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## Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Belarus

**YANGON, 3 July** — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Alexander R Lukashenko, President of the Republic of Belarus, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Belarus which falls on 3 July 2005.—MNA

## Minister U Aung Thaung inspects construction of textile mill (Myittha)

**YANGON, 2 July** — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, managing directors and officials inspected construction of textile mill (Myittha) between Kyaukse and Myittha in Mandalay Division yesterday.

Assistant manager of Myanma Cotton and Sericulture Enterprise U Hla Than reported on progress of work. The minister and party inspected No 1 site for textile mill of Myanma Textile Industries near Paukmyaing Village between Myittha and Natogyi Townships. They

went to No 2 site for textile mill near Wehtain Village.

Staff Officer U Soe Thein of Settlement and Land Records Department reported on the location. The minister met cotton growers from the villages.

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*Minister U Aung Thaung inspects ceramics and steel household items project site (Inraung) in Inraung Village, Kyaukse Township, Mandalay Division. — INDUSTRY-1*

### 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



## A total of 17,816 cooperative societies organized in the nation International Day of Cooperatives commemorated

**YANGON, 2 July** — A ceremony to mark the International Day of Cooperatives was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Cooperatives this morning, attended by Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min.

Also present on the occasion were directors-general of the Co-operative Department

and the Cottage Industries Department, the managing director of the

Cooperative Exports and Imports Enterprise and departmental officials,

officials and guests. Patron of the Leading Committee for

Holding the International Day of Cooperatives Minister Col Min Zaw made

an address, saying that today's ceremony was a (See page 8)

*Minister Col Zaw Min speaking at the celebration of International Cooperative Day. — COOPERATIVES*



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

**PERSPECTIVES**

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**Honouring Myanmar Women's Day**

Today, 3 July 2005, is Myanmar Women's Day, which has been designated in honour of the entire mass of Myanmar women.

There emerged a number of outstanding Myanmar women. Women with brilliant performance, model heroines and women who served the national interest with might and main in the anti-colonialist and independence struggles had been well documented in Myanmar history.

The Government of the Union of Myanmar formed the Myanmar National Working Committee for Women's Affairs on 3 July 1996, and has designated and marked Myanmar Women's Day yearly as from 3 July 1998.

Nowadays, the number of Myanmar women is over 27 million, accounting for more than half the population of Myanmar which stands at 54.29 million.

The MWF is trying its utmost to enhance the role of women in building a peaceful, modern and developed nation, to protect the rights of women and to ensure the economic, health, education and general welfare of women and to take measures for their security. In doing so, the MWF is serving the interests of the State and the people through its own ability and capability without relying on any others.

The MWF is a social organization which is giving special priority to the national concern. It is also an organization keeping in the fore Our Three Main National Causes—non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty, which is the national politics.

The MWF was formed with the aim of enhancing the standard of women and taking measures for their security and of ensuring the emergence of a national force.

The Myanmar women that constitute more than half the Myanmar population are the ones who have been serving the interests of the State and the people through unity and capability. Therefore, the Myanmar Women's Day which represents the entire mass of Myanmar women, is worthy of honour.

**Cash donated to child nurseries**

YANGON, 2 July — A ceremony to donate cash to child nurseries of the Social Welfare Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement took place at Shwegondine Child Nursery in Bahan Township on 28 June.

At the ceremony, Maj Soe Win Naing and Daw Aye Myat Myat Maw and daughter Ma Swe Zin Naing of No 4, Hninsi Street, Htanbingon Ward, Insein Township, presented K 300,000 for the child nurseries to Assistant Director (Child) of the Social Welfare Department Daw Tin Tin Win. — MNA

**All this needs to be known**

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

**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

**Foreign Minister sends message of felicitations to Belarus**

YANGON, 3 July — U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Martinov Sergei Nikolaevich, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Belarus which falls on 3 July 2005.—MNA

**Minister to discuss energy coopn in PRC, India, Thailand**

YANGON, 2 July — The Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi left here by air at 8.15 am today to coordinate energy cooperation matters in the People's Republic of China and in India and Thailand.

They were seen off at the airport by Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay, Chinese Am-

Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi and party being seen off at the airport.

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bassador to Myanmar Mr Li Jinjun, Indian Ambassador Mr Rajiv Kumar Bhatia, Thai Ambassador Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal, departmental heads of the Ministry of Energy, officials, and families. —MNA



**Deputy Health Minister leaves for Bangladesh**

YANGON, 2 July — Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo left here by air yesterday evening to attend the 11th Health Secretaries' Meeting of World Health Organization in ASEAN countries and the health plan management meeting to be held in Dhaka, Bangladesh, from 3 to 7 July.

The deputy minis-

ter was seen off at the airport by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, directors-general and officials.

The deputy minister was accompanied by Director-General Dr Tin Win Maung of Health Department, Deputy Director Dr Soe Lwin Nyein and International Relations Officer Dr Tin Tun Aung. — MNA



UMFCCI Vice-President U Zaw Min Win and officials seen at the airport before departure for Kunming.

UMFCCI

**C-in-C (Navy)'s Cup boxing tourney concludes**

YANGON, 2 July — The final match and prize-presentation of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy)'s Cup boxing tournament took place at Thiha Thura Tun Tin Hall of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command Headquarters yesterday afternoon. Among the spectators were officers and other ranks of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy)'s Office, Yangon and Thanlyin Stations. After the final match, officials presented prizes to winners and Command Captain Aye Pe presented championship shield to Ayeyawady Naval Region Command team. — MNA

**C-in-C (Air)'s Cup football tourney ends**

YANGON, 2 July — The final match and prize-presentation of the Commander-in-Chief (Air)'s Cup football tournament took place at the grounds of Meiktila Ground Training Base yesterday afternoon. Among the football fans were Commander Col Thura Khin Maung Win, senior military officers and other ranks. Ground Training Base team won the championship shield. — MNA

**Officials leave for Kunming to attend GMS-Business Forum**

YANGON, 2 July — The Greater Mekong Sub-region-Business Forum will be held in Kunming, Yunnan Province, the People's Republic of China, from 3 to 5 July.

A Myanmar delegation comprising Vice-President of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Zaw Min Win, U Aung Lwin and

U Thauang Tin, CEC members U Way Phy and U Moe Kyaw, Executive U Paw Hein and other members yesterday left here by air to attend the Forum.

Similarly, another delegation comprising Vice-President of UMFCCI U Win Aung (Chairman of GMS-BF), Joint-Secretary-2 U Tun Aung, CEC members U Tun Aung, U Myat Thin Aung, U Nyein, U Mya Han and U Nyein Aung, Executive Officer U Myint Aung and other members also left here by air this evening to attend the Forum.

They were seen off at the airport by UMFCCI President U Win Myint, General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing and officials.

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# ASEAN-China FTA to significantly benefit intra-regional economy

**JAKARTA, 1 July — The ASEAN-China Free Trade Area (ACFTA) to be implemented on 1 July will significantly benefit the intra-regional trade and economy and establish a milestone for the future of ASEAN-China economic ties, ASEAN Secretary-General said here on Thursday.**

The establishment of ACFTA will create an economic region with 1.7 billion consumers, a regional GDP of about two trillion US dollars and total annual trade volume estimated at 1.23 trillion US dollars, Secretary-General Ong Keng Yong said in a statement exclusively for *Xinhua*.

The removal of trade barriers between the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and China will lower costs, increase trade volume and beef up economic efficiency, he said.

The ACFTA will create a sense of community among ASEAN member countries and China, provide another important mechanism for supporting economic stability in East Asia and allow both ASEAN and China to have a larger voice in international trade affairs

on issues of common interests, he said. The significant increase in the ASEAN-China bilateral trade is expected to continue to flourish under the ACFTA, he added.

"We are confident that the bilateral trade will reach 100 billion US dollars before the end of 2005, a target set by Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao at the ASEAN-China Summit in 2003 in Bali," the Secretary-General said, adding that the growth will have a spillover effect into other areas of ASEAN-China relations.

All ASEAN member countries are expected benefit from the ACFTA, he said, stressing that the level of benefit will depend on the ability and readiness of the private sector in each country to exploit opportunities within ACFTA.

The ASEAN has fos-

tered an environment conducive for its member countries to do business with China and now it is up to them to develop appropriate business strategy to benefit from the ACFTA, said Yong.

In the future, the ASEAN will monitor the implementation of the ACFTA, he said.

China has extended its goodwill and friendship and the ASEAN has responded positively to these overtures, he said, emphasizing the necessity to educate the business sector about the opportunities to be offered by the ACFTA.

Under the ACFTA, the ASEAN and China will start making some 7,000 kinds of commodities exempt from tax on 1 July and manage to give duty-free status to all commodities in bilateral trade by 2010.

MNA/Xinhua



An Indonesian policewoman demonstrates her skills during a celebration ceremony for the Indonesian police's 59th anniversary in Cikeas, outside Jakarta, on 1 July, 2005. —INTERNET

## US Army faces risk in reaching recruitment goal

**WASHINGTON, 1 July — The US Army faces "serious risk" in reaching its goal of 80,000 recruits this year and may experience more trouble next year, partly due to the strain caused by the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, a top Army general said on Thursday.**

General Peter Schoomaker, the Army's Chief of Staff, told the Senate Armed Services Committee that the Army met only 84 per cent of the year-to-date recruitment target, 7,800 recruits behind the goal.

Next year "may be the toughest recruiting environment ever", Schoomaker said. "It is critical to recognize and acknowledge the war-induced strain felt by our institution and the soldiers and their families who are bearing the burden of this global war," he said.

Schoomaker asked lawmakers for support in the Army's recruitment ef-

fort. "It's very important that you and your colleagues use your considerable influence to explain to the American people and to those that are influencers out there how important it is for our young people to serve this nation at a time like this," he said.

Several senators blamed the news media for partly contributing to the recruiting shortfall.

"With the deluge of negative news that we get daily, it's just amazing to me that anybody would want to sign up," said Senator Pat Roberts, a Republican from Kansas.

MNA/Xinhua

## Nepal sends letters to explore foreign jobs

**KATHMANDU, 1 July — The Nepali Government has sent letters to different countries as its strategy to start sending skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled Nepali manpower to those countries, a government official said here on Thursday.**

The Nepali Government has sent letters to the governments of Australia, Japan, New Zealand, Oman and South Korea, Labour and Transport Management Minister Ram Narayan Singh told reporters.

The minister had talked about the matters at the labour conference in Geneva last month and the sending of the letters was a follow up to the Geneva talks, he said.

Those countries have agreed to take in Nepali workers, he said.

According to the minister, the government is preparing to send an expert's team to the countries to find the

prospect to the jobs.

However, he said that the government was introducing a new labour act to manage all sectors related to foreign employment.

Under the new arrangement, the selection will be done fairly giving priority to the deserving and the victims of conflict in the country.

"We are also planning to manage the labour market abroad," he said, adding that the government was preparing to send labour attache in countries where the number of Nepali workers is high.

MNA/Xinhua

## Cook says Bush, Blair "no idea" how to win Iraq war

**LONDON, 1 July — Former British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook on Friday stepped up his criticism of the Iraq war, saying that both Prime Minister Tony Blair and US President George Bush had "no idea" how to win their war.**

Both the British and American leaders are demanding domestic and international support and appealed this week for "strong nerves from everybody else" but have "no strategy" in Iraq, he said.

Cook has been a leading critic of the war since he became the only British minister to resign from his cabinet post as leader of the House of Commons in protest against Blair joining Bush in invading Iraq in March 2003.

In his latest article for the Guardian newspaper on Friday, he said that the present military approach by Britain and the US was "fatally flawed by two delusions."

"The first is the belief that they will win if only they can kill, capture or bury under rubble every insurgent," the former foreign secretary said.

He warned that the conflict will not be resolved "until US forces grasp that they breed more insurgents by the indiscriminate use of firepower and by putting higher priority on killing rebels rather than protecting civilians."

"The second delusion is the insistence that military occupation of Iraq is the solution to the violence and not a large part of its cause," Cook further said. He spelt out that both Bush and Blair have a responsibility and that "no strategy to end the insurgency is going to succeed, unless it includes an exit plan for foreign troops."

"Peace in Iraq will only be possible if they show the humility to admit the mistakes of the past and to accept that the recent strategy is not working," the former foreign secretary said.

Internet



US soldiers stand watch after a suicide car bombing near a house used as an office by members of Iraqi Prime Minister Ibrahim Jaafari's staff, in Baghdad on 1 July, 2005.—INTERNET



The world's purportedly tallest tricycle, measuring 41 feet and 7 inches, (12.7 m) stands on display in Hyderabad, India, on 1 July, 2005. The tricycle is 37 feet 4 inches (11.4m) long, 14 feet 10 inches wide (4.3m) and has 17 feet (5.1m) wheels, weighing approximately 3 tons (3048.1 kgs). Its builder K Sudhakar, said the tricycle took two and a half years for completion.—INTERNET

## Thai PM starts China tour aiming at closer ties

**BEIJING, 1 July— Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra arrived here on Thursday for a three-day official visit to China, bringing an entourage that includes some 100 senior business executives in major industries.**

During his stay in Beijing, Thaksin will hold talks with Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao, during which they are expected to sign several documents for bilateral cooperation, said sources with the Chinese Foreign Ministry.

Before he left Bangkok, Thaksin told the Press that he hoped his talks with Chinese leaders would help improve the strategic partnership between the two countries and result in the formulation of concrete action

plans to upgrade bilateral friendly relations to a higher level.

Economic and trade cooperation also topped Thaksin's agenda, according to the ministry sources.

Born to a well-off Chinese-Thai business family in the northern Thai city of Chiang Mai, Thaksin said he would visit Meizhou City of Guangdong Province in south China, where his forefathers used to live during World War II.

MNA/Xinhua

## China hopes for more Microsoft investment, outsourcing

**BEIJING, 1 July—** China hopes Microsoft could expand cooperation with Chinese partners and increase investment in and outsourcing from China, Vice-Premier Zeng Peiyan said here on Thursday.

The joint efforts of Microsoft and its Chinese partners to open up international and Chinese domestic markets would help push their cooperation in the software field to a new level, Zeng said during a meeting with Steve Anthony Ballmer, chief executive officer of the US-based software company.

Zeng said China has a broad market, excellent human resources and a sound industrial foundation. The Chinese Government has put priority to the high-tech industry, including the software industry. Over the past few years, the cooperation between Microsoft and its Chinese partners has been satisfactory in such fields as government security planning, the opening of source code, training and technological development.

"China will further protect intellectual property rights, adopt more incentive policies and create a good environment for more software cooperation between Chinese and foreign companies," Zeng said. Ballmer appreciated China's efforts in IPR protection, and said Microsoft attached great importance to cooperation with China and would further expand its business in China.

MNA/Xinhua



## Only 300 Malaysian experts working abroad return home

**KUALA LUMPUR, 1 July— Only 300 of the targeted 4,000 Malaysian experts working abroad have returned since a scheme introduced in early 2001 to woo them back, Human Resources Minister Fong Chan Onn said on Thursday.**

The reason is that most of the Malaysian companies cannot afford the high salary received by those experts working abroad, Fong told reporters after opening the two-day National Human Resources Summit 2005 here.

"Most of them who are at supervisory level will not be able to get the salary they earned abroad in Malaysia. However, there are several sectors which are able to give these people the desired salary," Fong was quoted as saying by the Bernama news agency.

In 2001, the Human Resources Ministry decided to attract Malaysians engaged in six fields of expertise to return to work in the country. The fields are information and communication technology, industry, science and technology, arts, medical and health, finance and accounting.

A secretariat has been set up to accept their applications and the government has worked out several incentives to woo them back, Fong said.

One of those incentives is income tax exemptions

for income earned abroad and then brought back into Malaysia within two years.

All personal belongings of those experts, including two cars, would be tax exempted, and their spouses and children who were not born in Malaysia could be granted permanent resident status in six months, Fong added.

Fong said his ministry should better inform Malaysian experts of these incentives and redouble its efforts to attract more professionals to return home.

MNA/Xinhua

## US Marines accused of killing Iraq man

**UNITED NATIONS, 2 July — Iraq's UN ambassador accused US Marines of killing his unarmed young cousin in what appeared to be "cold blood" and demanded an investigation and punishment for the perpetrators.**

In an e-mail to friends obtained on Friday by The Associated Press, Ambassador Samir Sumaidaie said the killing took place in his ancestral village in western Anbar province, where US-led forces have been conducting a counterinsurgency sweep aimed at disrupting the flow of foreign militants into Iraq.

His cousin Mohammed Al-Sumaidaie, 21, a university student, was killed June 25 when he took Marines doing house-to-house searches to a bedroom to show

them where a rifle which had no live ammunition was kept, the ambassador said. When the Marines left, he was found in the bedroom with a bullet in his neck.

Richard Grenell, spokesman for the US Mission, said acting US ambassador Anne Patterson received a call from the Iraqi ambassador "and expressed her heartfelt condolences on this terrible situation, and contacted senior State Department and Pentagon officials to look into the matter immediately."

Sumaidaie said the

killing represents "a betrayal" of the values and aspirations of Iraqis and Americans to defeat the terrorists and build a country based on freedom, democracy, and respect for human rights and the rule of law.

"It is a betrayal of the American people who are making huge sacrifices to bring this about, and a betrayal of Iraq and all Iraqi patriots who have put their trust in the United States," he said.

In the letter, Sumaidaie gave a detailed account of the tragedy.

Internet

## Chinese Premier urges building of energy-saving society

**BEIJING, 1 July— Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao called for building an energy-saving society and developing a recycling economy at a national video and telephone working meeting held here on Thursday.**

The strain on energy and other resources will increase significantly as China's industrialization, urbanization and modernization press forward. Therefore, the efficient utilization of resources is crucial, said Premier Wen at the meeting, presided over by Vice-Premier Zeng Peiyan.

The key tasks for the Communist Party of China (CPC) in 2005 and 2006 in building an energy-saving society includes the conservation of energy, water, raw materials, land resources, and utilization of mineral resources, industrial waste and recyclable resources.

Wen said government care and attention should be increased to carry out those tasks.

Scientific research and the application of new techniques and products should be promoted, said the Premier.

Meanwhile, he called for deepening reforms of policies regulating energy-saving industries and formulating and amending the relevant laws and regulations.

The Chinese Premier urged government departments at all levels to set examples in energy and other resources conservation. —MNA/Xinhua



Korean dancers perform a Korean traditional dance during a full dress rehearsal of the Colours of Malaysia 2005 festival in Kuala Lumpur on 1 July, 2005.

INTERNET



Japanese women check a Live 8 Japan programme before the Japan leg of the global music marathon Live 8, on 2 July, 2005 at Makuhari Messe in Makuhari, east of Tokyo.—INTERNET

## Hu to seek more benefits for developing countries in G-8+5 dialogue

**BEIJING, 1 July** — Chinese President Hu Jintao is scheduled to attend a meeting with the Group of Eight in Britain next week where analysts expected he and other invited leaders will seek more benefits for developing countries.

The G-8 Summit Outreach Session between the G-8 and China, India, Brazil, South Africa and Mexico will focus on issues like the world economy, African issue and global climate change.

On the sidelines of the meeting, Hu will meet leaders of the G-8 countries and other major developing countries, according to Li Hui, Assistant Foreign Minister of China.

China is expected to urge developed countries to reduce trade barriers, further open their market and transfer technology to developing countries, said Shao Feng, researcher with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

Foreign Ministry Spokesman Liu Jianchao said Hu's participation in the G-8 plus five summit is aimed at enhancing communication between developed and developing countries on key international issues and common challenges.

Hu will also discuss China's energy policy and its general social and economic development and put

forward certain cooperative proposals to that end, Liu said.

The G-8 comprises the world's seven leading industrial powers — Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States — plus Russia.

The G-8 has evolved from a "rich club" to a "major power's club", Shao said. "The G-8 plus five meeting is an important diplomacy platform for the major powers".

Hu's attendance indicates that the developed industrial countries will recognize the increasing influence of China, which will seek benefits for itself and other developing countries.

Though it was decided at the G-8 financial ministers' meeting to eliminate 40 billion US dollars of debt in 18 countries, most developing countries still lack a "blood-making" mechanism, or the capability to reach sustainable development, according to analysts.

MNA/Xinhua

## Number of overseas job agencies in China on rise

**QINGDAO, 1 July** — The number of overseas job agencies providing service for those who seek job abroad has risen from 38 in 1992 to the present 371, Vice-Minister of Labour and Social Security Wang Dongjin said here on Tuesday.

About three-quarters of the job agencies are non-public companies. Previously, they were dominated by state-owned companies or governmental institutions, Wang said at a work conference in this port city of east China's Shandong Province.

The number of Chinese citizens seeking jobs abroad has grown from only 1,000 in 1993 to the present hundred of thousands. The Chinese labour export in traditional sectors has maintained a cer-

tain scale, while that of sophisticated engineers and technicians are also on the rise, Wang said.

With the development of economic globalization, China will seize time to establish a job market in line with international practices. "That will not only alleviate the long-standing employment pressure within China, but also help improve the competitive capability of the Chinese," Wang said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Japanese PM promises \$500m in disease donation

**TOKYO, 1 July** — Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi pledged on Thursday 500 million US dollars in donation to a fund against serious diseases like AIDS.

Addressing a symposium here on the Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, the Premier said infectious disease is one of the most immediate urgent tasks confronting the human

being.

"We cannot tolerate a situation in which one person dies every five seconds somewhere in the world from these three killer diseases," he said.

Koizumi said the issue of fighting infectious diseases is a major concern for participants in next week's summit of the Group of Eight (G-8) in Britain.—MNA/Xinhua

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## Professional, skilled employees get higher salaries in Singapore

**SINGAPORE, 1 July** — Employees with professional and specialized skills continued to get higher salaries in Singapore, according to an annual report published by the Ministry of Manpower on Thursday.

Professionals received the highest average starting gross wage at 2,400 Singapore dollars (about 1,425 US dollars) per month in June last year, followed by technicians and associate professionals at 1,779 Singapore dollars (about 1,056 US dollars), the *Report on Wages in Singapore, 2004* said.

New entrants in less skilled jobs, such as clerks, sales and service workers, cleaners as well as machine operators, got lower starting pay ranging from 1,300 Singapore dollars (about 772 US dollars) to 898 Singapore dollars (about 533 US dollars).

MNA/Xinhua

## Britain says time to gear up eco partnership with India

**LONDON, 1 July** — With India's role in the global economy expanding rapidly, Britain has said it is time for it to go up a gear in India-British economic and trade partnership.

Britain's Minister for Foreign Trade, Ian Pearson said that more and more Indian companies are finding that partnership with British companies and access to the Britain's intellectual capital are becoming a vital tool in their efforts to develop a global presence.

"Indian firms in Britain are making major R and D investments here, particularly in the IT and pharmaceutical sectors," Pearson said while speaking on Britain-India Bilateral Relations at Chatham House here on Tuesday.

"The business relationship is undoubtedly strong and growing. But with India's role in the global economy expanding rapidly, it is time for Britain to go up a gear in our economic and trade partnership. That means both developing bilateral trade and investment and working together on international issues," he said.

Pearson said "film production is an area of growing cooperation" between the two countries. "By 2008 the market for Indian film production in Britain is expected to be worth 1.3 billion pounds. Under JETCO (Joint Economic and Trade Committee set up by the two prime ministers) good progress is being made towards the signing of a film co-production agreement," he said.

## Aircraft escapes accident in eastern Nepal

**KATHMANDU, 1 July** — A *Dornier* aircraft, belonging to a private sector, skidded off the runway of an airport Thursday morning in eastern Nepal, Radio Nepal reported.

"The aircraft carrying nine passengers along with three crew-members skidded off the runway while landing in Lukla Airport of Solukhumbu District, some 200 kilometres east of Kathmandu, at around 7:30 am local time (0145 GMT)," the state-run Radio Nepal quoted airlines officials as saying.

The aircraft suffered some damage while skidding off in Lukla, the officials noted, adding, "All the passengers and crew-members are safe and there were no foreigners in the aircraft."

The aircraft, registration number 9N-AEO, had left Kathmandu at 6:45 am local time (0100 GMT) in the morning.

Lukla is the gateway to the Mount Qomolangma region, and the airport is one of the busiest airports of Nepal. Located at the height of 2743 metres, Lukla Airport has an inclined runway and is considered as one of the most difficult landing airports in the world. A *Dornier* aircraft belonging to Sita Air had also reported under carriage malfunction while trying to land at the same airport some six months ago.

MNA/Xinhua



US soldier patrols a highway at the al-Jadriyah area in central Baghdad on 1 July 2005.—INTERNET

## Pakistani students in India, adding new warmth to bilateral ties

**NEW DELHI, 1 July** — After artists and sportsmen, it is now the turn for students to strengthen the relationship between India and Pakistan by creating a platform for exchange of technical know-how between the two countries.

A delegation of 20 engineering students from the national university of computer and emerging sciences in Lahore, Pakistan is now in India to attend an educational-cum-technical exchange programme "confluence-05".

Organized by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineering (IEEE) of New Delhi's Jamia Millia University, the two-day programme also drew together students from other engineering colleges in New Delhi, besides those from Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Delhi and Chennai.

"There has been Indo-Pak collaboration in the field of sports and entertainment, but it is for the first time that engineering students from Pakistan are coming to India for such an educational programme," Vice-Chancellor of Jamia Millia University Professor Mushirul Hassan said Thursday.

"Our visit to India is part of the educational programme that began in

March this year in which 41 students from India, including 11 from Jamia University visited our university in Lahore," Nauman Saeed Anwar, a senior IT student who leads the Pakistani delegation said.

"While India's IT industry is one of the largest in the world, ours is at a growing stage. This programme would help us study the Indian success story in the IT sector and how it can be put to use in our country," Anwar said.

The idea for an Indo-Pak exchange programme stemmed from an Asian student conference organized by the professional body, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineering (IEEE).

Students of the two countries met at the conference and decided to launch the programme, with the thaw in Indo-Pak relations providing the encouragement.

The two-day programme includes technical lectures, seminars and workshops.

MNA/Xinhua



Villagers drive cattles to wade through flood in an area about 50 kilometers west of Ahmedabad in west India's state of Gujarat on 30 June, 2005.

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## China plays active role in cooperation among GMS countries

**BEIJING, 1 July** — With responsible attitude, China has actively participated in economic development of the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) in the past decade, in a bid to push forward the full-spectrum cooperation among member countries, said a Chinese diplomat on Wednesday.

Shen Guofang, Assistant to Chinese Foreign Minister, made the remarks at a Press conference, just before the upcoming second summit of the Greater Mekong Subregion on Economic Cooperation Programme (GMS).

He said that as a founding GMS member country, China has attached great importance to poverty alleviation and regional economic development of GMS countries.

Shen Jiru, a researcher

with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, told *Xinhua* that as a responsible country, China has insisted on principles of equal negotiation, mutual benefit, and regional development.

Since the GMS was established in 1992, China has signed the "Agreement for Facilitation of Cross-Border Transport of Goods and People", sponsored the sea route development project of the upper Mekong River, and accelerated construction of the Kunming-Bangkok

highway.

China also signed the agreement on the regional power trade among GMS countries, upgraded the on-line telecommunication capability and bridged the digital gap among these countries.

Shen Jiru noted that by providing funds and technology, China tries to help the nations that are relatively underdeveloped in economy to shake off poverty, improve people's life quality and maintain social stability.

Cooperation have also

## Ambassadors support S'pore Minister's remarks on Hitler

**SINGAPORE, 1 July** — The Israeli and German ambassadors to Singapore have expressed their support for Singapore Education Minister's remarks on Adolf Hitler and his Nazi rule, according to local news report on Wednesday night.

The report quoted a joint statement by the ambassadors as saying that they supported the minister's view that it is essential for Singaporean students to learn and understand the horrible crimes, which were committed under Nazi rule and the lessons which have to be drawn from them. Minister Tharman Shanmugaratnam stressed

on Tuesday that there should be increased emphasis on historical events in Nazi Germany in Singapore's school curriculum.

The remarks came after a local news report last Saturday on the incident that a group of Singaporean students chose "Adolf Hitler" as their group name and idol during a leadership camp.

The ambassadors were quoted as saying that they were shocked and saddened by both the

students' obvious unawareness of their choice and the fact that the naive decision was not stopped by sound advice of the adults involved.

They offered to meet teachers and students and to explain the historical and political implications of Nazi rule, as well as to establish contacts between the Education Ministry and institutions in their respective countries which have special expertise in this area.

MNA/Xinhua

## Netherlands co merges with China's glasses firm

**BEIJING, 1 July** — Netherlands-based HAL company, the European largest investment company in the glasses industry has acquired 78 per cent of a renowned glasses company in Shanghai, according to Thursday's *Orient Morning Post*.

HAL offered 214 million yuan (25.8 million US dollars) for the merger transaction with the Hongxing Glasses Company, a subsidiary of the Yiming Department Store, a listed company on the Shanghai Stock Exchange. Yiming is expected to gain 85 million yuan from the deal, according to the newspaper. Last year the sales volume of Hongxing reached 100 million yuan, with profits of 18 million yuan, the newspaper said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Philippine first gentleman offers to go abroad

**MANILA, 1 July** — Philippine First Gentleman Jose Miguel "Mike" Arroyo said on Wednesday that he would choose to go abroad to get her wife rid of the political embarrassment she is suffering from the scandal of her family members' benefitting from illegal gambling.

Mr Arroyo said in a statement that he had offered to leave to give his wife, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, "peace of mind".

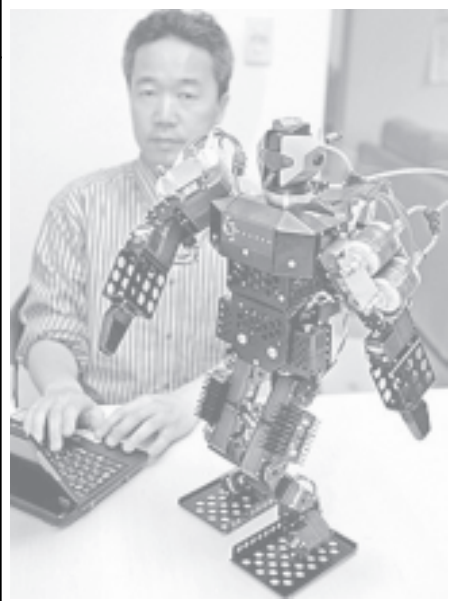
"I love my wife very much. It has been difficult for me to see her suffer through the negative press I have received," he said.

"If there is anything I can do, any sacrifice I can make, to give her peace of mind, I would never hesitate to do it," he added.

The First Gentleman, however, noted that being away from his wife and his family is "a very painful decision".

President Arroyo earlier Wednesday announced at the "Business Meets Government Roundtable" that she was letting go her husband, who had volunteered to leave the country to allow her "serve my countrymen without any question on my integrity".

"Today, my family is once again called to sacrifice our personal happiness to allow me to serve best as President of our country," she said. — MNA/Xinhua



Japanese robotics venture Specys CEO Tomoaki Kasuga displays Specys-FC' the world's first robot powered by fuel-cell batteries on 30 June 2005.

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MNA/Xinhua

## Sino-Russia trade, cooperation sees rapid growth

**BEIJING, 2 July —** In the past five months, China reported 10 billion US dollars in trade with Russia, up 29.7 per cent over the same period last year, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

An official from the ministry said that the rapid growth of trade and economic cooperation has become an important part of bilateral relations.

Since 1999, bilateral trade has grown by 30 per cent annually. In 2004, bilateral trade volume reached a record high of 21.23 billion US dollars.

The trade structure has also improved. The proportion of machinery and electronic products in China's exports has grown yearly. In 2004, 21.5 per cent of China's exports to Russia were machinery and electronic products. The figure even

increased to 25.2 per cent in the first five months of this year. Various investment and economic cooperation projects have been launched or are in negotiation. During "Russian Business Day" at the Harbin Economic Trade Fair, which closed earlier this month, companies from the two countries signed 19 agreements on trade, investment, and economic cooperation, involving a total sum of 940 million US dollars.

In 2004, leaders of the two countries brought up a long-term blueprint for economic cooperation. By 2010, bilateral trade is expected to reach

60 to 80 billion US dollars, and China is projected to invest 12 billion US dollars in Russia by 2020.

The official noted that there are still some problems lingering in the meeting of the target, citing an occasionally disorderly trade environment, an insufficiently diversified trade structure, and small-scale reciprocal investment. The official said the two countries are pursuing negotiations on improving the investment environment in both countries to protect the interests of investors.

MNA/Xinhua



Construction is underway for the Olympic stadium in Beijing on 30 June, 2005.

INTERNET

## Indonesia to accelerate sale of unprofitable state firms

**JAKARTA, 2 July —** The Indonesian Government was reported on Friday to plan to speed up the sales of several unprofitable and burdensome state enterprises.

"We have too many state enterprises and most of them are not contributing any benefit to the state. The government will no longer maintain such companies since they are burdensome.

We should be realistic in seeing this issue," State Minister of State Enterprises Sugiharto was quoted by *The Jakarta Post* newspaper as saying.

The minister added that the firms do not have any obligations to provide public services and are not strategic in any way.

Sugiharto said that of a total of 158 state firms, 10 contributed 80 per cent of revenues to the state from state enterprises. Last year, state enterprises recorded a combined net profit of 30 trillion rupiah (about 3.2 billion US dollars) from assets worth more than 130 billion dollars.

However, not all profits went into the state budget since most of the funds are used to capitalize development of the companies.

Sugiharto said it was the time for the government to remap the function of the companies and decide which

ones should be maintained by the state and which sold to the private sector.

"My office will consult with other related ministries overseeing technical affairs of state firms to decide which of them should be maintained, downsized, merged or sold," he said.

The government will conduct a due diligence before selling or merging the companies in a bid to gain maximum proceeds from the process.

Sugiharto said that the government would keep its ownership of state oil and gas company PT Pertamina as it was not only deemed profitable but also strategic in ensuring energy supplies for the nation. "We will maintain the 10 largest and most profitable companies, including Pertamina," he said.

The other nine are telecommunication giant PT Telkom, Bank Mandiri, Bank Negara Indonesia, Bank Rakyat Indonesia, social insurance PT Jamsostek, mining firm PT Aneka Tambang, chemical industry PT Kimia Farma, electricity company PT Perusahaan Listrik Negara and gas producer PT Perusahaan Gas Negara.

MNA/Xinhua

## Vietnam raises poverty criteria

**HANOI, 2 July —** Fuelled by the faster-than-expected poverty reduction pace, Vietnam has decided to raise its poverty criteria, resulting in bigger percentage of poor local households.

The Vietnamese Government has just agreed with a plan by the Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs to adjust the criteria at 260,000 Vietnamese dong (VND) (nearly 16.5 dollars) per month for urban dwellers and 200,000 VND (nearly 12.7 dollars) for rural residents, the Office for the National Hunger Alleviation and Poverty Reduction Programme told *Xinhua* on Friday.

When the new poverty criteria are applied, up to 26 per cent of local households will be considered poor now. Vietnam plans to reduce the rate to 15 per cent in 2010.

With the old criteria, 80,000 VND (5.1 dollars) per month for those living in mountainous areas and islands, VND 100,000 (6.3 dollars) for rural residents, and 150,000 VND for urban dwellers,

Vietnam now has 1.2 million poor households, accounting for 7.3 per cent of the total, compared with the rate of 58 per cent in 1993, 37 per cent in 1998 and 10.8 per cent in 2003.

Vietnam is concentrating on developing poor mountainous and remote areas, border areas and islands, mainly through indirect support such as offering vocational training to local people, directing them ways of doing business, and helping them seek markets for their products, said Ngo Truong Thi, vice-head of the office.

In the 2001-2003 period, the government poured 5 trillion VND (nearly 316.5 million dollars) into poverty reduction projects, which mainly involved in creating jobs, and improving education, healthcare and infrastructure in poor areas, he noted. — MNA/Xinhua

## 12,000 temporary teachers to be given permanent status in Nepal

**KATHMANDU, 2 July —** The Nepali Government is preparing to convert the appointment of some 12,000 temporary teachers into permanent status, Minister for Education said here on Friday.

The government will open 2,000 new vacancies for teachers in the country, Minister for Education and Sports Radha Krishna Mainali told reporters.

According to the minister, the government will also build 5,248 more

class rooms to cope with the growing pressure of students enrolled during a nationwide campaign launched two months ago.

The government had run the two-week-long campaign beginning from April 15 with a target to enroll 166,000

more school-age children. Presently, there are about 6 million students and 83,000 teachers in 26,000 government schools across the country. The literacy is about 58 per cent among its total population of 24.8 million. — MNA/Xinhua

## Work on China's first satellite for foreign buyer in progress

**BEIJING, 2 July —** Work on the development, manufacturing and launching of China's first satellite for a foreign buyer is going on smoothly as scheduled, China's major space product supplier and service provider announced here on Friday.

Wang Haibo, president of the China Great Wall Industry Corp, said preliminary designs of the project passed the evaluation of a panel of experts representing the buyer of the satellite, Nigerian National Space Research Development Agency (NASRDA).

According to contracts signed in December 2004 between the Chinese company and NASRDA, the communications satellite, known as *NIGCOMSAT-1*, will be based on China's latest model of satellite platform, DFH No 4.

The satellite will be capable of meeting the requirements of Nigeria for telecommunications, broadcasting and broadband multimedia services, said Wang.

The platform is designed to have a lifespan of 15 years and 5, 200 kilos in weight, and the transponders with a designed power of 8 kilo-

watts will be 800 kilos, he said. To be designed, made and launched by China's space sector, he said the satellite will be put into the orbit by Chinese-made *Long March 3B* carrier rocket at the Xichang Space Launch Centre in southwest China's Sichuan Province, and will be delivered to NASRDA after it is in the orbit in early 2007.

The satellite represents the first one China to export to a foreign country although China also proved to be a reliable launch service provider in the world as it has launched 30 satellites in 24 commercial flights since 1990.

Wang said this is also the first time for China to provide a package of space products and services, including design, manufacturing, orbital delivery, ground products and services, to an overseas client.

The satellite will be

monitored and tracked by a ground station to be built in Abuja, the capital of Nigeria, by the Chinese firm, and a ground station in Kashi in northwest Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region.

Moreover, the Chinese company will offer operating support services and be responsible for training Nigerian technicians.

The Chinese company, the international agent of the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corp, that produces carrier rockets and satellites, was awarded the deal late last year after it beat 21 international rivals in a public bidding, including those from the United States, France, Britain, Italy and Israel.

Ahmed Rufai, manager of *NIGCOMSAT-1* project, said that all parties of the satellite contract are satisfied with the progress in implementing the deal.

MNA/Xinhua

# Relaxation Zone of Kandawgyi Garden opens

YANGON, 2 July — The Relaxation Zone of Kandawgyi Garden was opened in front of the zone this morning.

Chairman of Work Committee for Upgrading Yangon City Kandawgyi Garden and Zoological Garden (Yangon) 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 formally opened the zone.

Head of Gardens



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe unveils the signboard of Relaxation Zone in Yangon Kandawgyi Gardens.  
YGN COMMAND

and Sports grounds Department of YCDC U Nyunt Pe reported on construction of the Relaxation Zone of Kandawgyi Garden and preparations for physical exercise and

public relaxation.

Chairman of Work Committee for Upgrading Yangon City Kandawgyi Garden and Zoological Garden (Yangon) Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe unveiled the signboard of the Relaxation Zone.

The commander, the

mayor and the vice-mayor and guests walked along the 6,100 feet wooden Walkway built near the old aquarium and Palegyun and inspected measures taken for public relaxation in the zone.

Upgrading tasks for Kandawgyi Garden have

been implemented since May 2003.

Out of the four zones, Education Zone, Recreation Zone and Relaxation Zone were opened. Arrangements are under way to open Central Forest Zone soon.

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## Minister fixes bolts and nuts at Pyapon Bridge



Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun fixes a nut to complete the work of main frame of Pyapon Bridge in Pyapon township in Ayeyawady Division.  
(CONSTRUCTION)

YANGON, 2 July — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun oversaw maintenance of road sections and bridges on Yangon-Pathein-Maubin-Hsamalauk Road yesterday morning.

At milepost No 5/6 on Maubin-Hsamalauk section, the minister inspected repaving of the road. Maubin District Senior Engineer U Sai Kyaw Moe reported on progress of maintenance tasks.

At milepost No 20/1 on Maubin-Kyaiklat section, the minister heard reports on construction of Hleseik Bridge presented by in-charge of the project Deputy Superintending Engineer U Khin Maung Hse. The minister gave instructions on timely completion of the tasks meeting the set standard.

This morning, the ceremony to fix bolts was held at the frame of Pyapon Bridge, attended by Chairman of

Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun and officials. At 10 am, the commander and the minister installed bolts at the frame and sprinkled scented water on them.

Four iron frames have been fixed at the main bridge, and the remaining tasks of the bridge are under construction.

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## Minister U Aung Thuang...

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The minister and party went to Minzu model village Basic Education High School and inspected the location of extension hall and scale models. The extension halls will be constructed by Myanmar General and Maintenance Industries.

The minister and party inspected ceramics

and steel household items project site (Inraung). Managing Director of Myanmar General and Maintenance Industries U Aye Mauk reported on construction of workshops. The minister gave instructions on speedy completion of the project.

The minister also went to the site of Myanmar Pharmaceutical

Factory (Inraung) and inspected implementation of the project, renovation of the pagodas in the compound and offered Shwe Thingans. He inspected the site for construction of houses for pet animals and the main building and related structures.

The minister inspected Win Thuza shop in Kyaukse Township.

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## Tasks for upgrading of Yangon City inspected

YANGON, 2 July—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 tasks for the sprucing up of Yangon City this morning.

The commander and the mayor viewed Kyaukyaydwin overpass project linking North Okkalapa and Mingaladon townships. Next, they in-

spected the unblocking of drains at the junction of Baho Street and Lanthit Street in Insein Township, the laying of asphalt on Bayintnaung Road in Hline Township, tarmacking of Strand Road in Kyimyindine Township.

Officials conducted them round the sites.

During the inspection tour, they instructed officials concerned to systematically dredge roadside drains, and to constantly inspect conditions of roads. — MNA

## A total of 17,816 cooperative ...

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centennial of the Myanmar Cooperatives' and it represented cooperative societies throughout the nation.

A total of 17,816 cooperative societies have been organized in the nation and all the staff need to cooperate in their respective sectors for achieving the success of production and services, he added.

For the continued development of cooperative enterprises in the entire nation, the 30-year project is being implemented. In the message of the International Cooperatives Day for this year is 'Microfinance is our business Co-operating out of poverty' he continued.

In conclusion, the minister urged the credit

cooperative societies to strive for enhancing the small loans enterprise and attending to the needs of the members.

Next, Member of Leading Committee for Central Cooperative Society Daw Toe Nandar Tin read out the mes-

sage sent by the International Cooperatives Federation.

Later, the minister awarded the prizes to the outstanding students of Yangon Cooperative Degree College and Cooperative College (Phaunggyi). —MNA



Minister Col Zaw Min presents a prize to an outstanding student. — COOPERATIVES



**Noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded**

(2-7-2005)

Sittway	9.65 inches
Kyaukpyu	8.11 inches
Maungtaw	6.25 inches
Ann	3.94 inches
Thandwe	3.85 inches
Kyauktaw	3.42 inches
Mawlamyine	2.20 inches

MWAF President Daw Than Than Nwe presents cash awards and a basket of flowers to those who contributed services to Myanmar traditional costumes show of successive periods through Patron of Yangon Division Organization for Women's Affairs Daw Khin Thet Htay. (News on page 16) — MNA



**Sports Minister opens X-ray room, Sangha Ward at Thayethamein Station Hospital in Waw Township**

YANGON, 2 July — The X-ray room and Sangha Ward were opened at Thayethamein

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Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint addresses the opening of X-ray room and ward for members of the Sangha.

SPED

Station Hospital in Waw Township yesterday morning.

USDA CEC member Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and

the hospital and gave necessary instructions to officials.

The minister presented K 300,000 for construction of surgical

nated by U Kyin Ti and family; K 2.5 million for Sangha Ward by Col Hla Thein (Retd) and family; K 1 million by U Than Myaing and family; and



**Gem merchants visit Jade and Gems Special Sales 2005**

YANGON, 2 July — A total of 1,495 gem

merchants from home and abroad attending the

Jade and Gems Special Sales 2005 put their tenders into the box today.

A wide range of jade lots are being sold through tender, competitive bidding systems and fixed prices till 5 July.

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**Canadian AIA club beat Myanmar in soccer friendly**

YANGON, 2 July — Myanmar was defeated by Canada AIA club 2-1 in second match of women's soccer friendly that took place at Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna) this evening.

Among the spectators were member of

Myanmar Olympic Committee Daw Aye Aye and the patrons, officials of Myanmar Football Federation and football fans. Canadian club took the chance of a 2-1 win over Myanmar in the last match of its friendly series.

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Local and foreign gem merchants examining jade lots at the Jade and Gems Special Sales 2005. — MNA

# Repaved Natmauk Lane-1, Saw Maha Road commissioned in Bahan Township

YANGON, 2 July — As a gesture of hailing the Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July 2005, a ceremony to commission Natmauk Lane-1 and Saw Maha asphalt Road in Bo Cho Ward-2, Bahan Township, took place this morning.



Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and officials formally open Natmauk Lane-1 and Saw Maha asphalt Road. — YGN COMMAND

USDA CEC member Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Chairman of Yangon West District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Kyaw Tint and Road Construction Committee Chairman Dr Aung Than formally opened Natmauk Lane-1. Next, they strolled along the lane.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe said that the Head of State has given guidance to upgrade Yangon to have characteristics of interna-

tional capital. Due to cooperation among Yangon Division PDC, Yangon City Development Committee and city dwellers, remarkable progress has been made in the city. In the future, efforts are to be made to meet the characteristics of the city. YCDC is repaving main roads and streets in the city. Similarly, the people and social organizations participated in upgrading the new tarred roads, so their efforts

contributed much towards emergence of an international level city. He stressed the need to safeguard durability of the road. Next, the mayor reported on repaving tasks being undertaken on roads in Yangon City by YCDC, USDA and residents. Secretary of Bahan Township USDA U Ye Kyaw Thu Shwe briefed them on construction of the lane. Afterwards, CEC member

Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin accepted 500 membership applications presented by Ambassador (Retd) U Hla Maung and gave membership cards to him. Natmauk Lane-2 is 3,690 feet long and Saw Maha Road is 1,250 feet long. The roads were built with contribution of Bahan Township USDA, local people of Bo Cho ward-2 in cooperation with YCDC.

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## Billboard to mark Myanmar Women's Day unveiled



The opening ceremony of billboard hailing Myanmar Women's Day in progress at the corner of Kaba Aye Pagoda Road and U Htaung Bo Road in Bahan Township. — CITY NEWS

YANGON, 2 July — A ceremony to unveil the billboard hailing Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July was held at the corner of Kaba Aye Pagoda Road and U Htaung Bo Road in Bahan Township this morning. Present on the occasion were Head of the Administrative Department of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Dr Daw Khin San Nwe and members, Chairman of Yangon Division Organization for

Women's Affairs Daw Khin Myo Thu and members, departmental heads, the USDA members, members of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, and officials. At the auspicious time, MWAFF Members Daw Aye Aye Thwin, Daw Khin Than Oo and Chairman of Yangon Division Organization for Women's Affairs Daw Khin Myo Thu formally opened the ceremony. Next, Dr Daw Khin San Nwe pressed the button to unveil the billboard to mark MWD. — MNA

## Cash assistance provided to IWT staff's students

YANGON, 2 July—An opening ceremony of the Staff Library was held at Inland Water Transport on Pansodan Street at 2 pm today, attended by U Soe Tint, Managing Director of Inland Water Transport, the general manager and deputy general managers, guests and donors, staff and students. The managing director gave a speech and presented cash assistance to 144 BEHS students, 250 BEMS students, and General Manager U Maung Maung Lwin, 301 BEPS students. Deputy General Manager U Lay Thwin reported on efforts made for opening the library and writer Myinmu Maung Naing Moe explained literary affairs. Then, certificates of honour were presented to the wellwishers for the library. Officials put the library into service. In addition to various kinds of periodicals and books, the library is equipped with two computers with access to Internet.— MNA

## Books available at Buddha Dhamma Wellwishers Association

YANGON, 2 July — Buddha Dhamma Wellwishers Association donates basic religious books to Basic Education Primary, Middle and High Schools and Monastic Education Schools throughout the country yearly. A similar donation will be made for 11th time this year. School heads from the above-mentioned schools are to send letters together with lists of teachers and number of Sayadaws of Monastic Education Schools with their addresses to Buddha Dhamma Wellwishers Association, No 12, Myothit 1st Lane, Tamway Township, Tel: 542236, not later than 30 October. Furthermore, those wishing to donate books and cash may contact the association. — MNA

## Myanmar Women

- \* Ever learned and ever dedicated  
Never disorganized and never discontented  
In the education sector  
Is the Myanmar teacher.
- \* Ever caring and ever understanding  
Never neglecting and never demanding  
In the health sector  
Is the Myanmar lady doctor.
- \* Ever active and ever energetic  
Never passive and never lethargic  
In the construction sector  
Is the Myanmar woman engineer.
- \* Ever imaginative and ever creative  
Never exhaustive and never sensitive  
In the literary circle  
Is the Myanmar woman author.
- \* Ever amiable and ever shrewd  
Never unreliable and never crude  
In the business sector  
Is the Myanmar woman entrepreneur.
- \* Ever composed and ever impartial  
Never biased and never partial  
In the legal sector  
Is the Myanmar woman judge.
- \* Ever hardworking and ever obliging  
Never shirking and never dodging  
In the industrial sector  
Is the Myanmar woman worker.
- \* Ever loving and ever sacrificing  
Never complaining and never refusing  
In the daily home life  
Is the Myanmar housewife.

(A Tribute to all Myanmar Women on Myanmar Women's Day—July 3)

Professor Sein Sein Myint  
Dagon University

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# Myanmar Women's Day for all Myanmar Women

*Aye Phyu*



“Myanmar Women's Day” which falls on the 3rd of July every year is an auspicious day, a day to be proud of by all Myanmar women. It was designated to the day, July 3rd of 1996 to be exact, on which the first-ever Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs (MNCWA) was formed with the main objective for taking the initiative in organizing the mass of Myanmar women to become one in line with the commitment that has been made at Beijing's Fourth World Conference on Women in 1995 in the area of women empowerment and advancement.

The Committee had its limitations in undertaking various issues for the entire Myanmar women mass, which eventually led to the formation of a greater organization in order to promote the Myanmar women sector in the country. Accordingly the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation (MWF) was established on the 20th of December, 2003 for the benefit of the Myanmar women from all walks of life, to stand as the body representing and responsible for the women sector. It was actually an upgrading of the previous Committee since the new set up made it easier, more practical and more efficient to carry out all the related issues regarding the entire Myanmar women mass on a wider scale and with greater perspectives.

MWAF, at present, with its sixteen working groups namely groups on Education, Health, Culture, Economy, Environment, Media, Girl-Child, Violence against Women, Trafficking in Women and Children, Rehabilitation and Reintegration, Mobilization, Disciplinary Concerns, Administration and Finance, Nationalities Affairs, International Relations and Legal Affairs, has been trying its utmost to successfully implement its grand and noble objectives which are laid down as:

- to enhance the role of women in the reconstruction of a peaceful, modern and developed nation
- to protect the rights of women
- to ensure the economic, health, education and general welfare of women and to provide measures for their security
- to instill and foster in Myanmar women a greater appreciation of their national, cultural heritage and customs
- to systematically protect women from violence and provide means for rehabilitation

where necessary

- to diminish and finally eliminate trafficking in women and children as a national task
- to collaborate with international as well as local organizations, in ensuring the rights of women in accordance with the traditions and customs of the ethnic groups.

The world today has been talking about enhancing the role of women especially women in the developing countries. Many of us would not have the global development vision of this concept of women's empowerment and advancement. First and foremost, the United Nation summits could be taken as the benchmarks for the consensus they built around the world.

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Then, from the Women's Conference in Nairobi in 1985 several forward looking strategies especially the strategies on women's health, came out. Again at the Children's Rights Summit of New York in 1990, the concept of the girl-child became prominent. Next in 1992, there was the Environment and Development Summit held in Rio de Janeiro which came up with Agenda 21. It was said that because the Agenda 21 had no chapter on women, the NGOs and the women delegates worked together and managed to bring in the chapter on women and the environment. In fact a greater portion of that effort dealt with the health of women.

In 1993 they had the Vienna Summit on human rights, which firmly introduced the concept of women's rights as human's rights. So the Vienna Summit can be taken as a milestone in the global vision of the development of women's empowerment.

Again one of the key issues at the Women's Social Development Summit in Copenhagen in 1995 was Poverty Eradication. The Summit concluded that women were the poorest and that social development could only move on if women were considered the central factor.

Finally we came to the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995. The conclusion at the meeting stressed on the point that “a revolution has already begun and there is no going back”. Beijing Declaration stated that “Women's empowerment and their full participation on the basis of equality in all spheres of society including participation in the decision-making process and access to power, are fundamental for the achievement of Equality, Development, and Peace”. In essence the Beijing Declaration highlighted the paramount importance of women's empowerment and the proper dispersion of women on the basis of equality in all spheres of society.

Agreement was reached in Beijing that every body should go home with an assignment to meet the commitment that has been made in the area of empowerment of women. Included in the Plan of actions was one for the development of tools for implementation on women and health.

MWAF has its origin traced back directly to Beijing Conference and indirectly to all those summits and meetings that laid down the foundation for the main concern for the betterment of women and their empowerment. Different nations have different social, economic, political and cultural backgrounds, which explain the differences in the ways and means taken in trying to fulfil their commitment and objectives in this area. MWAF in collaboration with other international women organizations and other social organizations, tailor the programmes to the needs of Myanmar women so as to keep up with the international trends and at the same time to safeguard the national interest at all times.

In a way Myanmar women are lucky to say that they have enjoyed equal rights as men and have been keeping abreast of men in the efforts for the progress of their own families, community and for the State, too. MWAF encourages them to keep up this tradition to those womenfolk who missed this chance, particularly those at the grass-roots level in the country. MWAF is giving out all the necessary help and assistance in various areas for their protection, for their rights, and for their empowerment. With its notable objectives and the credit-worthy activities, MWAF poses as a source of inspiration and strength for all Myanmar women. We should take pride in MWAF and give proper recognition to its significant founding day. To all Myanmar women across the nation, let's all hail the auspicious Myanmar Women's Day!

## Trade in pharmaceutical products grows rapidly in recent years

GENEVA, 1 July—The world exports and imports of pharmaceutical products grew rapidly in the past five years, the World Trade Organization (WTO) said in its annual world trade report released on Thursday.

Since 2000, growth in world exports of pharmaceutical products has been four times stronger on average than the equivalent figures for other chemical products and manufactures as a whole, said the report.

“The share of pharmaceuticals in world trade has risen to some 200 billion US dollars, or 3 per cent of total trade. This share exceeds those of textiles and iron and steel,”

the report said. Trade in pharmaceuticals takes place largely among developed countries, who account for 90 per cent of world exports and more than 80 per cent of world imports.

Developed countries dominate research and development activity, enjoy a high level of intra-industry and intra-firm trade, and high levels of health expenditures compared to developing coun-

tries, the report explained. According to the report, a number of factors explain the expansion of the pharmaceutical industry.

“One is strong demand growth in rich countries, stimulated by an aging population and increased use of ‘lifestyle’ drugs. Another is corporate consolidation resulting in more specialization and more intra-industry and intra-firm trade,” said the report.—MNA/Xinhua

## Venezuela, Caribbean nations sign oil cooperation agreement

CARACAS, 1 July—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez and the leaders of 13 Caribbean countries signed an agreement on the creation of a regional oil initiative called Petrocaribe on Wednesday.

The accord came at the First Caribbean Energy Summit in Puerto La Cruz, 330 kilometres east of the Venezuelan capital Caracas. It was proposed by Chavez with the aim of promoting regional energy integration and helping the Caribbean nations to overcome difficulties caused by rising oil prices.

The new Petrocaribe is a regional organization aiming to strengthen energy cooperation. It will be responsible for exporting Venezuela’s oil to the Caribbean countries cheaply and accepting payment in a more flexible form.

The Venezuelan state oil company will also create a new affiliate to deliver fuel and oil directly to those nations.

Chavez said at the one-day meeting that as a country with rich oil resources, Venezuela is willing to share them with the Caribbean countries.

Cuban leader Fidel Castro hailed the proposal as an important step toward regional energy integration. Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago did not sign the document due to their differences.

MNA/Xinhua

## UN offers free tours

UNITED NATIONS, 1 July—In an effort to increase awareness among people of its work, the United Nations has offered nearly 9,000 free Sunday tours to its headquarters in New York coinciding celebration of 60th anniversary of its foundation.

With the support of the UN Foundations, 8,700 visitors — three times the number we would normally have expected on Sundays in June — now know more about their United Nations, Undersecretary-General for Communications and Public Information Shashi Tharoor said on Tuesday.

“This promotion was a wonderful start to our anniversary year... People emerged from the tours with a better understanding of how the United Nations tackles pressing

issues and promotes global understanding,” he said.

Organized by the Department of Public Information’s Outreach Division, guided tours offer a direct link between the UN and the general public.

Each day, 60 multilingual guides help members of the public better understand the world body, with stops in the Security Council Chamber and the General Assembly Hall and information about the premises and UN work.

MNA/PTI

## China, EU sign joint declaration of aviation cooperation

BEIJING, 1 July — China and the Europe Union signed a joint declaration of aviation cooperation here on Thursday.

The declaration recalled bilateral aviation development, especially last year after the EU became the tourist destination for Chinese citizens as well as the biggest trading partner for China.

The seat number in regular flights between China and EU reached 5.4 million last year, 20 times that of 1990. The two sides will further discuss bilateral transportation policy, infrastructure and investment, aviation safety and security policy, as well as aviation technology and enterprise cooperation.

The two sides also

confirmed the willingness to further carry out aviation cooperation talks. They agreed relevant law issues will be a priority topic in bilateral transportation accords and can only be solved through negotiation. The two sides will hold meetings in the fourth quarter of the year to discuss cooperation on safety, security and air traffic control, according to the declaration.

MNA/Xinhua

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## African party officials fascinated by Chinese culture

ZHUCHENG(Shandong), 1 July—A 17-member delegation of senior officials from nine African ruling parties were fascinated by Chinese culture on their study-and-inspection tour around east China’s Shandong Province.

“It’s just like coming into a world of ancient Chinese culture,” said Bayingana from Rwanda while looking at a private collection of more than 10,000 ancient Buddhist sculptures in Zhucheng, a city in the southeast of Shandong Province.

Piling up in two company storehouses, the vivid, life-like sculptures, dating back from the Northern and Southern Dynasties (AD 420-589) to the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911), ranged widely in height, from only 0.3 metres to four or five metres. Only one tenth of them were marked with years and dates, said Dou Baorong, the owner of the collection and also the directing manager of a local industrial and trade company.

The 10,000 pieces of sculptures were inherited from ancestors and the rest were collected during the

past four decades after the 1960s, said Dou, who is the eighth descendant of a renowned court scholar named Dou Guangnai in the imperial Qing Dynasty.

“I have seen China’s magnificent civilizations from the Buddhist sculptures,” said Abdillahi Adaweh Mireh, a senior official from the Popular Rally for Progress of Djibouti and who is also a professor of philosophy in his country.

On hearing that a special art museum will be set up soon by the government and the collector to protect these priceless cultural relics, Habibou, the head of the delegation, expressed his appreciation.

“When everything is gone, only the culture still remains and will remain forever,” said Habibou, adding that it is always important for both China

and African countries to protect their culture.

The African party officials arrived at Zhucheng on Wednesday afternoon when they finished their tour in Qingdao. They also visited the Laoshan Mountain, a scenic spot renowned for Taoism in Qingdao in the morning and a dinosaur park in Zhucheng in the afternoon.

The delegation is here as guest of the International Department of the Communist Party of China Central Committee. Shandong, a coastal province in east China, is the third leg of their 16-day tour in China.

The 17 members of the delegation are from ruling parties in Cameroon, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea, Madagascar, Niger, Rwanda, Seychelles and Togo.

MNA/Xinhua



Asian tourists near the Eiffel Tower recently. Chinese tourists are now counted as the seventh-biggest group of ticket buyers to climb the Paris landmark.—INTERNET

## Putin signs resolution on Year of Russia in China in 2006

MOSCOW, 1 July—Russian President Vladimir Putin has signed on Wednesday a resolution to hold the Year of Russia in China in 2006 and the Year of China in Russia in 2007, according to reports from the Presidential Press Service.

The resolution was signed by Putin on the eve of a state visit by Chinese President Hu Jintao to Russia.

According to the resolution, the organizing committee will be led by presidential chief of staff Dmitry Medvedev.

The decision to hold the Year of Russia in China and the Year of China in Russia was made by the leaders of the two

countries during Putin’s visit to China in October 2004, said a source from the Chinese Embassy in Russia.

The Russian Presidential Press Service has not disclosed what activities will be held during the two years.—MNA/Xinhua

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# World air cargo volume falls in May amid oil price rises

**LONDON, 1 July** — The volume of global air cargo fell in May for the second month this year amid recent hikes of oil prices, according to the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

"The slowdown in cargo traffic demonstrates that the high price of oil is slowing the global economy faster than expected," IATA chief executive Giovanni Bisignani was quoted by *Financial Times* as saying on Thursday.

According to the IATA, air freight traffic declined by 1.6 per cent

year-on-year in May but an overall growth of 3.1 per cent was registered in the first five months of this year.

Regions such as Asia-Pacific, Europe, North and Latin Americas all saw a decline in freight volumes, with only Africa and the Middle East still showing growth.

Bisignani warned that

the IATA forecast of a six-billion-US-dollar global loss for the industry this year, the fifth successive annual loss, seems likely to come to pass.

After recent rises, crude oil futures fell heavily on Wednesday as a surprise increase in US crude and petrol inventories dragged prices down by nearly one dollar. The

oil price is currently about 6 per cent below record highs of Monday.

Air freight accounts for 40 per cent of world trade volumes by value and is regarded as a leading indicator of the state of the world economy.

The crude oil prices hit a record 60 dollars a barrel this month.

MNA/Xinhua

# Smoking-related deaths cost \$92b in productivity loss

**WASHINGTON, 1 July** — Early deaths from smoking led to an annual productivity loss of 92 billion US dollars between 1997 and 2001 in the United States, the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported on Thursday.

During the period, an estimated 438,000 premature deaths occurred each year as a result of smoking and exposure to secondhand smoke, in comparison to 440,000 a year between 1995 and 1999. The CDC said smoking reduces adult life expectancy by an average of 14 years.

Despite the slow steady declines in the US smoking population, cigarette smoking still causes hundreds of thousands of preventable deaths each year, the CDC said. The figure of overall smoking-related

health care costs for the 1997-2001 period is not available, but it was 75.5 billion dollars for 1998 alone.

"Cigarette smoking continues to impose substantial health and financial costs on individuals and society," CDC Director Dr. Julie Gerberding said in a statement. "If we want to significantly reduce the toll in this decade, we must provide the 32 million smokers who say they want to quit with the tools and support to do so successfully," he added. — MNA/Xinhua



*Singer Jon Bon Jovi, left, guitarist Richie Sambora and keyboard player David Bryan perform during a sound check on the main stage for the Live 8 concert in Philadelphia, on 1 July, 2005.*

INTERNET

# Greece, Turkey sign trade cooperation documents

**ATHENS, 1 July** — Greece and Turkey on Thursday signed a memorandum of cooperation on commercial and trade affairs at the conclusion of a two-day inter-ministerial council meeting in Athens.

An agreement on patent and standardization between the relevant Greek and Turkish agencies was also signed on the sidelines of the meeting, a pact that foresees the exchange of know-how in the related area. The documents were also signed to promote cooperation between the state-run Greek telephone service provider OTE and the Turk Telecom, and between Hellenic Railways and Turkish Rail for upgrading the Thessaloniki-Istanbul route. The Turkish delegation was headed by Foreign Trade Undersecretary Tuncer Kayalar.

MNA/Xinhua

# Global cell phone production accelerates in second quarter

**LOS ANGELES, 1 July** — Global production of mobile phones will reach 180.5 million units in the second quarter, up 4 per cent from the first quarter or 7.1 per cent from a year earlier, iSuppli said on Thursday.

After suffering the typical seasonal slowdown in the first three months of the year, mobile-phone unit production will rise sequentially in the second quarter and for the remainder of 2005, said iSuppli, a leading market intelligence firm.

Mobile-phone production in the first quarter of 2005 amounted to 173 million units, down 13 per cent from 200 million in the fourth quarter

of 2004. It predicted that mobile phone shipments will rise 5.3 per cent sequentially in the third quarter to 190 million and 8.4 per cent in the fourth quarter to 206 million.

The company said that after rising 25 per cent in 2004, mobile phone unit production growth will taper off this year, with production rising to 750 million units in 2005, up about 5 per cent from 713 million in 2004.

MNA/Xinhua

# NASA sets 13 July for "Discovery" launch

**WASHINGTON, 1 July** — NASA set on Thursday 13 July for the launch of *Discovery* on the first flight mission since the *Columbia* disaster in 2003.

NASA Administrator Michael Griffin announced the decision after a two-day meeting of the US space agency to review *Discovery*'s flight readiness. The planned launch window is from 13 to 31 July.

"Based on a very thorough and very successful flight readiness review, we're currently 'go' for launch of *Discovery* on 13 July," Griffin said.

The decision was made three days after the expert

panel overseeing NASA's return-to-flight preparations concluded that NASA has failed to meet three of the 15 safety recommendations put forth by investigators of the *Columbia* accident.

The panel said NASA has not eliminated the possibility of debris falling off the external fuel tank and striking the shuttle on lift-off. In addition, NASA has not managed to sufficiently toughen the shuttle's shell

in order to resist damages from striking, and has failed to develop the capability to make emergency repairs in space.

However, NASA officials and panel members consider the risk level as acceptable.

NASA has grounded its shuttle fleet since the *Columbia* disaster in February 2003, in which all seven astronauts aboard were killed.

MNA/Xinhua

# Snowstorm leaves one dead, four missing in S Argentina

**BUENOS AIRES, 1 July** — Days of heavy snowstorm in south Argentina has killed one people and left four missing, police said on Thursday.

The missing are a teacher and three children, who were seen for the last time on Tuesday in Neuquen Province.

The storm also has isolated several places,

damaged rural roads and led to blackouts.

Cristo Redentor tunnel, one of the main links between Argentina and Chile, in Mendoza Province, was closed due to bad weather, af-

fecting the movement of over 2,000 trucks.

Due to the closing of the tunnel, two drivers were frozen to death while awaiting at a crossing point.

MNA/Xinhua



*Chinese workers unveil the construction buses during the ground breaking ceremony of a badminton gymnasium for the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing on 30 June, 2005.* — INTERNET

# S P O R T S

## Japan to meet Ukraine in October friendly

Tokyo, 2 July— Asian Cup champions Japan will get a chance to test themselves against a possible World Cup opponent when they take on Ukraine in an international friendly on 12 October.

Having sealed their passage to their third consecutive World Cup appearance in Germany next year, Zico's side are being lined up for a series of warm-up matches, which includes a two-match tour of Eastern Europe later this year with matches in Latvia and Ukraine.

The Japanese will take on Latvia on 8 October, four days before the fourth days before the remaining matches to clash with the Ukrainians, who are on the verge of their first ever appearance in football's biggest international tournament.

The former Soviet republic, who are led by current European Player of the Year Andriy Shevchenko of Italian giants AC Milan, hold a seven-point lead in Group 2 ahead of the likes of reigning European champions Greece and 2002 World Cup semifinalists Turkey.

They only need three points from their three remaining matches to book their ticket in Germany.

Meanwhile, Latvia are still in the running for a World Cup spot although it would be a tall order for

the world's 64th ranked side, who are currently fourth in a tough Group 3 that features Portugal and Russia.

According to the Daily Yomiuri, Japan Football Association president Saburo Kawabuchi has suggested that Japan could also play warm-up friendlies at home against yet-to-be-determined opponents in September and November.

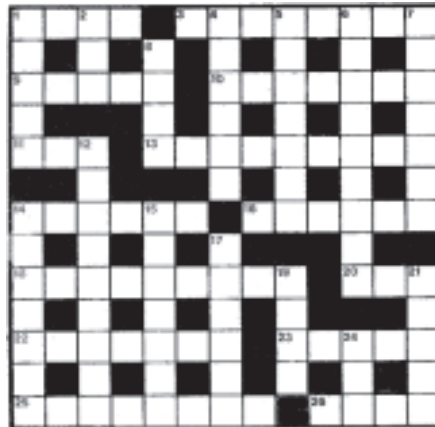
Japan also have one game remaining in the 2006 World Cup Asian qualifiers, a Group B home tie with Iran on August 17. Both sides have already claimed the group's two automatic World Cup spots after victories against Bahrain and North Korea in early June.

MNA/Xinhua



Frenchman Ladji Doucoure (R) competes next to American Dominique Arnold (C) and Chinese Liu Xiang during the men's 110m hurdles at the Golden League's Gaz de France Paris Saint-Denis Meeting. Doucoure won the event.—INTERNET

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### ACROSS

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- 3 Dubbed
- 9 Temperate
- 10 Loss by decay
- 11 Gear
- 13 Notice of discharge from employment
- 14 Risk
- 16 Concurred
- 18 Water-store
- 20 Counterfeit (sl)
- 22 Positive declarations
- 23 Rigid
- 25 Unnecessary
- 26 Pleased

### DOWN

- 1 Niggard
- 2 Pen-point
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- 5 Effusive
- 6 Rise above, surpass
- 7 Abided
- 8 Grating
- 12 Statesman four times prime minister
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- 15 Cut short
- 17 Knights' tournaments
- 19 Repose
- 21 Welsh county
- 24 Ailing

## Federer beats Hewitt 3-0 to reach Wimbledon final

LONDON, 2 July— Top seed Roger Federer relentlessly devastated Lleyton Hewitt 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (7/4) in a nailbiting Centre Court semifinal demolition on Friday to move within only one win off a hat-trick of titles.

The 23-year-old world number one from Switzerland will face the winner between last year's runner-up Andy Roddick, the American second seed, and Thomas Johansson, the 12th seed from Sweden, in Sunday's final.

The win was Federer's 35th successive win on grass with his last defeat on the surface coming at the hands of Mario Ancic on Centre Court in 2002, the year that Hewitt won the title.

It was also Federer's eighth win in a row over the Australian, a run stretching back to the Davis Cup semifinals in 2003 when Hewitt fought back from a two-set deficit.

Hewitt had come into the semifinal still simmering with resentment over being seeded three instead of two which would have been in line with his world ranking and would have kept him away from Federer until the final.

Federer struck first breaking Hewitt to lead 2-0 before the Australian hit back immediately but the Swiss then edged ahead to 5-3 when he played a sweetly-timed backhand which the Australian could only guide into the net.

The top seed got to set point with his

third ace and took the opener after just 36 minutes when Hewitt again netted a service return.

The 24-year-old Hewitt struggled to match Federer's change of pace and trademark accuracy and angles.

He went down a break to trail to 4-2 in the second set and when Federer held to lead 5-3, the champion had dropped just two points on his serve.

The Australian saved a set point in the ninth game but he was powerless to prevent Federer from clinching the second set when he was run out wide by another searing forehand and could only steer his reply into the net. Federer made just two unforced errors in the second set as Hewitt's Wimbledon dream began to unravel after only 70 minutes of action.

The Australian gamely saved two break points in the fifth game of the third set and would have carved out a break point lifeline in the following game had umpire Pascal Maria not overruled a linesman who had called a Federer forehand long. Hewitt was playing his best tennis but was unable to prevent the tiebreak in which Federer inched towards two match points. —MNA/Xinhua

## Maxi Rodriguez arrives to sign with Atletico

MADRID, 1 July— Argentine midfielder Maxi Rodriguez arrived Thursday evening at Madrid to complete his transfer for three seasons with Atletico Madrid, after the agreement reached between Espanyol and Atletico, for some 5.0 million euros.

"I am quite happy. I've had a very long trip and now I don't want to speak. Let's do it tomorrow," said the Argentine player on arrival at Madrid's Barajas Airport, where he was awaited by his repre-

sentative Arturo Canales and an executive of Atletico Madrid.

The player who has been with Espanyol in the past three seasons, having

scored 15 goals last season, arrived in Madrid coming from Germany where he played the Confederations Cup.

MNA/Xinhua

## Senegal striker Niang leaves Strasbourg for Marseille

PARIS, 1 July— Senegal striker Mamadou Niang has agreed to join Olympique Marseille from Ligue 1 rivals Racing Strasbourg, said the French First Division soccer club on Thursday. The 25-year-old Senegal international was expected to sign a four-year contract for a transfer fee of around seven million euros.

Niang will be Marseille's second signing during this summer's transfer windows as the team's new coach Jean Fernandez has brought midfielder Franck Ribery from his former club Galatasaray of Turkey on a four-year deal.—MNA/Xinhua

## Beijing sets up Olympic security command centre

BEIJING, 1 July— Beijing on Thursday set up its security command centre for the 2008 Olympic Games.

Qiang Wei, head of the Beijing Olympic Security Coordination Group, said the launch of the command centre and an intelligence centre marks the official operation of Beijing's Olympic security plan.

Beijing attaches great importance to the security of the 2008 Games as it has carried out cooperation with many countries that hosted previous Olympic Games.—MNA/Xinhua

## 2006 season-ending WTA champions to be held in Madrid

LONDON, 1 July— The 2006 season-ending WTA championships will be staged in Madrid, officials announced on Thursday.

The move will end the tournament's four-year run in Los Angeles. The 10,000 capacity Madrid Arena, the venue of the men's Masters Series event, will host the round-robin event next year.

The season finale features the top eight women in the WTA race standings.

This year's 3-million-US-dollar championships are scheduled to be held between November 9-14 at the Staples Center in Los Angeles.—MNA/Xinhua



Sweden's Thomas Johansson serves to Andy Roddick of the US in their men's singles semi-final match at the Wimbledon tennis championships in London, on 1 July, 2005.—INTERNET

# Jordan devoted to helping Palestinian people

AMMAN, 2 July— Jordanian King Abdullah II said here on Thursday that his country was devoted to assisting the Palestinian people and lobbying global supports for the peace process that will restore their legitimate rights.

Abdullah made the remarks earlier in the day during his meeting with visiting Palestinian top-level delegation led by President Mahmoud Abbas.

During the meeting, the King underscored the necessity of solidarity among all Palestinian political forces for the sake of their fair cause, urging for unifying all energies of the Palestinian people in the service of their hopes and aspirations.

The Jordanian monarch pledged to maintain support for the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) in its efforts to reconstruct the security and civil institutions and to ensure stability and security for the Palestinian people in Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

"The coming stage is crucial and bears great challenges," he said, adding "therefore, the Palestin-

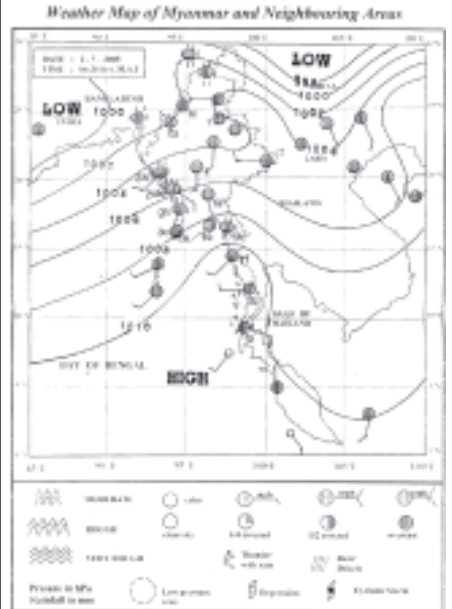
ians must make concerted efforts towards their constitutional construction, as a prelude to their future independent viable state".

"The Israeli disengagement from Gaza Strip should be a first step of a complete withdrawal from the West Bank as well, in line with the roadmap and international legitimacy," Abdullah added.

Abbas, for his part, said that the meeting with King Abdullah reflects the strength and depth of relations between the Palestinian and Jordanian peoples.

"Jordan, which plays host for this important event, showed keenness to unify the Palestinian efforts and evolve a single internal and external position in this crucial period," Abbas said.

MNA/Xinhua



## WEATHER

Saturday, 2 July, 2005

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State and lower Sagaing Division, rain has been isolated in Shan, Chin States and Mandalay Division, scattered in Kachin State, Upper Sagaing, Magway and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Rakhine State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Sittway (9.65) inches, Kyaukpyu (8.11) inches, Maungtau (6.25) inches, Ann (3.94) inches, Thandwe (3.85) inches, Kyauktaw (3.42) inches and Mawlamyine (2.20) inches.

Maximum temperature on 1-7-2005 was 84°F. Minimum temperature on 2-7-2005 was 67°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 2-7-2005 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 1-7-2005 was (0.8) hour approx. Rainfalls on 2-7-2005 were (0.32) inch at Mingaladon, (0.63) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.94) inch at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (30.20) inches at Mingaladon, (26.69) inches at Kaba-Aye and (27.36) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from West at (13:35) hours MST on 1-7-2005.

**Bay inference:** Monsoon is generally strong in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 3-7-2005:** Rain will be isolated in Kayah State, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kachin, Shan and Chin States, Upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Rakhine State. Degree of certainty is 80%.

**State of the sea:** Squalls with rough seas are likely at times off and along Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Generally strong monsoon.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 3-7-2005:** Some rain. Degree of certainty is 80%.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 3-7-2005:** Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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၁။ ပုလဲဓာတ်မြေဩဇာသည် စနစ်တကျ အသုံးပြုပါက ပါဝင်သည့် အပင်အာဟာရ နှိုက်ထရိုဂျင် ဓာတ် (8၀) မှ (၈၀) ရာခိုင်နှုန်းအထိ လေလွင့်ဆုံးရှုံးစေနိုင်ပါသည်။ ဆုံးရှုံးမှုကြောင့် စပါးတစ်စက်လျှင် ပုလဲဓာတ်မြေဩဇာ (နှစ်) အိတ်သုံးပါက (၅) ပုံ (၁) ပုံသာ အပင်မှ ရရှိနိုင်ပါသည်။

၂။ ဆုံးရှုံးမှုသည် (၁) အမှိုက်ယစ်အိုင်ယွန်း (NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>) အဖြစ် စီးဆင်းရေနှင့် ပါသွားသည်။ (၂) အမှိုက်ယစ်ယားဓာတ်ငွေ့ (NH<sub>3</sub>) အဖြစ် လေထဲတွင် အငွေ့ပျံ့ဆုံးရှုံးသွားသည်။ (၃) နှိုက်ထရိုဂျင်ဓာတ် (N<sub>2</sub>) အဖြစ် လေထဲသို့ အငွေ့ပျံ့သည်။ အပူချိန်နိမ့်သော နံနက်ပိုင်းတွင် စပါးခင်းများ မြေရေပြင်ဓာတ် (pH<sub>0</sub>) ဝန်းကျင်တွင်ရှိသော်လည်း နေ့လယ်ပိုင်းအပူချိန်မြင့်တက်လာပါက မြေအရေပြင်ဓာတ်မှာ (pH<sub>1</sub>) ထိ ရှိလာပြီး အမှိုက်ယစ်ယားဓာတ်ငွေ့ (NH<sub>3</sub>) အဖြစ် ပြောင်းလဲကာ ဆုံးရှုံးမှုများစေသည်။

၃။ သို့ဖြစ်ပါ၍ ပုလဲဓာတ်မြေဩဇာ အကျိုးရှိရှိ အသုံးပြုနိုင်ရန်အတွက် အောက်ပါအတိုင်း စနစ်တကျ သုံးစွဲရန် နိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်-

(က) စပါးပင်သက်တမ်း တစ်လျှောက်လုံးအတွက် တစ်စက်လျှင် ပုလဲဓာတ်မြေဩဇာတစ်အိတ်နှင့် သဘာဝမြေဩဇာ (နွားချေး/မြေဆွေး/အမှိုက်ဆွေး/ဘိုကာရီ) သုံးအိတ် သုံးစွဲပါ။

- (ခ) သုံးစွဲမည့် ပုလဲဓာတ်မြေဩဇာနှင့် သဘာဝမြေဩဇာကို တစ်ကြိမ်တည်းမသုံးစွဲဘဲ စပါးပင်မှ နှိုက်ထရိုဂျင်ဓာတ် လိုအချိန်များဖြစ်သည့် ကောက်ပင်လှန်ချိန်၊ ပင်ပွားအများဆုံး ထွက်ချိန်၊ မြို့ကပ်ချိန် (သို့မဟုတ်) ရောင်စဉ်ကတ်တို သုံး၍ အပင်လိုအပ်ချိန်တွင် ထည့်သွင်းပါ။
  - (ဂ) တစ်ကြိမ်လျှင် ပုလဲဓာတ်မြေဩဇာ တစ်အိတ်၏ သုံးပုံတစ်ပုံကို သဘာဝမြေဩဇာ တစ်အိတ်နှင့် သမအောင်ရောပါ။ ရောစပ်ရာတွင် အစိတ်စိတ်များ မများလွန်းစေဘဲ သင့်တင့်သော အစိတ်စိတ်အောင် ဂရုပြု၍ အပေါ်မှ ပလပ်စတစ် ဂုန်နီအိတ်၊ ဖျာစသည်တို့ဖြင့် လုံခြုံစွာ ဖုံးအုပ်၍ တစ်ညနှပ်ထားပါ။
  - (ဃ) မိုးအုပါက နေ့လယ်ပိုင်းတွင် မြေဩဇာအရောကို ကြပ်ကိုင်နိုင်သော်လည်း နေပူပြင်းပါက နံနက်ပိုင်း (၇) နာရီမှ (၉) နာရီအတွင်း ညနေ (၃) နာရီနောက်ပိုင်းမှ ကြပ်ကိုင်ပါ။
  - (င) မြေဩဇာအရောကို စပါးခင်းတွင် ကြပ်ကိုင်တည်ပြီးတိုင်း တမန်ပြင်အောက်သို့ ရောက်ရှိရန် မြေပြင်နှင့်မြှုပ်၍ သော်လည်းကောင်း၊ ဓါတ်လိုက်တမန်နိုး ကိုရိုလာအသုံးပြု၍ သော်လည်းကောင်း တမန် အောက်ရောက်အောင် အောင်ရွက်ပေးခြင်းဖြင့် ပိုမိုထိရောက်နိုင်ပါသည်။
- လယ်ယာဦးစီးဌာန ဝန်ထမ်းချိမ်းချိမ်းစည်

**Sunday, 3 July**  
**Movie 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 song

**7:55 am**  
5. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၀)ပြာမင်္ဂလာ

**8:10 am**  
6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

**8:20 am**  
7. မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအခမ်းအနား

**8:30 am**  
8. International news

**8:45 am**  
9. Say it in english

**11:00 am**  
1. Martial song

**11:05 am**  
2. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ  
"စောရတီဗွန်နီ မိစ္ဆာဇွန်းဝေး"  
(အပိုင်း-၁၇)

**11:45 am**  
3. "မိုးသက်လေကို မြှင့်တင်ဆောင်..."  
(နိုင်ငံခြား၊ အိန္ဒိယ၊ ဗဟို၊ ဝေဒ၊ ဝေဒ)  
ခါရိုက်တာ-အကယ်ဒမီ  
စင်ရော်မောင်မောင်

**4:00 pm**  
1. Martial song

**4:15 pm**  
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit

**4:30 pm**  
3. အစားသင့်တော်သည့်အစား  
ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ  
-ဝေဖန်မှု (စာတည်းအဖွဲ့)  
(စာတည်း)

**4:45 pm**  
4. Dance of national races

**5:00 pm**  
5. Musical programme

**5:15 pm**  
6. Agricultural Source Country's Development

**5:30 pm**  
7. ရွမ်းသောင်ရည်မြင်းမား  
မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများ

**5:40 pm**  
8. Sing and enjoy

**6:30 pm**  
9. Evening news

**7:00 pm**  
10. Weather report

**7:05 pm**  
11. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ  
"ချစ်စွန်းမြေသစ်စာတစ်လိပ်"  
(အပိုင်း-၃၆)

**7:35 pm**  
12. မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအခမ်းအနား

**7:45 pm**  
13. သူထွန်းမင် မြန်မာ အမျိုးသမီးများ၏ အားမာန်

**8:00 pm**  
14. News

**8:00 pm**  
15. International news

**8:00 pm**  
16. Weather report

**8:00 pm**  
17. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ  
"အချစ်သံသရာ"(အပိုင်း- ၅၅)

**8:00 pm**  
18. The next day's programme

**Sunday, 3 July**  
**Tune in today:**

**8.30 am** Brief news

**8.35 am** Music: The best thing

**8.40 am** Perspectives

**8.45 am** Music: I feel so fine

**8.55 am** National news/Slogan

**9.05 am** Music: with you

**9.10 am** International news

**9.15 am** Cultural images of Myanmar:  
- Thabeik Requisite

**1.30 pm** News/Slogan

**1.40 pm** Story for children:  
"The deer king; Nijoda"

**1.50 pm** Songs for children:

**9.00 pm** Weekly news review

**9.10 pm** Music

**9.15 pm** Special feature on Women's Affairs

**9.25 pm** Going with Sweet heart

**9.45 pm** News/Slogan

**10.00 pm** PEL

## Tubewell put into service at new Yangon General Hospital

**YANGON, 2 July** — As a gesture of hailing the Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July 2005, a ceremony to put newly sunk 8-inch diameter tubewell into service was held in the compound of new Yangon General Hospital at the junction of Pyay Road and Bogyoke Aung San Street, here, this morning.

Member of the Panel of Patrons of the Union Solidarity and Development Association (Central) Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and CEC member Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin cut the ribbon to put the tubewell into service.

Also present on the occasion were CEC member Vice-Mayor Col

Maung Pa and officials. The commander and the mayor inspected pumping out of 8,000 gallons of water per hour and water quality.

The ceremony to mark the opening of the tubewell was held at the hospital.

The commander delivered an address and presented K 4.2 million for the cost of tubewell and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, K 900,000 and related documents related to Medical Superintendent Dr Daw Hla Kyin. Later, certificates of honour were presented to the wellwishers.

On behalf of the staff, the medical superintendent handed over 240 USDA membership applications to the CEC member mayor who presented membership cards to her.

Later, Dr Daw Hla Kyin expressed thanks.

The tubewell was jointly sunk by Yangon Division PDC and Yangon Division USDA. *MNA*



## Prime Minister sends message of felicitations to Belarus counterpart

**YANGON, 3 July** — General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Sergey Sidorsky, Prime Minister of the Republic of Belarus, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Belarus which falls on 3 July 2005.—MNA

## Costumes of successive periods shown off to mark Myanmar Women's Day

**YANGON, 2 July** — As a gesture of hailing Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July, supervised by Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, the fashion show of Myanmar women's costumes of successive periods took place at National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street in Dagon Township this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were members of the panel of patrons of MAAF, President of MAAF Daw Than Than Nwe, President of Myanmar Maternal and

Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Khin Win, Vice-President of MAAF Daw Khin Lay Myint, the general secretary and officials, Patron of Yangon Division Organization for Women's Affairs Daw Khin Thet Htay, the patrons of State/Division WAOs and others.

The artistes entertained those present with the songs.

The Myanmar damsels showed off the costumes of successive eras as Pyu, Bagan, Inwa, Konbaung, Amarapura and Yadanabon.

Women vocalists presented variety of songs. Next, Myanmar belles staged a fashion show in traditional costumes of Pre-War, Post-War and Independence eras. At the interval, women vocalists entertained the audience with songs. Afterwards, the belles demonstrated fashion show or current modes of dress.

President Daw Than Than Nwe presented cash award and bouquet to Patron of Yangon Division Organization for Women's Affairs Daw Khin Thet Htay and the show ended.—MNA

*Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa inspect quality of water from the new tubewell.*

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*MWAF President Daw Than Than Nwe, MMCWA President Daw Khin Khin Win and party enjoy traditional costume fashion show.—MNA*