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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Messages of felicitations exchanged between Heads of State on the occasion of the 30th Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between the Union of Myanmar and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

YANGON, 28 May— The following is the message from His Excellency Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar to His Excellency Mr. Tran Duc Luong, President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Excellency,

On the auspicious occasion of the 30th Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between the Union of Myanmar and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, I have great pleasure in extending to Your Excellency, and through you to the people of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes.

The Union of Myanmar and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam have maintained friendly relations since we established diplomatic relations in 1975. The bonds of friendship and cooperation between our two countries have flourished in the past three decades.

In this new millennium there are many challenges that both our countries face. It is our sincere desire to work with your country bilaterally as well as multilaterally with mutual understanding and cooperation, to overcome them.

May I take this opportunity to convey to you my personal best wishes for Your Excellency's good health and success and for the progress and prosperity of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.—MNA

YANGON, 28 May— The following is the message from His Excellency Mr. Tran Duc Luong, President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to His Excellency Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar.

Excellency,

On the auspicious occasion of 30th Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the Union of Myanmar (28/5/1975-28/5/2005), on behalf of the State and the people of Vietnam and in my own name, I have the great honour to convey to Your Excellency the warmest congratulations.

I am much delighted to see that during the past 30 years the traditional and multifaceted cooperation between our two countries have continuously been consolidated and developed, in all bilateral, regional and international frameworks.

I am fully confident that in time to come, these excellent relations will be further promoted, in the interests of the two peoples and for the sake of peace, stability, cooperation and prosperity in Southeast Asia and the world over.

May Your Excellency ever stay in the best of health. Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.—MNA

Commander meets with trainees bound for UDNR

YANGON, 27 May — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe gave instructions to trainees from Yangon Division attending University for Development of National Races and those who will attend No 40 course of UDNR at the meeting hall of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council on Bank Street in Kyauktada Township this morning.

Also present on the occasion were No 4 Military Region Commander Col Hla Aye, authorities, departmental officials, trainees and guests.

In his address, the commander said that in building a peaceful, modern and developed nation, qualified teachers are required to nurture their pupils to become outstanding students in accordance with

the first social objective — Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation — and the fourth — Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation. With the aim of turning out qualified teachers, trainees of Yangon Division are sent

to UDNR every year.

While attending the university, the trainees are to observe disciplines of the university and to try hard to become outstanding trainees not only in education but also in overall subjects.

Yangon Division

PDC has set up a trust fund worth K 2.8 million for providing cash assistance to the trainees. In learning education at the university, the trainees are to live together in amity with their counterparts from States and Divisions for realizing the Union Spirit. Further-

more, the trainees are to exchange knowledge of traditions and culture among them. In conclusion, the commander urged the trainees to pursue education to become outstanding teachers on whom the State can rely. Next, the commander presented K

10,000 each to the trainees. On behalf of the trainees, trainee Ma Khin Moe Kyaing of one-year BEd course No 20 accepted the cash assistance.

Later, trainee Ma Sabei Hlaing of four-year BEd Course No 38 expressed thanks. — MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe meeting with the trainees of UDNR. — YANGON COMMAND

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

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 28 May, 2005

Actively participate in national defence and development tasks

The State Peace and Development Council, upholding Our Three Main National Causes—Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity and Perpetuation of sovereignty— has been making all-out efforts for enhancing socio-economic life of the people. The Myanmar War Veterans Organization is also participating with might and main in the process.

Placing emphasis on serving the interests of the State and the people, the MWVO is actively participating in the national defence and development tasks as a reserve force of the Tatmadaw as well as in the nation-building endeavours.

Since its formation on 22 December 1972, the MWVO was reorganized two times on 26 September 1973 and on 18 August 1989. The State Peace and Development Council reorganized the MWVO on 21 October 1998 for enabling the latter to stand tall among other organizations, to participate in the national political activities with might and main and to stand as a reserve force of the Tatmadaw.

The MWVO has been enthusiastically taking part in the national political activities, and it is now holding the war veterans organization preliminary conferences for 2005 in the states and divisions.

At the conferences, those present dealt with national political sector, national defence and security sectors, economic, social and public welfare sectors and sought the approval.

The MWVO members have already been imbued with defence capability, organization capability, management capability, nationalistic spirit, Union Spirit, sacrificing spirit, and esprit de corps.

Relentless efforts are to be made for the MWVO to win more public trust and love and to be exemplary for new generations, while striving for further flourishing of the fine traditions among its members.

All in all, we believe that the MWVO, a reserve force of the Tatmadaw, will lend itself to the national development tasks, while preserving fine traditions.

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

Preliminary Conference 2005 of Rakhine State War Veterans Organization held



Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Tin Hlaing gives a speech at the Preliminary Conference 2005 of Rakhine State War Veterans Organization.—MNA

YANGON, 27 May — The Preliminary Conference 2005 of Rakhine State War Veterans Organization was held at U Ottama Hall in Sittway yesterday morning.

The conference was attended by Patron of Rakhine State War Veterans Organization Deputy Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Tin Hlaing, Member of the Myanmar War Veterans Organization Central Organizing Committee Director-General Lt-Col Chit Naing (Retd) of Information and Public Relations Department of the Ministry of Information, senior military officers, Rakhine State level departmental officials, Chairman of Rakhine State War Veterans Organization Supervisory Committee Secretary of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Khin Maung Than and members of the state/district supervisory committees for War Veterans Organizations, chairmen and members of 17 township War Veterans Organizations and social organizations.

Captain Myint Thein (Retd) of Myanma Livestock and Fisheries Development Bank Ltd acted as master of ceremonies and Sergeant Clerk Soe Myint Aung (Retd) of Rakhine State General Administration Department as co-master of ceremonies.

The master of ceremonies announced the commencement of the conference with the attendance of cent per cent representatives.

Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Tin Hlaing delivered an address. Next, the cash donation ceremony followed. Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Tin Hlaing presented K 2.5 million donated by Western Command to Rakhine State War Veterans Organization Supervisory Committee through Chairman of the Supervisory Committee Lt-Col Khin Maung Than.

On behalf of the Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council, Police Col Win Kyi presented K 2.5 million donated by Rakhine State Peace

and Development Council to Lt-Col Khin Maung Than.

The second session of the preliminary conference was held at 8.30 am. Chairman of the Supervisory Committee Lt-Col Khin Maung Than presided over the conference together with members of the panel of chairmen members of the supervisory committee Major Ohn Thwin (Retd) and Captain Ohn Lwin (Retd), Chairman of Maungtau Township War Veterans Organizing Committee Captain Ba Myint (Retd) and Chairman of Sittway Township War Veterans Organizing Committee Captain Mya Soe (Retd).

The conference chairman gave a speech. Next, Chairman of Taungup Township War Veterans Organizing Committee Major Thein Soe Naing (Retd), Kyaukpyu Township War Veterans Organizing Committee Captain Maung Myint (Retd) and Buthidaung Township War Veterans Organizing Committee Captain Zayyar (Retd) submitted the report to the conference.

With regard to the report, Kyauktaw Township WVOC Chairman Captain Ye Htwe (Retd) discussed the national political sector, member of Sittway Township WVOC Captain Sithu Min (Retd) the State security and defence sector, member of Rakhine State WVOSC Captain Soe Moe Aung (Retd) the economic sector, member of Rakhine State WVOSC Captain Soe Thu (Retd) the social and welfare sector and Chairman of Gwa Township WVOC WO-II Soe Lay (Retd) the public welfare sector.

The conference chairman sought the approval of representatives to lay down five future tasks and approved them. Next, the master of ceremonies announced that the preliminary conference decided three matters, approved one matter and put three matters on record.

After the remarks were given by Lt-Col Khin Maung Than, the preliminary conference ended with the chanting of the slogans. — MNA

Baseball equipment provided to MBF

YANGON, 27 May— Under the close relationship between Korean Baseball Federation and Myanmar Baseball Federation, Korean Baseball Federation provided the essential Baseball equipment to Myanmar Baseball Federation at a ceremony held today.

Mr Jongmoon Choi presented the equipment to MBF President U Aung Myat Oo.

Also present on the occasion were Mr Jongmoon Choi, Deputy Chief of Mission, Mr Song Sang-Chol, Third Secretary of the embassy of the Republic of Korea, President U Aung Myat Oo (Ginvera), Vice-President Dr Naing Win (Panasonic), General Secretary U San Maung Myint and EC member U Myo Lynn Oo of MBF.



Officials of Korean Baseball Federation present baseball equipment to Myanmar Baseball Federation. — MBF

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A Chinese policeman introduces the tricks of a gambling machine's circuit board during an anti-gambling education at an elementary school in Nanjing, east China's Jiangsu Province on 25 May, 2005. — INTERNET



Singapore to host new maritime conference, exhibition in 2007

SINGAPORE, 26 May — Singapore will play host to a major new maritime event, Sea Asia, in April 2007, Chairman of Singapore Maritime Foundation (SMF) Teo Siong Seng announced at a Press conference on Wednesday.

Comprising conference and exhibition, Sea Asia 2007 will cover multiple maritime sectors including ship-operation and management, ship-building, ship technology, ship finance, marine insurance as well as maritime law.

Describing Asia as a powerful force in world shipping, Christopher Hayman, Managing Director of Seatrade, co-organizer to SMF, pointed out that the first objective of the event is to provide a public platform for the projection of Asian views.

Asia has seen rapid growth of maritime industry in recent years with shipowners and managers in the region accounting for at least 40 per cent of the world's shipping tonnage. Twelve of the top 20 container lines as well as seven of the top 10 container ports worldwide are located in the region.

Hayman stressed that Asian shipowners should make their voice on

shipping matters, with decision making in particular, louder and clearer in the international maritime community, which is currently dominated by northern European countries.

The organizers will invite delegations from maritime centres around the world to Singapore in 2007, aiming to make Sea Asia, a biennial event, a genuine international gathering of industry professionals.

"Sea Asia's unique offering is that the event will be Asian in character and perspective, yet global in reach," said Teo, echoing the theme of the inaugural maritime show "New Maritime Horizons".

Headquartered in the United Kingdom, Seatrade has been with the industry for more than 30 years as a publisher and organizer of maritime-related activities such as conferences, exhibitions, training courses and trade fairs.

MNA/Xinhua

Nepal reports declining number of rhinos

KATHMANDU, 26 May — At least 12 one-horned rhinos have been killed in the past one-and-half month at Nepal's Royal Chitwan National Park, the state-owned Radio Nepal reported Tuesday.

The killings of rhino, a rare species in the world, come at a time when their numbers in the country continue to drop. In a recent rhino census that concluded in April, there are only 372 rhinos in the park, 172 fewer than in the last five years period.

Sources in the park, located in mid-southern Nepal, claimed that the number now has declined to 360. Wildlife experts said that poaching has been a great threat. Poachers kill rhinos for their horn, which has high medicinal value and fetches around 2.5 to four million Nepali rupees (35,700 to 57,100 US dollars) per kilos in the international market.

MNA/Xinhua

Mission launched to clean up Mt Manaslu

KATHMANDU, 26 May — A group of climbers will lead a clean-up expedition to Mt Manaslu in Himalayas to clear the 8th highest peak in the world of dead bodies and garbages accumulated over the years.

Japan's veteran alpinist Ken Noguchi, 31, will lead the 26-member expedition comprising 21 Sherpas and five Japanese climbers in April, 2006.

Ken, who conquered Mt. Everest in 1999 to set a new world record of scaling all the seven highest peaks in seven continents at the age of 25, has already launched four clean up expeditions in the Mt. Everest.

During his expeditions between 2000 and 2003, he brought back 6 tons of garbage from the region.

Japanese nationals Kiishiro Kato, Toshio Imanishi Minuru Higeta and Nepali guide Gyalzen Norbu Sherpa were the first to scale the Mt. Manaslu in 1956 and Nepal is marking the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of that feat next year.

So far about 256 climbers have scaled the mountain over the past 50 years and about 70 people, including many Japanese have lost their lives in Manaslu.

Now Ken wants to clean up the mountain and bring back some of the dead bodies and other garbage. He will spend 200,000 US dollars for the purpose.

"I will collect the garbage that includes old tents, can, rope, shoes etc. and bring them back by using a helicopter," he told reporters here.

Ken is also providing financial support for the education of 10 children of Sherpa guides, who died in different expeditions.

MNA/PTI

HK, Shenzhen hold seminar to woo Italian investors

HONG KONG, 26 May — Hong Kong and Shenzhen jointly held a half-day investment promotion seminar in Milan on Wednesday, attracting more than 150 potential investors from Italian companies, according to a government Press release here.

Entitled "Hong Kong & Shenzhen: Partners for Your China Strategy," the seminar was the fifth collaboration between Invest Hong Kong and the Shenzhen Bureau of Trade and Industry.

It promoted the advantages of investing in both Hong Kong and Shenzhen to overseas investors interested in China, particularly the Pearl River Delta.

Similar overseas joint promotions were conducted in San Francisco, Chicago, Tokyo and Stockholm.

Invest Hong Kong's director-gen-

eral of investment promotion Mike Rowse said, by setting up a presence in Hong Kong, companies will be able to enjoy the reliable world-class business services in Hong Kong, while conducting other business functions in Shenzhen.

More than 300 Italian companies have set up regional headquarters or regional offices in the city to run their businesses in Asia, including China. It is evident that many Italian investors recognize the advantages of setting up business functions here, he added. — MNA/Xinhua

US helicopter shot down, two soldiers killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 27 May — Two US soldiers were killed in Iraq when their helicopter crashed after being shot at north of Baghdad, the US military said in a statement on Friday.

Two helicopters came under small arms fire near Baquba 60 km (40 miles) north of Baghdad on Thursday night, the US military said. One crashed while the other sustained damage but landed safely at a US base.

"Two Task Force Liberty soldiers were killed when their helicopter crashed near Baquba on 26 May," the statement said. "Coalition forces responded to the scene and secured the site."

A defence official at the Pentagon in Washington said the aircraft that

went down was an OH-58 Kiowa, a single-engine two-seater helicopter. He added that there was no confirmation that the helicopter was shot down.

The killing brings to at least 1,649 the number of American military personnel who have lost their lives in Iraq since the US-led invasion in March 2003.

Guerillas, who appear to have launched a fresh wave of violence in Iraq, frequently fire on US aircraft and have brought down several helicopters before.—Internet



A US soldier removes a hat and cardboard box from a damaged SUV, after a roadside bomb detonated next to an American military convoy guarded by two Humvees in eastern Baghdad, on 26 May, 2005. — INTERNET

ADB provides aid in education, skills training to Mongolia

MANILA, 26 May — The Asian Development Bank (ADB) will help improve access to and the quality of education services for children and increase skills training opportunities for youth and adults in Mongolia, said ADB in a news release on Tuesday.

The aid will be provided through a Third Education Sector Development Programme with a technical assistance (TA) grant of 500,000 US dollars, which is financed by Japan.

The TA will prepare a project that will address priority needs in basic education and review the scope for consolidating the technical education and vocational training system.

It will also draft an Education Sector Strategy for the 2006-2010 period, as well as strategies to coordinate organizational procedures, human resource management systems, and financial and human resource requirements with the new sector strategy.

"The (Mongolian) Government's continued commitment and extensive external assistance has led to significant progress in restructuring Mongo-

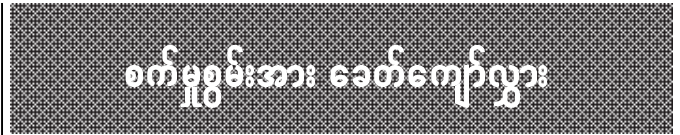
lia's education sector," says Wolfgang Kubitzki, an ADB Education Specialist.

"However, further actions and reforms are urgently needed to address geographical inequities in learning environments and subsectors other than basic education."

Since termination of financial and technical support from the former Soviet Union in 1991, the quality of and access to the education services in Mongolia has deteriorated, said ADB.

This is reflected in the delay of updating education content, limited capacities of education authorities, insufficient school facilities and their maintenance, lack of good instructional materials and lack of budget for schools in some regions of the country.

MNA/Xinhua



Tea samples are displayed at the counter of Fauchon's tea shop in Paris recently. In France the interest is mainly in teas of quality, picked in some of the finest plantations in India, China and Japan, sometimes perfumed with natural oils and served in the daintiest china cups. — INTERNET

Japan, Malaysia agree on basic FTA pact

TOKYO, 26 May— The Japanese and Malaysian leaders on Wednesday reached a basic agreement on a bilateral free trade agreement (FTA), paving the way for its signing in December.

According to the agreement, Malaysia will rescind tariffs on automobile parts, vehicles and steel products, while Japan promised to eliminate tariffs on some of Malaysian agricultural and fishery products and train Malaysian personnel in various fields.

The FTA "will mark a new era for Japan-Malaysia strategic partnership by forging closer economic relations", said a joint statement following talks between Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi and Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

A breakthrough was

made on Sunday after Shoichi Nakagawa, Japan's Economy, Trade and Industry Minister, made a last-ditch effort in the meeting with his Malaysian counterpart Rafidah Aziz in Kuala Lumpur.

Tokyo has signed FTAs with Singapore and Mexico, and reached a basic agreement with the Philippines last November. It also aims at reaching such an agreement with the Association of South-East Asian Nations as a whole.

Under the basic agreement, Malaysia will immediately remove tariffs on auto parts used by Japanese auto makers in the country. The tariffs on fin-

ished vehicles will be phased out by 2015.

Malaysia will also exempt duties on Japanese iron and steel products within 10 years.

For Japan's part, it promised to eliminate tariffs on a variety of Malaysian farm and fishery imports, such as mango, papaya, okra, shrimp and jellyfish, and set a duty-free quota of 1,000 tons of banana imports per year.

Japan agreed to train 1,000 Malaysian personnel in various fields, such as agriculture, fishery, and information technology, over the next 10 years and help it im-

prove the competitiveness in the automobile industry.

The two countries agreed to continue talks on other FTA items including service.

MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia, Japan to discuss economic partnership

JAKARTA, 26 May — The governments of Indonesia and Japan will begin to discuss an economic partnership agreement soon, local daily newspaper *Kompas* here Wednesday quoted Indonesian Trade Minister Mari Elka Pangestu as saying.

The negotiation will start after an announcement is made by the two governments during the visit of Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono to Japan scheduled from 31 May to 2 June.

Under the agreement, Indonesia is expected to get more investment and absorb technology from Japan.

"During the visit of President Susilo to Japan, it is expected there will be a launching of starting negotiation of the EPA (economic partnership agreement)," said Mari.

MNA/Xinhua

1,652 US soldiers killed since beginning of Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 26 May—As of Thursday, 26 May, 2005, at least 1,652 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 1,263 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department. The figures include four military civilians.

The AP count is six higher than the Defence Department's tally, last updated at 11 am EDT Thursday.

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, 1,514 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,154 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.—Internet

China ready to share construction experience with Cambodia

BELING, 26 May — China is ready to share experience with Cambodia in city planning, construction and management, as well as in housing system reform, said Chinese Vice-Premier Zeng Peiyan here Wednesday.

China will also provide administrative and technical personnel training for Cambodia for common development, said Zeng in a meeting with Cambodian Minister of Urbanization and Construction Im Chhun Lim.

China and Cambodia, which enjoy a traditional good-neighbourly relationship, have potential prospect in exchanges and cooperation in city construction, he said. Im Chhun Lim said Cambodia was grateful for China's support and aid and hoped the two countries would increase exchanges and cooperation in the construction field.

Also on Wednesday, Zeng met with Jurgen Hambrecht, chairman of the board of executive directors of the German chemical giant BASF, and Jeff Immelt, chairman and chief executive officer of General Electric, on separate occasions. — MNA/Xinhua



Workers assemble computer parts at an Acer factory in the Philippines on 26 May, 2005. — INTERNET

Indonesia records over \$1b oil trade deficit

JAKARTA, 26 May — Indonesia records more than 1 billion US dollars oil trade deficit during the first quarter of this year, English daily *Jakarta Post* Wednesday quoted a government minister as saying.

Indonesia's oil and gas trade account has as of March actually recorded a surplus of 642.2 US dollars, Finance Minister Jusuf Anwar said in a statement.

However, in terms of oil trade alone, Indonesia is still experiencing 1.37 billion dollars in deficit in the first quarter of this year, due to the country's high oil import needs and declining oil production at home, he said in the statement, adding that oil trade includes exports and imports of crude oil as well as refined oil products.

According to data from the minis-

try, Indonesia's oil trade deficit stood at 3.73 billion dollars last year.

The cause of the deficit mainly lies in Indonesia's high import needs of refined oil products, as the country has actually been able to maintain a meager export advantage in its crude oil trade, said Anwar's statement.

As member of the Organization of Petroleum-Exporting Countries (OPEC), Indonesia allocates most of its high-grade crude oil production for exports, whose proceeds are used to finance the main bulk of its state budget.

MNA/Xinhua



A Vietnamese engineer visits a dam in Vietnam's biggest Hoa Binh hydro power plant in the northwest Hoa Binh Province on 25 May, 2005.

INTERNET

CPC demands tangible results from educational campaign

CHONGQING, 26 May— A senior leader of the Communist Party of China (CPC) urged the party's organizations Wednesday to bring about tangible progress in party-building through the ongoing educational campaign.

"The educational campaign on maintaining the vanguard character of CPC members must produce tangible results in improving the quality of CPC members, strengthening grassroots units, serving people better and advancing work in various fields," said Zeng Qinghong, a member of the nine-member Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, during his inspection tour in southwest China's Chongqing from Sunday to Wednesday.

In addition, the campaign should lead to the establishment of a permanent mechanism

"to ensure party members are educated constantly over a long period of time and maintain their vanguard character", said Zeng.

The campaign is scheduled to last one and a half years beginning in January. There will be three rounds. The first round involves party organizations at or above county levels, the second round urban and township grassroots organizations and the third round organizations in rural areas.

The first round of the campaign has entered its final stage, which focuses on rectification of problems. The previous two stages focused on studying

documents and identifying problems of members.

Zeng said the results of the campaign must meet the expectations of people. Ordinary people will be invited to assess results of the campaign at various party organizations.

In the final stage, party organizations shall promote rectification of identified problems with members. Meanwhile, they should work for the establishment of a permanent mechanism to promote quality of party members, maintain links with the people and promote democracy within the party.

"Maintaining the vanguard character is a

Philippine imports dropped in March

MANILA, 26 May — The Philippines' imports fell 4 per cent in March from a year earlier, leaving the country with a trade deficit of 180 million US dollars for the month, the National Statistics Office said Wednesday.

The fourth straight month of falling imports added to concerns the country's economy is slowing, partly due to weak global demand for Philippine electronic exports, which are mostly assembled from imported components.

Exports in March fell 2.8 per cent to 3.256 billion US dollars from 3.35 billion US dollars a year earlier. It was the second straight fall in exports.

However, the country still posted a trade surplus of 122 million US dollars in the first three months of the year compared to a deficit of 559 million dollars a year earlier. Imports of electronic parts fell 13.1 per cent to 1.413 billion US dollars in March from a year earlier.

The Philippines also imports crude oil, machinery, transport equipment, iron, steel and textiles.

MNA/Xinhua

Three prisoners escape from Iraq's Abu Ghraib jail

BAGHDAD, 26 May—Three prisoners escaped from the notorious Abu Ghraib prison outside Baghdad on Thursday, sneaking through two holes in the perimeter fence before dawn, the US military said.

"At approximately 5:50 am, during a normal headcount, US forces discovered that three detainees were missing," the army said in a statement.

"The quick-reaction force and all available guards responded and conducted a comprehensive search of the interior and exterior perimeter of Abu Ghraib," it said, but the escapers could not be found.

Iraqi security forces and the police have been alerted.

The missing prisoners were not identified.

Around 3,400 prisoners are held at Abu Ghraib.

US Lt Col Guy Rudisill, spokesman for

detainee operations in Iraq, would not say how many US soldiers were charged with guarding the prison, but said he believed the security was adequate despite the escape.

"We have sufficient security," he said. "We're conducting an investigation to find out how this happened," he said.

The breakout is the second from a US detention facility in Iraq this year, following the escape of 11 detainees from Camp Bucca in southern Iraq in April.

They made their getaway by digging a 600-foot tunnel under the perimeter fence. All 11 were recaptured within 24 hours.—*Internet*

Thailand makes efforts to attract Chinese tourists

BANGKOK, 26 May — Thailand has been promoting its tourist attractions in China in a bid to restore its tourism industry ravaged in the 26 December tsunami, local Press reported Wednesday.

Deputy Prime Minister Somkid Jatusripitak, who just wound up his trip to China, said the Export Promotion Department, the Tourism Authority of Thailand and the Board of Investment were now jointly working to promote Thai tourist attractions in China's Sichuan and Guangdong provinces.

He was quoted by *Bangkok Post* newspaper as saying that Beijing has agreed to help Thai tourism industry back on its feet by

encouraging its citizens to visit the kingdom.

In return, Somkid pledged to help promote China as a tourist destination for Thais.

An agreement has been signed between Thailand's TV Channel 9 and China's CCTV to air tourist programmes of the other country. CCTV will also air weekly programmes promoting Sino-Thai relations ahead of Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra's 1 July visit to China, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese director Chen Kaige's 1993 tragic love movie 'Farewell my Concubine' which starred Gong Li, seen here in 2000, has won the heart of the Hong Kong public and been voted as the most popular Chinese film of the century.

INTERNET





Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva (2nd L) and his wife Marisa Leticia (L) is welcomed by Japan's Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko (R) during their arrival for a meeting and luncheon held by Emperor Akihito at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo on 27 May, 2005. Da Silva arrived in Japan on Thursday for a three-day visit.—INTERNET

World lighting giant to develop LED business in E China city

NANCHANG, 26 May— World lighting giant Osram Co, Ltd is planning to cooperate with a optoelectronic firm in Nanchang, capital of east China's Jiangxi Province in light emitting diode (LED) production, said a local government source.

Lais Johnson, president of Osram China, confirmed that Osram will launch a cooperation programme with Jiangxi Lianchuang Science and Technology Optoelectronics Co, Ltd in LED business after negotiations

on Monday.

He said Osram will take the opportunity to further develop the Chinese market, introducing its LED technologies to more of China's mobile phone manufacturers and city illumination projects as one

of the first four semiconductor lighting industry bases in China, Nanchang has a complete industrial chain of semiconductor products. Nanchang University is leading in research of semiconductor lighting materials.—MNA/Xinhua

10th China Building, Construction Trade Fair opens in Shanghai

SHANGHAI, 26 May — The Tenth China Building and Construction Trade Fair opened Tuesday in Shanghai's New International Expo Centre, and more than 2,500 companies from about 30 countries and regions brought with them their new materials and technologies in house decoration and building.

The fair is sponsored by the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, Shanghai Foreign Economic and Trade Consulting Co., Ltd. and Shanghai Worldwide Exhibitions Service

Co, Ltd.

The organizing committee also invited lawyers, who will provide quick legal advice to the fair attendants.

As the real estate industry booms in China, the

huge building material market has attracted attention worldwide.

In Shanghai alone, the sales of construction materials reached 40 billion yuan (4.8 billion US dollars) last year. — MNA/Xinhua

Global Forum on Reinventing Government continues in Seoul

SEOUL, 26 May — Government, business and non-government organization leaders from over 140 countries continued their discussion on how to "reinventing government" here on Wednesday at the Sixth Global Forum on Reinventing Government.

Representatives of the participants shared their experiences in realizing better corporate governance, decentralization, civil society through panel sessions throughout Wednesday at the Convention & Exhibition centre in southern Seoul. Meanwhile, on the sidelines of the sessions, the "International Ministerial Round Table on Innovation" and the "Governors and Mayors Round Table" were also held on Wednes-

day. The ministerial round table brought together a total of 70 government ministers from across the world, while the heads of 266 provincial and municipal governments from 27 countries attended the global gubernatorial and mayoral round table meeting.

Moreover, the host country also convened the "Korea Session" on the sidelines of the forum, aiming to analyze South Korea's reform efforts and seek

future strategy for further innovation.

High-profile figures, including Tajikistani President Emomali Rahmonov; Donald J. Johnston, secretary-general of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development; Vice President of Iran Hamid Reza Baradaran-Shoraka and Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapakse, attended the session.

MNA/Xinhua

S Korean-Brazilian summit held in Seoul on bilateral tie

SEOUL, 26 May — South Korea and Brazil reaffirmed on Wednesday to enhance bilateral relations, especially in the field of economy and trade.

South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun and visiting Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva held meeting earlier in the day, during which the two leaders expressed satisfaction over the growth in economic cooperation and trade between their countries, said a Press release issued by South Korean Presidential Office.

Roh said during the meeting that he was especially impressed with the progress in the bilateral cooperation in energy and natural resource sectors, according to the release.

The Brazilian President labelled his Seoul visit as additional "momentum" for boosting ex-

changes between businesses of the two countries. He also expressed hope that the two countries will forge closer cooperation in agricultural sector, it said.

Lula arrived in Seoul late Monday for a four-day state visit coinciding with his participation in the UN-sponsored Global Forum on Reinventing Government under way here from Tuesday.

Moreover, South Korean companies in the resources, energy and finance fields on Tuesday concluded memorandums of understanding on investment and cooperation with their Brazilian counterparts.

MNA/Xinhua

Direct foreign investment falls in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 26 May — Mexico received in the first quarter of the year 598.7 million US dollars in direct foreign investment (DFI), the lowest number for the same period since 1990.

The average DFI from 2001 to 2004 for a first quarter was 2.041 billion dollars, said officials of the Economy Ministry and the Bank of Mexico. In the first quarter, only 15.9 per cent of DFI was new resources, which includes fresh resources from abroad. However, in the same period of 2001, 35.7 per cent of DFI was new resources and the rest was reinvestment of profit and accounts between companies, reports said on Tuesday.

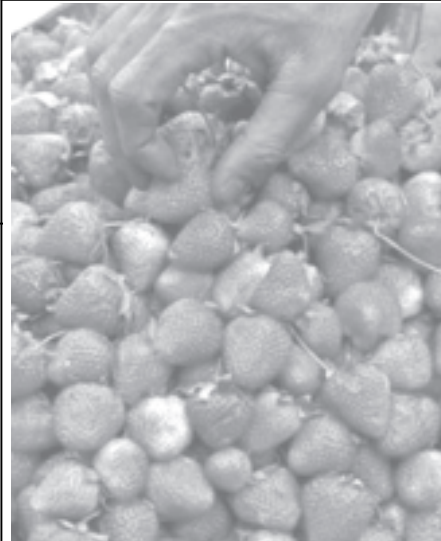
President of the Centre for Intellectual Capital and Competitiveness Rene Villarreal told daily *Reforma* that the drop in new DFI was due to a less system competitiveness of the country.

"Mexico has fallen into a stabilizing standstill which prevents development of the internal market, the most attractive for a new investor," said he.

The exchange rate of the Mexican peso and the lack of investment in logistics also had a negative effect, he added.

Director-General for Foreign Investment of the Economy Ministry Gregorio Canales said that the loss of attractiveness for new investments is due to the lack of structural reforms, especially in the energy, fiscal and labour sectors.

MNA/Xinhua



A Kashmiri picks strawberry from a vendor in Srinagar on 26 May, 2005. Strawberry, a summer fruit, is found in abundance and is the earliest fruit available in Srinagar markets during summer.

INTERNET

China sets up investigation centre of publication circulation

BEIJING, 26 May—A periodical titled *Collector* said on Wednesday it has become the first client of the newly-established state investigation centre of publication circulation, affiliated to China's Press and Publication Administration.

At a Press conference here Wednesday, the periodical, with a circulation of about 2,000, publicized its circulation figures and applied for the authentication from the centre.

Sources with the centre confirmed that although it has received several phone calls concerning the authentication, *Collector* is the first to present the writ-

ten application.

The centre, which began to work, on 25 April, was established to provide a more fair environment for Chinese publication organs, said Shi Feng, deputy director of the administration.

There are more than 9,100 periodicals and 2,000 newspapers in China but there was few official authentication

units. This shortage has resulted in many exaggerated circulation claims by publishers themselves for better advertisement.

"Compared with those with millions of circulation, *Collector* should be praised for its confidence and courage to publicize the circulation figure," said Shi.

MNA/Xinhua

Row in harmony and unison (2)

Yadanasi Sayadaw (Loilem)

“The Union of Myanmar has been a nation where over 100 national races have been living in unity since yore. And since prehistoric times, all the nationalities have been living in amity in the nation. As they moved to and settled at places where food and water supply is abundant, all parts of the nation have become home to all the national people. For example, nearly 50 national races are living in Yangon Division, while Shan State is home to 33 national people including Shan, Wa, Pa-O, Palaung, Lahu, Akha, Bamar, etc.” said Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan at the press conference No 3/2005.

Since the First Myanmar Empire of the Bagan period, there has been no racial or gender discrimination in Myanmar, home to various nationalities. Because of her national solidarity, Myanmar won the respect of other nations.

Myanmar was united till the end of the Third Myanmar Empire. But when Myanmar fell under subjugation in 1885, the national unity started to wane because of the divide-and-rule policy of the colonialists. The colonialists enacted separate laws for the plains and hill regions to cause dissension and doubts among the nationalities living in different regions. Although the Government has been able to free most of the national races from doubts, there are some quarters that are still clinging to narrow racism resulting from the neo-colonialists’ perpetration.

The Tatmadaw Government has been endeavouring to wipe out racism, racial discrimination and territorial discrimination, to develop the whole Union, to enhance amity and unity and to bridge the development gap. However, the neo-colonialists and their stooges are still trying to cause dissension in the nation.

On 17 April 2005, fugitive Sao Hkam Hpa, elder son of Nyaungshwe Sawbwa Sao Shwe Thaik and his fourth wife Nang Hein Hkam (Mahadevi) announced the secession of Shan State from the Union, the establishment of Shan State provisional government and himself a self-styled president of the state. He did so from somewhere abroad. Sao Hkam Hpa and his men have been recorded in history as black sheep for acting according to the wish of their neo-colonialist masters. Even his own younger brother, Han Yaung Wai, himself denounced Sao Hkam Hpa and cohorts. It was a bad omen for them.

On 19 April, Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo declared the association led by Sao Hkam Hpa and other related organizations unlawful under section 16 of the Unlawful Associations Act.

Social organizations including Union Solidarity and Development Association, political parties including National League for Democracy and Shan National League for Democracy, peace groups including SSA Special Region 3, and SSNA issued declarations condemning and opposing the renegades. For all the over 50 million people of Myanmar, blood is always thicker than water. They are always united in times of emergency.

Since the First Myanmar Empire Buddhism has been flourishing in Shan State like in the other parts of the Union. It is also a pleasant place to live in. The land has many religious edifices and the

people are religious, generous and hospitable and have loving kindness.

The nationalities of the state are always in unity with their brethren of other regions. They love their own region and nation and dare to sacrifice even their own lives for the national cause. During the First Anglo-Myanmar War, about 30,000 warriors of Shan State fought back the intruders together with their brethren of other regions. Wethikan Battle has proved the bravery and loyalty of the Shan people. Maukmei Sawbwa Khatti Nya, Mongpang Mayor Maha Ne Myo, Hsipaw Sawbwa Sao Hkam

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Pek, and three Shan ladies of Laikha were recorded in history as heroes and heroines of the national defence.

But the colonialists had destroyed the fine traditions of the Myanmar people. They divided over the 30 nationalities of Shan State to become strangers to one another. The colonialists created means that could stoke doubts among the nationalities of the state.

The 1901 census had recorded the existence of Kachin, Kayin, Kayah, Akha, Kokang, Chin, Gon Shan, Zayein Shan, Taungyoe, Danu, Kayan, Palaung, Pa-O, Bamar, Musoe, Mon, Yinkya, Yinnet, Shan, Lishaw, Lushan, Lawshan, Wa, and Intha in the state. But Monglun region was not included in the census.

Thanlwin River divided the Monglun region into eastern part and western part governed by Sawbwa Tun Hsan and his younger sister Sao Maha respectively. As both of them did not yield to the colonialist rule the census programme had not reached their regions.

The estimated population of the two regions then was about 40,000. According to the 1901 census, the population of Nyaungshwe was over 90,000 then. The over 30 national races were living in unity and amity in the state and did not yield to the colonialists’ rule. But the colonialists taught the sawbwas how to exploit and divide their own people. In this way, the colonialists tried to prolong their rule in Shan State.

The colonialists bribed the sawbwas with foreign-made gifts and taught them to think highly of the western nations and to have doubts in other Myanmar races. The colonialists permitted the children of sawbwas to pursue education in foreign countries and also sent young persons who would be useful for them abroad for further studies. In this way, they

were able to monopolize and govern Shan State.

The colonialists’ evil scheme had made sawbwas permit the opening of liquor shops, opium dens and gambling centres in Shan State. Moreover, the sawbwas imposed various taxes on people to fill their own coffers. So the people had become poorer and poorer. And because of the divide-and-rule policy there appeared doubts between the different races.

Although Myanmar regained her independence, she had to face the evil consequences of racial and ideological prejudices for 40 years.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said, “The Tatmadaw had to take over the State duties due to unavoidable circumstances in 1988 as the nation’s economy was shrinking, political situation was in disarray and the nation was about to face disintegration.

“Since then, the Tatmadaw Government has been giving priority to national consolidation.

“At the same time, it formed the Central Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races with the Head of State at the helm. The committee has been laying down and implementing border area development programmes since then.

“Up to now the Government has used over K 65,000 million for development of border areas and national races.

“In addition, it has set up 24 development zones for harmonious development of the entire nation. Shan State has four development zones — Panglong, Taunggyi, Kengtung and Lashio development zones.

“The Government also laid down and is implementing the five rural development tasks for progress of all parts of the Union.

“The nation at present is witnessing progress in all sectors and all necessary infrastructures have been emerging in the nation. All the nationalities are now enjoying the fruits of development. Those are the unprecedented developments the Tatmadaw Government has brought to the nation. It is also narrowing the development gap between all regions without making any territorial discrimination”.

Now I will present the developments the Panglong region is enjoying due to the Tatmadaw Government’s goodwill. They are: the 200-bed general hospital, the Panglong University, a Government Computer College, a Government Technological College, a digital auto phone exchange and a border area youths development training school. Priority is being given to orphans and children of the poor to attend the school. Outstanding students are allowed to continue their studies at the degree colleges in Yangon and Mandalay. Moreover, Kengtawng Hydroelectric power project and Langkho water pumping irrigation project will help further develop the economy of the locals.

Not only the 33 national races of Shan State but also over 100 national races of the entire nation condemn and oppose any act that may endanger peace, stability and development. They will also row in harmony and unison and will always safeguard the Union formed with 14 states and divisions.

(Translation: TMT)

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A&I Minister receives UNDP Resident Representative, Pakistan Ambassador

YANGON, 27 May — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo received Resident Representative of the UNDP Mr Charles James Petrie at the ministry on Kaba Aye Pa-

goda Road yesterday afternoon.

Similarly, the Minister received Pakistan Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Muhammad Nawaz Chaudhry at the ministry at 4 pm yesterday.

It was also attended by directors-general and managing directors of the departments and enterprises under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.

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Minister meets factory general managers, principals

YANGON, 27 May — Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin met with factory general managers and principals of industrial training schools at the Research and Development Centre in Indagaw Industrial Region, Bago Township, Bago Division, yesterday afternoon.

The general manag-

ers and principals are attending the work coordination meeting of the Ministry of Industry-2 there.

The officials reported on establishment of the department, imported machinery, research work, and the test-running of the machinery in factories. Deputy Minister Lt-Col Khin Maung

Kyaw and Director-General of the Directorate of Myanmar Industrial Planning U Khin Maung reported on the targets in the industrial sector, layout of the centre, and research work.

Next, the general managers and principals observed production process at the centre.

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Health Minister arrives back from Switzerland



Health Minister Dr Kyaw Myint being welcomed back by officials on his return from Switzerland.

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YANGON, 27 May — Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint arrived back here by air this evening after attending the 58th World Health Conference held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 16 to 25 May.

The minister was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Minister for

Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Minister for Education U Than Aung, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, directors general and officials of the health ministry and WHO Resident Representative Dr Agostino Borra.

Together with the Health Minister, Rector

of the Institute of Pharmacy (Yangon) Dr Aung Mon, Director Dr Kyaw Nyunt Sein and Deputy Director Dr Soe Lwin Nyein of the Health Department and Deputy Director U Thet Lwin of the International Relations Division of the Ministry of Health also arrived back here on the same flight. — MNA

Water supply tasks for PyinOoLwin inspected

YANGON, 27 May — Development Affairs Department Director General U Myo Myint on 25 May morning met officials at the office of PyinOoLwin Township

Development Affairs Committee.

Officials reported on arrangements being made for supply of water for PyinOoLwin. The director general next in-

spected waterworks, two water tanks with a capacity of 16,000 gallons and growing of plants and shade trees for greening of the city.

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Yangon Division Cartoon, Painting and Poster Competition to mark IDADAIT held



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe views cartoon, painting and poster competitions in commemoration of the 2005 International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. — MNA

YANGON, 27 May — Organized by Yangon Division Committee for Drug Abuse Control, the Yangon Division Cartoon, Painting and Poster Competition in commemoration of the 2005 International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was held at Basic Education High School No 2 in Latha Township this afternoon. Together with

Kyu of Basic Education Department No 3 (Yangon City), No 4 Military Region Commander Col Hla Aye, Commander of Yangon Division Police Force Police Col Aung Daing, officials of CCDAC, the headmistress and officials of Myanmar Traditional Artists and Artisans Asiayon, Chairman of Yangon Division CDAC Chairman of Yangon Division Peace

and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe viewed competitors at the under-10 age group events, the 10-15 group events, at the 15-20 group event and the above-20 group events.

Altogether 111 competitors took part in the division level cartoon contest, 81 in the painting contest and 102 in the poster contest. — MNA

School-going children in Dalla, Thakayta enrolled with education facilities

YANGON, 27 May — The school enrolment ceremonies for school-going age children, organized by Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, were held at Thiri Zeya Anawrahta Hall in Dalla Township at 8 am and Basic Education High School No 1 in Thakayta Township at 10 am today.

Present on the occasions were Head of Organizing Division of MAAF Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo, Leader of the National Races Working Group Daw Kyin Khaing, Leader of the Education Sub-Working Group Associate Professor Daw Min Thet Mon and officials, directors-general and officials of No 3 Basic Education Department and Myanmar Education Research Bureau, district and township Peace and Development Councils, departmental officials, chairpersons and members of Yangon Division, District and Township

Organizations for Women's Affairs, township education officers, school heads, teachers, parents and students.

First, Leader of Yangon South District Education Working Group Daw Myint Myint Sein reported on arrangements for enrolment of needy school-going age children from the district. Associate Professor Daw Min Thet Mon explained the purpose of holding the school enrolment ceremony for schoolgirls, co-organized by Yangon Division, District and Township OWAs under the leadership of MAAF.

A similar ceremony was held in Yangon East District. Chairperson of Yangon East District OWA Daw Mar Mar Thein reported on arrangements for enrolment of school-going children.

Member of the Education Sub-Working Group of MAAF Professor Dr Daw Naw Mu Mu Aye explained the pur-

pose of organizing the school enrolment ceremony for school-going children, co-organized by Yangon Division, District and Township OWAs under the leadership of MAAF.

Afterwards, Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo, Daw Kyin Khaing, Associate Professor Daw Min Thet Mon, Chairperson of Yangon Division OWA Daw Khin Myo Thu and officials presented school stationery and uniforms to the students of townships in Yangon East District.

Director-General U Aye Kyu of No 3 BED handed over KG textbooks donated by the Ministry of Education to Township Education Officers, and Thakayta Township EO U Aye Kyaing, exercise books and pencils donated by the township education family to No 5 Basic Education Middle School Headmistress Daw Hla Myint.

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Myanmar and Vietnamese Foreign Ministers exchange felicitations

YANGON, 28 May— *The following is the message from His Excellency U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar to His Excellency Mr Nguyen Dy Nien, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.*

Excellency,

On the auspicious occasion of Thirtieth Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between the Union of Myanmar and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, I would like to convey to Your Excellency my sincere best wishes and warmest felicitations.

For thirty years, successive national leaders have maintained friendly relation based on mutual understanding and cooperation. It is our bounden duty to continue with utmost efforts to promote the relations.

I look forward to continue working with Your Excellency to promote peace, stability and prosperity not only in our bilateral relations but also at the international level.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration. —MNA

YANGON, 28 May— *The following is the message from His Excellency Mr. Nguyen Dy Nien, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to His Excellency U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar.*

Excellency,

On the auspicious occasion of the 30th Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the Union of Myanmar (28/5/1975-28/5/2005), I would like to convey to Your Excellency the warmest felicitations. I am happy to see that during the past 30 years, the traditional friendship and multifaceted cooperation between our two countries have been continuously developed. The bond between our two ministries has also been consolidated.

I strongly believe that, against the backdrop of the current international and regional situations, the close cooperation and coordination between our two countries, bilaterally as well as within the frameworks of ASEAN and other international organizations would contribute to the further development of the Vietnam-Myanmar traditional friendship and multifaceted cooperation, to meet the desires of the two peoples and for the sake of peace, stability, cooperation and development in the region and the world at large.

May Your Excellency ever stay in the best of health and happiness. Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.—MNA



Myanmar Olympic Committee Chairman Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint hands over flag of victory to Deputy Director U Thein Aung to participate in First Asia-Europe Youth Tournament 2005 held in Bangkok, Thailand, on 27 May. — MNA

Commerce Ministry honours outstanding staff

YANGON, 27 May—The Ministry of Commerce honoured outstanding staff at its work coordination meeting at its office yesterday morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Tun, advisers, heads of department, officials, and staff.

The minister delivered a speech and presented gifts to staff who won good service medals. The deputy minister presented gifts to the disabled sports team that has won championship shield for four years in a row,

and the football team (A) of the ministry that stood second in the 2004-2005 premier league soccer tournament. The advisers also presented gifts to victorious athletes.

The minister addressed the work coordination meeting. Officials reported on work done by the Border Trade Department, border trade, and trade of Myanmar agricultural produce.

The deputy minister gave a supplementary report. The minister delivered concluding remarks.

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Thai guests call on Deputy Minister for Culture

YANGON, 27 May— Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung received Associate Professor Patcharee Lertrit MD, PhD, Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Medicines, Siriraj Hospital and party at the ministry on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Bahan Township here this evening.

Also present at the call were directors general and officials of the departments of the ministry.

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Deputy Culture Minister Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung receives Thai Associate Professor and party.— MNA

New school building handed over

YANGON, 27 May—A new building of the Basic Education High School in Paypinchaung Village, Kyunhla Township, Shwebo District, Sagaing Division, was handed over to the Ministry of Education on 13 May morning at the school.

Police Col Tin Maung Maung of Sagaing Division Myanmar Police Force and Managing Director of Hunda Myanmar Co Ltd U Tin Maung formally opened the facility.

Next, Managing Director U Tin Maung gave an account of the purpose of the donation, and handed over the documents related to the building to an official.

The two-storey building was constructed with K 16 million contributed by Hunda Myanmar Co Ltd, and K 14,950,440 by the people. — MNA

Books, cash donated for self-reliant libraries

YANGON, 27 May — The ceremony of donating books and cash to Pyinyadazaung self-reliant library was held in Yakkantha Village in Bilin Township, Thaton District on 22 May.

Manager U Sein Myint of the Myanmar Petroleum Products Enterprise explained the purpose of donation and Deputy Director U Win Kyi of Mon State Information and Public Relations Department clarified the tasks on the long term existence and development of the libraries.

Next, the wellwishers donated 175 books on knowledge, 137 journals, 50 magazines, cash K 100,00 and 500 bricks to build the library. —MNA

D-G U Myo Myint views district nursery garden in Pyin Oo Lwin Township.(news on page 8) —MNA

Bo Tree planted in precinct of Maha Shwemyintin Pagoda in PyinOoLwin

YANGON, 27 May — A ceremony to plant a Bo Tree in the precinct of the Maha Shwemyintin Pagoda in PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Division, took place on 22 May morning.

Present on the occasion were PyinOoLwin Station Commander Brig-Gen Nyi Tun and wife, senior military officers, PyinOoLwin District Peace and Development Council Chairman Lt-Col Myo Myint, departmental officials, social organizations and guests.

At the ceremony Lt-Col Myo Myint reported on all-round renovation of the pagoda. At noon, the commander and party planted the Bo Tree at the designated place. — MNA

Self-reliant libraries opened in Thaton District & books donated

YANGON, 27 May — Director-General of the Information and Public Relations Department U Chit Naing together with Assistant Director U Win Kyi of the Mon State and Staff Officer U Ye Nyunt of Thaton District, attended the opening ceremony of self-reliant library in Moenine Ward, Paung Township this morning.

Chairman of Paung Township Peace and Development Council U Tun Mya and Chairman of the village formally opened the library. Director-General U Chit Naing viewed round the library and gave necessary instructions to the officials. Similarly, the director-general attended the ceremony of donating books for self-reliant libraries in Thaton District held at Thaton District IPRD and made a speech.

At the ceremony, Staff Officer of Thaton District IPRD U Ye Nyunt accepted 180 books and cash K110,000 donated by Township PDC Chairman U Kyaw Lwin, social organizations and wellwishers, and expressed thanks. On arrival at Ahlu village in Bilin Township, the director-general and party also attended the opening ceremony of the self-reliant library in the township. — MNA



MWAF, Patrons of State/Division OWAs donate books and cash



President Daw Than Than Nwe presents books to patrons of State/Division OWAs at the ceremony to donate books entitled "Yinkyay-lainmar Myo-Myanmar", at MWAF Office on Thanlwin Road.— MNA

YANGON, 27 May — Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation held a ceremony to donate books entitled "Yinkyay-lainmar Myo-Myanmar", at MWAF Office on Thanlwin Road, here, at noon today.

Similarly, Patrons of State and Division Organizations for Women's Affairs donated cash for

patients, who were injured in bomb blasts on 7 May, being warded at hospitals.

Present were the president, the vice-president and officials of MWAF.

First, President Daw Than Than Nwe explained the purpose of the donations. Next, she presented the books to pa-

trons of State/Division OWAs.

After that, the ceremony to donate K 1.4 million for the patients followed. Vice-President Daw Khin Lay Myint accepted the cash donations from the patrons of State/Division OWAs and gave certificates of honour to them.

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MWAF donates cash to hospitals



Patrons of State/Division OWAs donate cash for bomb victims.—MNA

YANGON, 27 May — The secretary general and secretary of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation this afternoon visited and comforted the patients who are undergoing medical treatment at hospitals af-

ter they have been injured in bomb blasts planted by destructionists. They also made cash donations for the bomb victims.

The donations included K 400,000 for Yangon General Hospi-

tal, K 200,000 each for New Yangon General Hospital, General and Teaching Hospital (North Oakkapala) and Insein People's Hospital and K 10,000 each for the patients.

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MWAF donates cash for New Yangon General Hospital.—MNA

Chinese Sayadaw and disciples arrive

YANGON, 27 May — A delegation led by Vice-President in Executive of All China Buddhist Association Presiding Sayadaw of Linkwam Temple the Most Ven Master Sheng Hui arrived here by air this afternoon.

The Most Ven and

disciples were welcomed by Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Director-General Dr Myo Myint of Religious Affairs Department, Director-General U Myo Kyaw of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the

Sasana, Pro-Rector of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University Dr Myint Kyi, officials of the Chinese Embassy and departmental officials.

Buddha's tooth relic is kept at Linkwam Temple. — °MNA



Presiding Sayadaw of Linkwam Temple the Most Ven Master Sheng Hui being welcomed at the Yangon International Airport.—MNA

Counselling Training Course ends



Vice-President Daw Khin Lay Myint presents certificate to a trainee at the conclusion ceremony of the Counselling Training Course.— MNA

YANGON, 27 May — The Counselling Training Course organized by MWAF concluded at Social Welfare Training School on Kyaikwaing Pagoda Road this afternoon.

Vice-President of the federation Daw Khin Lay Myint gave a speech. Next, completion certificates were presented to the trainees.

Principal of the school U Than Htut Swe accepted cash donations from wellwishers.

The training course was opened from 25 May to date. Altogether 36 trainees from States and Divisions attended the course.

Also present on the occasion were Leader of Rehabilitation and Reintegration Working Group

Daw Khin Aye, Director-General U Sit Myaing of Social Welfare Department and guests.

Leader of the Sub-Working Group on Prevention of Violence against Women Professor Daw Htay Htay of Psychology Department of Yangon University and instructors gave lectures to the trainees.

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MWAF Vice-President Daw Khin Lay Myint delivers a speech at the Counselling Training Course.—MNA

Survey shows British manufacturing sector remains flat in May

LONDON, 27 May — The British manufacturing sector's performance was flat in May as orders remained well below normal, according to an industrial trends survey published on Thursday.

The Confederation of British Industry (CBI) said in its monthly industrial trends survey that order books remained well below normal levels in May thanks to subdued demand across the manufacturing sector.

The CBI's manufacturing order books balance was -22 in May, up slightly from -24 in April and against forecasts for

-20. The balance of output expectations for the next three months fell to -1 from +5, the lowest since December 2004.

The survey found that 41 per cent of firms said their order books were below normal, while 19 per cent said they are above normal.

It said although demand for capital and consumer goods remains

subdued, "particularly weak order books are being experienced by products of intermediate goods such as components and chemicals which are subsequently used up in the production of other goods."

Meanwhile, export order books remain below normal with 32 per cent of respondents saying orders were below normal while 16 per cent saying they were above normal.

"Looking ahead we could see more of the same with orders from home and overseas remaining weak, stocks of finished goods at above-average levels and output expectations consequently subdued," said CBI head of economic analysis Doug Godden.

"Impact of slowing demand and fierce competition does not stop there," he said.

Price expectations are at their weakest for 14 months and prices for consumer goods are also

expected to fall markedly over the next quarter, he added. Separately, the CBI said it had cut its forecast for British economic growth in 2005 to 2.5 per cent from 2.7 per cent it forecast in February.

The new forecast was in contrast to Chancellor of the Exchequer Gordon Brown's forecast of between 3.0 and 3.5 per cent this year.

"The economic outlook for the next two years is relatively healthy, but the business sector is facing tough conditions," said CBI deputy director general John Cridland. "All our forecasts strengthen the case against any further rise in interest rates."

The Bank of England raised interest rates five times between November 2003 and August 2004 from 3.5 to 4.75 per cent. The CBI said the effect of those rate rises will continue to feed through to consumers.

MNA/Xinhua

WTO agrees to hold entry negotiations with Iran

GENEVA, 27 May — The World Trade Organization (WTO) on Thursday agreed to start entry negotiations with Iran, after the United States dropped a year-long veto.

The United States raised no objections this time, officials told reporters. The WTO took such decisions by consensus at a closed-door meeting of the General Council, the organization's decision-making body.

"This is a historical decision," said Ujal Singh Bhatia, India's Ambassador to the WTO. "The principle of universality has been strengthened. We look forward to working with Iran for its accession."

The decision came after Iran agreed on Wednesday to maintain its suspension of all nuclear activities in a deal with the European Union.

The United States, which had blocked Iran's long time desire to join the WTO, accuses Teheran of aspiring to build nuclear weapons and of supporting terrorism. Iran insists that its nuclear programme is aimed only at generating electricity.

Iran applied to join the WTO in September 1996 and its candidacy was first considered in May 2001. But the United States had blocked agreement since then. — MNA/Xinhua

Philippine Govt rejects CIA report on financial situation, debts

MANILA, 27 May — The Philippine Government rejected on Thursday a report of the United States Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) that foreign credit rating agencies expressed concern over the Philippine Government's continuing difficulty in managing its debts and plugging its budget deficit.

The CIA said this was despite the passage of several revenue-generating pieces of legislation such as the lateral attrition law early this year and the "sin" tax law last year.

"Some of these residual doubts do not reflect current reality as well as the growing positive sentiments in the international community," Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said.

"We have just passed the main hurdles as far as putting our fiscal house in order," he added.

Bunye said President Arroyo already finished phase one of her economic agenda with the value added tax law and now moving to phase two where President Arroyo would take the benefits of tough economic reforms to the people.

"With bigger revenues on hand, we will be able to invest more in vital social projects. And since we will no longer rely too much on borrowings, our interest rates should go down, as what is happening already, and this should enable business and jobs to grow," Bunye said.

In the *World Factbook* released on 19 May, the CIA cited the Philippines' "consistently large budget deficit" which it said produced a high debt level and forced Manila to spend a large portion of its budget on debt service.

President Arroyo set forth eight revenue-generating measures as part of her economic reform agenda, which also include the passage of the Extended Value-Added Tax (EVAT) Act of 2005 on Tuesday.

Together with the lateral attrition and the sin tax laws, the EVAT is expected to reduce the budget deficit to over 150 billion pesos (3.33 billion US dollars) and raise an additional 28.75 billion pesos (532 million US dollars) for the government in 2005.

In its report, the CIA said fiscal constraints continued to limit Manila's ability to finance infrastructure and social spending.

"Large, unprofitable public enterprises, especially in the energy sector, contribute to the government's debt because of slow progress on privatization," the US agency said.

MNA/Xinhua

16 death sentences for drug traffickers upheld in Vietnam

HANOI, 27 May — A court of appeal in Vietnam upheld the death sentences passed by the court of first instance on 16 defendants in a drug trafficking ring in Ho Chi Minh City, local newspaper *Liberation Saigon* reported on Thursday.

The court, on Wednesday, also upheld the life imprisonment sentences and jail terms of 20 years on 10 other defendants, as the ring's members transported and trafficked 2,354 cakes of heroin (some 823.9 kilos).

Two defendants were sentenced to life imprisonment and 20 years in prison instead of respective death penalty and life imprisonment handed down by the court of first instance. Mean-

while, the court of appeal increased the jail term imposed on another to 6 years from 4 years.

The 29-member ring led by Nguyen Van Hai transported and trafficked the drug from Laos and Cambodia to Vietnam's southern region from 1998 until their arrests in August 2003.

Vietnam detected 12,068 drug-related crimes, seized 239.4 kilos of heroin, and arrested 18,260 involved people last year. —MNA/Xinhua

Ugandan Govt sets up task force to monitor building standards

KAMPALA, 27 May — The Ugandan Government has set up a task force to investigate building standards in a bid to stop a wave of construction-related accidents.

Minister of Works, Housing and Communication John Nasasira was quoted by local media on Wednesday as saying that the task force would begin work on 30 May, with examination of existing buildings designs for technical adequacy, quality, quantity control measures, adherence to existing building laws, regulations and standards on construction sites.

"I have instituted a building task force comprising both public and non-public officers from the central and the local governments and the private sector. The force is expected to hand in their final findings and recommendations within 45 working days," Nasasira was quoted as saying.

He added that the task force will start working in three districts and later expand to all the

districts in the East African country.

He said that the team would focus on storeyed buildings, examining electrical installations, designs, perimeter walls, water reservoirs, towers and other building elements that are a source of fatal accidents.

He observed that the exercise would also identify some public building that have no provision to facilitate accessibility by people with disabilities.

Months ago, two buildings collapsed in Kampala, killing some people and injuring others. —MNA/Xinhua



Chinese archaeologists work at the newly-discovered pits of chariots and horses in the ruins of Yin, in Anyang city of central China's Henan Province, on 26 May, 2005. Five of the seven newly-discovered pits are arranged in a line, with chariots and horses facing eastward. Yin was an ancient name for the Shang Dynasty (1300 BC - 1050 BC). — INTERNET



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Miss Venezuela Universe 2005, Monica Spear performs during the National costume competition in Bangkok. The 54th annual Miss Universe contest will take place in Bangkok on 31 May, 2005—INTERNET

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OECD foresees Japanese eco growth between 1.5, 2.0% in 2005, 2006

PARIS, 26 May — The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) on Tuesday foresaw Japan's economy growth at between 1.5 and 2.0 per cent in 2005 and 2006, slowing down from 2.6 per cent in 2004.

"Despite the headwinds from mild fiscal contraction, the economy is projected to expand between 1.5 and 2.0 per cent in 2005 and 2006, a rate above the latest estimates of Japan's potential growth," it said in its twice-yearly economic outlook.

The OECD also predicted Japan's jobless rate at 4.4 per cent in 2005 and 4.1 per cent in 2006 falling from 4.7 per cent in 2004.

It also said that Japan's central bank should maintain its ultra-loose credit policy to end the price drops, the 30-member organization said.

MNA/Xinhua

Germany's economy sees strongest growth in 4 years

BERLIN, 26 May — Germany's economy grew by one per cent in the first quarter of this year, the strongest quarterly growth in four years, the government said on Tuesday.

The federal statistics office Destatis confirmed a preliminary estimation published on May 12 that

the third largest world economy saw its best performance since early 2001.

Destatis said the first-quarter growth was driven mainly by exports, which grew by 2.9 per cent in the January-March period.

Meanwhile, both state and consumer spend-

ing contracted by 0.2 per cent in the period while domestic demand fell by 0.6 per cent.

The financial, renting and business services showed a year-on-year rise of 1.7 per cent, while trade and transport grew by 0.7 per cent in the three months. — MNA/Xinhua

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Economic losses may follow high foreign investment

BEIJING, 26 May — Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), having greatly contributed to China's fast economic development, also brings economic losses to the country, according to an article of the *China Business* newspaper.

Currently about 500 billion US dollars of FDI stay in China, equivalent to 40 per cent of China's gross domestic product (GDP), reported the newspaper. The article said that too much dependence on FDI will lead to enormous opportunity cost of the country.

China enjoys a high rate of residents savings deposits, and if all the

deposits can be smoothly and efficiently turned into investment, the country would not need so much FDI, said the newspaper.

By the end of 2004, the savings deposits of urban and rural population totalled more than 11.95 trillion yuan (approximately 1.44 trillion dollars), an increase of 1.59 trillion yuan (192.6 billion dollars) from 2003, according to figures from the National Bureau of Statistics.

Those profits brought by FDI will be eventually sent to foreign countries, so if FDI can be replaced by domestic residents savings, such losses will be

avoided, said the newspaper. The article estimated that the present FDI's annual profit in China is about 50 billion US dollars.

FDI may cause deficit both in current account and capital account due to huge amount of profit sent abroad by foreign-funded companies, according to the article.

Since FDI will only be put to places with higher profits, much more FDI will flow to coastal areas and industrial sectors, which will exacerbate the imbalance of China's economic structure, the article said.

MNA/Xinhua

Greek current accounts deficit increases in first quarter

ATHENS, 26 May — Greece's current accounts deficit jumped 76 per cent in the first quarter of 2005, compared with the same period last year, the Bank of Greece said on Tuesday.

The central bank, in its monthly report, said the country's current accounts deficit rose to 3.829 billion euros (4.84 billion US dollars), while the country's trade deficit rose by 723 million euros (914 million dollars) over the same period, reflecting higher payments for the

purchase of ships.

The central bank also attributed the worsening of the balance to a 12-per cent increase in the country's trade deficit, due to rising international oil prices, to a 44.4-per cent rise in interest payment and to lower EU fund inflows (down 6.4 per cent from the same period last year).

The services' surplus rose by 113 million euros (143 million dollars), reflecting a 270 million euros (341 million dollars) increase of the country's

shipping foreign exchange, while tourism foreign exchange rose 18.1 per cent or 95 million euros (120 million dollars).

Net direct investments recorded a 30-million-euro (38 million dollars) outflow in the January-March period, compared with an inflow of 525 million euros (664 million dollars) last year, while portfolio investments recorded a net outflow of 1.014 billion euros (1.28 billion dollars).

MNA/Xinhua

OECD lowers France's economic growth forecast for 2005, 2006

PARIS, 26 May — The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) on Tuesday lowered in its twice-yearly economic outlook the forecast of the French economic growth for 2005 and 2006.

The OECD revised its forecast of growth in French gross domestic product that should be 1.4 per cent in 2005 and 2.0 per cent in 2006, compared with the 2.0 per cent

and 2.3 per cent projections made in the OECD's previous Economic Outlook.

According to the outlook, French economy will slow down in the first quarter of 2005 partly due to lower government spending, and the GDP momentum was likely to be erratic during the first half of 2005, while the expected economic recovery would push growth to between 2.0 and 2.5 per

cent by the end of 2006.

The OECD said that the recovery depends partly on the increasing export demand and "on French firms remaining sufficiently competitive to take advantage of it" and that French exports were expected to pick up "quite strongly" this year in response to rising demand growth abroad, particularly from oil-exporting countries.

MNA/Xinhua

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Nigeria's population close to 150 million

LAGOS, 26 May—Nigeria's population is close to 150 million, the official News Agency of Nigeria reported on Wednesday, quoting President Olusegun Obasanjo as saying that "we are closer to 150 million than 130 million".

Obasanjo said a recent random population census sampling in the country showed that "Nigeria's population is closer to 150 million".

At a dinner hosted in his honour on Tuesday in Paris by French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier, the Nigerian President said the survey conducted by the Nigerian Population Commission was preparatory to the national population census scheduled for November this year.

He said Nigeria deserved debt relief to enable it to make success of its economic reforms agenda and also make significant progress in the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals by 2015.

Obasanjo said Nigeria needed debt relief to help it do more for its teeming populace, pointing out that not much could be achieved under the weight of mounting debt and increasing population.

MNA/Xinhua

WHO adopts resolution on cancer prevention, control

GENEVA, 26 May—In response to the urgency of the rising incidence of cancer, a resolution on Cancer Prevention and Control was approved here on Wednesday at the annual assembly of the World Health Organization (WHO).

"Cancer represents a tremendous burden on patients, families and societies. It is one of the leading causes of death in the world, and is increasing particularly in developing countries," WHO Director-General Lee Jong-wook said in a statement.

"This resolution provides the impetus for countries to address this growing health crisis. Given the impact of cancer on public health, I am convening an advisory committee of leading experts on this issue to develop a global cancer con-

trol strategy," said the head of the United Nations health agency.

According to the WHO, cancer is the second leading cause of death. More than 20 million people are living with cancer, and seven million people die annually.

The incidence of cancer is on the rise in both developing and developed countries as a result of increased exposure to cancer risk factors such as tobacco use, unhealthy diet, physical inactivity, as well as some infections and carcinogens, said the WHO.

This resolution calls on all 192 member states of the WHO to develop national cancer programmes, which include increased prevention measures, early detection and screening, as well as

improved treatment and palliative care.

The advisory committee to the WHO chief will meet in Geneva in June to begin work towards a cancer control strategy.

MNA/Xinhua



Construction work is carried out on a new property development in Kuala Lumpur, on 27 May, 2005.

INTERNET

The coffee woman of Bangalore bags int'l award

BANGALORE, 26 May— Sunalini Menon, the woman behind the first coffee lab of its kind in the private sector in India, has been conferred upon with the Lifetime Achievement award by the International Women's Coffee Alliance (IWCA), Founding Committee, USA.

The third recipient of the award, Menon is recognized as an outstanding example of the role women can play in the coffee industry by the IWCA at its meet in Seattle on 17 April.

"Overwhelmed" by the award, she told PTI, "we still have a long way to go and need to continue working together to increase global coffee consumption".

The vision of coffee lab is not only to help growers to prepare their coffee into special branded entities but also

enable preparation of various green coffee blends, which would be accepted and paid for with a premium price by the international market, Menon said.

This would require and upgradation in the quality of Indian coffee as a whole.

Coffee lab is also looking at setting up a training academy to help growers improve coffee produce as per market requirements and at the same time generate various types of professionals.

MNA/PTI

Kalam's visit to cement Indo-Swiss ties in high tech area

GENEVA, 26 May—Seeking to boost Indo-Swiss cooperation in high tech areas, India's President A P J Abdul Kalam arrived here on Wednesday on a four-day visit to Switzerland aimed at firming up plans for future cooperation with the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN).

Kalam, who flew here from St. Petersburg on the second leg of his four-nation tour, would visit CERN, the world's largest and most advanced physics laboratory, where Atomic Energy Commission Anil Kakodkar will finalize a statement of intent that will give India access to the kind of high technology experiment it cannot afford on its own.

The statement of intent will kick start the process of Indian participation in the upgraded version of Large Hadron Collider. India was re-

cently granted an observer status by CERN.

Kalam would also meet senior Swiss leaders and discuss expansion on the UN Security Council.

MNA/PTI

New vaccines developed to ward off bird flu outbreak

HARBIN, 26 May—Chinese scientists announced on Wednesday two newly developed vaccines are fully capable of stopping the spread of the deadly H5N1 strain of the bird flu virus to fowl, water birds, mammals or humans.

They also said they are willing to provide technical support in epidemic prevention to other countries and regions and contribute to the breeding industry and public health security worldwide.

Chen Hualan, director of the China National Bird Flu Reference Laboratory, based in Harbin, capital of Heilongjiang Province, said the two new vaccines developed by her lab had proved to be a success: having passed a state-level appraisal, plus a permit granted by the Chinese Ministry of Agriculture for sale on the market.

"Experiments show the efficiency rate of the newly developed vaccines in preventing infection by the H5N1 virus is 100 per

cent," said Chen. In the meantime, China has developed three new technologies with which it takes less than 10 hours to confirm a bird flu epidemic, comparing 72 hours in the past, with more time being gained for prevention measures or for taking action.

Dr Bernard Vallat, Director General of World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), said China leads the world in research on bird flu and relevant technologies for prevention.

More of the two new vaccines have been sent to Gangcha County, where dead migratory birds, confirmed by Chen's lab to be caused by the deadly H5N1 virus, were found on 4

May, in a bid to prevent the deadly avian disease from further spreading.

The Chinese Ministry of Agriculture also made an announcement about the incident last Saturday. It is the first reported bird flu case on the Chinese Mainland since last year when China successfully wiped out the primarily avian-borne epidemic disease.

Sources said some of the dead migratory birds discovered in Gangcha County, northwest China's Qinghai Province, migrated from Southeast Asia. Migration is blamed as an important for spreading of bird flu virus, and China is on the route of migratory birds in Asia.

MNA/Xinhua



A police officer checks new bullet-proof jacket at the 5th Shanghai International Exhibition on Public Safety and Security on 26 May, 2005 in Shanghai, China. Chinese officials issued an unusual appeal to the public on Thursday for help fighting drug trafficking, acknowledging in a nationally televised news conference that they have failed to stop surging narcotics abuse despite repeated crackdowns.—INTERNET

SPORTS



The pack of riders climbs during the 194-km (121-mile) 17th stage of the Giro d'Italia cycling race from Varazze to Limone Piemonte on 26 May, 2005. Italy's Ivan Basso won the stage but his compatriot Paolo Savoldelli, who finished seventh, retained the overall race leader's pink jersey.—INTERNET

Barcelona welcomes Ezquerro

MADRID, 27 May — Carles Puyol, the Barcelona captain, as well as the rest of the team welcomed Santi Ezquerro, the player of Athletic Bilbao who announced his integration in the team for the coming season, the local Press said Thursday.

Puyol highlighted Ezquerro's experience, versatility, striking capability and mobility, and said he looks forward "at a prompt adaptation".

Brazilian Anderson de Souza "Deco" said it was important to acquire quality players to "win it all."

"Santi Ezquerro is a

great player as it was seen this year, having scored many goals and being able to lineup in different attack positions," said Deco.

This comes amidst a dispute between Barcelona's President Joan Laporta and Vice-President Sandro Rosell, which could lead to the

resignation of the latter in the coming season.

In this regard, Puyol said he wished this conflict be sorted out "for the benefit of the club", saying that both officials are "very important and they started together a project that works well; hopefully it lasts many years".

MNA/Xinhua

AFC to launch city leagues in China

QINGDAO, 27 May — Asian Football Confederation (AFC) said Thursday it would help China run a semi-professional city league in two pilot cities in eastern and central China, as part of their 10-year package programmes to boost football development in the region.

About 20 top AFC officials, together with 30 officials of national associations in Asia had arrived at China's eastern city of Qingdao for Friday's inauguration of Vision Asia, a programme providing Asian countries assistance in fields like football association management, club marketing, media coverage, coach and referee training, and medical team development.

Peter Velappan, general secretary of AFC, said the priorities of the programme in China would be put on making "real" football clubs, streamlining leadership of football associations, and training young players below the age of 10.

Velappan stressed the importance of running a city league in which competing city clubs should play 40 to 50 matches in eight months and should be as professional as the ones in the Super League in the next five years.

The city league will test water in the eastern Qingdao and central

Wuhan for one year, starting from this weekend. "These two cities will set models for the rest part of China," Velappan said, "it's like starting the trains, with these two cities as locomotive and other cities rolling after them."

Qingdao government had confirmed that they had allocated an annual budget of 3 million yuan (or 400,000 US dollars) to support football development in the city.

Velappan said the city league is targeted for ordinary people and one of

their goals is to have full stadium for all the matches. Almost since its birth one year ago, China's Super League, the national professional football league, had been plagued with a series of scandals from referee taking bribes, footballers gambling, fixing matches, and clubs facing financial crisis. Many hardcore football fans refused to watch the league matches and stadiums were constantly left half-empty during the game.

MNA/Xinhua



Jose Acasuso of Argentina serves to opponent Andy Roddick of the US in the second round of the French tennis open on 26 May, 2005. Roddick's French Open aspirations were shattered on Thursday following a 3-6 4-6 6-4 6-3 8-6 defeat by Argentina's Acasuso in the second round.—INTERNET

Offshore, western oil to sustain China's oil output growth

BEIJING, 26 May — Chinese oil expert said Wednesday that by 2010 oil output from oil fields in China's offshore and western regions will replace those in eastern region as major oil supplier of the country.

By 2010, oil output of oil fields in offshore and western region will account for more than half of the total output of the country, said Yan Xuchao, director of the department of development and research of China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC), China's biggest oil producer.

Having been as China's traditional major oil supplier for nearly a half century, East China saw its output decline from 126.44 million tons in 1990 to 110.71 million tons in 2003. The proportion of its total crude oil output in the country fell from 91.6 per cent to 65.3 per cent, said Yan.

However, during the same period, China's oil output in western region rose from 10.32 million tons in 1990 to 36.68 million tons in 2003. Its percentage in China's total

output rose from 7.5 to 21.7. The oil output in offshore region rose from 1.26 million tons to 22.05 million tons and from 0.9 per cent to 13 per cent of China's total oil, he said. According to Yan, Chinese surveyors expect to discover large oil or gas fields with recoverable reserves of more than 50 million tons in the western and offshore regions. The area contains a series of large-sized sedimentary basins but had never been fully explored. In this sense, oil fields in western and offshore regions will sustain a stable growth of China's oil output in the next five to 15 years, said Yan.

Yan said that China's oil output will reach its pinnacle in the years 2010 to 2020. With discoveries being made in new regions and further development of old regions, China is sure to

maintain an annual crude oil output of 180 million tons by 2020. If some great oil-rich reserves were discovered, China's annual oil output could reach 200 million tons, he said.

Yan said China could maintain its peak annual oil output of 170 million to 180 million tons for over ten years after 2020 if large oil fields were discovered in China's deep sea area, the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau and in the region of South China including 11 provinces and municipalities that boast an abundant oil and natural gas reserve, if substantial progress were made in joint exploration with foreign partners in the Nansha Islands and East China Sea, and if breakthrough were seen in development of unconventional resources such as oil shale and oil sand.

MNA/Xinhua

France aids Kenya's power, micro finance sectors

NAIROBI, 26 May — The French and Kenyan Governments on Wednesday signed two financing agreements amounting to 3.6 billion shillings (about 45 million US dollars) in support of the East African nation's power and micro finance sectors.

The agreements signed by Kenyan Finance Minister David Mwiraria and French Ambassador to Kenya Hubert Fournier in Nairobi will ensure a more reliable delivery of power to all industrial and domestic consumers in the East Africa nation.

Fournier said the French Development Agency (AFD) which will co-finance power

projects together with other development partners, will provide additional 500 million shillings (about 6.5 million US dollars) to support the Kenya Power and Lighting Company's (KPLC) efforts to increase its market share and to connect 150,000 new consumers every year.

The ambassador said the one billion shillings (about 13 million US dol-

lars) given to micro finance institutions will provide long term financial resources to wholesalers which will in turn lend to small enterprises.

Mwiraria said the provision of credit to the micro and small enterprises held an enormous potential to poverty alleviation, which is a major objective of the Kenyan Government's development agenda. — MNA/Xinhua

"SALE" finalizes deal for 40 "Boeing 737" jetliners

SINGAPORE, 27 May — Singapore Aircraft Leasing Enterprise (SALE) has signed a contract with Boeing for 20 next-generation 737s worth 1.1 billion US dollars, according to a statement by the company on Thursday.

The deal, which included purchase rights for another 20 as well, represented not only SALE's first direct order of 737s, but also the biggest purchase of a lessor from the American aircraft manufacturer after the September 11 attacks in 2001. SALE specified 737-800 as its baseline model in

the agreement, which also allowed conversion into the small model of 737-700 or proposed 737-900X with higher capacity. SALE expects the forthcoming addition to its fleet, with its scheduled delivery from the fourth quarter of 2006 till the end of 2009, will help develop its global business.

Plying over 100 airlines, the next-generation 737 series proves an important attribute in the global leasing business, said the statement. Established in 1993, SALE ranks the largest aircraft leasing firm in Asia, currently flying 63 aircraft with 30 airlines worldwide.

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မိုးဦးကျနှင့် မိုးရာသီတွင် ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်သော ရောဂါများအတွက် နှိုးဆော်ချက်

- ၁။ မိုးဦးကျရာသီတွင် အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ ကူးစက်တတ်သော ရောဂါများ ပုံမှန်ဖြစ်ပွားလေ့ရှိပါသည်။
 - (က) ဝမ်းပျက်ဝမ်းလျှော့နှင့် ကာလဝမ်းရောဂါများ အပါအဝင် ဝမ်းနှင့် ပတ်သက်သည့် ရောဂါများ၊ အသည်းရောင် အသားဝါရောဂါနှင့် သံကောင်း၊ တုပ်ကောင်ရောဂါများ
 - (ခ) သွေးလွန်တုပ်ကွေးနှင့် ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါ
 - (ဂ) တုပ်ကွေး၊ နှာစေးချောင်းဆိုးနှင့် အဆုတ်အဆေးမိရောဂါ
- ၂။ ဖြစ်ပွားရသည့် အကြောင်းရင်းမှာ
 - (က) မိုးဦးကျလာပြီဖြစ်၍ လှိုင်လှိုင်ပေါလာသည့် အချိန်တွင် ပါသော သရက်သီး၊ ပိန္နဲသီး၊ ဖရဲသီး၊ ကြက်ဇောက်သီး၊ မင်းဂွတ်သီး စသည့် သစ်သီးဝလံများ၏ အခွံ အစေ့ စသည်များကို စားသုံးခြင်း၊ မဆင်ခြင်စွာ စားသုံးခြင်းကြောင့် ယင်ပေါက်ဖွား၍ ယင်ပေါများခြင်း။
 - (ခ) ရာသီစာအမှည့်လွန်အသီးများကို စားသုံးခြင်း။
 - (ဂ) မိုးရွာပြီး ရေတင်၊ ရေဝပ်သဖြင့် ရေအိုင်၊ ရေဖွတ်ဖြစ်၍ ရေမြောင်းပိတ်ခြင်းနှင့် ရွှံ့ယိုပိတ်ပေါင်းထူထပ်၍ ဖြစ်ပေါက်ဖွားခြင်း။
 - (ဃ) ရာသီဥတု အပြောင်းအလဲဖြစ်၍ အပူရပ်ခြင်း၊ အအေး ပတ်ခြင်း။
 - (င) ပတ်ဝန်းကျင် သန့်ရှင်းမှုနှင့် တစ်ကိုယ်ရည် သန့်ရှင်းမှု နည်းပါးခြင်း။
 - (စ) ကျန်းမာရေးနှင့် ညီညွတ်သည့် အသိပညာနှင့် အလေ့ အကျင့် အားနည်းခြင်း။
- ၃။ အောက်ဖော်ပြပါတို့ကို လိုက်နာကျင့်သုံးခြင်းဖြင့် ဖော်ပြပါ ရောဂါများ ကူးစက်ပျံ့နှံ့ခြင်းမှ ကာကွယ် တားဆီးနိုင်မည်ဖြစ်ကြောင်း တိုက်တွန်း နှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။
 - (က) အမှည့်လွန်အသီးများကို စားသုံးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
 - (ခ) ယင်ပျားစားများကို မဆင်ခြင်စွာ စားသုံးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
 - (ဂ) စားကြွင်းစားကျန် အမှိုက်သရိုက်များနှင့် အညစ်အကြေးများ ကို စားသုံးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
 - (ဃ) မိမိတို့ မိသားစုအတွင်း ကျန်းမာရေး အသိပညာဖြန့်ဝေပါ။ လိုက်နာကျင့်သုံးပါ။
 - (င) တစ်ကိုယ်ရည်သန့်ရှင်းရေးကို ဂရုပြုလိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
 - (စ) ရေကိုကျိုချက်၍ သောက်ပါ။
 - (ဆ) လတ်ဆတ်သန့်ရှင်းသည့် အသီးအနှံနှင့် အစားအစာများကို ပျူမွန်းနွေး ချက်ပြုတ်စားသုံးပါ။
 - (ဇ) ရာသီဥတု အပူအအေး အပြောင်းအလဲကို ဘတ်ဂျီပါ။
 - (ဈ) ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်သန့်ရှင်းရေးလုပ်ငန်းနှင့် ဖြစ်၊ ယင် နှိမ်နင်းရေး လုပ်ငန်းများကို အမျိုးသားရေး အမြှေးဖြင့် ဝိုင်းဝန်း စုပေါင်း ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
 - (ည) ရောဂါတစ်မျိုးမျိုး ဖြစ်ပွားပျံ့နှံ့လာပါက ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနသို့ အမြန်ဆုံး သတင်းပို့ပါ။
 - (ဋ) လိုအပ်ပါက နီးရာဆေးပေးခန်း၊ ဆေးရုံများသို့ အချိန်မီ သွားရောက်ပြသ စစ်ဆေးကာသမ္မ ခံယူပါ။

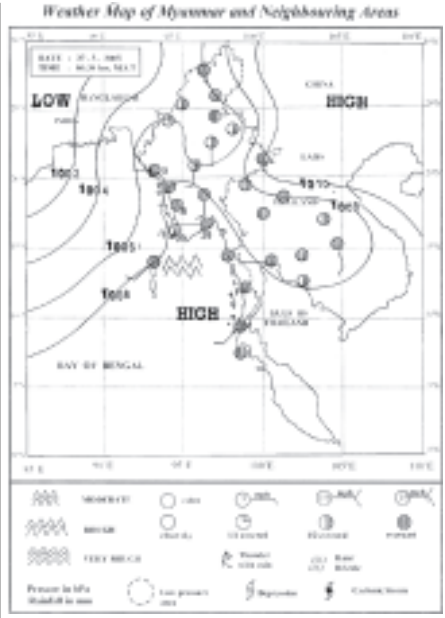
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HK fund industry sales volume reaches \$4.28b

Hong Kong, 27 May — Hong Kong retail fund industry registered gross and net sales of 4.28 billion US dollars and 1.17 billion US dollars, respectively, in the first quarter of 2005, according to the Hong Kong Investment Funds Association (HKIFA) on Thursday.

Statistics made by the HKIFA indicated that gross sales of equity funds reached 2.09 billion US dollars, accounting for 48.9 per cent of the first quarter industry total. Net inflows of 610.12 million US dollars and 493.61 million US dollars respectively. Among the equity categories, Asian funds continued to be the most popular. They attracted gross and net inflows of about 1.55 billion US dollars and 493.61 million US dollars respectively. These amounted to close to 74 per cent of the gross inflows into equity funds. Out of the six Asian equity sectors, Asia regional (except Japan) funds attracted the highest gross and net inflows,

at 589.97 million US dollars and 324.22 million US dollars respectively, accounting for 38.1 per cent and 65.7 per cent of the total inflows into Asian funds. The only Asian sector that registered net outflows in the quarter was Japanese equity funds, which saw net outflows of 135.39 million US dollars. As for the outlook of fund sales in the second and third quarters of 2005, Sally Wong, a spokesperson for HKIFA, said, with the pickup in interest rates in Hong Kong, some investors may probably remain on the sidelines or switch back to deposits. The substitution effect may be more keenly felt on guaranteed products." *MNA/Xinhua*



WEATHER

Friday, 27 May, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Rakhine and Mon States, Ayeyawady, Bago and Yangon Divisions, isolated in Sagaing Division, Kachin, Shan, Kayah and Kayin States with isolated heavyfall in Mon State and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Their Zayat (6.10) inches, Gwa (2.24) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (2.09) inches, Shwegyin (1.89) inches and Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (1.54) inches. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kayin State and Bago Division. (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin and Shan States, (5°C) to (6°C) above normal in Rakhine State, Mandalay, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, (10°C) above normal in Magway Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Magway (44°C), Minbu, Nyaung Oo and Myingyan (43°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 26-5-2005 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 27-5-2005 was 69°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 27-5-2005 was 89%. Total sunshine hours on 26-5-2005 was nil. Rainfalls on 27-5-2005 were (2.09 inches) at Yangon Airport, (1.54 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (0.24 inch) at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (8.27 inches) at Yangon Airport, (7.64 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (3.78 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (14) mph from South-west at (12:20) hours MST on 26-5-2005.

Bay inference: Monsoon is weak to moderate in the Andaman Sea and South Bay of Bengal. Weather is cloudy in the East Central Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 28-5-2005: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, isolated in Kachin, Shan and Chin States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Increase of rain in the Deltaic areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 28-5-2005: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 28-5-2005: Partly cloudy.

Weather outlook for last weekend of May 2005: During the coming weekend, scattered rain or thundershowers in Yangon Division and likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Mandalay Division.



Saturday, 28 May
View on today:

- 7:00 am
 - 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Oattamathara
- 7:15 am
 - 2. တီဒီဂီထရေဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရီက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာဝတ္ထိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသီရိနာဘိဝံသ (ဃောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥဒ္ဓါတသန္တီပါဠိတော်
- 7:25 am
 - 3. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
 - 4. Morning news
- 7:40 am
 - 5. Nice and sweet songs
- 7:55 am
 - 6. အတိတ်ပြင်ပုံ
- 8:05 am
 - 7. Musical programme
- 8:15 am
 - 8. ရွှေလောင်းတံတား
- 8:30 am
 - 9. International news
- 8:45 am
 - 10. Happy and Educational English Summer Course MRTV

- 11:00 am
 - 1. Martial song
- 11:15 am
 - 2. Musical programme
- 11:30 am
 - 3. News
- 11:40 am
 - 4. Games for children
- 12:05 pm
 - 5. Round up of the week's TV local news
- 12:25 pm
 - 6. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟောဂျီဇာနှင့် မိစ္ဆာဇွင်းစား" (အပိုင်း-၆)
- 1:05 pm
 - 7. ဇရာဇင်းမကြီး (ဇွဲလှ) ရေလှောင်တံ (ပဲခူးတိုင်း)
- 1:20 pm
 - 8. "ရှင်မောင်ကျောင်းရောက်ပြီ" (ကြည့်နိုး၊ ထူးသား၊ ရွှေအုန်းစား) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စင်စော်(ဟောသီပနီ))
- 1:50 pm
 - 9. Dance of national races
- 2:05 pm
 - 10. "မိုးနိုင်နိုင်မိုးပြီအောင်" (အကယ်ဒမီ ထွန်းထွန်းဝင်း၊ ဇော်ဇော်ညို၊ မျိုးစုံကျော်၊ စင်စိုစိုအေး၊ ထင်ပေါ်၊ သုသုယံသာ၊ ရွှေစင်သွန်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အတိတ်)
- 2:35 pm
 - 11. ထပ်ဆင့်အောင်ပွဲဇရာဝတီတံတား (ဒေးဒရို)
- 2:45 pm
 - 12. International news
- 4:00 pm
 - 1. Martial song

- 4:15 pm
 - 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
 - 3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm
 - 4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm
 - 5. အစောင့်တူညာပိတ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်ရှင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမပိုင်း (ရုပ်ဓမ္မ၊ ဓာတုဓမ္မ၊ သရုပ် အထူးပြုများ) (ရုပ်ဓမ္မ)
- 5:15 pm
 - 6. နှာပင်စိယံသုလင်္ကာ
- 5:25 pm
 - 7. Dance variety
- 5:40 pm
 - 8. Games for children
- 6:15 pm
 - 9. Musical programme
- 6:30 pm
 - 10. Evening news
- 7:00 pm
 - 11. Weather report
- 7:05 pm
 - 12. Discovery
- 7:10 pm
 - 13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်ခင်မေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၂၅)
- 7:35 pm
 - 14. Musical programme
- 8:00 pm
 - 15. News
- 8:05 pm
 - 16. International news
- 8:10 pm
 - 17. Weather report
- 8:15 pm
 - 18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အရုဇံသရုပ်"(အပိုင်း- ၄၄)
- 8:20 pm
 - 19. The next day's programme



Saturday, 28 May
Tune in today:

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music: Let the music heal your soul
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music: Music
- 8.55 am National news/Slogan
- 9.05 am Music: Thank you for the music
- 9.10 am International news
- 9.15 am Music: you're my music, you are my song
- 1.30 pm News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm Request -Where would I be -I know him so well -Top of the world
- 9.00 pm ASEAN review -News
- 9.10 pm Article
- 9.20 pm Myanmar culture by Dr Khin Maung Nyunt
- 9.30 pm Souvenirs -Close to you
- 9.45 pm News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL

Myanmar and Vietnamese Prime Ministers exchange felicitations

YANGON, 28 May— *The following is the message from His Excellency Lt-Gen Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar to His Excellency Mr Phan Van Khai, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam*

On the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Union of Myanmar and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, I have the pleasure to extend, on behalf of the Government of the Union of Myanmar and on my own, warm congratulations and best wishes to your excellency and through you, to the Government and people of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Over the past thirty years since establishment of diplomatic relations between our two countries, we have been able to maintain friendly relations based on mutual understanding and cooperation.

We look forward to working closely with you to further consolidate and develop the friendly relations through frequent contacts and exchange of visits between leaders of our two countries as well as at various levels, and to enhance cooperation in trade, investment, economic social, cultural and other areas of mutual interests in the spirit of equality and mutual benefit.

We are confident that the existing ties of friendship nurtured and maintained will be further strengthened in the years to come. Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration. —MNA

YANGON, 28 May— *The following is the message from His Excellency Mr Phan Van Khai, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to His Excellency Lt-Gen Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar.*

On the auspicious occasion of 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the Union of Myanmar (28/5/1975-28/5/2005), on behalf of the Government and the people of Vietnam and in my own name, I wish to convey to your excellency the most heartfelt congratulations.

I am pleased to see that during the past 30 years, the traditional friendship and multifaceted cooperation between our two countries have continuously been consolidated and promoted.

I strongly believe that with the joint efforts of our two governments and peoples, our existing fine relations will be further promoted, bilaterally as well as within the frameworks of ASEAN and other regional and international organization, in the interests of the two peoples and for the sake of peace, cooperation and development in the region and the world.

May Your Excellency ever stay in the best of health and please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.—MNA

Coord meeting of alternate chairmen of NC Plenary Session held

YANGON, 27 May— The coordination meeting of the panel of alternate chairmen of National Convention Plenary Session took place at the meeting hall of the National Con-

vention Convening Work Committee at Kyaikkasan Grounds here this morning, attended by members of panel of alternate chairmen and officials of the work committee.

Member of panel of alternate chairmen U Law Hsin Kwam presided over the meeting.

At the meeting, participants discussed the compilation of the panel of chairmen's notes concerning eight delegates groups' proposals related to the sharing of power in executive and judicial sectors submitted to the National Convention held from 17 February to 31 March 2005. — MNA



The coordination meeting of alternate chairmen of National Convention Plenary Session takes place at meeting hall of the National Convention Convening Work Committee at Kyaikkasan Grounds.—MNA

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded

(27-5-2005)

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Yangon (Kaba-Aye)	1.54 inches

Indian army football and volleyball teams arrive

YANGON, 27 May—To play football and volleyball friendly in Myanmar, Indian army football and volleyball teams led by Col VS Kandaki arrived here by air yesterday evening.

They were welcomed at the airport by Vice-Chairman of Tatmadaw Sports and Physical Education Com-

mittee Vice-Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe and senior military officers, Defence Attache of Indian Embassy Col Jasvinder Singh Chopra and officials.

A friendly match between the Indian army volleyball team and the Myanma army volleyball team took place at the National Indoor Stadium-

1, Thuwunna in Thingangyun Township this evening.

Among the spectators were Vice-Chairman of Tatmadaw Sports and Physical Education Committee Vice-Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe and senior military officers, Chairman of Tatmadaw Volleyball Committee Brig-Gen

Myo Myint, Chairman of Tatmadaw Football Committee Principal of Defence Services Self-Defence and Sports Training School Col Htein Lin and officials, officials concerned of the Ministry of Sports and the Indian Embassy and others.

After the match, Vice-Adjutant-General

Maj-Gen Hla Shwe presented a trophy to mark the volleyball friendly to the Indian army volleyball team.

Next, Vice-Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe and officials had a group photo taken together with managers, coaches and players of the two volleyball teams.

The second volley-

ball friendly between the Indian army volleyball team and the Yangon Command volleyball team will be held on 31 May at the same venue.

Likewise, the Indian army football team will play against the Myanma Tatmadaw football team on 30 May and 1 June at the Aung San Stadium.

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Vice-Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe and senior military officers view the friendly volleyball match of Myanma army volleyball team and Indian army volleyball team.—MNA

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Not only the 33 national races of Shan State but also over 100 national races of the entire nation condemn and oppose the acts that may endanger peace, stability and development.

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