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Pariyatti is important like root of a tree without which fruits and flowers cannot flourish

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San attend ceremony to honour members of the Sangha



Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vijaya Bhivamsa invests the congregation with the Five Precepts. — MNA

YANGON, 4 June — A ceremony to honour 67 members of the Sangha — one monk who passed two and a half Tipitaka (oral) exam, three monks who passed two Pitaka oral and written exam, five monks who passed two Pitaka oral exam, 13 monks who passed one Pitaka oral exam, three monks who passed first portion of Vinaya oral and written exam, and 42 monks who passed first portion of Vinaya oral exam — in the 57th Tipitakadhara Selection Examination held by the Ministry of Religious Affairs was held at Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill, here, this morning.

Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San attended the ceremony and offered certificate of Mula Abhidhammika title to a Sayadaw.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee

Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara and member Sayadaws, Ovadaçariya Sayadaws of Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida Selection Examination, Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida Sayadaws, supervisor Sayadaws, together with Daw Khin Than Nwe, wife of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), the Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command, ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and

Training Board, the Yangon Mayor and their wives, the deputy ministers, the director-general of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, local authorities, staff of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, members of religious associations, disciples and wellwishers.

Officials of the Ministry of Religious Affairs ushered Sayadaws into the dais in the Cave. Meanwhile, the State Mingala Orchestra Troupe played music. At the opening ceremony, 108 bells around the cave were beaten for nine times.

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No individual can carry out a democracy transition. It can be implemented only by the human society. History of man is the history of economic production. Social revolutions derive from economic production. They do not come from dreams nor the practice of personality cult.

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San and congregation receiving the Five Precepts from Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vijaya Bhivamsa. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Strive in unity for environmental conservation

All living beings including man are encircled by air, water, land, forest, woods and natural resources. Therefore, a favourable environment is required for all living beings to survive and for all the peoples of the world to meet their food, clothing and shelter needs.

Nowadays, there has arisen environmental deterioration throughout the world. This is accompanied by deteriorated farmland quality in some parts of the world, deforestation, desertification and land degradation.

Moreover, there has arisen forest degradation and degeneration of biodiversity in many countries due to water pollution in seas and rivers and weather changes.

In this regard, every global nation is now taking preventive measures against environmental degradation. In the process, nations of the world are widely engaged in environmental conservation work to prevent environmental degradation and its related dangers.

Each and every world nation holds ceremonies to mark the World Environment Day on 5 June every year to enhance public environmental consciousness.

In Myanmar, the tradition of environmental conservation has been in existence since yore. Green and pleasant scenic views of rural and urban regions in Myanmar highlight the affection and conservation of environment by Myanmar people.

The Committee for Environmental Conservation was formed in the nation and work is well under way in collaboration with relevant ministries to engage in environmental conservation work.

As Myanmar is endowed with outstanding natural beauties, systematic measures are being taken for conservation of the natural world by respective laws.

Meanwhile, the government in cooperation with the people is taking preventive measures against environmental degradation. In this connection, steps for conservation of catchment area, biodiversity and endangered species are being taken.

At a time when environmental conservation measures are being taken on a wider scale for the long-term interests of the human being, the entire people are called upon to take part in the tasks for conservation of rare species of flora and fauna and endangered species.

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

Measures taken to spruce up Yangon City



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspect placing of asphalt concrete on Kyaikwaing Pagoda Road. —YANGON COMMAND

YANGON, 4 June — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected ongoing tasks for the upgrading of Yangon City this morning.

They inspected the

dredging the drain along Sethmu-1 street in Yankin Township, the cleaning of both sides of the roads and the dredging of the drains at the corner of Saya San Street and University Avenue in Bahan Township, and the resurfacing of Kyaikwaing Pagoda Road, and the unblocking of the drain in Mayangon Township.

The commander and

the mayor instructed officials concerned to get cooperation of the people in the tasks to keep the city and its environs spruce, to ensure completion of the upgrading of the roads ahead of schedule meeting with the standards.

They attended the tree-planting ceremony organized by the YCDC near the Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Bud-

dha Image on Mindhamma Road in Insein Township. The commander, the mayor, YCDC Vice-Chairman Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa and officials planted saplings to mark the ceremony. They view YCDC employees, members of social organizations and the people planting saplings of various species.

MNA

Pipelines put into service in Thingangyun

YANGON, 4 June — Under the arrangements of Thingangyun Township Union Solidarity and Development Association, the opening of the water pipelines linking Ngamoeyek Gyobu pipeline took place at Kamarkyi and Bayintnaung Roads in Yangonthis Ward, Thingangyun Township, Yangon East District, this morning.

Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, Township USDA Secretary U Khin Wai and chairman of Yangonthis Ward water supply committee U Tin Htut formally opened the facility. CEC Members Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Col Maung Pa inspected the supply of water for the ward dwellers. The ceremony to mark the opening of the water pipelines and to submit USDA membership applications was held at No 7 Basic Education Primary School in the ward. Officials reported on measures taken to supply water to the dwellers. The mayor accepted 3,114 membership applications. Previously, the dwellers had to mainly rely on private-owned tube-wells for fresh water. — MNA



Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa put Ngamoeyek Gyobu pipe into service.— YCDC

Talks given to commemorate World No-Tobacco Day

YANGON, 4 June — Organized by Health Department and Myanmar Medical Association (Central), talks were given in commemoration of the World No-Tobacco Day at the office of MMA this morning with an opening address by MMA (Central) General Secretary Prof U S Kyaw Hla. On the occasion, Dr Daw Nyo Nyo Kyaing, Deputy Director of Health Department,

and Specialist Dr U Ko Ko Maw gave talks on Health Professionals against Tobacco and Oral

Health on Tobacco respectively.

Directors of the Health Department, ex-

ecutives of the MMA (Central) and doctors also attended the talks.

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MMA (Central) General Secretary Prof U S Kyaw Hla speaking at talks on World No-Tobacco Day. — H



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ADB to help India cut greenhouse gas emissions

NEW DELHI, 3 June — The Asian Development Bank (ADB) will provide India with a technical assistance grant of 700,000 US dollars for projects to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, which have been linked to climate change, *Indo-Asian News Service* reported.

The grant will help India efficiently undertake clean development mechanism (CDM) projects to cut down greenhouse gas emissions, the Manila-based multilateral funding agency said in a statement on Wednesday.

The technical assistance is being financed by the Canadian Government and administered through the ADB's Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency and Climate Change Programme.

"India has the potential to play a major role in the global CDM market as there is a significant potential for greenhouse gas reduction at relatively low costs across sectors that are rap-

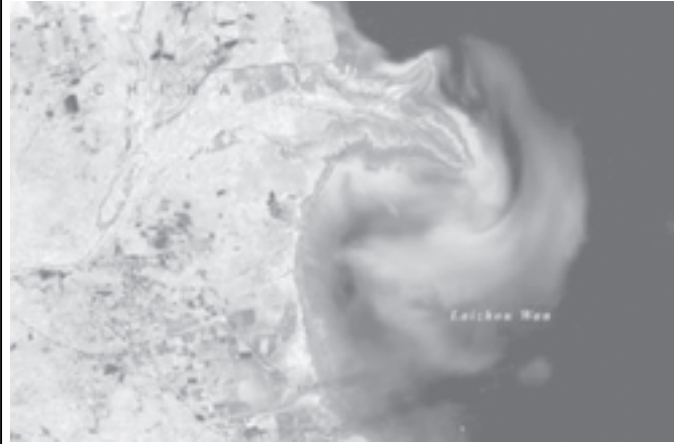
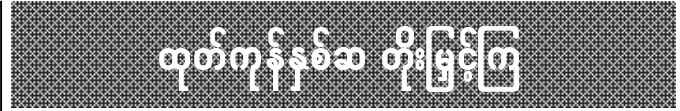
idly growing," said Ashok Sarkar, an ADB energy specialist.

India will contribute 200,000 US dollars towards the technical assistance, which will total 900,000 US dollars, the statement said.

The Indian Environment and Forests Ministry will serve as the executing agency for the assistance that is due for completion in November 2006.

India is the world's sixth largest emitter of global greenhouse gases. It accounts for 3 per cent of the total greenhouse gas emissions. Its per capita emissions are one fifth of the global average.

MNA/Xinhua



The Huang He or Yellow River's mouth, top centre, China's second longest river, as it flows into the Yellow Sea (dark area at right) is shown in this image taken from space on 2 May, 2000 and released by the United Nations Environment Programme from its new world atlas on 3 June, 2005.—INTERNET

Malaysia to station agriculture attaches abroad

KUALA LUMPUR, 3 June — Malaysia will station agriculture attaches at its missions in seven countries to promote its products in the global market, the official news agency *Bernama* reported on Thursday.

The countries were Thailand, Indonesia, China, Japan, the United Arab Emirates, the Netherlands and the United States, Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Minister Muhyiddin Yassin said on Wednesday night in a speech at a dinner for agricultural entrepreneurs here.

The text of the speech was read by the ministry's Secretary-General Abi Musa Asa'ari Mohamed Nor.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam limits rice export at 3.8 million tons this year

HANOI, 3 June— The Vietnamese Government has decided to export a maximum of 3.8 million tons of rice this year, down from slightly over 4 million tons last year, to ensure the country's food security.

The government does not allow banks to offer loans with low interest rates to rice exporters who would use the loans to purchase the commodity, according to local newspaper *Youth* on Thursday.

Vietnam, the world's

second biggest rice exporter after Thailand, shipped abroad nearly 2.3 million tons of rice worth 647 million US dollars in the first 5 months of this year, posting year-on-year increases of 12.4 per cent and 40.1 per cent respectively.

It exported more than 4 million tons of rice totalling 941 million dollars last year, mainly to the Asia-Pacific Region, Africa and the Middle East, up 6.3 per cent in volume and 30.6 per cent in value from the year earlier.

MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia's foreign tourist arrival decreases in first four months

JAKARTA, 3 June — The number of foreign tourists visiting Indonesia in the first four months this year reached 1.34 million or slightly decreased by 1.41 per cent compared to the same period in 2004, the Central Bureau of Statistic (BPS) said here on Wednesday.

The decline was attributed to the seasonality of tourism, the head of the BPS Choirul Maksum said.

But the number of foreign tourist arrival in the beautiful resort of Bali from January to April jumped up by 8.88 per cent over the same period last year, reaching 456,926 people, he said.

Indonesia's tourist industry was hit by the financial crisis in Southeastern Asia in 1997 and has been recuperating slowly.—MNA/Xinhua

Singapore carrier to open three Indonesian routes

JAKARTA, 3 June — Singapore-based low cost carrier *Tiger Airways* plans to open three routes to Indonesian cities this year, an executive was quoted on Thursday as saying.

"The three routes are Singapore-Padang, Singapore-Medan and Singapore-Jakarta," *Tiger Airways* country manager for Indonesia Muhammad Ikhsan Alfahmi was quoted by *Bisnis Indonesia* newspaper as saying.

He said the company has been serving the route to the West Sumatra capital of Padang since last month. Flights to Jakarta and the North Sumatra capital of Medan have been delayed pending approval from the Indonesian Ministry of Transportation, he added.

"We hope flight permit on the two routes will be issued soon," said Alfahmi.

MNA/Xinhua

Senior Chinese official says security cooperation fruitful under SCO

ASTANA(Kazakhstan), 3 June — Chinese State Councillor Zhou Yongkang said Thursday that security cooperation within the framework of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) has seen important achievements.

At the second meeting of SCO security council secretaries, Zhou

said security situation in the region is generally stable but the "three forces" — terrorism, separatism and extremism — are still rampant while organized crimes such as drug trafficking are on the rise.

Zhou said security cooperation needs to be strengthened, and China is willing to join efforts with other SCO members to further expand consensus, take real measures to carry out existing agreements and provide a safe environment for social and economic development of the region.

Security council secretaries of other SCO member states also agreed at the meeting to step up cooperation in security.

The SCO, set up in June 2001 to promote regional cooperation and fight terrorism, groups China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

MNA/Xinhua

MNA/Xinhua

Singaporean minister urges police force to adjust to changes

SINGAPORE, 3 June— Singapore's Minister for Home Affairs Wong Kan Seng on Thursday urged the police force to respond to changes facing the country, according to *Channel NewsAsia* report at night.

Addressing the annual Police Day Parade, Wong told police officers that they may encounter greater demand for liberalization of rules as the society gets mature and sophisticated.

He said the police have already extended operating hours of designated nightspots and relaxed permit rules for indoor public talks, while his

ministry will give due consideration to other initiatives.

Citing that Singapore is regarded as one of the safest cities and the best places to do business, he once again reminded the police force of the terrorist threat in the region and asked them to cope with international partners to deal with the challenge.



Iraqi soldiers look at a destroyed vehicle close to the northeastern city of Baquba, 60 kms from Baghdad on 3 June, 2005.—INTERNET



A model shows off an Aquos television in Tokyo on 3 June, 2005.—INTERNET

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Vietnamese Party leader to visit France

HANOI, 3 June — General Secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam Central Committee Nong Duc Manh will pay an official visit to France on 6-9 June at the invitation of French President Jacques Chirac, local newspaper *Youth People* reported on Thursday.

France attaches importance to Manh's coming visit, considering it as a milestone in the two countries' traditional ties, French Ambassador to

Vietnam Jean Francois Blarel said during a reception given by the general secretary in Hanoi capital recently.

During his visit to Vietnam in mid-April, French Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs Renaud Muselier met with several Vietnamese senior officials. The two sides agreed that bilateral relations in politics, economy, trade, investment, devel-

opment aid, culture, science, technology, education and training are developing well, stressing the need to beef up bilateral cooperation in economy, trade, health and education.

Vietnamese and French holders of diplomatic passports will no longer need visas when entering the foreign country from 1 July, the report said. — *MNA/Xinhua*

India, Russia, China decide to combat terrorism

VLADIVOSTOK, 3 June — Seeking to upgrade their cooperation to a qualitatively new level, India, Russia and China on Thursday decided to cooperate to combat terrorism and other new threats and agreed on the "objective requirement" for comprehensive UN reforms covering expansion of the Security Council.

At the over two-hour tripartite meeting of Federal External Affairs Minister K Natwar Singh with his counterparts from Russia, Sergei Lavrov and Li Zhaoxing from China, they agreed to intensify efforts to step up economic cooperation in the trilateral format particularly in the fields of transport, agriculture, energy and high technologies.

A two-page joint communique issued at the end of the talks said the ministers expressed satisfaction at the "dynamic development" of bilateral relations between India and Russia, Russia and China and India and China.

"This opens up possibilities for India, Russia

and China to raise their trilateral cooperation to a qualitatively new level," it said.

The three ministers "declared the intention of India, Russia and China to cooperate in trilateral format in combating new threats and challenges", the communique said.

They stressed that terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and irrespective of its origins and motivations posed one of the most serious threats to international peace and security.

The three sides agreed that the scourge of terrorism should be combated in a "consistent, sustained and comprehensive manner without any double

standards".

They underscored the need for coordinated action between the law enforcement authorities of the three countries to act against illegal drug trafficking and other manifestations of trans-border crimes.

Addressing a joint Press conference, Singh said it was decided that India would host the first trilateral business meeting in New Delhi early next year.

Experts and officials from the three countries would meet to examine concrete possibilities in transport, agriculture, energy, high technologies and other sectors and make specific recommenda-

tions. The ministers stressed on the important role of direct business to business contacts.

The communique said the three countries shared a common approach to key global developments in the 21st Century and favoured democratization of international relations aimed at building a just world order based on the observance of international law, equity, mutual respect, cooperation and progress towards multipolarity.

They underlined that UN, as the most universal international organization, should play the central role in realizing this goal.

MNA/PTI

Chinese, Indian FMs meet on ties

VLADIVOSTOK (Russia), 3 June — Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing and his Indian counterpart Natwar Singh met here on Thursday on bilateral ties as well as regional and international issues of common concern.

Li, meeting Singh on the sidelines of the informal trilateral meeting of Foreign Ministers from China, Russia and India, said Sino-Indian relations have made remarkable progress this year during which the two countries announced the establishment of strategic cooperative partnership oriented to peace and prosperity.

The Chinese Foreign Minister said it not only conforms to the fundamental interests of the two countries and the two peoples, but also conduces to peace and stability in the region and the world as a

whole.

China will make joint efforts with India to expand cooperation in the political, economic and commercial, cultural, educational and scientific fields, as well as to encourage the exchange of personnel and continue talks on border issues, Li said. Singh said the announcement to establish strategic cooperative partnership between the two countries ushered in a new phase for the full-around development of bilateral ties and pushed forward the cooperation process in all fields.

MNA/Xinhua

Britain to hand over control of security in southern Iraq

LONDON, 3 June — British troops in southern Iraq are expected to hand over control of security to local Iraqi defence and police forces within a year, British newspaper *Financial Times* quoted a senior British police officer as reporting on Thursday.

"I would expect that within the next six to nine months in certain areas under British military control, a day to day running of security will be handed over entirely to the Iraqis," said Paul Kernaghan, the British police force's spokesman on international affairs.

According to the report, Kernaghan was speaking fresh from an inspection of British police who are training Iraqi police and defence forces and acting as security advisers in southern Iraq.

The Ministry of Defence is drafting a plan for the deployment of extra British troops to Afghani-

stan, with the suggestion that this will involve a reduction in the British troops in Iraq, the report said.

According to other security sources, the withdrawal is for a two-phase programme of British demilitarization in the southern area of Iraq, the report said.

Under a first phase, which is expected to be under way in March, 2006, British troops will withdraw to main Army bases from frontal operational duties, with the capacity to offer support to Iraqi police and defence forces if necessary.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraqi soldier dies of poison near Mosul

TIKRIT, 3 June — An Iraqi soldier died and 12 others were hospitalized after they ate poisonous watermelon near the northern Iraqi city of Mosul, a statement said on Wednesday.

"An unknown driver of a truck full of watermelon gave late on Tuesday poisonous watermelon to Iraqi soldiers on several checkpoints spread along the road from north of Sharqat to Hamam al-Alil Town, near the northern Iraqi city of Mosul," US-Iraqi liaison office in Tikrit said in the statement.

"A soldier died and 12 others were evacuated to Mosul Hospital," the statement said.

Iraqi authorities are investigating the incident, it added. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Singh, Kumaratunga hold talks

NEW DELHI, 3 Jun — Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Thursday held talks with visiting Sri Lanka President Chandrika Kumaratunga on a host of issues covering bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual interest.

The issues believed to have been discussed during the hour-long meeting include the peace process in Sri Lanka and tsunami disaster management cooperation.

India's cooperation in the rehabilitation in tsunami-hit areas is also understood to have been deliberated at the meeting, official sources said.

MNA/PTI



A man walks past new weaving machines at the ShanghaiTex 2005 textile industry exhibition in Shanghai, China on 3 June, 2005.—INTERNET

Lee launches new book to encourage Singaporeans to learn Mandarin

SINGAPORE, 3 June — Singapore Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew on Thursday night encouraged Singaporeans, especially Chinese students from English-speaking homes, to learn Mandarin at a young age so as to cope with the rise of China in their future.

“There are great business opportunities with China’s rapid economic transformation. Chinese tourists and Chinese businesses are coming to Singapore in ever larger numbers,” Lee said, adding that Singaporeans need to do business with them.

He was speaking at the launching of a book titled *Keep My Mandarin Alive — Lee Kuan Yew’s Language Learning Experience*.

“I hope this book will encourage them to persevere and learn the language in school, so that they can build on that

foundation later in life, especially when they need to use it,” Lee added. The book, in both Chinese and English languages, gives a first-hand account of how he has exerted extra efforts in learning Mandarin for more than 50 years.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese Buddhist delegation visits Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 3 June — Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni on Thursday met with visiting Chinese Buddhist delegation led by the Most Venerable Sheng Hui at the Royal Palace.

During the meeting, King Sihamoni said the exchange and cooperation between Buddhist circle of the two countries have played an important role for strengthening the traditional friendship between Cambodia and China.

The King expressed wishes to further strengthen the exchange and cooperation of the Buddhist circle between the two countries, which he said will contribute greatly to the two countries’ stability, prosperity and people’s well-being, as well as the regional and

world peace.

Sheng Hui, who is also vice-president of the Buddhist Association of China, briefed Sihamoni the development of China’s Buddhist cause and the exchange between China’s Buddhist and the world Buddhist circle.

On the same day, the delegation also met with Cambodia’s Buddhist masters of Tep Vong, the Mahanikaya Buddhist sect, and Bou Kry, the Dhamayut Buddhist sect.

The two masters said that Cambodia’s Buddhist circle firmly supports the royal government’s stance

on “one China” policy.

Cambodia’s Minister of Cults and Religious Affairs Khun Hang also met with the Chinese Buddhist delegation.

Sheng Hui also invited his Cambodian counterparts to attend the Buddhist Forum to be held in Beijing in 2006.

Cambodia is the second trip of the Chinese Buddhist delegation that arrived here on Tuesday from Myanmar on a four-day visit.

The delegation will proceed to Vietnam and Laos.

MNA/Xinhua

Crew safe as chopper overturns in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 3 June—A private helicopter overturned Thursday morning while landing at the Mt Qomolangma Base Camp of the Nepali side, and all the crew members aboard are safe, officials said.

Officials at the Rescue Coordination Centre of the Tribhuvan International Airport told reporters that the helicopter was damaged but nobody on board was hurt.

They said another chopper has already left

Kathmandu to bring back the crew members of the crashed Shree Airlines chopper, which had left Kathmandu for the base camp to pick up members of the Rotary Centennial Expedition. The helicopter crashed while on its

way to pick up Moni Mulepati, the first non-Sherpa Nepali woman who successfully climbed the world’s highest peak a few days ago, and two other members of the expedition team.

MNA/Xinhua



A man uses wireless internet services at a cafe in Singapore on 3 June, 2005.—INTERNET

China to start second agriculture survey from end of 2006

BEIJING, 3 June — China will start its second agricultural survey on 31 December, 2006, according to the National Bureau of Statistics here Thursday.

The survey will include mainly reports on how many people are engaged in the primary industry, the number of migrant workers, how the land is used, the environment of rural communities and village committee officials, investment of fixed assets in rural areas and the living quality of farmers.

The NBS said the survey is expected to give an accurate account of the total farmland acreage in China.

The outcome of the survey will help the central government in macro-economic policies.

The first agriculture survey was conducted in 1997. According to the nation’s new agenda and periodical arrangements, such survey should be conducted every 10

years as of 2006.

The survey will be financed by the central

government and local governments.

MNA/Xinhua



Spanish Crown Prince Felipe (C) and his wife Crown Princess Letizia (L) attend the Spain-Japan symposium in Tokyo on 3 June, 2005.—INTERNET

Japan, NZ, Romania mull cooperation on UNSC reform

TOKYO, 3 June — Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi agreed on Thursday with leaders of New Zealand and Romania to jointly work on enlarging the United Nations Security Council during separate meetings.

Koizumi and New Zealand Prime Minister Helen Clark said in a joint statement that “they see a more representative UNSC as an important element in the wider UN reform process”.

“In an expanded Security Council, New Zealand supports a place for Japan,” the statement said.

But Clark indicated during the talks with Koizumi that her country is unlikely to support a draft UN resolution for enlargement of the Security Council due to its opposition to veto rights, according to *Kyodo News Agency*.

The so-called Group of Four nations — Japan, Brazil, India and Germany

—jointly drew up the draft resolution, which says new permanent members should have veto rights.

Clark was quoted as telling Koizumi that New Zealand has long opposed the idea that permanent members of the Security Council have veto power.

The G-4 nations aspire to become permanent members of the Council and plan to submit the draft resolution to the UN General Assembly this month with possible revisions.

Earlier in the day, Koizumi and Romanian President Traian Basescu agreed to jointly work on expanding the UNSC as well as conserving the environment. Koizumi was

also quoted as telling Basescu that Japan and Romania “can work together in many areas related to the environment”.

Koizumi and Basescu met a day after the Japanese and Romanian governments signed a document on bilateral business operations in Romania aimed at cutting emissions of greenhouse gases, including methane gas, under the Kyoto Protocol.

Under the document, Japan can count part of the amount of gases cut in Romania with Japan’s help as a reduction in Japan. The bilateral pact related to the Kyoto Protocol was the first for Japan.

MNA/Xinhua

US soldier killed in bomb attack in western Iraq

BAGDAD, 3 June — A US soldier was killed in a roadside bomb near the flashpoint city of Ramadi, west of Baghdad, the US military said on Thursday.

The soldier, assigned to the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, was killed in a roadside bomb blast which hit his vehicle near Ramadi, some 100 kilometres west of Baghdad, the military said in a statement. Over 1,660 US soldiers have been killed in Iraq since the US-led invasion in March 2003. — MNA/Xinhua

Only if objective conditions of Myanmar are viewed in right perspective ...

Soe Tint Lwin

The neighbouring nations, the ASEAN countries, the Asian nations and other world nations with impartial attitude have acknowledged, supported and welcomed Myanmar's endeavours for transition to democracy based on market economy. However, some western powers are imposing economic sanctions on Myanmar.

The Tatmadaw's assumptions of the State duties in 1962 and 1988 were totally different from each other in infrastructural and superstructural changes. In 1962, the multi-party system was abolished and single party system introduced and the market economy substituted with centralized socialist economy. In 1988, the Tatmadaw dissolved the single party system and adopted the multi-party system, and then substituted the centralized economy with the open market economy.

When we analyze the stance of some western powers on Myanmar, it is observed the three basic outlooks are at fault. They are:

- The demands for a direct copy from the west in Myanmar's democracy transition.
- Placing more emphasis on an individual person than the changing of social system.
- The viewing Myanmar with negative outlook.

The demands for a direct copy from the west in Myanmar's democracy transition

It is usual that the development of a nation depends on its history, traditions, culture and real life.

Modern political science says that adoption of a political system is based on the current social and political situation plus physical condition. A correct political system cannot be laid down according to the desires. It can be laid down based on objective conditions.

The People's Republic of China that is implementing market economy has been making changes according to her social condition.

After the meeting with the US President, the Russian Federation President Mr Putin said at a press conference in Bratislava in Slovak on 24-2-2005 that Russia would build a democratic state in her own way; that other nations should not criticize Russia's democracy just for their interest of foreign policy goals; that the basic concepts and democracy should be according to social conditions of Russia; that the nation should practise the model of democracy that is in accord with the traditions and culture and history of the nation; and that Russia will not copy the model of any nation.

The words of Mr Putin suit the global principles for establishing democracy.

Myanmar is not a nation that can launch a western European model democracy revolution. It is in the process of transition to democracy according to her social conditions.

Myanmar has been in transition to democracy and embarking on market economy from the centralized single party socialist system. Because of the centralized economic system, the socio-economy declined in 1988 leading to eruption of disturbances. The unrest brought more destruction

to the nation, and as the nation's situation worsened, the Tatmadaw Government had to rebuild the nation. It has to inherit all the evil legacies of the past. It has been rebuilding the nation in accord with the 12 objectives and market economy.

It is not without any reason that the Tatmadaw has to play a leading role in the democracy transition. The national Tatmadaw with its fine traditions has to be at the helm of the democracy transition drive because the nation lacked capitalist class and its representatives who could lead the successful democracy revolution, there was no unity between the political parties with historical traditions and they were also out of touch with the people, the democracy activists that came into being during the unrest also lacked experience and fine traditions, and the then ruling Party could not continue to lead the nation. In that situation, the Tatmadaw with noble traditions and good discipline had to take the leading role. Had not the Tatmadaw played the leading role, the democracy transition would have been lost in the anarchism during the unrest.

Thus, the pro-democracy elements from inside and outside the nation will have to support and encourage the democracy transition drive without fail under the leadership of the Tatmadaw. They will also have to take part in the transition drive with constructive attitude. Only then will the democracy transition be achieved through least painful means and without any delay.

Some western powers' demands to copy their model without understanding Myanmar's objective conditions are based on wrong views.

Placing more emphasis on an individual person than the changing of social system

No individual can carry out a democracy transition. It can be implemented only by the human society. History of man is the history of economic production. Social revolutions derive from economic production. They do not come from dreams or the practice of personality cult.

Modern political science says, a social revolution is a battle between old political, economic, legal, administrative and social systems and new political, economic, legal, administrative and social systems. It is a process in which the old system ends and the new system is born.

The Tatmadaw's assumptions of the State duties in 1962 and 1988 were totally different from each other in infrastructural and superstructural changes. In 1962, the multi-party system was abolished and single party system introduced and the market economy substituted with centralized socialist economy. In 1988, the Tatmadaw dissolved the single party system and adopted the multi-party system, and then substituted the centralized economy with the open market economy.

Despite the differences between the events of 1962 and 1988, some western nations cut off soft loans, and humanitarian aids to Myanmar and impose economic sanctions on the nation at present. When the nation was practising the centralized economic system and socialism, they gave us soft loans, humanitarian aids and economic assistance.

It shows that those western nations place more emphasis on individual person than on the changes in social conditions. In other words, they are paying greater attention to the individual interest than the public cause, and treating a friend as a foe.

Viewing Myanmar with negative outlook

No society in the world is flawless. Thus, optimism, which views things with positive attitude,

and pessimism, which views things with negative attitude were extreme and both wrong. The true situation of a human society can be seen only if it is viewed with objective outlook, free from the two extremes.

The nation has been enjoying unprecedented development during the administration of the Tatmadaw Government. The current conditions bear witness to the degree of progress in all political, economic and social sectors. A large number of infrastructures have been built in all sectors, and high-rise buildings are emerging in the places where huts and old buildings once occupied. In addition to State-owned industries, banks and enterprises, and private, joint-venture companies and industries have also emerged in the nation. Local and foreign investments are increasing in the nation, which has witnessed the rapid development in tourism and hotel industry.

The nation is also enjoying technological development, increase in the volume of bilateral border trade, and progress in the transport sector. With all those developments, Myanmar is actively taking part in the ASEAN and extending cooperation with neighbouring and regional countries. And those are all the actual developments and changes of the nation.

The Government has restored the national consolidation to such an unprecedented degree that 17 national race armed groups have returned to the legal fold. It has also permitted the formation of political parties legally and the peace groups to carry out regional development undertakings freely joining hands with the Government. It has laid down the 12 objectives to develop the nation and is now in the process of building a democratic state in accord with the seven-point Road Map.

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the Road Map. Some national race armed groups have unconditionally exchanged arms for peace. It has been developing the nation on self-reliance basis despite the sanctions imposed by some powers on the nation. Those powers are highlighting only the weaknesses of Myanmar while ignoring the unprecedented developments the nation has been achieving. They just see Myanmar from the negative point of view.

Myanmar's democracy transition drive will become smooth and speedy only if those powers cease their lopsided slanders on Myanmar and view the nation with constructive outlook.

(Translation: TMT)

Myanma Alin+Kyemon: 4.6.2005.

Doktawady Bridge (Nawngkhio) construction and regional development tasks inspected

YANGON, 4 June — Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Chairman North-East Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing together with departmental officials, arrived at Doktawady Bridge Project in Nawngkhio Township on 2 June and heard the reports on the progress of bridge construction. Next, the commander gave necessary instructions.

Afterwards, the commander

looked into Wetwon Taungkhan earth road construction and model plantations of Sinshweli summer paddy in Ohnmakha village and left instructions.

Later, the commander inspected model plantations of rainy crops soybean, sunflower, and maize of Camp Commandant's Office families in Lashio Township and gave necessary instructions to the officials.

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Wellwishers invited to rebuilding of Kaunghmudaw ancient pagoda

YANGON, 3 June — Kaunghmudaw ancient pagoda, built by King Anawrahta in 11th Century AD in ancient Tagaung city of Thabeikkyin Township, Mandalay Division, has fallen into ruin due to earthquake and natural disasters. Now, the Ministry of Culture is rebuilding the pagoda with the donations

of wellwishers. The ceremony to enshrine the religious objects of the pagoda was held on, 14 November 2004 and erect the pivot on 22 May 2005.

Wellwishers are invited to donate K 12 million each for three archways, K 1,502,550 each for three encircling cetis and K 412,550 each

for four Kalatha Pots, they are to contact the head office of the Ministry of Culture, Tel: 543235, 543233 and 541767; the head office of Archaeology Department, Tel: 512139 and 512140 and ancient cultural heritage preservation unit (Mandalay Branch), Tel: 02-36365 and 02-39156.

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UMFCCI General Secretary meets Chinese delegation

YANGON, 4 June — General Secretary of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Sein Win Hlaing met 13-member Chinese delegation led by Vice-Chairman Mr Wang Chao of De Hong Prefecture People's Government in Yunnan at the federation 2 June.

At the meeting, they cordially discussed matters related to cooperation in the commerce, enhancement of trading in border area, participation in the Fifth



UMFCCI General Secretary receives Chinese delegation led by Vice-Chairman Mr Wang Chao of De Hong Prefecture People's Government in Yunnan at the federation.—UMFCCI

Session of China-Myanmar Border Economic and Trade Fair and Myanmar entrepreneurs' visit to De Hong Prefecture for meeting the De Hong commerce industries.

Also present at the meeting were Joint-Secretary-1 Dr Maung Maung Lay, Joint-Secretary-2 U Tun Aung and CEC members of the federation.

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Lucky draw winners honoured



Actor Yi Wai Yan presents a prize to a winner at the lucky draw programme. — MNA

YANGON, 4 May — The Grand Wynn Enterprise Ltd held a ceremony to present gifts to the winners of its Lolane lucky draw programme for 2004-2005 at Lolane

Complex at No 38, 66th Street, Botahtaung Township, this afternoon.

The officials presented gifts to the winners.

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Families of City Mart Supermarket made cash donations to religious and social organizations Saturday in commemoration of Mothers Day. Officials of City Mart presents cash to girls training school. — H

Regional development discussed

YANGON, 4 May — Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing held a meeting with departmental personnel, members of social organizations and townsenders at Lamaing Township General Administration Department on 1 June morning.

Deputy Commissioner of District GAD U Maung Maung gave an account of topography of the region and

development tasks.

In response, the commander gave instructions and presented K 1 million for construction of Lamaing town hall. He visited the Kelasa Pagoda in the town and made cash donations to it.

The commander met with departmental officials, social organizations and senior citizens at Ye Township PDC, and elaborated on the tasks for regional development. Next, he inspected the progress of Ye. — MNA

Arid zone greening tasks in Mandalay and Magway Divisions inspected



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspects castor plantations at the foot of Tantkyi Hill in Pakokku Township. — MNA

YANGON, 4 June — Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, accompanied by Director-General of the Arid Zone Greening Department U Tun Tun and officials, inspected greening tasks in arid zones in Magway and Mandalay Divisions on yesterday and today.

The minister arrived at Tantkyi Hill in Pakokku Township yesterday morning and looked into the pilot castor plantations. On arrival at Seikhawa village, the minister inspected the plants to be grown for Tantkyi Hill greening.

When the minister ar-

rived at Tantkyi Hill Pagoda, he inspected the growth of plants, water storage with the Ayeyawady river pumping system and broadcast the seeds.

After hearing the reports on greening tasks of Tantkyi Hill and both sides of Pakokku-Seikphyu Highway, the minister gave necessary instructions to take the measures in accord with the guidance of Head of State.

In the afternoon, the minister inspected neem plantations in Chauk Township.

On arrival at the brief-

ing hall in Mount Poda today, the minister heard reports on the perennial crops plantations, the tasks to be carried out and attended to the needs.

When the minister arrived at the foot of Ngalinpot Hill, he inspected the collection of saplings jointly carried out by the Ministry of Forestry and KOICA of the Republic of Korea and heard the report on arrangements to grow saplings in rainy season.

Next, the minister gave instructions on meeting the target of the tasks and fulfilled the requirements.

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Myanmar enters semi-final in Asian-European youth football tourney

YANGON, 4 Jun — Myanmar youth football team beat Indonesian football team 3-2 in the (Group-B) of soccer tournament of the First Asian-European Youth (Under 18) Sports Festival held in Phuket, Thailand, this evening.

Soe Thiha Aung scored two goals and Aung Myo Thant one in the match, and Myanmar team has reached semi-final after two wins and one defeat with six points.

Korean youth football team has also reached seminal after three wins with nine points.

Myanmar will play semi-final match on 6 June evening.

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Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San together with the congregation took the Five Precepts from Chairman of the Examination Ovadaçariya Committee Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Presiding Nayaka of Mawlamyine Webyan Monastery Bhaddanta Vijayabhivamsa.

First, Chairman Magway

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara gave an Ovadakatha.

The Saydaw said he would like to give Ovadakatha to 67 members of the Sangha who passed the 57th Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida Selection and Oral Examination.

If one comes into existence in the world, it means that he is for the good and the interest of all. Such a Man is the Lord Buddha who is omniscient.

The Lord Buddha attained enlightenment in the world covered with ignorance. He taught the people Dhamma that can gain merits and Four Noble Truths. Therefore enlightenment of the Buddha is like the appearance of the sun and the moon. The teachings of Buddha are classified into three — Suttan Pitakat, Vinaya Pitakat and Abhidhamma Pitakat.



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presents certificate of Mula Abhidhammika title to Ashin Obhasabhivamsa.—MNA



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win offers certificate of Dighanikaya Kovida title to Ashin Sunanda.—MNA



General Thura Shwe Mann offers certificate of Dighanikaya Kovida title to Ashin Jatila.—MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents certificate of Dighanikaya Kovida title to Ashin Vasetthalankara.—MNA



Lt-Gen Ye Myint presents certificate of Dighabhanaka title to a monk.—MNA



Lt-Gen Aung Htwe offers certificate of Vinayadhara title to a monk.—MNA

Most of the people in the world are ignorant about merits and demerits, sufferings and cause of sufferings. The Lord Buddha attained enlightenment in the world covered with ignorance. He taught the people Dhamma that can give merits and Four Noble Truths. Therefore enlightenment of the Buddha is like the appearance of the sun and the moon. The teachings of Buddha are classified into three — Suttan Pitakat, Vinaya Pitakat and Abhidhamma Pitakat.

He said Pariyatti is important like the root of a tree without which fruits and flowers cannot flourish. Similarly, Pariyatti is vital for flourishing of the Sasana. He said he was glad to see

those who passed the examination and thanked the government and wellwishers. Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung supplicated on religious affairs. He said that for flourishing of the Pariyatti Sasana of the Buddhism, Pariyatti examinations have been held on a wide scale in accord with the Ovada of Sayadaws. Of them, the Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida Selection Examination is the most difficult one and the highest standard in the world.

However, 76 members of the Sangha passed the Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida Selection Examination. It is a magnificent occasion for people (See page 9)



General Thura Shwe Mann offers alms to a monk who passed Tipitakadhara exam. — MNA



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win offers alms to a monk who passed Tipitakadhara exam. — MNA

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of the nation having the opportunities to pay homage to the outstanding members of the Sangha who passed the examination as emergence of a member of the Sangha who has ability to recite one part of Pitakat is an unprecedented incident. In conclusion, the minister thanked members of the Sangha for their contribution to promotion and propagation of the Sasana.

Afterwards, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye offered title and certificate of Mula Arbhiddhammika to Ashin Obhasabhivamsa of Tipitaka Maha Gandawin Monastery of Dagon Myothit (East) Township.

General Thura Shwe Mann presented title and certificate of Dighanikaya Kovida to Ashin Jatila of Tipitaka Nikaya Monastery of Mingun-

Momeik Hill in Sagaing Township.

Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win also presented title and certificate of Dighanikaya Kovida to Ashin Sunanda of Pyinsanikaya Sasana Beikman Monastery of Yankin Township.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein offered title and certificate of Dighanikaya Kovida to Ashin Vassetthalankara of Tipitaka Maha Gandayon Monastery of Mingaladon Township.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint presented titles and certificates of Dighabhanaka to 2 members of the Sangha; Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, titles and certificates of Vinayadhara to two members of the Sangha; and Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, titles and certificates of Dighabhanaka to three members of the Sangha.

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Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo offers Dikabanaka title to a monk. — MNA



Vice-Admiral Soe Thein offers Vinayadhara title to a monk. MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi offers Ubatawvibingara title to a monk. MNA



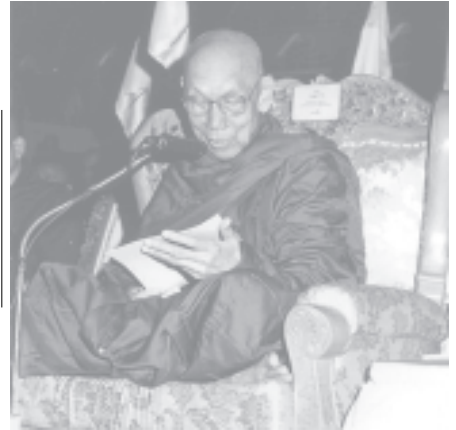
Lt-Gen Myat Hein offers Vinayadhara title to a monk. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa offers Ubatawvibingara title to a monk. —MNA



The ceremony to honour members of the Sangha who passed 57th Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida Selection Examination in progress at Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill.— MNA



Chairman Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara gives an Ovadakatha.— MNA



Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, offers alms to a Sayadaw.— MNA



Daw Khin Than Nwe, wife of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, offers alms to a Sayadaw.— MNA



Daw Khin Lay Thet, wife of General Thura Shwe Mann, offers alms to a Sayadaw.— MNA



Daw Than Than Nwe, wife of Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win, offers alms to a Sayadaw.— MNA



Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, offers alms to a Sayadaw.— MNA



Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe offers certificate of title to a Sayadaw.— MNA



Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint offers certificate of Ubhatovibhangadhara to a Sayadaw.— MNA



Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung offers certificate of title to a Sayadaw.— MNA



Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung supplicates on religious matters.— MNA

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Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo offered titles and certificates of Vinayadhara to 10 members of the Sangha. Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe presented title and certificate of Vinayadhara to one monk and Ubhatovibhanga Kovida to two monks; Minister for Science and Technology U Thaug, one Ubhatovibhanga Kovida to one monk and Ubhatovibhangadhara to two monks.

Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister for Education U Than Aung, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U

Soe Tha, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Re-settlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Chairman of CSSTB Dr Than Nyun and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin offered titles and certificates of Ubhatovibhangadhara to 40 members of the Sangha.

Secretary Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Nyaungdon Sayadaw Bhaddanta Osadhabhivamsa delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits.

After the ceremony, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San and the congregation paid homage to the Sayadaws.

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CSSTB Chairman Dr Than Nyun offers certificate of Ubhatovibhangadhara to a Sayadaw.

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The upcoming cities

(Yenanmyay Ko Tin)

The United Nation's "World Environment Day", falls on the 5th of June — and all nations have been urged to plan for the upcoming cities and towns, in order that they attain the status of "Green Cities" or *inter alia* "Pleasant Habitable Cities"

It is not a preposterous call. The tide of urbanization is gathering momentum — and urbanization means the emergence of more mega-cities. It was in the early 20th century that the urbanization revolution took place in the West, and currently Asia seems to be on the same path.

Urbanization is bound to rise, as a consequence of population growth; economic opportunities and increasing interconnectedness. According to a World Bank's prediction, it has been slated that the world's population which stood at only 5.7 billion in 1995 would reach 7.7 billion by 2020. As to economic opportunities, Pundits have presumed that the world's output of goods and services could double by 2020 and raise average standard of livings by two-thirds. Similarly, it has been anticipated that expanding global communication would lead to increasing interconnectedness.

It, however, seems that population explosions will ironically be taking place mostly in developing countries — and it has been predicted that by 2015, Asia alone would be accounting for about 207 cities, each with over 1 million residents. Rome incidentally became the first city with more than one million dwellers in the 5th BC, while London became the second only in 1800. Perhaps, it may have taken some time for Rome and London to surpass the one million mark, but the scale and speed of urbanization, currently taking place in Asia could be monumental. In giving credence to the phenomenon, it has been estimated that by 2015, there would be 21 mega-cities worldwide, and of which 12 will be in Asia, with Tokyo alone having 27 million residents.

Myanma population is also on the increase— and the population that was around 51 million in 2000 is reckoned to attain 61 million by 2010. However, urban and rural dwellers remain at 25% and 75% respectively, at present.

All the same, as Myanmar joins the global economy, urbanization is bound to rise. The 1900's witnessed massive migrations to cities like Yangon

and Mandalay, and satellite towns had to be established to meet such urbanization. Urbanization, however, entails the need for improved housing; access to safe water; hygienic and sanitary facilities; adequate energy supply; smooth transportation and ease in communications. If not planned properly urbanization could cause irreparable damage to the environment and national resources. Hence, the call to plan ahead for "Green Cities".

Nevertheless, it was only after 1972 that environmental concerns assumed global significance—and the United Nations deserves credit for it. It was the UN-sponsored UN conference on Human Environment, that was held at Stockholm, Sweden, that gave birth to the UN Environmental Programme (UNEP).

The UNEP, serving as the environmental spear-head of the UN was responsible in holding the UN Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) at Rio de Janero, Brazil on June, 1992. It universally became to be known as the "Earth Summit".

The Earth Summit was attended by more than 178 Governments and it was the Earth Summit that adopted the "Agenda 21" and the "Rio Declaration on Environment and Development".

Agenda 21 is a clarion call to all nations to plan and put into practice under own national strategies, plans and policies for environmental protection and sustainable development. In fact 'Agenda 21' is a comprehensive global blue-print for the protection of the world's environment and ecosystems. A National Commission for Environmental Affairs (NCEA) was formed in Myanmar in 1990 and the Commission implemented 'Myanmar Agenda 21', in 1997.

Myanmar Agenda 21 entails in detail the government plans and strategies in meeting the challenges of environment degradations, that also includes problems of urbanization. The Government of Myanmar has planned to be in readiness for urban settlements, but importantly it will be necessary for the upcoming city's residents to conform to the rules and regulations in force, and adhere to their civic duties.

It is sincerely hoped that "Agenda 21" will be able to meet the challenges ahead, and lead to UN's mission of "Green Cities", in future.

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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S MESSAGE ON WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

5 June 2005

YANGON, 5 June—*The following is the message sent by the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the occasion of World Environment Day which falls on 5-6-2005.—Ed*

The theme for this year's observance of World Environment Day, "Green Cities: Plan for the Planet!", highlights the challenges raised by one of the major trends of our times: the rapidly increasing proportion of people who are living in urban environments.

In the next quarter-century, almost all population growth will occur in cities, most of it in less developed countries. By 2030, more than 60 per cent of the world's population will live in urban areas. Such rapid urbanization presents profound challenges, from poverty and unemployment to crime and drug addiction. Already, one of every three urban dwellers lives in a slum. And in too many of the world's expanding towns and cities, environmental safeguards are few and planning is haphazard.

Indeed, the environmental consequences of urban growth are considerable. Cities are prolific users of natural resources and generators of waste. They produce most of the greenhouse gases that are causing global climate change. They often degrade local water quality, deplete aquifers, pollute the marine environment, foul the air and consume the land, thereby devastating biological diversity.

The rising concentration of humanity in cities and towns means the world will not achieve the Millennium Development Goals unless environmental planning is incorporated into all aspects of urban management. Creating environmentally friendly cities is an admittedly big challenge, but the technologies and expertise we need already exist. Clean transport, energy-efficient buildings, safe sanitation and economical water use are possible now, not just in the future, often in a manner that is affordable for all.

On this World Environment Day, I urge individuals, businesses, and local and national governments to take up the urban environmental challenge. Let us tap the great knowledge and natural dynamism of urban areas. And let us create "green cities" where people can raise their children and pursue their dreams in a well-planned, clean and healthy environment.—UNIC-YANGON

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- (ခ) Output Coaxial Equipment Comprising
- (ဂ) Program input and monitoring equipment Comprising
- (ဃ) Wiring materials Comprising
- (င) Antenna for 1 KW Transmitter
- (စ) RF Cable (1 - 5/8" Coaxial)
- (ဆ) 4.5m TVRO Set
- (ဇ) 52 meter Self - Supporting Tower
- (ဈ) Back up Spare (Optional)
- (ည) Test Equipment
- (ဋ) Automatic Voltage Regulator (48KVA)
- (ဌ) UPS 15 KVA
- (ဍ) Diesel Generator (30 KVA)
- (ဎ) Dehumidifier 16 Liter Per day
- (ဏ) Airconditioner 4.5 HP, Split Type, Wall Mounted
- (တ) PDB Board & Accessories
- (ထ) Lighting Protection

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Principals say universities should be closer to society

CHENGDU, 3 June — University principals attending the Sino-US State University Principals' Forum said here on Wednesday that universities should be closer to society.

Xie Heping, president of Sichuan University, the host of the forum, said one of the important functions of the state-owned universities is to serve society.

He said universities have exerted greater influence on the social economy since the advent of a knowledge-based economy.

At the forum held in the southwest China city of Chengdu, Michael Crow, principal of Arizona State University of the United States, challenged the past "gold standard" for judging state universities based on the faculty and the source of enrollment.

Almost all the universities in the United States imitate the modes of Harvard or Columbia University and the result is that all of them have the same subject setup, said the principal.

MNA/Xinhua

Search for four missing Chinese sailors continues

HANGZHOU, 3 June — Efforts still continued to find the four Chinese sailors who went missing after their fishing boat was hit by a foreign ship on the high seas of East China Sea and sank on Wednesday, local maritime official said on Thursday.

The Chinese fishing boat, Zhepuyu-72305, came to an anchor in the seawaters 113 nautical miles east of Jiushan Archipelago of Ningbo, a city of east China's Zhejiang Province, early on Wednesday morning. The fishing boat was hit by a Liberian cargo ship at about 4:20 am and sank. All 13 sailors aboard the Chinese fishing boat fell into the sea, nine of them have been rescued from the accident area by Press Time. The Liberian cargo ship was heading from South Korea to Kaohsiung of Taiwan.

The Zhepuyu-72305 fishing boat belongs to the Haiteng Aquatic Products Company based in Zhoushan. Other two fishing boats of the company operating nearby rushed to rescue ill-fated sailors immediately after the accident occurred, according to Zhoushan City Maritime and Fishery Administration.— MNA/Xinhua

UN report says AIDS continues to expand worldwide

UNITED NATIONS, 3 June — Despite encouraging signs that the AIDS epidemic is beginning to be contained in a small but growing number of countries, the epidemic continues to expand worldwide, a report released by UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said on Thursday.

The report was prepared for a high-level UN ministerial gathering held on Thursday that will assess progress towards meeting the targets set four years ago at a historic UN General Assembly Special Session on HIV/AIDS.

According to the report, progress has been made on several fronts since 2001, and the number of people receiving counselling and testing services has doubled over the past four years.

However, there are serious challenges that need urgent attention in order to achieve the intended goal

of reversing the epidemic. Compared to previous years, there were more new infections (4.9 million) and more AIDS death (3.1 million) in 2004, the report said, adding that as at December 2004, an estimated 39.4 million people were living with HIV.

The report makes specific recommendations for scaling up prevention and treatment efforts, expanding services to orphans and children made vulnerable by AIDS, ensuring gender equality, and mobilizing additional resources for fighting AIDS.—MNA/Xinhua



Miss Universe 2005 Natalie Glebova of Canada carries an orphan at Phyathai Babies' Home in Nonthaburi Province, outskirts of Bangkok, Thailand, on 2 June, 2005. Glebova was crowned Miss Universe 2005 in Bangkok on Tuesday. INTERNET

Malaysia considers supplying free needles, condoms to drug addicts

KUALA LUMPUR, 3 June—The Malaysian Health Ministry is considering providing free needles and condoms for drug addicts to reduce the spread of HIV, the ministry said on Thursday.

As an initial step, the ministry would embark on a six-month pilot project to supply free needles and condoms to 1,200 injecting drug users besides methadone, a drug substitute, Health Minister Chua Soi Lek told reporters here.

Under the Harm Reduction Programme, the needles and condoms would be supplied through 10 selected government and 10 private clinics nationwide in October after the medical staff have received proper training.

"We've to consider the needle exchange approach. We are providing them with the needles so that they will not share needles. In many countries, the results are good in reducing HIV infection rate," Chua said.

The Cabinet Subcommittee on Drug Addicts Treatment and Rehabilitation had considered all available data, including studies conducted nationwide and worldwide, before making the decision, Chua said.

The ministry's effort was merely a "clinical and medical initiative" as the

existing programmes have failed to reduce the infection rate, Chua said, while expressing the hope that the public would give their feedback and support for the programme to be implemented.

The government was aware of the public sensitivities on the move, but the Health Ministry's stand was clear — to discourage free sex.

"We only want the high-risk groups to use condoms ... Using condoms is only one of the safeguards to prevent others from contracting HIV," he said.

In this regard, Chua urged political parties and non-governmental organizations not to exploit the plan for their own agenda.

"Don't exploit the plan for political mileage. It has nothing to do with politics but for the interests of HIV sufferers and to protect Malaysia's image."

"We do not want Malaysia to be known as a developed nation but with the highest number of HIV carriers in Asia," Chua added.

MNA/Xinhua

Pacific Island nations seek closer economic ties with NZ, Australia

WELLINGTON, 4 June — Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) countries have decided it is now time to move beyond their existing SPARTECA agreement with Australia and New Zealand, according to reports from Nadi, Fiji, on Friday.

The PIF members wanted to advance towards a more comprehensive framework for trade and economic cooperation, as provided for under PACER.

SPARTECA, the South Pacific Regional Trade and Economic Cooperation Agreement, is the non-reciprocal agreement dating back to 1981 which provides for duty-free access of Pacific Island goods into the Australian and New Zealand markets. PACER, the Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations (CER), which came into force in 2002, provides for eventual negotiations on reciprocal free trade.

The decision emerged from the review of PACER initiated at an ongoing meeting in Nadi of Forum trade ministers.

The Forum trade ministers called Friday for a joint study of the potential impact of a region-wide CER. They also requested a gap analysis of their needs in respect of capacity building, trade promotion, and structural reform. This is to take into account a study on their progress with fiscal reform, which is to go before economic ministers who will meet soon in Tuvalu. The work will also bear in mind the progress island countries are making in their nego-

tiation of an Economic Partnership Agreement with the European Union.

Trade officials will get back together once the studies are completed, to make recommendations to ministers.

The trade ministers also called for effective implementation of the Regional Trade Facilitation Programme under PACER to ensure Pacific Island countries can participate meaningfully in regional trade.

This programme covers facilitation work in the area of Customs, quarantine, and standards and conformance.

MNA/Xinhua

Venezuela to defeat Uruguay

CARACAS, 3 June — Venezuela coach Richard Paez said Thursday his team is to defeat Uruguay in Saturday's qualifier for Germany 2006 at the Venezuelan city of Maracaibo.

Richard Paez said his team is firm and calm for the coming match, which will be decisive for the hosts. Paez, who has defined the match as a final for Venezuela, added that the support of fans can be felt and is to grow in the coming days.

Uruguay is fifth with 16 points, two over Venezuela which places eighth among 10 teams.

The top four finishers directly qualify for Germany 2006, while the fifth team is to play a repechage series against the champion of Oceania.—MNA/Xinhua

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India ties up \$766m external assistance for tsunami-affected states

NEW DELHI, 4 June — The Indian Government on Friday said it has tied up 766 million US dollars of external assistance for long-term rehabilitation and reconstruction of tsunami-affected states.

A comprehensive report released by the Prime Minister's Office said that the World Bank has agreed to lend 528.5 million US dollars, ADB 200 million dollars, International Fund for Development 30 million US dollars and 7.5 million from Japan.

Further assistance of 38.80 million US dollars was under negotiation, the report said.

The government has also decided to set up a Tsunami Early Warning System in the Indian Ocean on its own and the Department of Ocean Development has been identified as the nodal agency for this purpose, it said.

The system is likely to be in place in two years' time and is estimated to cost 1.25 billion rupees.

Elaborating on the external assistance, the report said that support from World Bank was for rural water supply rehabilitation in Kerala, livelihood restoration in Andhra Pradesh and housing and transport infrastructure restoration in Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry.

World Bank would also support studies for longer term coastal management.

ADB is providing funds for rehabilitation of transportation infrastructure, village infrastructure and livelihood restoration in Tamil Nadu

and Kerala.

Japan is providing 2.5 million US dollars each to Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Kerala for poverty reduction, the report said.

The report said that based on the assessment of the federal teams deputed to the affected states and federal territories, a special package totalling to 36.44 billion rupees has been approved.

The package named as "Rajiv Gandhi Rehabilitation Package for Tsunami Affected Areas" covers assistance for immediate relief and response, revival of fishery and agriculture sectors, immediate construction of temporary shelters and repair and restoration of infrastructure.

Out of this, 20.36 billion rupees has been approved for immediate relief and response which includes ex-gratia to the next of kin of the deceased, expenditure for setting up and running of relief camps, clothes and utensils, sustenance allowance, immediate water supply and relief employment, it said.

The government believed that this terrible calamity has also left in its wake an opportunity to put in place a level of infrastructure and services in the affected areas of a level which would be far higher than that destroyed by the tsunami, the report said. — MNA/PTI

Tanzania to forge road safety master plan

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 4 June — The alarming fact that 30 people died in two road accidents within a week has urged Tanzania to speed up its working on a national road safety master plan.

A four-car pile-up crash on Wednesday killed 18 people in central Tanzania while an overloaded pick-up overturn killed 12 in the south of the country on May 26.

The master plan, to span an initial period of five years, is expected to help the East African country to reduce its road accidents and casualties.

Using the master plan, Tanzania is to develop a safe road transport system that is able to stave off fatalities and injuries as well as material losses.

SweRoad, the Swedish National Road Consulting AB, has undertaken to prepare a pre-master plan report which is being considered by the Tanzanian Ministry of Works.

The SweRoad's finding coincided with an earlier World Bank finding that Tanzania is one of the most unsafe countries in the region as far as road safety is concerned.

There were 66 fatalities per 10,000 motor vehicles in Tanzania in 1994 and the rate of casualties per 10,000 motor vehicles was nearly 600 in the country, as compared with under 500 in other East African countries.

The average ratio of fatalities per 10,000 motor vehicles in other East African countries was 35 or 23 at the lowest and 60 at the highest ends of the gauge.

The number of persons killed in Tanzania in direct relation to the number of motor vehicles is 30 to 40 times higher than in most

developed countries and is also higher than in its East African neighbours like Kenya and Zimbabwe, according to the SweRoad report.

In 2003, 2,250 people were killed by motor vehicles in Tanzania whereas in the ensuing year, the fatality rose to 2,366.

Reckless driving has been blamed for causing more than 60 per cent of the 17,039 road accidents last year in Tanzania while mechanical problems caused 14.1 per cent of the accidents, according to national police statistics.

SweRoad researchers therefore call upon Tanzanians to change their behaviour on the road to help cut down deaths and crippling injuries.

MNA/Xinhua

First marriage on Mt Everest summit held

KATHMANDU, 3 June — Moni Mulepati, the first non-Sherpa Nepali woman who scaled Mt Everest, has created a history by wedding on top of the world's highest peak.

Mulepati, 24, had wed with her team member Pem Dorjee Sherpa after reaching the summit from Nepali side on Monday.

Mulepati and Sherpa revealed about their marriage upon arrival at the Kathmandu Airport on Thursday afternoon.

They said they wedded in presence of their colleague Kami Sherpa.

"This is a surprise for us as we did not have even the slightest hint about it," father of Mulepati told reporters. He said that his family and that of Sherpa have accepted the wedding.

"We will arrange the formal wedding once the felicitation programmes of Mulepati ends in the next few days," he said.

Mulepati had reached the summit on Monday, along with Pem Dorjee Sherpa and Kami Sherpa.

MNA/Xinhua



Mountaineers Moni Mulepati, right, and Pem Dorjee Sherpa look on during a function to congratulate them, on their return after an expedition to Mt Everest in Katmandu, Nepal, on 2 June, 2005.—INTERNET

One conjoined twin dies in separation surgery in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 4 June — A conjoined twin has died in a surgery in the Indonesian town of Surabaya with the team of doctors saying the separation aimed at saving the life of his twin brother, a local newspaper reported on Friday.

The conjoined twins from the East Java town of Jombang — Amir Mukti Abadi and his twin brother Amir Mahmud were born on 15 February, said *The Jakarta Post*.

The twins shared a heart, while Amir Mahmud was born with no facial features nor brain. Amir Mukti Abadi had no liver.

Doctors had decided there was no hope for Amir

Mahmud, and during surgery transplanted his healthy liver into Amir Mukti Abadi, who survived the operation and is in a stable condition.

"In cases of conjoined twins where one is not completely developed, usually only one of the babies is saved as the other is medically unable to survive," head of the surgery team Dr Teguh Sylviantoro was quoted as

saying. The twins underwent surgery at the Integrated Surgery Centre of Dr. Soetomo General Hospital from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. Surgeons finished suturing the incision at 12:50 noon.

The 25-member team, involving pediatricians, pediatric surgeons and anesthetists, had initially estimated the surgery would take five hours.

MNA/Xinhua

Portuguese team receives child survivor of tsunami

LISBON, 3 June — Martunis, an Indonesian boy who survived the tsunami last December and was found 19 days after the tragedy wearing a shirt of the Portuguese national soccer team, now is in Portugal.

The boy, who travelled with his father, fulfilled his dream: meeting the players of the Portuguese national soccer team and their coach Luis Felipe Scolari.

Martunis survived without food nor water during 19 days before being found by a television team of Sky News network.

The news deeply touched the Portuguese team who has donated a

house and a plot of land for Martunis family to start a new life.

Six months after the tsunami, the young fan of Portugal travelled with his father to the Iberian country to meet players like Figo, Cuaresma and goalkeeper Ricardo.

On Saturday Martunis will be present in La Luz Stadium, in Lisbon, for a World Cup qualifier versus Slovakia.

After learning of

Martunis story, Portuguese firm Ferreira donated the furniture for the child. On the other hand, the players of the national soccer team collected 20,000 euros through an auction, and additionally 16,800 dollars were collected in shirts sales.

MNA/Xinhua

Donate blood

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Agent vows to clear Cole's name

LONDON, 4 June—Ashley Cole's agent Jonathan Barnett pledged on Friday to do all to clear both their names after Cole's hefty fine for the Chelsea tapping-up row.

Cole was fined 10,000 pounds by the Premier League for his meeting with Blues' chiefs in a London restaurant in January.

"We are not prepared to accept what has happened and we will do what it takes to clear our names," said Barnett.

"We feel so strongly about this we will appeal and fight on. We will not stop. It would be easy to accept the fine.

"This is the most important thing in our lives at the moment.

"I am actually more determined to clear Ashley's name than my own. But I have always maintained that I am innocent of any wrongdoing," he said.

While Cole's conduct was deemed to have been "unacceptable", the commission ruled that he had been "manipulated to a large extent by his agent".

The FA has started gathering evidence on Barnett's alleged role in the affair, with a misconduct charge possible in the future. —MNA/Xinhua

Star-studded list to help choose US Olympic basketball team

WASHINGTON, 4 June—Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, Larry Bird and Larry Brown are among the who's-who list of stars who agreed to help choose US Olympic basketball teams, it was reported from Colorado Springs, Colorado.

USA Basketball, the sport's national governing body, wants to avoid the trouble that came in selecting the 2004 Olympic team, which finished third

at the Athens Games. Last week, USA Basketball announced Jerry West, Ernie Grunfeld and a handful of NBA team presidents and general

managers would be part of the advisory group, reports said.

Other former players on the list this week included David Robinson, Charles Barkley, Bill Russell and Oscar Robertson. Other coaches included Dean Smith, Bob Knight, John Thompson and Chuck Daly.

Members of the advisory panel are expected to meet on June 6-7 in Chicago.

MNA/Xinhua

Brazilian winger moves to Roma from Siena

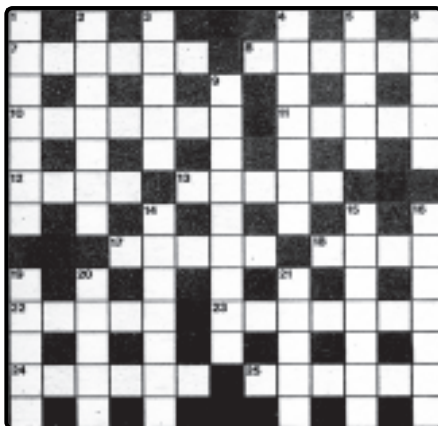
ROME, 4 June— Italian Serie A club Roma have signed Brazilian winger Rodrigo Taddei on a five-year contract from Siena.

The 25-year-old Taddei joined Siena when they were in Serie B three years ago and helped them to promotion to the top flight.

Before joining the Siena, Taddei had been with Brazilian club Palmeiras.

Taddei is Roma's first signing of the close season and will compete with his compatriot Mancini for a spot on the right flank. —MNA/Xinhua

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- 8 Crystalline rock
- 10 Glossy silk-stuff
- 11 Strong box
- 12 Torture instrument
- 13 Chief stress
- 17 Beaten path
- 18 Nonsense
- 22 Search
- 23 Refuse collector
- 24 Affront
- 25 A border

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- 20 Brutal man
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China overcome Cuba for Int'l title at Women's Volleyball

DALIAN (Northeast China), 4 June— Olympic and World Cup double champion China came back from one set down to beat Cuba 3-1 here on Friday to claim the title of the PetroChina KunLun Cup China International Women's Volleyball Tournament.

The host team was taken one and a half hours to wrap up the fifth straight victories at the seven-team tournament 22-25, 26-24, 25-16, 25-20.

Xue Ming, 18, together with Olympian Yang Hao, had the match-winning block at the middle of the net after a powerful spike and an ace from Chu Jinling helped China hold four-match points on 24-20.

The 21-year-old Chu Jinling had 17 points to lead China on 14 hits, a block and two aces, while Yang Hao gained 15 points, and Zhang Ping and Liu Yanan added 12 and 10 respectively. Wang Yimei, 17, and Ma Yunwen, 18, did not spark as they were in the last three games, but still had six points apiece.

China recruited several young players after winning the gold medal at the Athens Olympic Games and Ma Yunwen, Xue Ming, Wang Ting and Zhao Yun was just taking part in their second international competition here in the five-day tourney.

"There are some newcomers to our team, and it's reasonable for them to make errors a little bit more," said Chen Zhonghe, head coach of Chinese women's volleyball. "Problems with our young squad are mainly about serving and receiving, while there're also some leaks on the defence."

After looking sluggish and losing the opening set without any efficient block, China evened the match with a second set rally. Trailing 9-5 after Charro Yaima Ortiz served an ace for Cuba, the Chinese women gradually found their tune with a

timeout called by head coach Chen Zhonghe, launched some excellent offence with a sequence involving of their key youngster Ma Yunwen and managed a first tie on 14-14.

Cuba ran 6-2 to take again the lead 19-16, but China wound up to tie the scores twice before claiming the last two points of the set by forcing a hitting error from Cuba's star winger Luaces Yumilka Ruiz as well as a violation of the rules during the opponent's defence.

The Cuba side, whose Olympic winning streak was snapped by China in last August's Games in Athens, returned to the court with apparent panic after levelled 1-1, allowed China to take a 5-1 lead in the third set and seemed never recovered before easily losing 25-16.

China, however, kept its unstoppable scoring vein in the fourth set. Backed on a 8-2 run at the right beginning of the set, the host team, who took its first world title in 17 years at the 2003 World Cup in Japan and then continued to claim the Olympic gold medal in 2004, held on to win the last set 25-20.

"Fortunate for us that we found our rhythm after losing the first set," said Chen Zhonghe. "In the first two sets, we nearly built successful blocks and only had three chances to beat back."

"I don't think China performed badly in the first set, but they played better and better," responded Cuban head coach Blet Luis Calderon. "China's performance in the last five matches were same good, and that's why they claimed the title." —MNA/Xinhua

Kluivert to move to Valencia

MADRID, 4 June— Dutch international striker Patrick Kluivert, who had undergone a disappointing season with Newcastle, has agreed a three-year contract with Valencia, the Primera Liga side said on Friday.

The 28-year-old, who will arrive on a free transfer from English club Newcastle United, is due to undergo a medical at Valencia next Thursday.

Kluivert joined Newcastle on a three-year deal after being released by Barcelona at the end of the 2003-04 season, but failed to live up to expectations.

He started 25 games in all competitions and scored 13 goals in a disappointing season for Newcastle who finished only 14th in the Premier League.

Valencia, Spanish champions in 2002 and 2004, came only seventh last season and appointed Quique Sanchez Flores as their new coach this week. —MNA/Xinhua

Match without fans to cause financial loss to Albania

TIRANA, 4 June— The match without fans to be played here Saturday between Albania and Georgia in the qualifiers of the 2006 World Cup will cost the Albanian Football Federation (FSHF) a loss about 300,000 US dollars.

The match will be played at the "Qemal Stafa" stadium behind closed doors because of a sanction imposed by the world soccer's governing body FIFA to the FSHF due to the unruly behaviour of Albanian fans in the February 9 qualifier against Ukraine in Tirana.

For this reason, the tickets have not been produced. Referring to the incomes

from the matches with Greece, Denmark and Ukraine at the stadium, the financial bill minus Saturday's match for the FSHF is up to about 300,000 dollars, without including the incomes from the right of advertisement.

According to FSHF sources, in the match, there will be an envoy from FIFA to observe the sanction. —MNA/Xinhua



Bahrain's Mohamed Salmeen tackles Japan's Hidetoshi Nakata during their World Cup soccer qualifying match at Bahrain National Stadium in Manama on 3 June, Japan beat Bahrain 1-0. —INTERNET

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၃။ ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားရခြင်းမှာ အောက်ပါအကြောင်းများကြောင့်ဖြစ်ပါသည်။
(က) ရေကိုကျိုချက်မသောက်ခြင်း။
(ခ) ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်တွင် ရေမြောင်းများပိတ်နေခြင်းနှင့် ရေဆိုးများ ရှိနေခြင်း။
(ဂ) ယင်လုံအိမ်သာမသုံးခြင်း။
(ဃ) ဝမ်းနူးစားများစားခြင်း။ အမှည့်လွန်သစ်သီးများစားခြင်း။
(င) ရာသီအလိုက်ပေါသော သရက်သီး၊ နာနတ်သီး၊ စသည် အမျိုးမျိုး ခါတ်ပါဝင်သောသစ်သီးများ စားကျင့်စားကျန်းများ အိမ်နားတွင် စွန့်ပစ်ခြင်း။
(စ) ယင်နားစားခြင်း၊ လမ်းမားမာသန့်ရှင်းသော ဈေးဆိုင်များမှ အစားအစာများစားခြင်း။
(ဆ) မိမိအိမ်တွင်၌ ဖြင့်ယင်များကို မနိမ့်နှင့်နိုင့်ခြင်း။
(ဇ) တစ်ကိုယ်ရေသန့်ရှင်းမှု မရှိခြင်း။
၄။ ဤအထက်ပါရောဂါများကို ကြောက်လန့် စိုးရိမ်ဘွယ်ရာမရှိပါ။ ကာကွယ်တားဆီးလျှင် ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်ဘွယ်ရာမရှိပါ။ သို့ပါ၍ ပြည်သူ လူထုတစ်စုလုံးသည် ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာနနှင့်ပူးပေါင်း၍ ကာကွယ် တားဆီးကြရန် နည်းဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။
လိုက်နာရမည့်အချက်များ
(က) ရေကိုကျိုချက်သောက်ပါ။
(ခ) ရေမြောင်းများရေစေးရေလောကောင်းအောင် ကိုယ်အားကိုယ်ကို ဤ ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။ လိုအပ်ပါက စည်းပင်သာယာအဖွဲ့များမှ အကူ အညီရယူပါ။ ယင်လုံအိမ်သာသုံးစွဲကြပါ။
(ဂ) အမှည့်လွန်သစ်သီးများစားခြင်းမှရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။ စားကြွင်း စားကျန်များကို စနစ်တကျစွန့်ပစ်ပါ။ (တွင်းထူး၍မြှုပ်ပါ)
(ဃ) မိမိအိမ်တွင် ဖြင့်၊ ယင်များမရှိအောင် သင့်ရာ၌ ဖြင့်နိမ့်နင်းပါ။ ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာနမှ ဆေးဖုန်းအဖွဲ့သည် အခါအားလျော်စွာ ပြည်သူလူထုနှင့်ပူးပေါင်း၍ ဖြင့်၊ ယင်များကို နှိမ်နင်းပေးပါမည်။
(င) ယင်နားစားများစားခြင်း၊ မသန့်ရှင်းသောအစားအစာများစားခြင်း ကိုရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
(စ) ထမင်းမစားမီနှင့် ထမင်းစားပြီး လက်ကို စင်ကြယ်စွာဆေး ကြောပါ။
(ဆ) ရေချိုးခေါင်းလျှော်သတ်ထားပါ။
(ဇ) မိုးမိလျှင် နွေးနွေးထွေးထွေးနေပါ။
(ဈ) တစ်ကိုယ်ရေသန့်ရှင်းရေးကိုလုပ်ပါ။
(ည) ရပ်ကွက်သန့်ရှင်းရေးကို အပတ်စဉ် စုပေါင်း၍ဆောင်ရွက်ကြပါ။
၅။ ဤသို့တားဆီးကာကွယ်နေသည့်ကြားမှ ရောဂါများဖြစ်ပွားလာပါက နှိပ်စပ်ဆေးခန်းဆေးရုံများသို့ သွားရောက်ပြသ၍ ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။
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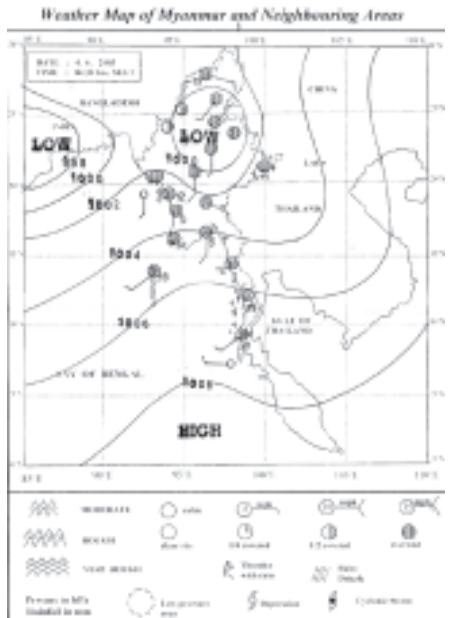
Libya becomes COMESA's 20th member

KIGALI, 4 June — Libya has joined the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), becoming its 20th member country, Rwandan President and incoming COMESA chairman Paul Kagame announced on Thursday.

Kagame made the announcement at the opening ceremony of the 10th COMESA summit of heads of state and government in Kigali, the Rwandan capital. COMESA secretary-general Erastus Mwencha told Xinhua later Thursday, that Libya's membership is a welcome development.

"This is great, because we are all part of Africa. The bigger we expand, the stronger we are. It's good for Africa," he said. Libyan Secretary of Cooperation Mohamed Siala told the summit that his country appreciates COMESA's role in promoting regional integration since its founding in 1994.

He said Libya believes that the widening of COMESA's free trade area and the establishment of the Customs union will boost regional trade and investment and put the cornerstone for setting up a single African market. Libya decided to join the COMESA "after a careful assessment of the



WEATHER

Saturday, 4 June, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kayin and Mon States, Taninthayi Division, scattered in Shan, and Rakhine States, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, isolated in upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions with locally heavyfall in Mon State, isolated heavyfall in Kayin State and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Thaton (8.03) inches, Hpa-an (5.00) inches, Mawlamyine (4.06) inches, Phyarpon (2.95) inches, and Maubin (1.57) inches.
Maximum temperature on 3-6-2005 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 4-6-2005 was 70°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 4-6-2005 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 3-6-2005 was nil. Rainfalls on 4-6-2005 were (0.08 inch) at Yangon Airport, (0.19 inch) at Kaba-Aye and (0.04 inch) at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (10.43 inches) at Yangon Airport, (10.43 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (7.24 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from Southwest at (22:00) hours MST on 3-6-2005.
Bayer inference: Monsoon is generally strong in the Andaman Sea, Central and South Bay and weather is partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.
Forecast valid until evening of 5-6-2005: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Mon and Kayin States, Ayeyawady, Yangon, and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Shan and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Kayin and Mon States, Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).
State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.
Outlook for subsequent two days: Thunder conditions in Central Myanmar areas.
Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 5-6-2005: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (100%).
Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 5-6-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

TV Myanmar Sunday, 5 June View on today: 7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Oattamathara 7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise 7:30 am 3. Morning news 7:40 am 4. Nice and sweet songs 7:55 am 5. ယဉ်ကျေးလီမှာ (၃၈) ခြာ မင်္ဂလာ 8:05 am 6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ 8:15 am 7. တံငါတံတား 8:30 am 8. International news 8:45 am 9. Say it in English 11:00 am 1. Martial song 11:10 am 2. Musical programme

11:25 am 3. Round up of the week's international news 11:40 am 4. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "စောရီဗီဒီနှင့် မိစ္ဆာစွမ်းစား" (အပိုင်း-၉) 12:15 pm 5. ကျေးပင်အက်ရောဂါတစ်စပ် 12:30 pm 6. Myanmar video feature: "အရိပ်ခဲ" (ဓမ္မကျောင်း၊ မိုးမြတ်နန္ဒာ၊ ချိုဖြိုး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်နီလွင် (ဆပြိုင်)) 2:20 pm 7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ 2:30 pm 8. ဆင်သွားတံတား 2:45 pm 9. 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. သာယာချိုအေး (၃၈) ခြာ မင်္ဂလာတေး 4:55 pm 5. အစားသင့်တော်သည့်အရာ

ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (ရတနာအထူးပြု) (ရှုရှုစား) 5:10 pm 6. Dance of national races 5:25 pm 7. သယံဇာတဝိဇ္ဇာလင် ဖြန့်ဖြူးပတ်ဝန်းကျင် 5:45 pm 8. Sing and enjoy 6:30 pm 9. Evening news 7:00 pm 10. Weather report 7:05 pm 11. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်စွမ်းအားဖြင့်တစ်ရာတစ်လီ" (အပိုင်း-၂၈) 7:35 pm 12. Musical programme 7:45 pm 13. Agricultural Source Country's Development 8:00 pm 14. News 15. International news 16. Weather report 17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အချစ်သံသရာ" (အပိုင်း- ၄၇) 18. The next day's programme

Radio Myanmar Sunday, 5 June Tune in today: 8.30 am Brief news 8.35 am Music: Beautiful life 8.40 am Perspectives 8.45 am Music: Yoko 8.55 am National news/Slogan 9.05 am Music: Lesson in love 9.10 am International news 9.15 am Music: Cultural images of Myanmar "Anicipating the rain" 1.30 pm News/Slogan 1.40 pm Story for children: The seven-headed elephant 1.50 pm Songs for children 9.00 pm Weekly news review 9.10 pm Music 9.15 pm Article 9.25 pm Music: My melody d'mour 9.45 pm News/Slogan 10.00 pm PEL

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein attends Myanmar War Veterans Central Organizing Committee regular meeting 4/2005



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses the regular meeting 4/2005 of the Central Organizing Committee of the Myanmar War Veterans Organization. — MNA

YANGON, 4 June — The Myanmar War Veterans Central Organizing Committee held its regular meeting 4/2005 at the headquarters of the organization on Pyay Road in Mayangon Township this afternoon, with an address by Chairman of MWVCOC Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Speaking on the occasion, the Secretary-1 discussed matters on sub-committee-wise functions concerning the successful holding of the Myanmar War Veterans Organization Conference (2005), organizing, training, education, economic and welfare affairs being undertaken by MWVO, arrangements

for extending agriculture and agricultural tasks, establishment of war veterans model villages in accord with the implementation of five rural development tasks, construction of school buildings, sinking tube-wells, construction of village-to-village roads and the roads linking villages to highways and supervisory tasks of officials.

Joint-Secretary of MWVCOC Vice-Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe read the decisions of the previous meeting to seek the approval.

Member of the COC Secretary of the Organizing Committee for the Conference Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang reported on progress of

preparations for holding the conference.

Chairmen and officials of the respective sub-committees submitted their reports.

Vice-Chairman of the MWVCOC Vice-Admiral Kyi Min (Retd) and officials discussed general matters to hold the conference.

After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Thein Sein attended to the needs and gave necessary instructions. Also present at the meeting were the ministers who are members of the Central Organizing Committee, senior military officers, deputy ministers and departmental heads. — MNA

Yangon Division celebrates World No-Tobacco Day

YANGON, 4 June - Yangon Division Health Committee and Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee held a ceremony in commemoration of World No-Tobacco Day at the hall of Yankin Education College in Yankin Township here this afternoon.

It was attended by Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Division MCWSC Chairperson Daw Khin Thet Htay and members, members of the Yangon Division PDC, Director Dr San Shwe Win and deputy directors of the Health Department, local authorities, members of district and township MCWSCs

and guests. Speaking on the occasion, the commander said every year, May 31 is set as World No-Tobacco Day which is celebrated globally with its annual motto to enable the peoples of the world to know about the danger of to-

bacco. This year's motto is 'Health Professionals against Tobacco', he said. As a signatory to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, Myanmar has been taking preventive measures to control the tobacco. As a

result, the Ministry of Health of Myanmar won the year 2004 World No-Tobacco Day Commemoration Award, said the commander.

He then stressed the need for public cooperation in control of tobacco.

Next, Daw Khin Thet Htay delivered an address. Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Daw Khin Thet Htay awarded prizes to winners of competitions held in commemoration of the World No-Tobacco Day. Deputy Director Dr Daw

Nyo Nyo Kyaing of the Health Department explained matters related to diseases caused by tobacco.

Later, gifts were presented to those who discussed the danger of tobacco.

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Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe addresses the World No-Tobacco Day commemorative ceremony. — MNA