,648 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 1,265 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department. The figures include four military civilians.

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

The British military has reported 88 deaths; Italy, 21; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, 10; 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, 1,510 US military members have died, according to AP’s count. That includes at least 1,156 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military’s numbers.—Internet



Miss Universe 2004 Jennifer Hawkins (L) of Australia poses with the Miss Universe 2005 contestants during a fashion show in Bangkok on 24 May, 2005. The Miss Universe 2005 pageant will take place in Bangkok on 31 May, 2005.—INTERNET

Malaysia approves 27 electronics projects in 1st quarter

KUALA LUMPUR, 25 May — Malaysia has approved a total of 27 projects in the electronics sector in the first quarter of this year with capital investments amounting to 84.47 million US dollars, a minister said Tuesday.

Speaking at the opening of the national seminar on “Opportunities in the Electronics Industry” here, Minister of International Trade and Industry Rafidah Aziz said foreign investments accounted for 83.2 per cent of the total amount while local investments contributed 16.8 per cent.

She said from 2000 to March 2005, there were 808 projects approved in this sector with capital investment totalling 10.31

billion US dollars.

In 2004, a total of 144 electronic projects were approved with capital investments of 2.07 billion US dollars, she said.

Rafidah said that besides new investments, the year 2004 saw some significant re-investments in expansion and diversification projects by existing companies in the industry, including the major multinational companies based in the country.

The expansion and di-

versification projects were mainly for the upgrading of the sector, including investments in new and advanced technologies and products or expansion into higher value-added activities, such as research and technology, product design, marketing, distribution and procurement, according to the minister.

She added that the government would continue to focus on sustaining the high growth of the electronics industry in order

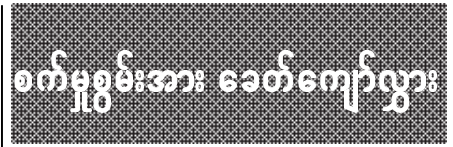
to develop full-fledged electronic clusters in the country.

As for the future outlook of the industry, she said that the electronics industry was currently experiencing a slow recovery from the global downturn.

The electronics sector, the mainstay of Malaysian economy, accounts for some 50 per cent of the country’s foreign exchange earnings.

The Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA) has projected the global semiconductor sales to grow by 6.3 per cent in 2006 and by 14.2 per cent to 259 billion US dollars in 2007.

MNA/Xinhua



Indian Govt to set up Int’l diamond trading centre in country

MUMBAI, 25 May — Indian Government was working towards setting up an international diamond trading centre in the country and was keen to encourage investment by Indians in diamond mines abroad, Federal Minister of Commerce and Industry Kamal Nath on Tuesday said.

“My ministry is working closely with the industry to develop India as an international trading centre for diamonds. Considering that we are the largest purchaser of diamond roughs, there is no reason why India should not have a diamond trading centre at par with those currently in Belgium, Israel and Dubai,” Nath said while addressing an in-

ternational diamond conference here. Nath said the centre, that would help in facilitating international diamond exchange, would be set up by the end of the current year but did not specify the location of the proposed project.

The government would encourage foreign direct investment and joint ventures between Indian entrepreneurs and businesses abroad in diamond exploration, mining and sourcing, cutting and polishing and sales and marketing, he added.

“There has to be an assured supply of rough diamonds for the industry to grow. There is a need for Indian investors to invest in foreign mines and the government is considering allowing such investments,” Nath said.

The minister said that in order to maintain the continued supply of diamond roughs to Indian diamond industry the government was thinking about entering into economic cooperation agreement with supplier countries.

MNA/PTI



An onion vendor sorts his vegetables at a street market in the Senegalese capital Dakar on 25 May, 2005. — INTERNET

Iraq peace “at least five years away”

BAGHDAD, 25 May—It could take at least five years before Iraqi forces are strong enough to impose law and order on the country, the International Institute of Strategic Studies has warned.

The think-tank’s report said Iraq had become a valuable recruiting ground for Al-Qaeda, and Iraqi forces were nowhere near close to matching the militancy.

John Chipman, IISS director, said the Iraqi security forces faced a “huge task” and the continuing ability of the militants to inflict mass casualties “must cast doubt on US plans to re-deploy American troops and eventually reduce their numbers.”

Militants have killed 600 Iraqis since the new Government was formed. The IISS report said: “Best estimates suggest that it will take up to five years to create anything close to an effective indigenous force able to impose and guarantee order across the country.” The report said that, on balance, US policy over the past year had been effective in emboldening regional players in the Middle East (West Asia) and the Gulf to rally against rogue states.

But it warned that the inspirational effect of the intervention in Iraq on Islamist terrorism was “the proverbial elephant in the living room. From Al-Qaeda’s point of view,

President Bush’s Iraq policies have arguably produced a confluence of propitious circumstances: a strategically bogged down America, hated by much of the Islamic world, and regarded warily even by its allies.”

Iraq “could serve as a valuable proving ground for ‘bleeding’ foreign jihadists, and could conceivably form the basis of a second generation of capable Al-Qaeda leaders ... and middle-management players”, the report said. The think-tank report points to US estimates that there are between 12,000 and 20,000 hardcore militants in Iraq. It says that Iraqi politicians have been keen to blame the rise in sectarian violence on foreign jihadists. “But they may have overstated their case.”

Internet

China to confine population growth rate to 7 per 1,000 in 2005

BEIJING, 25 May — China, which saw seven million new births in 2004, will ensure that its natural population growth rate will be confined to seven per thousand this year, a senior official has said.

Speaking at a recent family planning meeting, the director of the State Commission for Population and Family Planning, Zhang Weiqing said China will first establish and perfect a long-term population strategy, and explore the development rules of its population that could match the country’s economic and social progress.

China will also continue to put forward policies for social insurance to cover more of the elderly population, he was quoted as saying by *China News Service*.

Figures show that people above age 65 make up 7 per cent of China’s total population. An award giving system will also be set up for those who actively participated in the family planning work.

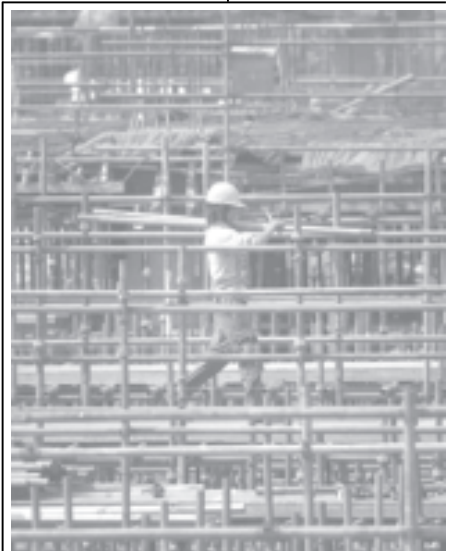
Zhang said, a legal system governed by local villagers independently on population control and family planning work is expected to be completed by 2010.

China will continue to harness the disparity between the male and female population, as more boys than girls were born, typically in the countryside, he said, adding that

the country will also train personnel and cadres on family planning work.

China adopted the ‘one child per couple’ family planning policy in the late 1970s and welcomed the 1.3 billionth citizen on 6 January, 2005.

Statistics showed that last year, the Chinese population grew by 5.87 per thousand, adding seven million new citizens to the world’s most populous nation. — *MNA/PTI*



A Chinese construction worker carries scaffolding at the construction site for the Olympic swimming arena in Beijing on 24 May, 2005. —INTERNET

China's info industry faces best opportunities

BEIJING, 25 May — The coming 15 years will be an important period for the development of China's information industry, an official with the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) said here Tuesday.

Li Guojie, head of the Computer Technology Institute under the CAS, said information industry had developed rapidly in the 1980s and 1990s, but now the industry is in a period of stable development.

"This is a God-given chance for Chinese information industry to catch up with leaders of the industry," Li told a forum on China's sustainable development, a sideline event of the ongoing eighth China Beijing international high-tech exposition, which opened in Beijing on Monday.

Li said the facts that information businesses make smaller profits, which is even lower than the traditional industrial firms, appearance of information industrial conglomerates, and developed countries invest less in the IT sector than in the biological sector all signal that the global information industry has entered a period of steady development.

Li said, according to the common norms of industrial development, attention is needed to reduce cost and upgrade technologies when an industry enters a period of

steady development. But, Li said, developed countries unnecessarily have advantages in this aspect.

China registered sales totalling 2.65 trillion yuan (420.4 billion US dollars) in the electronics and information sector last year, a year on year rise of 40 per cent. China exported 200 billion US dollars of electronics and information industrial products last year.

Li said, the competitiveness of China's information industry depends on whether it has self-independent

core technologies and whether it can set new industrial standard based on its independent core technologies. "At least, it should not be controlled by one or two conglomerates in the sector," Li said.

China has made breakthroughs in CPU designing, third generation mobile telecommunication technology and interlinkage between information products and household electric appliances over the past decade.

But, Li said, there is little possibility for China to overpass Western countries in the information industry. He suggests that Chinese information industrial firms should develop products different from that of Western countries to narrow the "gap".

MNA/Xinhua

Buddha's message relevant in present situation

KATHMANDU, 25 May — The eternal message like truth, non-violence and peace propounded by Lord Gautam Buddha is relevant and exemplary in the present situation not only to Nepal but to the entire world, Nepali King Gyanendra said here Tuesday.

"We are happy to learn that as always the Buddha Jayanti celebration committee is organizing various programmes this year to observe the 2539th Buddha Jayanti as the birth, enlightenment and death anniversary day of Lord Gautam Buddha," the King said in a message sent to a function organized in Kathmandu on the occasion of the 2539th Buddha birth anniversary.

The King, in the message, expressed hope that "the sacred day may inspire us all to be united for the noble deed of bringing peace to the nation by imbibing the divine messages by Gautam Buddha for peace and welfare of the mankind".

Meanwhile, devotees from Nepal and abroad gathered in Lumbini, the birth place of Buddha, and prayed for peace in Nepal on the same occasion.

Thousands of devotees gathered at Mayadevi Temple and held a prayer meeting on Monday and invoked Lord Buddha to help restore peace in these turbulent times.

They thronged Lumbini from Sunday and also decorated the place elaborately and performed dipawali (lighting row of lamps) on Monday evening.

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqis look out from a shattered window of a building situated close to a car bomb explosion in central Baghdad on 24 May, 2005.—INTERNET

Doctors expect smooth post operative recovery of separated twins

SINGAPORE, 25 May — The post operative recovery of the separated Indonesian twin sisters is expected to be smooth, doctors at Singapore's Gleneagles Hospital said in a Press conference on Tuesday.

The pair of 15-month-old girls will leave the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) early next week if their present good and stable conditions continue, said doctors, who believe that the family can return to their hometown in six weeks. Anggi and Anjeli, who were joined at the abdomen and hip bone and shared three legs, underwent a successful 10-hour separation surgery on 21 May.

Anggi, the elder sister, has been fed with milk, while Anjeli, the weaker one with a hole in her heart, will be depending on glucose till Wednesday, according to doctors.

Describing the two girls as active and lovely, doctors said that they are

making every effort to avoid infection, which is their greatest concern at the present stage.

They added that there is a plan to repair Anjeli's heart by another operation years later since the oxygenation in her blood is believed to be enough for her to grow up.

After the separation surgery, each of the girls now has her own set of reproductive organs, kidney and bladder, but only one of them has the anus and the other will be living with a colostomy.

This is the fourth separation surgery conducted in Singapore.

Doctors successfully separated a pair of 11-month-old girls from Nepal, who were fused at

the head, in a marathon operation lasting four days in April 2001.

However, the head-joined Iranian twin women were not as lucky as the Nepalese. They died at the age of 29 on 8 July, 2003, from massive blood loss after a 52-hour operation at the Raffles Hospital in Singapore. Twenty-eight specialists, together with 100 assistants, performed the operation, which re-routed their shared brain vein.

Two weeks after the tragedy, doctors from the same hospital made the separation of a pair of four-month-old twin sisters from South Korea a success, who were connected at the lower back.

MNA/Xinhua

UAE eases high school qualification rule for Asian workers

DUBAI, 25 May — The UAE Government has scrapped a controversial rule that required unskilled Asian expat workers to have mandatory high school certificates as a minimum requirement to work in the country.

"Workers in all sectors are no longer required to hold a high school certificate," according to a Cabinet decision.

The rule, introduced in May 2003, made it obligatory for unskilled expat seeking jobs in the private sector to hold at least a high school certificate or an equivalent degree.

"The Cabinet has okayed a memorandum raised by the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs recommending the waiving of the academic qualification as a pre-requisite for employment for the mentioned category," the *Khaleej Times* quoted an ministry official as saying on Monday.

"Another undesired result was emergence of forged academic certificates and fake attestation of academic decrees," added the official.

Earlier, private firms operating in the country were not allowed to recruit Asians who did not have the certificate or its equivalent, into the labour force. It exempted labourers in the construction, oil and power sectors and Arab workers.

The decision, however, said the criterion would continue to apply for professionals such as doctors, engineers, pharmacists, whose jobs require a minimum qualification.—MNA/PTI



An Indonesian man carries baskets of bricks over his shoulder in Trowulan, in East Java Province on 24 May, 2005. The villagers can earn 100,000 rupiah (\$10.70) for producing 1,000 bricks for the local market.—INTERNET

Kuwait vows to fight corruption

KUWAIT CITY, 25 May— Kuwait vows on Tuesday to take serious and decisive measures to fight corruption, the Kuwait News Agency reported.

Director of the Kuwaiti Citizens' Service and Government Bodies Assessment Agency Sheikh Mohammed al-Abdullah al-Mubarak al-Sabah said the Kuwaiti Cabinet has ordered all the government bodies, private and civil institutions to study a report prepared by the agency on administrative negligence and corruption in Kuwait.

Sheikh Mohammed made the statement at the "Conference on Combating Administrative Corruption from an Economic Perspective" held here on Tuesday.

Praising the government's decision

as "a courageous step", Sheikh Mohammed said his agency has also held several meetings with the government bodies concerned and the World Bank officials to discuss ways to battle corruption.

The report covered many counter-corruption topics, such as a definition of corruption, its causes and consequences as well as proposed solutions, he added.

According to a recent report of the Transparency International (TI) organization, Kuwait has ranked fourth in terms of administrative transparency in the Arab world and 35th internationally.

MNA/Xinhua



Chinese construction workers. Falling retail property prices in the country's commercial capital Shanghai mean fast and easy profits in China's red hot real estate market could be a thing of the past.—INTERNET

Quality of traditional Chinese medicine needs improving

BEIJING, 25 May — Seventeen per cent of the sampled traditional Chinese medicine were substandard, according to the latest national survey of drugs quality launched by the State Food and Drug Administration on Monday.

The administration inspected 17 national traditional medicine markets during the fourth quarter of 2004. Among the 2,455 samples involving 86 kinds of traditional Chinese medicine, 425 samples, or 17 per cent, were substandard in terms of contents, properties and impurity.

About 77 per cent of 15 kinds of commonly-taken traditional Chinese medicine are qualified, according to the survey.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese scientists to explore world's largest canyon

BEIJING, 25 May — Chinese scientists will conduct a comprehensive exploration of the Yarlung Zangbo (Brahmaputra) River Grand Canyon, the world's largest, in southeast Qinghai-Tibet Plateau this September.

The exploration will focus on hydrology and vegetation in the canyon, and collect valuable statistics to fill the blank in the field, state media reported on Tuesday.

The Yarlung Zangbo River Grand Canyon, one of the most important geographical discoveries in the 20th Century, was discovered in 1994. The discovery was made by geologist Yang Yichou, atmospheric physicist Gao Dengyi and botanist Li Bosheng — all from the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS).

The scientists found that the canyon, located in the Himalayas, averages 5,000 metres in depth, with the deepest section reaching 5,382 metres. The average width at the bottom of the canyon is 80-200 metres

while the shallowest part is only 74 metres, *China News Service* reported.

The canyon provides a passage for moist, warm air from India, extending the subtropical limit northward for another six Latitudes.

This provides favourable weather conditions for the green and luxuriant tropical forests and superb landscape inside the canyon.

As for the formation of the canyon, the experts said the Tibetan plateau started to rise during the Pliocene epoch. Two million years ago, when the turbulent Yarlung Zangbo River was trying to find a route, it skirted Mount Namjagbarwa and finally eroded the rift zones in the geological structure, thus creating the canyon.

MNA/PTI

Bangladesh's frozen fish exports may suffer blow

DHAKA, 25 May — Bangladesh's frozen fish exporters may face a fresh blow as the European Union (EU) has detected antibiotic agents in several shrimp shipments sent to a number of EU countries.

The EU head of delegation Esko Kentschynskyj has kept on notifying the government officials, Bangladesh Frozen Foods Exporters Association (BFFEA) and respective exporters about the presence of "Nitrofurans" which they found at the retail shops and ports of several EU countries, local newspaper *The Financial Express* reported here on Tuesday.

A EU food inspection team is due in Bangladesh on November this year to investigate the source of antibiotics which, it considers, is detrimental to human health.

Antibiotics were

found in Britain, Italy and Germany ports and chain stores, the newspaper quoted BFFEA sources as saying.

The Bangladeshi Government laboratories upgraded six months ago at a cost of 50 million taka (833,333 US dollars) could not be used to detect the antibiotic agents due to lack of skilled manpower, exporters and government officials were quoted by the newspaper as saying.

Exporters are worried about possible EU actions as they experienced the consequence of a EU ban in late 1996 and are lobbying the government

authorities to find a way out to control quality of the crustacean that fetches the country 400 million US dollars a year.

"We know what EU is... we saw them in 1996 when they imposed a ban on Bangladesh seafood," an exporter requesting anonymity was quoted as saying by the newspaper.

The shrimp exporters discussed with the Ministry of Fisheries officials how to handle the situation on 18 May. They will sit with Commerce Ministry officials on 28 May and with Export Promotion Bureau on 4 June to find ways to address the problem. — MNA/Xinhua

HK records 65 more HIV positive cases

HONG KONG, 25 May — The Department of Health of Hong Kong SAR announced here on Tuesday that 65 people in Hong Kong tested positive for the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) antibody in the first quarter of 2005.

Consultant of the department's Special Preventive Programme Dr Wong Ka-hing said, "Of the 65 new HIV cases reported, 22 acquired the infection via heterosexual contact, 19 via homosexual or bisexual contact, six through intravenous drug use and one case of haemophilia (non-local resident)."

The routes of transmission of the remaining 17 cases were undetermined due to inadequate data. He explained that HIV was spread through sexual contact (homosexual or heterosexual), needle-sharing

among drug users and from infected mothers to their babies.

A total of 2,577 HIV infectious cases have been found since 1984. Around 78 per cent of the cases acquired infection through sexual contact; 70 per cent resulted from heterosexual transmission; 92 infections occurred among injection drug users.

Besides, five new cases of AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) were reported in the same quarter, bringing to 723 the total number of confirmed AIDS cases reported. — MNA/Xinhua

Macao's population nearing 470,000

MACAO, 25 May — The estimated resident population of China's Macao Special Administrative Region soared to 469,800 at the end of this March, official statistics showed on Tuesday.

The figures from the Statistics and Census Service indicated an increase of 17,000 over the same period of 2004.

There were 811 live births and 451 death cases being recorded in the first quarter of 2005, according to the statistics.

In the quarter, there were 942 legal immigrants from China's Mainland, the figures showed.

MNA/Xinhua



US soldiers use their armoured vehicles to close off the highway at the scene of a car bomb in the Dora District of southern Baghdad on 26 May, 2005.—INTERNET

Crush inhumane saboteurs with people's strength

Aung Moe San

Patron of Union Solidarity and Development Association Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe delivered an address at the opening of Myanmar and International Affairs Course No 7 of the Union Solidarity and Development Association.

In the address, the Senior General said, "Only the persons with deep and noble political concept can bring actual progress to the nation. I can firmly say that colonialist stooges worshipping narrow-minded feudalism cannot make the nation enjoy development. The aim and destination of some of the narrow-minded minions is totally against the interest of the people who are building the nation. History stands witness to the fact that Myanmar people have never had any confidence in the colonialist stooges.

"We will not let the narrow-minded gangsters get any opportunity to harm the interest of the nation and the people in safeguarding it. We will continue to march to our goal without fail, while warding off all the dangers of narrow-minded gangsters, and we will not shrink even if the task of warding them off encounters a life-threatening danger."

The Senior General's guidance is a reminder as well as a national conviction for the entire country.

Three men from Sanywa village and another one from Phayagyi village in Twantay Township, came to my house. One of them was holding a newspaper. They usually visited my house. As soon as they arrived at my house, one of them read out a news report on the bomb explosions in the capital.

"Was it mentioned who were responsible in the news?" I asked them.

"Yes, it was," they said. As far as I know, once, some narrow-minded internal insurgents worshipping racism planted mines and exploded bombs, blew up people, burnt down houses and looted public property, whenever they got an opportunity. But they never came to towns to commit atrocities at crowded places. The act of blowing up explosives in crowded places occurred together with the underground expatriate groups, and especially, it is the conspiracy of the expatriates and the insurgents. During the 1970s when the expatriates were active under various names, some explosions occurred in towns. Now the case of planting bombs to kill innocent people recurs at a time when renegade groups under various signboards are active abroad. Terrorists killing the people are the enemies of the people. I will now present the incidents to the extent of my knowledge. On 20 April, KNU terrorists attacked and looted two coaches and 12 mini-buses at mile post 33/2 on their way from Dawei to Yangon. The attack killed two police men, a teacher of Dawei University, three other passengers, and a ticket conductor. The KNPP terrorists on 22 April blew up a tower of the grid supplying power from Lawpita hydel power station in Loikaw Township to Toungoo. The explosion cut off power supply. Terrorist planted mine exploded at a place between C and D buildings of Zecho Complex in Mandalay on 26 April and killed three innocent people and injured another 15.

At a time when peace and stability is prevailing and market economy is developing in the nation,

expatriates and the accomplices from inside the country are asking some foreign nations to impose economic sanctions to make people suffer from various kinds of troubles, just to please their masters and to receive awards. Moreover, they are also conspiring to cut off all foreign humanitarian aids to Myanmar, to ban all the nation's garment exports to the world, to discourage foreign entrepreneurs making investments and to isolate the country. They are even trying to destroy the National Convention which is the first step of the seven-point Road Map the entire nation is

Myanmar has been able to exist with own history for ages thanks to the fact that the entire national people have been always united in crushing all the elements posing dangers to the nation and the people.

implementing with unity and amity. They are disturbing the work of implementing the Road Map from all angles. As they have failed to achieve their goals, the terrorists are preying on the innocent people, blowing up bombs at crowded places to kill and frighten them. In reality, they are committing a cowardly and wicked act. It is human intelligence that makes man and animal differ from each other. But inhuman persons are just like animals. Learned monks and lay persons say that all human beings should have the spirit of mankind.

Myanmar has constantly maintained good neighbourly relations with neighbours. And she will maintain such a fine tradition. In particular, she is cooperating actively with ASEAN.

Thailand is not only a good neighbour of Myanmar but also a member of the ASEAN. The two countries are strengthening bilateral friendship and cooperation and sharing same views on the international affairs. The purpose of the bomb blast at the Thailand Trade Fair in the Yangon Trade Centre in Myanmar was intentionally designed to undermine the progressing Myanmar-Thai friendship and to mislead the world nations into assuming that Myanmar lacks security.

The Government of Thailand will not allow the fugitives and armed insurgents who are destroying the interests of the peoples of Myanmar and Thailand to take a stronghold in its territory.

Without doubt, the atrocities were perpetrated by the terrorists of the destructive groups according to the machination masterminded by certain masters outside the country, and their misconception was that they can be a better position only when the friendship between Myanmar and Thailand gets sour. The terrorists' intention was nothing except to cause a tremendous hindrance to the interests of the nation and the people. The entire national people have been convinced of their wicked intentions.

Now, the international market-oriented economic system is popular in the world, and the global nations are cooperating for ensuring regional stability and development.

Therefore, in the near future the terrorists will find no places where they can take shelter. The entire national people are well convinced of the intention of the terrorist groups in disguise.

The expatriates and terrorist groups are trying to mislead the people about their despicable acts. Certain foreign broadcasting stations harmoniously aired as though the bomb blasts were committed by a certain internal force to make ignorant people feel uncertain about that. It is in accordance with a Myanmar proverb that goes a thief shouting "thief!"

The Tatmadaw has been safeguarding and defending the nation from all types of dangers at risk to life, while steadfastly upholding Our Three Main National Causes — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, and perpetuation of sovereignty. It safeguarded the people against the dangers in the 1988 unrest, in which anarchy reigned across the nation. The Tatmadaw Government has been making all-out efforts to restore peace and stability across the nation. At the same time, it has been taking measures to restore community peace and tranquillity, ensure prevalence of law and order, introduce market-oriented economy system and build up a democratic nation. The unremitting efforts of the Tatmadaw Government have resulted in national reconsolidation and peace and stability around the nation including border areas where national races reside. In a word, the nation has enjoyed unprecedented progress owing to the ability and capability of the Tatmadaw Government.

In addition, the national brethren are joining hands in the drive for transition to democracy in accord with the seven-point Road Map. The National Convention, the first step of the seven-point programme, is being held with the national race delegates from all parts of the nation, making a good headway.

It is visible to all that internal destructive groups relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views and armed insurgents are resorting to all possible ways and means to constantly disrupt the Tatmadaw Government from implementing the nation-building tasks.

Two out of the four in the discussions were merchants who would like to enhance their knowledge. And the other one was an educated person, and the last had pursued monastic education. The four young men held discussions with honest and objective views.

Myanmar has been able to exist with own history for ages thanks to the fact that the entire national people have been always united in crushing all the elements posing dangers to the nation and the people.

Now, the national goal of democracy is within the reach due to the step-by-step implementation of the Road Map by the entire national people. Thus, with the strength of the people, all are to eliminate the terrorists committing inhumane acts.

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Information, public relations services continual need ...

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Departments and Enterprises, the Deputy Director-General, the advisers, Directors and Deputy Directors and course instructors.

The minister, in his address, said that IPRD plays an imperative role in the national politics of the State. Thus, the trainees were to disseminate the national political knowledge to the public and the new generation. In addition, the functions of IPRD are the continual need for the public following the national path.

The course was opened with three objectives—to actively implement the objectives and responsibilities of IPRD and the Ministry of Information, to uplift the skill and abilities of the staff and to enhance the proficiency of the staff.

In order to achieve the objectives, the lectures on 23 sectors including the objectives and policies of the State were given on theoretically and practically. Moreover, the officers were trained to give talks, compile papers, make wall magazines and pamphlets. He urged them to utilize their abilities to be active, initiative and dynamic. They should share their knowledge with oth-

ers, he said.

The minister also urged them to strive for opening the self-reliance rural libraries in the remaining areas in 2005-2006 and honored the officers who studied the lectures during the training.

In conclusion, the minister said that he thanked the instructors of the course and asked the officers to impart knowledge to the public.

Afterwards, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presented certificates to the trainees through their leader.

He presented first prize to Daw Thida Aye, deputy head of Bhamo District IPRD, second prize to Daw Soe Soe Htun, deputy head of Myitkyina District IPRD and third prize to U Than Naing, deputy head of Phayathonsu IPRD.

The minister then gave the gift to Dr Ma Tin Win who gave lectures at the course.

After the ceremony, the minister cordially greeted the instructors and the trainees.

Fifty-seven trainees of States and Divisions including the border areas attended the course which lasted from 2 to 26 May 2005. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents first prize to Daw Thida Aye. — MNA

Reception held to mark 30th Anniversary...



Minister U Thaung shakes hands with Vietnamese Ambassador Mr Tran Van Tung. — MNA

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Bilateral relations between the Union of Myanmar and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam have been developing smoothly since the establishment of our diplomatic relations three decades ago. The leaders of our two countries have fostered a tradition of exchange of visits and I am happy to note that such exchanges play an important role in promoting the further development of the existing friendly relations between our two countries and our two peoples.

Myanmar attaches great importance to the traditional friendly relations with Vietnam and it is my belief that through our joint efforts, Myanmar-Vietnam relations will be further strengthened and consolidated. We look forward to working with Vietnam in fields such as agriculture, trade, investment, industry, tourism, economy, social and culture.

Before I conclude, I would like to thank His Excellency Ambassador Mr Tran Van Tung for holding this reception to mark the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the diplomatic relations between Myanmar and Vietnam. I am confident that the friendly relations between our two countries will grow from strength to strength in the years to come.

Next, Ambassador Mr Tran Van Tung said: May I have the privilege to extend to you my warm welcome to the celebration of 30th anniversary of the establishment of the diplomatic relations between Vietnam and Myanmar.

Vietnam and Myanmar, the two neighbouring countries and members of ASEAN have had long traditional friendship and cooperation, these relations have been tested through different times and especially cemented further after the exchanges of visits by the leaders of the two countries at the highest levels in recent years.

Over the past 30 years, the two countries have closely cooperated with each other to overcome diffi-

culties and challenges as well as to take advantage of opportunities to build and develop their respective countries with a view to narrowing the gap of economic and social development with the countries in the region. We have discussed and agreed upon wide-range cooperation from agriculture, aquaculture, afforestation to pharmaceutical production and IT cooperation. We both are committed to strengthen further the time-tested friendship and cooperation, especially to put into practice the agreements reached at the meeting held last year by the Joint Commission on Trade of the two countries so as to advance the bilateral relationship to a framework of stability, sustainability and mutual benefits in the interests of the two peoples. Being members of ASEAN, we have constantly worked for together for the cherished aspiration of the peoples in the region, namely peace, national independence and prosperity.

Commemoration of the establishment of the diplomatic relations this year is of the vivid manifestation of the good neighbourliness which has been marked by strengthening of economic and commercial exchanges between the two countries within the bilateral and regional framework. We value highly the coordination and cooperation of Myanmar with Vietnam in regional and international forums alike, and sincerely thank for its support for Vietnam to join the WTO.

We in Vietnam, just had grand commemoration of the 30th anniversary of liberation of South Vietnam throughout the country. From then on, we have advanced towards, a new era, the era of national independence, driving back poverty and backwardness, creating well-off, happy, equal, democratic and civilized life.

Today, in face of new demands for national development and evolution of sustainable integration, we step by step work for to catch up the development of the present era, thus bringing the countries forward the fast and sustainable advancement in order to achieve our objectives, namely rich people, strong country, equal-democratic-civilized society. This is they earnest aspiration of the Vietnamese people which is as equally vehement as the will we had in our past struggle for independence and reunification of the Fatherland.

The Vietnamese Government and people are resolved to go ahead with the renewal and to create a more favourable environment for bringing into full play the domestic resources and foreign inputs to record new achievements in economic, cultural and social development, both in quantity and quality. We are prepared to be a trusted partner of the international community on the basis of mutual benefits and win-win principle. In conclusion, I am delighted to see that both countries have a common ground and desire for stronger bilateral relations in the new context of globalization.

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Amara Media Office opened

YANGON, 26 May — Amara Media Office was opened this morning at No 216/222, Room No GF, Bo Myat Htun Housing Complex on Bo Myat Htun Road in Pazundaung Township.

Amara Media will provide media services such as movie and video editing, computer effects and will distribute VCDs and DVDs.

Managing Director of News and Periodicals Enterprise U Soe Win, Advisor U Tin Kha, Managing Director of the Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise U Bo Kyi, Chairman of Yangon East District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Maung Maung Shein and journalists attended the opening ceremony of the office. — MNA

Lunch hosted to Indo-Myanmar CCI Chairman, members

YANGON, 26 May — The chairman and members of Indo-Myanmar Chamber of Commerce & Industries in Mumbai in the Republic of India, were hosted lunch by the entrepreneurs of the Myanmar-India Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Yangon at Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Rajiv Kumar Bhatia and officials from the Embassy, the chairman of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and members, the chairman of Indo Myanmar CCI and members, and guests.

On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar-India CCI, CEC member Mr Rajul Goenka made an opening speech. Afterwards, Indian Ambassador Mr Rajiv Kumar Bhatia and Chairman of Indo-Myanmar CCI Mr GL Goenka extended greetings.

Next, the chairmen of Myanmar-India CCI and Indo-Myanmar CCI exchanged the gifts of honour and General Secretary U Maung Maung of Myanmar-India CCI expressed thanks.

Later, the lunch was hosted by Myanmar-India CCI. — MNA



U Maung Shwe presents gift to Mr GL Goenka.—MNA

Thirimingalar Shwechantha Mwaydaw Pagoda's Shwehtidaw hoisting ceremony held in Hopone Township

YANGON, 26 May — A ceremony to offer Seinbudaw, Hngetmyatnadaw and to hoist Shewhtidaw at Thirimingalar Shwechantha Mwaydaw Pagoda was held in Hopone, Shan State (South) on 19 May.

Present on the occasion were State Ovadacariya Theintoung Sayadaw Abhidaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Agga Maha Pandita Bhadanta Candamika and members of Sangha, Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, senior military officers,

officials at state, district and township level, social organizations, locals and guests.

The ceremony was opened with three-time recitation of *Namo Tassa*. The congregation received Nine Precepts for the Sayadaw.

Next, the commander and wellwishers offered Seinbudaw, Hngetmyatnadaw and alms to the Sayadaw and members of Sangha. The congregation shared merits gained.

Afterwards, the commander and well-wishers conveyed a decorated carriage loaded with Seinbudaw and Hngetmyat-

nadaw atop the pagoda. After that, they sprinkled scented water to Seinbudaw, Hngetmyatnadaw and Shewhtidaw and performed the rituals of silver and golden showers. After the ceremony, the commander and wellwishers offered a day's *Soon* to members of Sangha and paid homage to Parpantgu Pagoda in Parpant village, Htanphaya village tract, Hopone Township. Next, they viewed progress in building of Lawkahnanta Mingalar Thiri Ordination Hall and give necessary instructions to officials and fulfilled the requirements. — MNA

Industry-1's training courses conclude

YANGON, 26 May — On job training No 1/2005 and computer training course 1/2005 organized by Ministry of Industry-1

were concluded today at the training hall of the ministry here.

At the concluding ceremony, Minister for In-

dustry-1 U Aung Thuang awarded the outstanding trainees and presented the certificates to the course monitors. — MNA

Ministry of Construction continues coordination meeting

YANGON, 26 May — The Ministry of Construction continued for the second-day coordination meeting at the office of DHSHD on Bogyoke Aung San Street, here, this morning.

Engineers explained tasks of Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon), Twantay Bridge, Uru Bridge,

Shweli (Namhkam) Bridge, Pyapon Bridge, Panmawady Bridge (Myinkaseik), Nga O-Mabein Road, Thekkeikyin-Phaungpyin-Homalin-Hkamti Road projects.

Director-General U Soe Tint of Construction Inspection Department and Director-General U Aung Win of DHSHD

gave supplementary reports.

Deputy Ministers Brig-Gen Myint Thein and U Tint Swe reported on construction of roads and bridges, expenditure of projects and use of heavy machinery. The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun. — MNA

Indian Embassy provides wheel chairs for MWF



Mrs Kum Kum Bhatia presents the donation to Daw Than Than Nwe. — MNA

YANGON, 26 May — Indian ambassador's wife Mrs Kum Kum Bhatia and officials this morning handed over the six wheel

chairs worth US\$ 700 to President of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation - MWF Daw Than Than Nwe and officials.

MWF Vice President Daw Khin Lay Myint thanked the wellwishers for the donation.

MNA

Myanmar, India to boost bilateral trade

YANGON, 26 May — The 10-member Indian delegation led by President of Indo-Myanmar Chamber of Commerce & Industry Mr G L Goenka

on 24 May met with officials of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry-UMFCCI led by Vice-president of UMFCCI

U Aung Lwin at the head office of UMFCCI here.

At the meeting, the two sides discussed matters on boosting bilateral trade. — MNA

AHK Product Co Ltd introduces new product

YANGON, 26 May — AHK Product Co Ltd this afternoon introduced a new product namely Black Sea at the Hero Restaurant on Mindhamma Road

in Mayangon Township.

Chairman of the company U Win Aung extended greetings and Deputy General Manager of AHK Co Ltd U Kyi

Myint introduced the new product to those present.

Next, officials of the company replied to the queries raised by those present. — MNA



Chairman U Win Aung delivers a speech at the introducing of new product 'Black Sea'.

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Prevention against bank erosion in Nyaungdon inspected

YANGON, 26 May — Accompanied by Deputy Minister for Transport U Pe Than, Deputy Director-General U Soe Myint of Water Resources Utilization Department and officials, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe inspected construction of gravel embankment for prevention against bank erosion at 12th street in Nyaungdon this morning.

Deputy Director U Zaw Aung and officials of

WRUD reported on passing of water craft in the river and collection of tax.

The minister and party oversaw preventive measures against erosion on the bank of Kyeinbin Dam, dredging of sand bank and flow of water in the river.

Deputy Director-General U Soe Myint and officials briefed the minister on completion of the gravel embankment for prevention against the erosion at Bo Myat Tun

Bridge and dredging of sandbank and Chairman of Maubin District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Sein Maung, on assistance provided to the project site. Deputy Minister U Pe Than submitted reports on functions of the project. The minister instructed officials to carry out measuring the depth between piers of the bridge. Later, the minister inspected progress in taking preventive measures against bank erosion. — MNA

Pipelines put into service in Thingangyun Township



Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa inspect a water tap in Nga/Ka Ward, Thingangyun Township. — YCDC

YANGON, 26 May — CEC Members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association in charge of Yangon Division USDA Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Vice-Chairman Col Maung Pa attended the inauguration of Ngamoe-yeik and Gyobu pipelines undertaken by Thingangyun Township USDA under the supervision of Yangon Division USDA

at Thutwaingyi and (Nga/Ka Ward in Thingangyun Township, Yangon East District, this morning.

The vice-mayor, the Township USDA secretary and an official formally opened the pipelines in Thutwaingyi Ward.

The mayor unveiled the stone inscription. They inspected the supply of water for the ward through three pipelines. A similar ceremony took place at Nga/Ka Ward in

Thingangyun Township. The opening of the pipelines was held at No 28 Basic Education Primary School in Thutwaingyi Ward. The mayor delivered a speech. Officials reported on the project.

Next, CEC Member Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin accepted 5,328 membership applications from Nga/Ka Ward and the vice-mayor, 4,885 membership applications from Thutwaingyi Ward. — MNA



MMCWA President Daw Khin Khin Win accepts medicines and medical equipment worth US\$ 600 donated by Mrs Kum Kum Bhatia, Wife of the Indian Ambassador. (News on page 2) — MNA

US move to restrict Chinese textile imports really disappointing

BEIJING, 26 May — A senior World Trade Organization (WTO) official said here on Tuesday he was “really disappointed” at recent unilateral moves made by the United States to restrict the imports of Chinese textiles and clothing.

Dr. Kipkorir Rana, deputy director-general of the World Trade Organization, said he is very disappointed because this (textiles and clothing) is one area where developing countries have comparative advantage.

“And in a multilateral trading system, this is the whole essence of the system that countries with comparative advantage in a free, liberalized economy take advantage

of it,” he said in an interview with *Xinhua* on the sidelines of the ongoing China Economic Summit 2005.

“So I hope this type of action is not going to reflect the opinion of the members. But I feel, China, and countries like Pakistan and India, have comparative advantage. They should export and benefit in a way that the system can be used.

“If people have grievance, they can come to the WTO. But they should not take unilateral action.”

He said the WTO has that mechanism for members to solve trade disputes, but so far they have not used it. “Instead, they had taken unilateral action, which we tried to dis-

courage members not to take that type of action.”

“They should follow rules and multilateral trading system is very important for everybody.”

He said the world has eliminated the trade-distorting quantitative restrictions, including the usage of quotas-imposing and other means to restrict market access. “There can surely be no going back,” he said.

“We should take care not to reinvent inadvertently a system which we have spent the last 40 years trying to get rid of, in the process delivering a mortal blow to the multilateral trading system”, he told the summit being held in Beijing.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam’s electricity capacity to double in next 5 years

HANOI, 26 May — The combined capacity of all power plants in Vietnam will increase to 22,500 megawatt in 2010 from the current 11,360 megawatt, local newspaper *Labour* on Wednesday quoted the country’s biggest power producer and sole distributor as saying.

Of the 22,500 megawatt, 39.5 per cent will come from gas- and oil-fuelled power plants, 38.3 per cent from hydroelectricity, 17.5 per cent from coal-run plants, and the rest from other sources, according to the state-

owned Electricity of Vietnam (EVN).

In 2020, hydroelectricity and atomic power plants are expected to generate some 62 billion kilowatts per hour and over 27 billion kilowatts per hour, accounting for 24.8 per cent and 10.9 per cent of Vietnam’s total electricity output, respectively. Meanwhile, the country will have to import around 26 billion kilowatts per hour.

The Vietnamese Government has recently asked relevant local agencies to facilitate the purchase of electricity from

independent power projects invested by other economic sectors, and from foreign countries, since hydroelectric plants in the northern region are running below capacity due to prolonged drought, while local power demand is increasing this summer.

The EVN has recently transmitted electricity from the southern region to the northern region, intensified operation of thermal power plants, accelerated negotiations with Chinese partners to import more electricity (some 200 megawatt this year), and conducted power cuts in many areas in the northern region.

MNA/Xinhua

WB assists city to improve environmental condition

BEIJING, 26 May — The World Bank said on Wednesday its Board of Executive Directors has approved a loan of 100 million US dollars to China to finance south China’s city of Liuzhou to improve its wastewater treatment and sanitation management.

The Liuzhou Environment Management Project aims to help improve environmental conditions in the city by improving wastewater treatment, industrial pollution control, municipal sanitation and solid waste services and management, the Bank said.

“This project targets wastewater and sanitation deficiencies in Liuzhou, a city in Western China’s Guangxi Autonomous Region,” the Bank said in a statement.

Greater Liuzhou has over a thousand industrial enterprises and is Guangxi’s largest industrial centre. The city’s current population of 1.2 million is expected to reach 1.8 million by 2020, straining its already burdened water, sewer, and sanitation infrastructure.

The Bank identified protecting water quality, ensuring sanitation and managing solid waste as the major environmental challenges the Chinese city faces.

Liuzhou’s principal water source for industrial, commercial, and residential use is the Liujiang River, which is polluted because industries and the city drainage system directly discharge into it significant raw sewage and rainwater, the Bank said.

The Liuzhou Municipal Govern-

ment has taken steps to address its water pollution problem, setting targets that by 2010 at least 70 per cent and by 2020 at least 90 per cent of all urban wastewater will be adequately treated, but its existing facility can treat a mere 15 per cent of total municipal wastewater, according to the statement.

The city recently decided to establish an autonomous wastewater utility company, and is adopting comprehensive industrial wastewater pollution control policies. The government is also preparing a new Discharge Permit System that will limit industrial discharges to pre-specified volumes.

The strength of the Liuzhou Project is that Liuzhou Government is addressing the waste water pollution problems by adopting a comprehensive policy framework such as environmental regulatory reforms and industrial relocation in addition to the major investments in waste water treatment and sanitation facilities, it said.

Hiroaki Suzuki, World Bank Task Manager for the Project, said “This comprehensive approach can be considered as one of the best practices which can be replicated by other Chinese cities”.

MNA/Xinhua

Singapore’s wholesale trade sustains growth in 1st quarter of 2005

SINGAPORE, 26 May — Singapore’s domestic and foreign wholesale trade grew by 19.1 per cent and 14.1 per cent respectively in the first quarter of 2005 as compared with the same period of last year.

According to the figures released by Singapore Department of Statistics (SDS) on Tuesday, the wholesaling of petroleum and petroleum products as well as electronic components was the main booster of the growth in the do-

mestic market with increases of 40.9 per cent and 28 per cent respectively.

The domestic wholesaling of food, beverages and tobacco rose by 13.9 per cent in the first quarter of this year, reversing the contraction of 16.6 per cent in the previous quarter.

Most of the foreign wholesale activities saw higher turnover in the first quarter of 2005 over the same period a year ago,

while household equipment and furniture sector and electronic components sector registered decreases in overseas sales.

The foreign wholesaling of petroleum and petroleum products as well as chemicals and chemical products, the two major increase contributors, rose by 29.5 per cent and 26.9 per cent respectively in the first quarter of this year.

MNA/Xinhua



Director-General U Myo Myint of Development Affairs Department inspects district-to-district road construction project in Mandalay Division. (News on page 2) — PBANRD

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UNSG lauds EU decision to increase development aid

UNITED NATIONS, 26 May— UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan praised on Wednesday the European Union's agreement to substantially boost its official development assistance (ODA) over the next decade, with half of the increase going to Africa.

"The Secretary-General notes that the EU decisions are well in line with the recommendations in his report 'In Larger Freedom', and that they send a valuable message about the importance the EU attaches to the global partnership for development," a UN spokesman said in a statement released in New York.

That 50 per cent of the EU's agreed ODA increase will go to Africa "will make a real difference for millions of people on the continent, and provide a significant boost to efforts to reach the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015," the spokesman added. The statement said that all member states which

joined the EU before 2002 will reach the 0.7 per cent target for ODA as a percentage of gross national income by 2015, with an intermediate target of 0.51 per cent by 2010. Member states which joined the EU after 2002 will reach a 0.33 per cent target by 2015, with an intermediate target of 0.17 per cent by 2010. The UN chief also praised the EU's agreements on debt relief, targets for improving aid effectiveness and the Doha trade negotiations, the statement noted. In the report dubbed "In Larger Freedom", Annan called on developed countries to set a timetable for fulfilling their commitments to meet the 0.7 per cent target for ODA. — MNA/Xinhua

Another Spanish airline to launch direct flights to China

MADRID, 26 May — Another Spanish airline company announced Wednesday it will launch direct passenger flights from Madrid to China's Beijing and Shanghai as of 4 July.

The flight will leave Madrid for Beijing on Monday and return to Madrid on Wednesday. On the other route, the plane will leave Madrid on Friday, heading for Shanghai via Barcelona, Spain's second largest city. It will fly back to Madrid on Saturday, the Air Plus Comet airline company said.

Last week, Spain's Air Europa airline company launched its non-stop flights between Madrid and Beijing and Shanghai, which are the first direct flights between the two countries after China's Eastern Airlines suspended its China-Spain flight.

MNA/Xinhua

Russia to submit UN resolution on weapons ban in outer space

Moscow, 26 May— In an attempt to avert Washington's ambition of "space superiority", Russia is preparing to put forward a draft resolution to the United Nations General Assembly on measures to ensure that the outer space is free of weapons, the Russian Foreign Ministry said Wednesday.

"Moscow was particularly worried about reports of US plans to deploy strategic weapons in outer space, in particular to deploy missile defence components in circum-terrestrial orbit," Foreign Ministry spokesman Alexander Yakovenko said in an article published in the Wednesday issue of *Rossiiskaya Gazeta*.

"As a practical step ensuring the prevention of the deployment of any type of weapons in space, Russia plans to propose a draft resolution of the UN General Assembly on measures to ensure transparency and confidence

building in space activity," he said.

Yakovenko's article came after Washington said last week that it is updating its space policy, the result of which might lead to deployment of weapons in space.

White House Spokesman Scott McClellan confirmed to reporters that President George W Bush's Administration had "a draft updated national space policy that is going through the interagency review process" to ensure that its space assets are adequately protected.

Reports said the new policy would call more directly for the deployment of capabilities to ensure that space systems or services cannot be used for purposes hostile to US national interests.

Yakovenko said Russia believes the deployment of weapons in space does not meet the interests of international security and Russia's ta-

bling of a resolution "is consistent in its policy of preventing their deployment in space".

The diplomat said the outer space "is our common patrimony and its exploration and use only for peaceful purposes would serve the interests of the international community".

The United States has refrained from deploying weapons in space as a matter of policy since the Eisenhower Administration. The 1967 Outer Space Treaty signed by the United States, Britain and Russia forbids putting weapons of mass destruction in orbit or on platforms in space.

But no treaty bars the United States or any other country from putting other weapons in space, and analysts say the US Air Force has been positioning itself to assure the United States has "space superiority".

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France calls for "more inclusive political dynamics" in Iraq

PARIS, 26 May — French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier has called for "more inclusive political dynamics" in Iraq in his meeting here with UN special envoy to Iraq, Achraf Qazi.

Barnier told Qazi on Tuesday that France wants to see more inclusive political dynamics to be set up in Iraq, notably in Parliament, in conformity with the calendar set up in UN Resolution 1546, Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Cecile Pozzo di Borgo told reporters on Wednesday.

In their meeting, Barnier and Qazi also talked about the international conference on Iraq co-organized by the European Union and the United States, set to be held in Brussels on 22 June, the spokeswoman said.

The conference is aimed at affirming the international community's support to the new Iraqi authorities.

Also on Tuesday, Iraqi Vice-Prime Minister Ahmed Chalabi and radical Shiite cleric Moqtada Sadr stressed the necessity for the Sunnis to participate in Iraq's Constitution drafting.

Reports said the 55-member parliamentary commission in charge of Iraq's Constitution drafting on Tuesday named Shiite Houmam Hammoudi as its chief. The drafting is expected to be completed by mid-August.

MNA/Xinhua

WHO annual conference adopts over 20 resolutions

GENEVA, 26 May— The World Health Assembly, the supreme decision-making body of the World Health Organization (WHO), wrapped up its 58th annual conference on Wednesday with the adoption of more than 20 resolutions on key health issues.

More than 2,200 people from the WHO's 192 member states, non-governmental organizations and observers attended the 10-day meeting.

Highlights of the Assembly included the adoption of the revised International Health Regulations, which governs national and international response to disease outbreaks, the approval of the Proposed Programme Budget for

2006-2007, which includes a 4-per-cent increase in the regular budget and the establishment of World Blood Donor Day as an official annual event to be celebrated every 14 June.

Bill Gates, the co-founder of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, also addressed the Assembly on its opening day, underlining his hope for the future, which he said rests on the "astounding miracles" of science and technology.

Ann Veneman, executive director of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), stressed the importance of child survival in a world where almost 11 million children die before their fifth birthday.

The Assembly re-

viewed progress made so far in polio eradication and identified what needs to be done to interrupt the final chains of wild-type polio virus transmission worldwide by the end of this year.

It also noted the progress made in scaling-up treatment and care within a coordinated and comprehensive response to HIV/AIDS and discussed smallpox vaccine reserves and research on the smallpox virus. More than 20 resolutions were adopted on key global public health issues, including influenza pandemic preparedness, malaria, tuberculosis, immunization, cancer prevention and control, health of women, newborns and children.

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Jim Patrick, the chief scientist of the Australian hearing implant technology company Cochlear, displays the new Nucleus Freedom bionic ear on a polymer model —(INTERNET)

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**Three missing
after training
plane crashes
in northern
Philippines**

MANILA, 25 May —
Three Philippine Air
Force personnel were
missing while one was
rescued after a *Cessna*
plane crashed five min-
utes after take-off at
Loakan Airport Tuesday
morning, the local radio
station DZMM reported.

Initial reports said the
airplane crashed into a
ravine beside a trail
several kilometres from
Loakan Airport in Baguio
City, 250 kilometres north
of Manila.

Authorities said they
have launched search and
rescue operations for the
plane's pilot and two stu-
dent pilots, while a pas-
senger of the plane was
rushed to hospital.

The Air Force uses
Cessna planes as training
aircraft.

Tuesday's air accident
came one day after a
Cessna plane made an
emergency landing in
Tanauan City in Batangas
50 kilometres south of
Manila, in which the pas-
sengers of the plane —
two Americans and a Fili-
pino woman — were not
hurt.

The aircraft was on its
way to Manila from the
beach resort island of
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**37 foreign insurance companies
enter Chinese market**

BEIJING, 25 May —
Thirty-seven foreign in-
surance companies have
began operations in China
and three more are pre-
paring to open businesses,
said Wu Dingfu, chairman
of China Insurance Regu-
latory Commission (CIRC).

China's insurance
market is now opening up
to the outside, said Wu at
an international forum on
insurance held on Mon-
day. He said 27 of the 46
insurance companies
listed in top 500 compa-
nies by Fortune in 2003
have set up their agencies
in China.

China has 69 insur-
ance companies and more
than half are foreign-in-
vested, Wu said. Due to
some reason, however,
foreign insurance compa-
nies only account for about
3 per cent of China's in-

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**Expo provides business
opportunities for
China's returned
students**

BEIJING, 25 May —
Nearly 50,000 returned
overseas students live in
Beijing and the number is
growing by 20 per cent
every year, said Zhao Jiaqi,
head of the Organization
Department of Beijing
Municipality on Monday.

At the opening cere-
mony of the Eighth China
Beijing International High-
tech Expo, Zhao said the
returned overseas students
have become an important
force in the capital's eco-
nomic development.

More than 200 re-
turned students attended
the expo, bringing about
250 projects to negotiate
with the Chinese compa-
nies in the fields of new
materials, communica-
tion, auto-making, bio-
medicine and information
technology. The official
extended his welcome to
the returned students and
said the expo is a platform
for the students to start
their career or expand their
business in China. It will
help them attract more to
work in the new and high-
tech companies in Beijing.

MNA/Xinhua

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Rare twin embryos found inside baby boy

CHANGSHA, 25 May — Chinese doctors took out twin parasitic embryos from the abdomen of a baby boy Tuesday, a case that is rare in medical practices.

The nine-month-old baby, born in central China's Hunan Province, has been suffering from swollen abdomen.

Doctors in Changsha, capital of Hunan, examined the boy two days ago and took out two egg-sized embryos from his body after two hours of operation.

Liu Chaoyang, chief doctor of the operation in Hunan Provincial Children's Hospital, said the most likely cause is that the baby's mother had been pregnant with triplets but had inadequate nutrition.

The boy is still in a coma and his life is in a critical condition, said Dr. Liu, adding that the rate of twin parasitic embryos is millionth.

MNA/Xinhua



Chinese girls look at fighter jet models at the China and Foreign Defence Exhibition held in the Children's Science and Technology Museum in Taiyuan, north China's Shanxi Province on 24 May, 2005.— INTERNET

NZ amateur astronomers help find distant planet

WELLINGTON, 25 May — Two amateur New Zealand astronomers have played a central role in the discovery of one of the most distant planets ever found, local media NZPA said Wednesday.

Astronomer Grant Christie in Auckland, and a colleague Jennie McCormick, who built an observatory at her home, used telescopes at which plenty of serious space scientists would scoff.

The Aucklanders spent six hours over five nights in April, proving the existence of "OGLE-2005-BLG-071".

The planet was discovered by looking for the effect of its gravitational field on light from

a more distant star, called "microlensing".

During a microlensing event, when the "lensing" star and the star providing the light source are in alignment, the source star's light is magnified about 100 times.

The planet discovery team was made up of 33 astronomers around the world, including a Polish team based in Chile named the Optical Gravitational Lensing Experiment, or OGLE, and Ohio State University's Professor Andrew Gould, and is being hailed as a breakthrough for the microlensing technique.

The new planet, about 1000 times the mass of Earth, will be investigated over the next few weeks by the giant orbiting Hubble telescope, said NZPA.

Since 1995 about 150 planets outside the solar system have been discovered.

MNA/PTI

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese volunteers to clean up Mt Everest area

BEIJING, 25 May — Buoyed by the success of a Chinese expedition to conquer Mt Everest, a team of nearly 100 Chinese climbers and environment protection volunteers on Monday left Lhasa on a mission to clean up the world's highest peak at an altitude of 5,120 to 8,000 metres.

The team is scheduled to clean up garbage on May 29 and will send the trash to the Tibetan capital, Lhasa on June 5 — the World Environment Day — for pollution-free disposal by the local government, an official with the Sports Bureau in Tibet Autonomous Region said.

The bureau has co-sponsored the expedition, known as the "2005 Great Environmental Action at the Third Polar of the Earth", with a Beijing-based sports and culture company, Xinhua news agency reported from the remote Himalayan region of Lhasa.

The action is designed to last for five years between 2004 and 2008 and includes a massive clean-up of Mt. Everest

every year. Last summer, Tibetan mountaineers and 24 volunteers finished the first stage of the project, which removed eight tons of trash left between 5,120 to 6,500 metres above sea level.

Experts say about 600 tons of waste had been strewn across the world's highest mountain by climbers and sightseers since 1921, mostly on its northern pass, or the Chinese part of the Mountain that also borders Nepal.

The clean-up comes as a 24-member expedition of Chinese scientists and surveyors conquered Mt. Everest on Tuesday as part of their effort to remeasure the height of peak and track the expansion and retreat of its glaciers.— MNA/PTI



A doctor (L) gives an infant a polio vaccine in Jakarta on 25 May, 2005. Six more children have been confirmed with polio in Indonesia, the UN health agency said, bringing to 14 the number hit by the crippling disease.—INTERNET

FAO says war is leading cause of world hunger

HOUSTON, 25 May — War is the leading cause of world hunger, closely followed by HIV/AIDS and climatic changes, a UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) report said.

More than 35 per cent of food emergencies between 1992 and 2003 were due to conflict and economic problems, compared to around 15 per cent from 1986 to 1991, the FAO said in a report presented at a food security meeting Monday.

The report calls for special attention in coping with "key shocks" to food security arising from conflicts, natural disasters, HIV/AIDS — which has decimated the agricultural workforce in many Afri-

can countries — as well as plant and animal pests and diseases.

The report also draws attention to the threat to food security posed by global warming and climate change — which causes flooding and desertification.

"In the long run, all countries are likely to be affected by climate changes as a result of the global warming phenomenon," it states.

"The proportion of food emergencies that can

be considered human-made has increased over time," the report said, warning that the goal of halving the world's hungry by 2015 is almost certain to be missed by a wide margin if current trends continue.

The overall world food security situation changed little compared with last year, and the number and scale of conflict-related food security emergencies is increasing, the report finds.

MNA/PTI

Ex-YUKOS head ruled of misappropriating revenues

Moscow, 25 May — Moscow's Meschansky court has ruled former Russian oil tycoon Mikhail Khodorkovsky guilty of having misappropriated revenues from the sale of apatite concentrate, the ITAR-TASS news agency reported Monday.

According to the prosecutors, Khodorkovsky

and his business partner Platon Lebedev, who were actually running the Apatite Company between 2000 and 2003, sold the company's products at reduced prices to foreign firms controlled by them. After that, the products were re-sold on the world market at prices twice of the originals.—MNA/Xinhua

Coal shortage in China to hit 330 million tons by 2010

BEIJING, 25 May — Experts estimate that China will consume 2.2 billion tons of coal by 2010, causing a shortage of 330 million tons, Wang Xianzheng, vice director of the State Administration of Work Safety, said Tuesday at an annual exposition.

"The present size and scale of China's coal industry are far from being able to meet the country's future market demand. Insufficient supply will continue to be a major problem," Wang said.

Wang addressed a high-profile forum on China's energy strategy at the ongoing Eighth China Beijing and International High-tech Exposition,

which opened Monday.

He said China's current coal production capacity, with all types of coal mines included, is about 1.67 billion tons. Of the total, only 1.2 billion tons were produced by mines up to the country's safety production standards. By 2010, China's coal output may reach 1.87 billion tons, he said.— MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Yokohama downs Makassar in Asian Champions League

TOKYO, 26 May—Brazil's Dutra, Yoshiharu Ueno and Daisuke Oku all scored late goals as Japan's Yokohama Marinos defeated Indonesian PSM Makassar 3-0 in the Asian Champions League at home on Wednesday.

Dutra scored in the 75th minute. Ueno doubled the lead four minutes later before Oku scored the third in the 84th minute.

J-League champion Yokohama, which had lost its chances of advancing to the next round, was playing for little more than pride in its final Group F match. China's Shandong Luneng leads the Group F standings and has already booked a place in the final eight.

MNA/Xinhua

Top seeds progress at Roland Garros, Henman out

PARIS, 26 May—World number ones Roger Federer and Lindsay Davenport both booked third round tickets Wednesday at the French Open tennis Grand Slam event where seventh seed Tim Henman crashed out following last year's last four finish.

Hot favourite Rafael Nadal also advanced while defending champion Gaston Gaudio received walkover in his second round as Russian Dmitry Tursunov pulled out due to left knee pains.

Four-time Grand Slam winner Federer pushed aside Spanish Nicolas Pietrangeli, ranked 76th in the world, 6-3, 7-6 (7-0), 6-2 in one hour 47 minutes.

Federer, in his seventh consecutive appearance here, had to spend some time adapting himself to the faster court of Suzanne-Lenglen, the second biggest court of Roland Garros, making 12 of 27 unforced errors in the first set.

"It was quite different today than my previous match, first of all, the opponent, but then also the conditions," said 23-year-old Federer, who posted his opening round victory over qualifier Dudi Sela 6-1, 6-4, 6-0 in Philippe-Chatrier stadium on Monday.

"I thought it was much quicker. I had to kind of getting used to that. I don't think I played a bad game, but definitely I didn't play

a great game," he said.

American Davenport was met with unexpected stiff challenges from Chinese teenager Peng Shuai before the 28-year-old eventually got past 3-6, 7-6 (7-4), 6-0.

Davenport, with 47 WTA singles titles in hand, was cornered when trailing 5-4 in the second set and Peng, yet to win a single title, held a match point in the 10th game.

But Peng hit the ball too wide to keep Davenport in competition before the world number one made a strong comeback and sealed the victory in 97 minutes.

"I am so inexperienced compared with veteran players like Lindsay and I learn a lesson from each of my defeat," said Peng, 19.

"I lost control of my game in the third set because I didn't know how to deal with all these changes. I think I still have a lot to learn," she said.

Davenport, however, heaped praises for the youngster.

"I think she hit the ball very well. I have never been a huge lover of two hands on both sides. I think

that really kind of is a little bit of a disadvantage on the forehand. But she hits the ball well," said Davenport.

"You know the first step in tennis is to be able to hit winners and step in the court, and she's able to do that. So I'm sure she'll get better as she gets older," she added.

Nadal extended his winning streak to 19 matches when the 19-year-old Spanish sensation dismantled Belgian Xavier Malisse 6-2, 6-2, 6-4.

Now Nadal's winning streak is the second-longest of the year, behind Federer's 25 assembled between February and April.

Briton Henman, last year's semifinalist here, put a premature end to his 10th consecutive trip here as Peru's Luis Horna registered a 7-5, 6-7 (2-7), 6-3, 6-4 win.

In women's competition, fourth-seeded Russian Elena Dementieva overcame Croatia's Sanda Mamic 7-6 (9-7), 6-2 while former world number one Kim Clijsters also booked victory.

MNA/Xinhua

Olympiakos Piraeus wins Greek soccer championship

ATHENS, 26 May—Olympiakos Piraeus won the Greek soccer championship after beating Iraklis Thessaloniki 1-0 away in the last game of the season played on Wednesday night.

Last year's champion Panathinaikos Athens beat OFI Iraklio 2-1 away to take second place, while AEK Athens came third after beating Apollon Thessaloniki 3-0 at the Athens Olympic stadium.

Olympiakos Piraeus will play directly in a European Champions League group next season, while Panathinaikos Athens will play in the third preliminary round. AEK

Athens, Xanthi, PAOK Thessaloniki and Aris Thessaloniki, as the Greek Cup finalist, will play in next year's UEFA Cup.

Final standings after 30 games played: Olympiakos Piraeus 65 points, Panathinaikos Athens 64, AEK Athens 62, Xanthi 50, PAOK Thessaloniki 46, Egaleo Athens 45, Iraklis Thessaloniki 41, Halkidona Piraeus 38, Kallithea Athens 37,

Ionikos Piraeus 36, Panionios Athens 35, Apollon Thessaloniki 33, OFI Iraklio 32, Aris Thessaloniki 25, Ergotelis Iraklio 20 and Kerkyra 17.

Aris Thessaloniki, Ergotelis Iraklio and Kerkyra were relegated to the Second Division. They will be replaced by Larissa, Levadiakos Livadia and Akkratitos Athens who were promoted to the First Division.—MNA/Xinhua



Liverpool's captain Steven Gerrard holds the trophy surrounded by teammates at the end of the UEFA Champions League football final AC Milan vs Liverpool at the Ataturk Stadium in Istanbul. Liverpool were crowned European champions for the first time in 21 years after beating AC Milan 3-2 on penalties in a dramatic final at the Ataturk Olympic Stadium. — INTERNET

China beats Bulgaria for second straight win

BEILUN (Southeast China), 26 May—Olympic and World Cup double winner China came from behind to beat Bulgaria 3-1 here on Wednesday for its second straight win at the Shenzhou Cup China International Women's Volleyball Tournament.

The Chinese women, 3-0 winners over the Netherlands on Tuesday, started well before more than 8,000 home fans as they built a 16-12 lead in the first set. However, Bulgaria improved its blocking against Chu Jinling and used a 10-4 run to go up 22-20.

China pulled within 23-22, but a kill by Denitsa Karaulanova and a spiking error of Yang Hao gave Bulgaria the first set 25-22.

Easily taking the second set 25-19, the Chinese women met serious challenge in the third. After the two sides fought to a 25-25 tie, Chu Jinling smashed a ball home and drove another out of bounds to make it two sets

to one.

In the fourth set, the Chinese continued the winning momentum as they took the set 25-16 and closed the match in one hour and 38 minutes.

"Bulgaria played very well today and their offence was much quicker than before," said Chinese head coach Chen Zhonghe. "They also had very good receiving today, which allowed them to play efficient offence."

"We had ups and downs in the match," Chen added. "We failed to display our advantage in serving and receiving, but I am happy with the young players' performance."

Wang Yimei, 17, came from the bench to convert 14 of her 25 kills

and led China with 15 points.

"Young players did a good job, especially our new spiker Wang Yimei," said Olympic gold medalist Zhou Suhong. "As an 'old' player, I was encouraged by their performance."

Eva Yoaneva led Bulgaria with 16 points.

"I am happy with the way we played today," said Bulgaria head coach Miroslav Zhivkov. "It is satisfactory to win one set against China, which is the best team in the world."

China led Group A with two wins, followed by Bulgaria and Poland with one win and one loss. The Netherlands was at the bottom of the group with two defeats.—MNA/Xinhua



Jerry Rice, seen here in 2004, the National Football League's all-time leading receiver, has agreed to terms with the Denver Broncos in a deal to extend his career for at least one more season. — INTERNET

မိုးဦးကျွန်းနှင့် မိုးရာသီတွင် ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်သော ရောဂါများအတွက် နှိုးဆော်ချက်

- ၁။ မိုးဦးကျွန်းတွင် အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ ကူးစက်တတ်သော ရောဂါများ ပုံမှန်ဖြစ်ပွားလာနိုင်ပါသည်။
(က) ဝမ်းပျက်ဝမ်းလျှော့နှင့် ကာလဝမ်းရောဂါများ အပါအဝင် ဝမ်းနှင့် ပတ်သက်သည့် ရောဂါများ၊ အသည်းရောင် အသားဝါရောဂါနှင့် သံကောင်း၊ တုပ်ကောင်ရောဂါများ
(ခ) သွေးလွန်တုပ်ကျွန်းနှင့် ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါ
(ဂ) တုပ်ကျွန်း၊ နှာဆေးရောင်ဆိုးနှင့် အဆုတ်အဆေးရောဂါ
၂။ ဖြစ်ပွားရသည့် အကြောင်းရင်းမှာ
(က) မိုးဦးကျွန်းပြင်ပရှိ လှိုင်လှိုင်ပေါလာသည့် အချို့တော် ပါသော သရက်သီး၊ ပဲနံ့သီး၊ ဖရဲသီး၊ ကြက်မောက်သီး၊ မင်းဂွတ်သီး စသည် သစ်သီးဝလံများ၏ အခွံ၊ အစေ့ စသည်များကို စည်းကမ်းမဲ့ မဆင်မခြင် စွန့်ပစ် ဖြစ်ကြောင်း ယင်ပေါက်ပွား၍ ယင်ပေါများခြင်း။
(ခ) ရာသီစာအမှည့်လွန်အသီးများကို စားသုံးခြင်း။
(ဂ) မိုးရွာပြီး ရေတင်း၊ ရေပဲသဖြင့် ရေအိုင်၊ ရေဖျော်စိုက်ရုံစွဲ၍ ရေဖြောင့်ပိုက်ဖြင့် နှင့် ချိုနွယ်ပိုက်ပေါင်း ထူထပ်၍ ဖြစ်ပေါက်ပွားခြင်း။
(ဃ) ရာသီဥတု အပြောင်းအလဲဖြစ်၍ အပူရှိန်ခြင်း၊ အအေး ပတ်ခြင်း။
(င) ပတ်ဝန်းကျင် သန့်ရှင်းမှုနှင့် တစ်ကိုယ်ရည် သန့်ရှင်းမှု နည်းပါးခြင်း။
(စ) ကျန်းမာရေးနှင့် ညီညွတ်သည့် အသိပညာနှင့် အလေ့အကျင့် အားနည်းခြင်း။
၃။ အောက်ဖော်ပြပါတို့ကို လိုက်နာကျင့်သုံးခြင်းဖြင့် ဖော်ပြပါ ရောဂါများ ကူးစက်ပျံ့နှံ့ခြင်းမှ ကာကွယ် တားဆီးနိုင်မည်ဖြစ်ကြောင်း တိုက်တွန်း နှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။
(က) အမှည့်လွန်အသီးများကို စားသုံးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
(ခ) ယင်နားစာများကို မဆင်မခြင် စားသုံးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
(ဂ) စားကြင်းစားကျန် အမှိုက်သစ်များနှင့် အညစ်အကြေးများကို စည်းကမ်းမဲ့ စွန့်ပစ်ခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
(ဃ) မိမိတို့ မိသားစုအတွင်း ကျန်းမာရေး အသိပညာဖြန့်ဝေပါ။ လိုက်နာကျင့်သုံးပါ။
(င) တစ်ကိုယ်ရည်သန့်ရှင်းရေးကို ဂရုပြုလိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
(စ) ရေကိုချိုချို၍ သောက်ပါ။
(ဆ) လတ်ဆတ်သန့်ရှင်းသည့် အသီးအနှံနှင့် အစားအစာများကို ပူပူနွေးနွေး ချက်ပြုတ်စားသုံးပါ။
(ဇ) ရာသီဥတု၊ အပူအအေး အပြောင်းအလဲကို သတိရှိပါ။
(ဈ) ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်သန့်ရှင်းရေးလုပ်ငန်းနှင့် မြင်း၊ ယင် နှစ်နင်းရေး လုပ်ငန်းများကို အမျိုးသားရေး အမြင်ဖြင့် စိုင်းစိုင်း စုပေါင်း ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
(ည) ရောဂါတစ်မျိုးမျိုး ဖြစ်ပွားပျံ့နှံ့လာပါက ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနသို့ အမြန်ဆုံး သတင်းပို့ပါ။
(ဋ) လိုအပ်ပါက မိုးရာသီပေးစနစ်၊ ဆေးရုံများသို့ အချိန်မီ သွားရောက်ပြသ စစ်ဆေးကုသမှု မယူပါ။
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UN releases new global immunization strategy

GENEVA, 26 May — The World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) released a new global immunization strategy on Wednesday to fight vaccine-preventable diseases, which kill over 2 million people a year, two-thirds of whom are young children.

The Global Immunization Vision and Strategy (GIVS) "will enable us to rise to the serious challenges we foresee in the immunization field in the next decade," WHO Director-General Lee Jong-wook told reporters here. "More people, from infants to seniors, must be protected from more diseases. We will take immunization to new heights, building on solid achievements of the past, and will bring good health to many more," the WHO chief added.

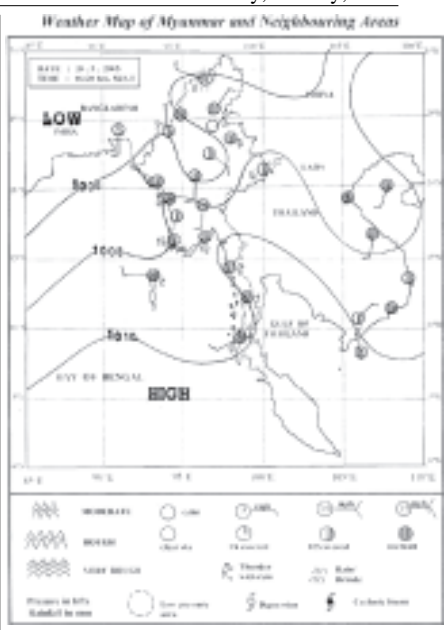
GIVS has three main aims: to immunize more people against more diseases, to introduce a range of newly available vaccines and technologies, and to provide a number of critical health interventions with immunization. GIVS covers the period 2006-2015 and offers a set of strategies from which countries can select and implement those most suited to their specific needs.

According to the WHO, vaccination has

been one of the most successful and cost-effective public health interventions in history. It has eradicated smallpox, lowered the global incidence of polio by 99 per cent since 1988, and achieved dramatic reductions in illness and deaths from diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough and measles.

However, immunization is far from universal in many countries, and some countries are slipping back from previously established vaccination coverage levels. In 2003, some 27 million infants and 40 million pregnant women worldwide remained unprotected from vaccine-preventable diseases.

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WEATHER

Thursday, 26 May, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Shan, Kayin, Mon States and Taninthayi Division, scattered in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Mawlamyine (2.72) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (1.14) inches, Pakokku (1.10) inches and Gwa (0.91) inch. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Shan, Kayah and Mon States, Mandalay, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above normal in Sagaing and Magway Divisions, (7°C) above normal in Ayeyawady Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Monywa, Myingyan, Minbu and Magway (42°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 25-5-2005 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 26-5-2005 was 70°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 26-5-2005 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 25-5-2005 was (0.8) hour approx. Rainfalls on 26-5-2005 were (1.14 inches) at Yangon Airport, (0.48 inch) at Kaba-Aye and (0.19 inch) at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (6.18 inches) at Yangon Airport, (6.10 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (3.54 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from Southwest at (16:30) hours MST on 25-5-2005.

Bay inference: Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and South Bay, weather is partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 27-5-2005: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin, Mon States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Shan, Chin, Rakhine and Kayin States, Yangon, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of southwest monsoon advance into the Deltaic areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 27-5-2005: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 27-5-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Friday, 27 May Tune in today:

- 8.30 am Brief news
8.35 am Music: Whatever it takes
8.40 am Perspectives
8.45 am Music: Got the feeling
8.50 am National news/Slogan
9.00 am Music: We are young
9.05 am International news
9.10 am Music: Cross roads
1.30 pm News/Slogan
1.40 pm Lunch time music
-It's all coming back to me now
-Back in your arms
-Too many lovers
9.00 pm World of music Songs from: -Philippines
9.15 pm Article/Music
9.25 pm Music at your request
-I can't tell you why
-You're still the one
-When I look into your eyes
9.45 pm News/Slogan
10.00 pm PEL



Friday, 27 May View on today:

- 7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Oattamathara
7:15 am 2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဇာတိ၊ ဓိတ၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသီရိဗ္ဗာတိဝံသ (ဓယဝဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူ အပီသော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တီပါဠိတော်
7:25 am 3. To be healthy exercise
7:30 am 4. Morning news
7:40 am 5. Nice and sweet songs
7:50 am 6. မိုးရာသီလက်ကစားနည်း
8:00 am 7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
8:10 am 8. The mirror images of

- the musical oldies
8:20 am 9. ဂဗန်းရေလှောင်တံခံ
8:30 am 10. International news
8:45 am 11. English for Everyday Use
4:00 pm 1. Martial song
4:15 pm 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
4:30 pm 3. Practice in Reading
4:45 pm 4. Musical programme
5:00 pm 5. အစားအသွေးထူထပ်လာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)
5:15 pm 6. Song of national races
5:25 pm 7. နည်းစနစ်စုံစုံနီအားကစား အပြိုင်
5:35 pm 8. "သစ်ကောင်းတစ်ပင်" (နမိနီ၊ ဩဇာသွင်းကျော်မျိုးဟိန်၊ မိုးယုထက်၊ ရန်ပိုင်ဦး၊ မောင်ဂဠုန်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ - မိုးထက်လှ (သစ်တော))
5:50 pm 9. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
6:00 pm 10. Musical programme
6:10 pm 11. Discovery
6:15 pm 12. မူဟန်သွယ်သွယ်ဆိုကြပေ
6:30 pm 13. Evening news
7:00 pm 14. Weather report
7:05 pm 15. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းခွဲ "ရန်ပိုင်ဦး" (အပိုင်း-၃၄)
7:35 pm 16. Song of yesteryears
8:00 pm 17. News
18. International news
19. Weather report
20. Myanmar movie: "အချစ်ကို မွေးဖွားခြင်း" (အပိုင်း-၂) (ရန်အောင်၊ လှမင်း၊ ထွန်းအိန္ဒြာစို၊ မိုးမြတ်နုစွာ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်တင်ဦး)
21. The next day's programme

General Administration Department holds coord meeting

YANGON, 26 May—Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo delivered an address at the coordination meeting of General Administration Department at its office this morning.

In his address, the minister said that the meeting was to review implementation of the resolutions laid down by the previous meeting in order to take remedial measures over the weak points.

State and Division Commissioners are to carry out tasks in their respective regions in accord with the rules and regula-



Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo addresses the work coordination meeting for 2005 of General Administration Department. — MNA

tions. Emphasis is to be placed on sector-wise development of the region, making inspection tours to grassroots level and practising thrifty and minimizing loss and wastage. Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Phone Swe gave necessary instructions. Next, the commissioners reported on their sectors. The coordination meeting continues up to 28 May.— MNA

Information, public relations services continual need for public following national path Work Efficiency Course (Officer) No 2/2005 of IPRD concludes



Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan makes a speech at the concluding ceremony of Work Efficiency Course (Officer) No 2/2005 of IPRD. — MNA

YANGON, 26 May — A ceremony to conclude the Work Efficiency Course (Officer) No 2/2005 of Information and Public Relations Department was held at IPRD Head Office here this morning. It was attended by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, the Directors-General and the Managing Directors of (See page 8)

Forestry Ministry reviews work

YANGON, 26 May—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspected Kan-3 raft jetty of the Myanmar Timber Enterprise in Ahlon Township this morning.

Managing Director U Win Tun and officials reported on sorting of logs for export.

He also inspected Aungzeya, Bayintnaung, and Setsan (Pazundaung) raft jetty, and gave instructions on sorting of logs and timely completion of work.

Next, he addressed the work coordination meeting of the Ministry of Forestry at the head office of the Forest Department in Gyogon, Insein Township.

In his address, the minister elaborated on establishment of tree plantations across the nation, conservation of plantations in watershed areas, implementation of arid zone greening project, tasks to wipe out illegal timber extraction, speedy implementation of Bago Yoma Mountain Range Greening Project, development of wood-based industries, enforcement of rules for establishment of private teak plantations, efficient use of fuel and budget, practice of the carrot and stick system, security measures,

and work for meeting targets of earning foreign currency.

Also present at the meeting were directors-general

and managing directors of departments and enterprises under the ministry, directors from states and divisions, and general managers. — MNA



Forestry Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung delivers an address at the work coordination meeting of the ministry for 2005. — FORESTRY