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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Senior General Than Shwe sees off Prime Minister General Soe Win on his departure for PRC

YANGON, 3 July — Myanmar delegation led by Prime Minister General Soe Win left here by air at noon today to attend the 2nd Greater Mekong Subregion Summit to be held in Kunming, the People's Republic of China.

The delegation led by the Prime Minister was seen off at the airport by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, Vice-Chairman of SPDC Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, SPDC Member General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, SPDC members, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), the Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Jinjun and officials of the embassy, departmental heads and officials.

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Senior General Than Shwe saying bon voyage to Prime Minister General Soe Win at the airport before departure. — MNA



Senior General Than Shwe sees off Prime Minister General Soe Win at Yangon International Airport. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Myanmar women in service of the State and the people

Myanmar women have been keeping abreast of men in the efforts for the progress of their own families, community and for the State and have enjoyed equal rights as man.

The Myanmar women, who have been serving the interests of the State and the people in successive eras, are now actively taking part in the process of building a modern and developed nation as a national force.

The Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation was formed on 20 December 2003 with the aim of enhancing the social life of women and taking measures for their security and of getting in touch with the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs). The MWF has formed the women affairs organizations at different levels from states and divisions to ward/village level and is taking systematic measures for enhancing the role of Myanmar women.

The MWF, with its six working groups—Working Group of Prevention of Violence against Women and Rehabilitation, Working Group of Social Affairs and Culture, Working Group of Raising Social Life of Women, Working Group of Nationalities Affairs, Working Group of Legal Affairs, and Working Group of Environmental Conservation, has been trying its utmost for enhancing the role of women and ensuring their security.

Four sub-working groups have been formed under the Working Group of Prevention of Violence against Women and Rehabilitation while three sub-working groups on education, health and culture have been formed under the Working Groups of Social Affairs and Culture, and work is well under way for promoting the role of women.

As a national force, the MWF is at present serving the interests of the State and the people through its capabilities and efforts without relying on any others.

We firmly believe that the Myanmar women under the leadership of the MWF will continue making relentless efforts for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation by making better use of assistance provided by the State.



Headmistress Daw Sein Myaing awards gold trophy to an outstanding student at the annual meeting of PTA, and ceremony to present prizes to outstanding students of No 10 BEPS in Bahan Township on 2-7-2005.—H

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

Mines Deputy Minister views jade and gems sales



Deputy Minister U Myint Thein views sales of jade and gems through tender system at Myanma Gems Mart. —MNA

YANGON, 3 July — Chairman of Central Committee for holding Myanmar Jade and Gems Special Sales Deputy Minister for Mines U Myint Thein this afternoon arrived at Myanma Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road where Jade and Gems Special Sales 2005 was being held. The minister was welcomed by Secretary of the Central Committee Managing Director of Myanma Gems Enterprise U Thein We

and CEC members. The deputy minister viewed the sales of jade lots through tender system.

From 8 am to 5 pm today, 261 jade lots were sold and the sale continued in the evening. Altogether the 1,506 merchants at home and abroad attended the Jade and Gems Special Sales. The sales of jades lots continue through tender and competitive bidding systems on 4 and 5 July. — MNA

Tube-well inaugurated in Nyaung-U District to mark Myanmar Women's Day

YANGON, 3 July — A ceremony to inaugurate tube-well to mark Myanmar Women's Day in Taungkon village in Ngathayauk, NyaungU District, on 1 July morning.

Present on the occasion were Director U Kan Hla of Mandalay Division Development Affairs Committee, Deputy Superintendent Engineer U Myint Oo, local authorities, social organizations and others.

An official from NyaungU Township Development Affairs Committee explained water supply projects being undertaken by the Township Development Affairs Committee, and a villager expressed thanks for sinking tube-well.

Officials from NyaungU District Organization for Women's Affairs, District Maternal and Child Welfare Association and NyaungU Township DAC formally opened the tube-well.

The tube-well was funded by Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and NyaungU Township DAC. The 4 inches



Ceremony to put tube-well into service in progress in NyaungU District. —DAD

in diameter and 720 feet in depth tube-well can produce 2,000 gallons of water per hour.—MNA

Manuscripts invited for annual magazine of MWVO

YANGON, 3 July — An annual magazine for 2005 in honour of Myanmar War Veterans Organization Conference 2005 will be issued.

Poems, stories, articles and cartoons in manuscripts reflecting regional development tasks, achievements and experiences of MWVO are to be sent to U Chit Naing, Director-General of the Information and Public Relations Department (Tel: 01-242683), No 22-24, Pansodan Street, not later than on 31 August 2005. Honorarium will be awarded to the writers.

MNA

UMFCCI President leaves for PRC

YANGON, 3 July — President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint and CEC Member Dr Ko Ko Gyi left here by air this noon to attend the Forum on Business Participation in the Co-operation of Greater Mekong Subregion to be held in Kuming, Yunnan Province, the People's Republic of China, from 3 to 5 July.

They were seen off at the airport by General Secretary of UMFCCI U

Sein Win Hlaing and officials. Similarly, a 9-member delegation left for China by car through

Muse and another 32-member delegation left by air in advance to attend the forum. — H



UMFCCI President seen at the airport before departure for China. — UMFCCI

GMS member countries to promote practical cooperation

BEIJING, 2 July — The second summit of leaders of the Great Mekong Subregion (GMS) member countries will continue its "practical" style and discuss cooperation in related fields, Chinese experts said here on Friday.

The GMS embraces six countries — China, Cambodia, Thailand, Myanmar, Laos and Vietnam. The second summit of leaders of the six countries will be held in China next week.

Under a mechanism for cooperation among GMS countries, established by the Asian Development Bank in 1992, the six countries focus their cooperation on five strategic areas including infrastructure, trade and investment facilitation, participation of the private-owned enterprises, human resources and

environmental protection.

With the theme of "a stronger GMS partnership for common prosperity", the participants will discuss topics including achievements and challenges, common guidelines governing future GMS cooperation, and the road ahead towards sustainable development.

Shen Guofang, Assistant Chinese Foreign Minister, said the meeting will pass leaders' declarations, which reviews GMS ongoing programmes and outlines co-

operation in the future.

Cooperative documents on transportation, information superhighway construction, power trade operation and animal epidemics prevention are also expected to be signed during the summit, he said.

China has started the construction of the Chinese section of highways from Kunming to Bangkok, and the highways in Laos China sponsors. These highways are expected to be completed by 2006.

The outbreak of bird flu in this region in recent years attracted international attention. In this summit, the six countries will hopefully launch cooperation in preventing diseases among animals and poultry.

MNA/Xinhua

Thai festival held in S-W China city

CHENGDU, 2 July — Chengdu, capital of southwest China's Sichuan Province, held a Thai festival on Friday to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the establishment of Sino-Thai diplomatic relations.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the festival, Pravich Rattapanian, Thailand trade representative and special envoy of the Prime Minister, listed Sichuan Province among Thailand's important partners in tourism, trade and agriculture.

He said he expects the 10-day-long festival to boost exchanges and cooperation between the two sides and bring more Sichuan visitors to Thailand.

MNA/Xinhua



Vietnamese farmers carry rice on a rice field outside Hanoi, Vietnam, on 1 July, 2005.

INTERNET

Iraqi PM lauds visit to Kuwait

KUWAIT CITY, 2 July — Iraqi Prime Minister Ibrahim Al-Jaafari said on Thursday that his visit to Kuwait had achieved its goal, the *Kuwait News Agency* reported.

Jaafari told reporters before returning home that the two sides discussed Kuwait's pledge to grant additional 60 million US dollars to help Iraq cope with electricity shortages and build more schools and hospitals.

The Iraqi Prime Minister arrived here on Tuesday after visiting Washington and Brussels where he attended an international conference on rebuilding Iraq on 22 June.

Jaafari said that the withdrawal of the US-led multinational forces from Iraq should be based on a request by the elected Iraqi Government.

Jaafari added that there were no obstacles to the Kuwaiti-Iraqi relations, indicating that the delay in opening embassies in each other's capital was due to technical and security reasons.

Kuwaiti Acting Premier and Interior Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah said that Jaafari's visit would do benefit to the bilateral relations marred by the 1990 Iraqi invasion of the oil-rich kingdom.

MNA/Xinhua

Chocolate bars off shop shelves due to extortion threat in NSW

CANBERRA, 2 July — Food manufacturer Masterfoods has withdrawn Snickers and Mars snack bars from shops in Australia's southeastern state of New South Wales (NSW) following an extortion threat. Masterfoods' head office in Victoria has received letters in recent months saying seven bars in New South Wales have been contaminated and the police described the letters as rambling but threatening.

Australian Broadcasting Corporation radio quoted Masterfoods Australia New Zealand Presi-

dent Andy Weston-Webb as saying on Friday that products have been withdrawn from 5,500 retail outlets across the state as a precaution, saying he is concerned for public health.

"No one should be eating a Mars or Snickers bar that they have bought, please destroy it," he said.

Weston-Webb said there is no evidence the threat has been carried out and the company is not aware of anyone falling sick from eating the products. — MNA/Xinhua

Thailand to open new consulate office in Shaanxi Province

BEIJING, 2 July — Senior officials in China and Thailand exchanged notes here on Friday, agreeing that Thailand will open a consulate office in Xi'an, capital of northwest China's Shaanxi Province.

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra were present at the ceremony.

The new Thai consulate office is the third of its kind in addition to another two in Chengdu of Sichuan Province in southwestern China and Xiamen of east China's Fujian Province.

An official with the Chinese Foreign Ministry said that the opening of the diplomatic mission is aimed at facilitating visa processes for citizens of both countries and boosting bilateral cooperation in investment and tourism, especially cooperation between Thailand and China's west and northwest region. In addition to the Thai Embassy in Beijing, Thailand also has four consulate-generals respectively in Shanghai, Guangzhou, Kunming and Hong Kong.

MNA/Xinhua

Two suicide attackers in Iraq kill six policemen

HILLAH, 2 July — Suicide bombers struck twice Saturday in this Shiite city south of Baghdad, killing six policemen and injuring 26 people, including police and bystanders who had rushed to the scene of the first attack, police said.

Earlier Saturday, a suicide bomber wrapped with explosives struck a special police recruiting center in Baghdad, killing at least 16 other people gathered outside the gate. A Web statement claimed responsibility in the name of al-Qaida in Iraq.

In Hillah, the first blast occurred about 10:30 pm when a suicide bomber detonated a belt of explosives while being searched by members of the elite Scorpion police command at a checkpoint

in the city center, according to Capt. Muthana Khalid Ali of the Babil provincial press office.

Six policemen and the attacker died in the blast, Ali said.

About 10 minutes later, the second suicide attacker blew himself up in a crowd of police and civilians who had rushed to the scene, Ali said. Twenty-six people were injured in the second explosion, according to Dr Hashim Suleiman of the Hillah General Hospital. Hillah is a largely Shiite city about 60 miles south of Baghdad. On 28 Feb, a suicide car bomber struck a crowd of police and army recruits in Hillah, killing 125 and wounding more than 140 in the second deadliest attack since the 2003 fall of Saddam Hussein.—Internet



Women run towards Yarmouk Hospital after learning their sons were killed in a Baghdad suicide attack on 2 July, 2005.—INTERNET

IN HONOUR OF MYANMAR WOMEN'S DAY (3RD JULY)

Unyielding spirit of Myanmar women who put national interests in the fore

Khin Win San



In the nation's history, Myanmar women have been developing gradually through the preservation of fine traditions, culture and customs that women and men share equal responsibilities.

Myanmar women joined hands with men in anti-colonialist movements and anti-fascist resistance for regaining independence. Active and brilliant performances of Myanmar women's organizations went down in the annals of the nation's anti-colonialist struggles. In addition, the mass of Myanmar women at risk to their lives got involved in the anti-fascist resistance launched by the entire national people holding whatever arms they had for independence.

In this way, Myanmar women fully equipped with patriotic fervour played an active role and showed their remarkable performances throughout the period of the nation's independence struggles. And there have also been a variety of impressive performances carried out in the interests of the nation and the people by Myanmar women throughout the period of national defence and reconstruction after regaining independence.

They have been bringing honour to their motherland and enhancing national prestige and integrity by catching up with world nations in various sectors. In fact, Myanmar is a nation that never yields to alien domination; that is transforming itself into a democratic nation through the concept "The strength of the nation lies within"; and that practises independent and active foreign policy.

The State leaders have got present positions, after making a lot of sacrifices pragmatically, instead of talking big, in the interests of the nation and the people. According to some political analysts, a State leader is not easily available unlike an object that can be created easily. To become a State leader depends completely on to what extent one has done and is capable of doing significant performances practically in the interests of one's nation and people. It is improper for one to be anxious to become a State leader without possessing any capabilities of shouldering duties in a practical way in the interests of one's nation and people. And such an unqualified person can never become a State leader and if one gets the position by chance, his or her position will not last long.

Their idea is supported by a notable fact that female leaders from some developing nations are in no position to maintain their leadership role long.

Most of the female leaders in some developing countries were not self-made ones but they came into power due to political reputation of their late parents or husbands.

Similar incidences took place in Europe long ago. England's Queen Elizabeth I succeeded the throne of her father. And in Russia, Katherine the Great ascended the throne as she was the queen. It was the tradition of feudal system that family mem-

bers or related persons ascended the throne.

In today's developing countries, people elected children, wives and relatives of the most outstanding persons who made supreme sacrifice politically, wrongly thinking that the former could follow in the late persons' footsteps.

However, in the pragmatic world, such public figures were not qualified enough to lead their nations. For those persons, it was easy to win the elections but difficult to rule over the nations properly. So, one should take invaluable lessons from such evidences that so-called state leaders were elected just through public emotions but not through farsightedness of the people. So such leaders can exist for a short time just as long as strong feelings are kept in the hearts of the public. So, it can be said that their instant success was based on the political popularity of their parents or

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family members although they could not show brilliant performances or capabilities in the interests of the nation and the people.

The entire Myanmar women are therefore not to place too much reliance on others but on own abilities and capabilities and are to exert own qualifications and efficiency for the development of the State and the people.

The Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation has come into existence during the period of transition to democracy under the leadership of the Tatmadaw Government. The federation, fully imbued with nationalistic fervour, is also playing an active role in building a democratic nation in cooperation with the entire national people, while braving different types of attacks and wicked schemes designed to break up the Union by those relying on external elements, and pressure and economic sanction imposed against the nation and interference by certain foreign countries. It is joining hands firmly with the national people in implementing the State's seven-point Road Map for flourishing of democracy in the nation.

The federation is making unremitting endeavours to see to accomplishment of its objectives:

- To promote the role of women in building a peaceful, modern and developed nation
- To safeguard women's rights
- To develop economic, health and education sectors of women and to safeguard their social

security

- To nurture women to cherish and value the traditional culture and customs of the national races

- To systematically carry out tasks for prevention of violence against women and rehabilitation

- To carry out eradication of trafficking of women and children as a national duty, and

- To cooperate with international, regional, internal and external organizations in carrying out matters on women's rights in accord with traditional culture and customs of national races.

Simultaneously, the MWAF is dealing with congenial international NGOs to take effective measures on a broader scale for ensuring further development and security of the mass of Myanmar women.

The MWAF is constituted widely with respective groups and departments and state/division, district, township, ward and village level organizations to look after women's affairs.

And under the federation are six working groups — Working group of Prevention of Violence against Women and Rehabilitation, Working Group of Social Affairs and Culture, Working Group of Raising Social Life of Women, Working Group of Nationalities Affairs, Working Group of Legal Affairs, and Working Group of Environmental Conservation. The groups are cooperating with other groups in various sectors in implementing the objectives.

The six departments of the federation — Organizational Department, Administration Department, Discipline Enforcement Department, Finance Department, Information Department and International Relations Department are shouldering duties for the development of women.

In a bid to put the objectives into motion, the MWAF gives priority to basic principles that can enhance national interests. The basic principles are:

- The "National Basic Principle" — For the entire national people to serve only the real national interest in unity, with Our Three Main National Causes as the foundation

- The "Nationality Affairs Basic Principle" — To give priority to amity and mutual respect of national races and promotion national unity

- The "Social Basic Principle" — To provide support to community peace and tranquility, social needs, welfare, education, health and cultural development; and

- The "Women's Affairs Basic Principle" — To develop the women's sector and ensure their life security.

With effective encouragement of the State, the MWAF has been making continued endeavours to ensure further development of more than 27 million Myanmar women out of the nation's population of more than 54 million people, while employing own efficiency and skills without relying on any other nations or organizations.

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MWAF Honorary Patron Daw Kyaing Kyaing attends ceremony to commemorate Myanmar Women's Day



Honorary Patron Daw Kyaing Kyaing attends ceremony to mark Myanmar Women's Day at Myanmar Convention Centre.— MNA

(from page 16) intellectuals and intelligentsia, departmental heads, members of the

agencies and officials, representatives of social organizations and State/Division OWAs, prize win-

ner Daw Lein Mong Pan acted as masters of ceremonies.

President Daw Than Than Nwe delivered an address. She said:

Allow me first of all to wish physical and spiritual wellbeing to the Honorary Patrons of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, MWAF patrons, Central Executive Committee members, delegates from State and Division Organizations of Women's Affairs, representatives from social organizations, guests and the entire mass of Myanmar women. May you be able to further contribute towards development of Myanmar women's sector as well as to enhance and pro-

mote MWAF to enable it to firmly stand as a national force serving the interests of the nation and people.

Today is an auspicious day as MWAF leads the celebration of Myanmar Women's Day in honour of Myanmar women who are not only traditionally polite and cultured, but also possess exemplary cultural traits of upholding lineage and promoting national culture.

In reviewing Myanmar history of many thousands of years, Myanmar women seen to have been brilliantly dutiful in playing their roles demanded by history. Myanmar women have splendidly been performing their respective roles

of serving the interests of the nation and the people, of the ensuring the development of Myanmar society and in nurturing new generation youths. Myanmar Women's Day has been designated to pay tribute to the outstanding prestige of the entire mass of Myanmar women and

every Myanmar woman should take pride in the fact.

In Myanmar society, the expression "woman" possesses a unique character of its own and consequently every woman is accorded all respect in accordance with her status.

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MWAF President Daw Than Than Nwe delivers an address at the Myanmar Women's Day commemorative ceremony. MNA

supporting groups, wives of ambassadors and charges d'affaires at foreign missions, resident representatives of UN

agencies and their families and guests.

Secretary of Information Department Daw Than Than Win and mem-



Secretary of Information Department Daw Than Than Win and member Daw Lein Maung Pan act as masters of ceremonies.— MNA



The Myanmar Women's Day commemorative ceremony in progress at Myanmar Convention Centre.— MNA

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In September 1995, a Myanmar delegation attended the Fourth World Women's Conference in Beijing, the People's Republic of China. The Conference adopted a resolution to establish National Mechanism in every nation for implementing the common aims of ensuring peace and development of women.

The Government accordingly formed the Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs (MNCWA) on 3 July 1996 to enable Myanmar women to fully enjoy women's rights and to ensure continued enhancement of their rights and developments, in keeping with the times. In 1998, the Government designated 3 July, the date on which MNCWA was formed, as Myanmar Women's Day.

The Myanmar Women's Affairs federation (MWF) was formed on 20 December 2003 with the lofty objective of en-

- (C) To develop economic, health and education sectors of women and to safeguard their social security,
- (D) To nurture women to cherish and value the traditional culture and customs of the national races,
- (E) To systematically carry out tasks for prevention of violence against women and rehabilitation,
- (F) To carry out eradication of human trafficking of women and children as a national duty,
- (G) To cooperate with international, regional, internal and external organizations in carrying out matters on women's rights in accord with traditional culture and customs of national races.

As a non-governmental social organization of Myanmar women, the MWF is today providing leadership to all Myanmar women to



Honorary Patron of MWF Daw Kyaing Kyaing and members view prize-winner photos displayed at the ceremony. —MNA

tire mass of Myanmar women its membership grew to over 1.5 million in the course of just over a year of its establishment.

In implementing its aims, MWF is working in accord with the basic principles that serve the actual interest of the na-

tion and the people. The basic principles are:

- (A) The "National Basic Principle"—For the entire national people to serve only the real national interest in unity, with Our Three Main National Causes as the foundation.
- (B) The "Nationality Affairs Basic Principle" To give priority to amity and mutual respect of the national races and promotion of national unity.
- (C) The "Social Basic Principle" To provide support to community peace and tranquillity, social needs, welfare, education, health and cultural development; and
- (D) The "Women's Affairs Basic Principle"—To develop the women's sector and ensure their life security.

MWF is a social organization encompassing the whole nation. It is an organization serving the national interest and in carrying out social activi-

ties in addition to looking after the welfare of women. It is therefore the only women's affairs organization in Myanmar that is imbued with nationalism and patriotism.

History reveals that Myanmar womenfolk, in tandem with menfolk, have been serving the interest of the nation and the people and Myanmar society, in a fraternal spirit according to the responsibility sharing concept, in addi-

tion to enjoying equal rights with men. Throughout successive eras, the nation has witnessed many women who are well-known for their loving-kindness, their reputation safeguarding the race at the risk of their lives, and of their endeavours to protect and glorify the nation. The outstanding virtues of Princess Shwe Einsi of Bagan period, who preserved the lineage and national prestige stand as a

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Vice-President of MWF Daw Khin Lay Myint reads out proclamation of MWF. MNA

bling Myanmar women to enhance their role in society and to serve the interests of the nation and the people. The aims of MWF are as follows:

- (A) To promote the role of women in building a peaceful, modern and developed nation,
- (B) To safeguard wom-

en's rights, unitedly make endeavours for developing the role of Myanmar women as well as for national development.

Myanmar's population is over 54 million and over half (50.3 per cent) are women. Thus, women's population in Myanmar is over 27 million. As MWF represents the en-

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The outstanding virtues of Princess Shwe Einsi of Bagan period, who preserved the lineage and national prestige stand as a

shining example for Myanmar women till today.

Queen Beikthano of the Pyu Period, and Queen Shin Saw Pu of the Hanthawady Period managed the affairs for the effective development and prosperity of the nation. Princess Thudamma Sari was a model in dispensing justice while Princess Thanbyin had a high reputation for literature. They all played exemplary roles in history. Women were

Myanmar during their over a hundred years of occupation. The Myanmar womenfolk resisted the colonialist schemes and preserved the lineage and national prestige with patriotism.

Many famous women were among those who made efforts for the national education system to stand on equal terms with the colonialist education system; high level administrative officials who demanded equal rights for nationalities during the colonial period; and literati and journalists who helped vitalize the anti-colonialist spirit and nationalism.

Since the nation regained independence, women bringing honour to the nation in the economic, education, health, social, administrative and sports fields have been emerging continuously.

The Myanmar Women's Day Ceremony being held today therefore is worthy to be put on record of those Myanmar women who were exemplary in nationalism, patriotism and Union Spirit throughout the

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among the many famous literati that emerged throughout the history of Myanmar.

Similarly, Myanmar women together with patriots fearlessly took part

in the anti-colonialist struggles, including the year 1300 ME Uprising and the Peasants Uprising, and the Anti-Fascist struggle, at the risk of their lives. Myanmar women never yielded to the colonialists' attempts to induce western culture in

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General Secretary of MWF Prof Dr Daw Khin Mar Tun reads out messages sent to Myanmar Women's Day ceremony. MNA

With kind assistance and encouragement of Government, role of Myanmar women today is being enhanced

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 history of Myanmar; who have been preserving Myanmar traditional cultural heritage, national character and lineage; and who are taking part in their respective roles in the development of Myanmar society. It is indeed an

Myanmar women, the following nine papers were presented:
 — The role of Myanmar women in the anti-colonialist struggle
 — The role of Myanmar women in building the nation
 — Adorable customs and traditions of

tion
 — Myanmar women entrepreneurs in successive eras
 — Rights of Myanmar Women derived from Myanmar customs and traditions
 — Myanmar women and the ASEAN community

pressures being put on and sanctions imposed on Myanmar by external elements and opposing groups, the Government has been able to continue its endeavours for stability, unity and development of the nation and the people. In various fields, national

sanctions and destructive acts of pessimists for the benefit of a particular person or group are adversely affecting not only innocent persons but also hurting the national interest and security, peace and development of the entire mass of Myanmar

persons were killed and 149 persons wounded. Women were among them.
 It is internationally accepted that attacks on public places are indeed terrorist acts. On behalf of the entire mass of Myanmar women,



Daw Khin Lay Thet presents the first prize to a winner of colour photo contest. —MNA



Daw Khin Lay Thet presents the second prize to a winner of colour photo contest. —MNA



Daw Khin Lay Thet presents the third prize to a winner of colour photo contest. —MNA

auspicious day of which all Myanmar women are to be proud of.
 At the Myanmar Women's Day celebrations observed by MWF to enhance the role of the entire mass of

Myanmar women
 — Sustainable development of Myanmar women
 — Millennium Development Goals and Myanmar women's developmental situa-

— The status of women in the history of Myanmar
 In reviewing the actual conditions of Myanmar in an objective manner, it can be seen that in spite of

policies and plans have been laid down and are being implemented with momentum. As a result, unprecedented and tangible achievements are being attained in the country.

women.
 Hence, on behalf Myanmar women, the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation will release the proclamation of Myanmar Women's Day 2005.

MWAF which is actively carrying out tasks for protecting women from violence, denounces the terrorists and their accomplices for their cruelties committed with outside help



Daw Than Than Nwe presents a consolation prize to a winner of colour photo contest. —MNA



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On behalf of the entire mass of Myanmar women, MWAF which is actively carrying out tasks for protecting women from violence, denounces that cruel terrorist act committed on the people of one's own race by terrorists with the assistance of external elements.

Assessing developments in Myanmar while at the same time exerting efforts to enhance development of Myanmar women, MWAF has come to the conclusion that external

In pretext of exerting political pressure simultaneously, terrorists detonated bombs at three separate public places on 7 May this year.

on the innocent people.
 With the kind assistance and encouragement of the Government, the role of Myanmar women today is being enhanced.

Senior General Than Shwe sees off Prime Minister General Soe Win ...

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Together with Prime Minister, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thein Lwin, Director-General at SPDC Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein, Director-General at the Prime Minister's Office U Soe Tint, Director-General of the Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Director-General of the Political Department U Thaug Tun of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, departmental heads and officials left here on the same flight. — MNA

Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Jinjun and embassy officials see off Prime Minister General Soe Win at the airport. — MNA



Diplomats of foreign missions in Yangon see off Prime Minister General Soe Win at Yangon International Airport before his departure for People's Republic of China. — MNA

Skill demonstrations of woman athletes performed



Member of Panel of Patrons of MAAF Daw Khin Lay Thet, MAAF President Daw Than Than Nwe, MMCWA President Daw Khin Khin Win and party enjoy skills demonstration of women athletes. — MNA

YANGON, 3 July — Honouring the Myanmar Women's Day today, the ceremony to perform skill demonstration of woman athletes was held at National Indoor Stadium-1 (Thuwunna) on Weizayanta Road in Thingangyun Township this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Member of Panel of Patrons of Myanmar Women Affairs Federation Daw Khin Lay Thet and members of panel of patrons, President of MAAF Daw Than Than Nwe, Chairperson of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Khin Win, Vice-President of MAAF Daw Khin Lay Myint and CEC members, Patrons of state/division organizations for women's affairs, President of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation Daw Aye Aye and

members, the vice-chairpersons of Yangon Division/district/township organizations for women's affairs and members, MMCWA members, USDA members, members of Red Cross society and fire brigades, trainees of the Institute of Nursing, Myanmar selected woman athletes, woman athletes of Sports and Physical Education Institute, school girls from BEHSs in Yangon Division, officials of the Ministry of Sports and guests.

The women athletes of the groups of Aerobic, Myanmar Martial Arts, Karatedo, Taekwando, Wushu and pon-pon dance, band troupe and school girls performed their skill demonstrations to the guests.

Next, the demonstration groups greeted the guests and the ceremony ended. — MNA

For all citizens to enjoy equality

- * National characteristics, traditions
Politely, held at bosom
Pride of roots, of all categories
Long-lasting, known worldwide
That is the way it has been, placing
New generations, on the right path
That is the MAAF.
- * For women to enjoy life security
To be kept safe at all times
With hands held together, permanently
To organize, working together
That is MAAF.
- * Peaceful, developed manifold
Striving hard for Myanmar
Shouldering responsibilities, as men do
Lending helping hand, effectively
Trying to be equally capable
That is MAAF.
- * Among women of all nations
Treating each other reciprocally close
Exchanging mutual goodwill
For interest of one and the other
Working toward that very end
That is MAAF.
- * Will not swap Myanmar honour, sovereignty
Will not see the woe of citizens
What trouble they go through
Will not accept such designs
Only equality of all citizens
Is being considered, perpetually
That is MAAF.

Milekkhu (Trs.)

Honouring Myanmar Women's Day



Daw Kyaing Kyaing presents cash prize to Writer Dr Ma Tin Win.— MNA



Daw Kyaing Kyaing awards cash prize to Ma Ei Ei Chun.— MNA



Daw Kyaing Kyaing gives cash prize to outstanding student Ma Thi Thi Htwe.— MNA



Daw Mya Mya San presents prize to Red Cross Platoon Commander Ma Myint Myint Than.— MNA



Daw Mya Mya San gives prize to Fire Sergeant Su Nanda Nyein.— MNA



Daw Mya Mya San presents prize to Wushu athlete Ma Swe Swe Thant.— MNA



Daw Mya Mya San awards prize to disabled athlete Ma Naw Phaw Ray Htoo.— MNA

With kind assistance...

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Taking advantage of these favourable conditions and at this opportune time, I would like to urge all Myanmar Women-

- to mobilize themselves as a national force with their good and fine traditions and high capabilities
- to cooperate and work together with other NGOs to join hands with the State, the people and the Tatmadaw in building the country into a peaceful, modern and developed nation.
- all Myanmar women to actively participate in endeavours, in line with the seven-step Road Map for the emergence of a discipline-flourishing democracy.

General Secretary Professor Dr Khin Mar Tun read out messages sent by USDA, MWVO, MMCWA, MRCS, Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association, Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science, Myanmar Academy of Agriculture, Forest, Livestock Breeding and Fishery Science, Myanmar Academy of Medical Science and Myanmar Academy of Technological Science. (Messages are reported separately.)

Vice-President Daw Khin Lay Myint read out the proclamation of MWAf on Myanmar Women's Day for 2005.

(The proclamation is reported separately.)

At the prize presentation ceremony, the master of ceremonies read performance of the prize-winning persons. Honorary Patron Daw Kyaing Kyaing awarded cash prizes to State Service Personnel and

Technocrats and Intelligentsia, Social and Cultural Working Group member Daw Yin Yin (writer Saw Mon Nyin) who has arduously promoted Myanmar and culture with might of pen 2003 National Literary Award winner writer Dr Ma Tin Win; Ma Ei Ei Chun, outstanding gold and silver medals winner in Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions; and outstanding student Ma Thi Thi Htwe of Mahaangmye BEHS No 13 who passed the matriculation examination for 2004 with six distinctions and 557 marks.

Honorary Patron Daw Mya Mya San presented cash prizes to outstanding Platoon Commander Ma Myint Myint Than of Mayangon Township Red Cross Battalion who actively participated in rescue and relief tasks in natural disasters, and in social

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MWAf condemns external pressures that disregard national. . .

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6. The Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation objects to the reports annually submitted to the United Nations' General Assembly which were based on the groundless fabricated information made up to defame Myanmar in international community by insurgent groups from border areas and groups opposing the government.
7. On May 7, 2005, due to terrorist bomb explosions at three crowded places simultaneously in Yangon simply to put political pressure on Myanmar, 172 innocent people, including women, lost their lives. It is internationally acknowledged that attacking, for whatever rea-

son, civilians, is a terrorist act. Getting external assistance to perpetrate cruel and violent acts against innocent fellow nationals and those who provide support and assistance to such dastardly characters, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, which prevents violence against women, strongly rejects such cowardly people.

8. On the occasion of the Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation declares as follows:

- (a) All Myanmar women will cooperate in all sectors of the Government's nation-building tasks.
- (b) In nation-building only practical contribution will be acknowledged.

- (c) Condemn external pressures that disregard national interest in favour of group or individual interests.
- (d) Urge foreign countries and organizations to approach responsible persons in seeking the actual situation of Myanmar.
- (e) Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation will unitedly cooperate with other social organizations which share a common purpose of fulfilling the interest of the state and its citizens.
- (f) Condemn terrorists and their supporters who target innocent civilians for whatever reason.

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Social organizations send messages to honour Myanmar Women's Day commemorated by Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation

YANGON, 3 July —Various social organizations sent messages honouring the high efficiency of the mass of Myanmar women to the Myanmar Women's Day ceremony organized by Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation held at Myanmar Convention Centre in Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township

here this morning.

The social organizations which sent the honorary messages included the Union Solidarity and Development Association, Myanmar War Veterans Organization, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Myanmar Red Cross Society, Myanmar

Women Entrepreneurs Association, Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science, Myanmar Academy of Agriculture, Forest and Livestock Breeding Sciences, Myanmar Academy of Medical Science and Myanmar Academy of Technological Science.

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Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy by upholding Our Three Main National Causes in the fore

YANGON, 3 July— *The following is a message sent by the Union Solidarity and Development Association on the occasion of the Myanmar Women's Day (2005) which falls on 3-7-2005.*

It is a great pleasure to welcome and honour the Myanmar Women's Day, the third of July, because it was designated to honour the high efficiency of the mass of Myanmar women after founding Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation.

It is also admirable that the MWF up-

holding the seven noble objectives is striving its utmost to protect and improve the life of Myanmar women who represent more than half of the country's population. One point of the MWF's objectives — to strive for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation — is the same as that of the USDA.

That is why the two organizations are like brother and sister riding in the same boat and going on the same journey.

Besides, another objective of the MWF is similar in essence to that of the USDA, which says

'to revitalize patriotic spirit for the uplift of national prestige and integrity'. It is, therefore, needed to crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy by upholding the three main national causes in the fore.

In the future, the forces representing the nation will further enhance cooperation and mutual understanding and respect between them. And the USDA wished the MWF to be successful in the implementation of its objectives.

**CEC members
Union Solidarity and Development Association**

MWAF is not only a guiding organization for Myanmar women but also a reliable one for them

YANGON, 3 July— *The following is a message sent by the Myanmar War Veterans Organization on the occasion of the Myanmar Women's Day (2005) which falls on 3-7-2005.*

It gives great pleasure for Myanmar War Veterans Organization to send the message to Myanmar Women's Day organized by Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation. Myanmar Women's Day was observed after holding the MWVO Conference (2005). This reflects the strength of two forces.

Myanmar women possess equal rights as men do and they have equality in social affairs and are powerful and brilliant. It is found that they preserve races and culture and participate in nation-building tasks. It is Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation that leads the women.

The third of July is a milestone and it is the day on which Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs came into being for promoting the role of Myanmar women. Designating 3 July as Myanmar Women's Day is meaningful and appropriate.

Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation was formed in 2003 for the mass of Myanmar women to join the federation. MWVO would like to express that the federation is not only a guiding organization for Myanmar women but also a reliable one for them. MWVO has sent the message in honour of MWF that makes endeavours in the interest of the entire Myanmar women in every sector, passing many Myanmar Women's Days.

**Myanmar War
Veterans Organization**

Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association supports MWAF which has the same objectives of MMCWA

YANGON, 3 July— *The following is a message sent by the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association on the occasion of the Myanmar Women's Day (2005) which falls on 3-7-2005.*

Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association extends good wishes to all Myanmar women on the occasion of Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July 2005.

The strength of 27 million women, 50.3 per cent of the population of Myanmar and plays an important role in building a modern developed nation. Myanmar Women's Day is a day of honour of endeavours of Myanmar women

under the leadership of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation. It is seen that MWAF with the strength of 27 million women is making concerted efforts for enhancing the role of women in nation-building tasks, improving their economy, education and health, safeguarding their life security, cherishing and valuing traditional culture and customs, protecting them against violence, carrying out rehabilitation tasks, undertaking the eradication of human trafficking as a national task and creating the rights of women in accord with traditional culture and customs in cooperation with local and international organizations.

Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association

contributes towards the raising of living standard of family by providing assistance to education, health, economic and social sectors of mother and children. Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association supports MWAF which has the same objectives of the MMCWA and brings about the interest of women and children forever.

On behalf of 27 million women, MMCWA on this occasion wishes for MWAF to be able to serve the interest of Myanmar women for years.

**Myanmar Maternal and
Child Welfare Association**

MWEA solemnly pledges on Myanmar Women's Day that while observing the noble tradition in highest performance of Myanmar women, utmost efforts will be made for development of the entire Myanmar women

YANGON, 3 July — *The following is the translation of the message of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association to the ceremony marking the Myanmar Women's Day held at Myanmar Convention Centre in Mayangon Township this morning.*

The Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association heartily welcomes and honours Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July, representing the entire Myanmar women.

Myanmar women shoulder to shoulder with

Myanmar men have been serving the interests of the State and the people in their glorious tradition in successive eras.

In building a peaceful and developed nation, MWEA honours the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation that is uplifting the women's role with its best abilities.

The Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association was established in February 1995, and the association performed its functions for development of the State economy and living standard of the women by

disseminating modern knowledge on business management, keeping in touch with international economic organizations, carrying out rural development tasks, disbursing small loans, and attending international exhibitions and competitions.

MWEA solemnly pledges on Myanmar Women's Day today that while preserving the noble tradition in the highest performance of Myanmar women, utmost efforts will be made for development of the entire Myanmar women.
Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association

Endeavours of the MWF are contributing much to enhancing the image and standard of the State and the people

YANGON, 3 July—*The following is the translation of the message sent by Myanmar Red Cross Society on the occasion of the Myanmar Women's Day (2005) which falls on 3-7-2005.*

On the occasion of Myanmar Women's Day, which falls on 3 July 2005, the Myanmar Red Cross Society has sent a message of felicitations, wishing all the Myanmar women peace and happiness.

The Myanmar Women's Day is a day that is marked to honour efforts exerted for the entire mass of Myanmar women under the leadership of the Myanmar Women Affairs Federation. Moreover, it also highlights and reveals the efforts of Myanmar women to the world.

Myanmar women not only served the interest of the State in successive eras but also engaged in humanitarian tasks. Tasks for improving the

social life of Myanmar women, health care services and enhancing of the living standard of Myanmar women have been in conformity with the basic functions of Red Cross which are based on humanitarian tasks.

The MRCS is engaged in humanitarian works with a view to alleviating miseries and troubles. In doing so, the MRCS is cooperating with congenial organizations such as the MWF, for it has been regarded as a reserve force of the nation.

Whenever necessary, the MWF and the MRCS are cooperating and helping each other in humanitarian works, especially in social, health and relief measures.

The endeavours of the MWF are contributing much to enhancing the image and standard of the State and the people. In the meantime, the MWF can be regarded as a strong force of the nation as it

constitutes people from different walks of life including intellectuals and technocrats.

Being an association that is devoted to improving the social life of Myanmar women, the MWF has been protecting the rights of Myanmar women in line with the laws promulgated by the State. This reflects a task of Red Cross to enhance the human dignity.

This being the case, the MRCS takes pride in and honours the functions of the MWF since the tasks correspond to humanitarian tasks set by the international community.

The MRCS and all its members have sent a message of felicitations, wishing the MWF and all its members good health and happiness on the occasion of Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July 2005.

Myanmar Red Cross Society

Side by side with men Myanmar women fought against colonialists when the aliens waged aggressive wars on the country

YANGON, 3 July—*The following is the translation of the message sent by Myanmar Academies on the occasion of the Myanmar Women's Day (2005) which falls on 3-7-2005.*

It is a great pleasure to send messages on the Myanmar Women's Day on 3 July 2005, celebrated on a grand scale by Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation.

It is found that in the society of Myanmar which has been existing for thousands of years with its own monarchs, Myanmar women have enjoyed equal rights with men and have been served the interests of the nation and its people.

Side by side with men Myanmar women fought against colonialists when the latter waged aggressive wars on the country. It can be found in history that women played a part in Myanmar's

independence struggles, risking their lives when the country was under alien subjugation.

After the nation had regained the independence, Myanmar women participated in the development of various sectors such as agriculture, forestry, livestock and fisheries, education, health and technology, and they are working together with men for the safeguarding of national sovereignty and independence. In addition, like men, women are playing a leading role in the Myanmar academies striving for the development of human resources and technologies.

Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation founded to represent the mass of Myanmar women is striving in the interests of the nation and the people in accord with its objectives — to promote the role of women in building a peaceful, modern and

developed nation, to safeguard women's rights, to develop economic, health and education sectors of women and to safeguard their social security, to nurture women to cherish and value the traditional culture and customs of the national races, to systematically carry out tasks for prevention of violence against women and rehabilitation and to carry out eradication of human trafficking of women and children as a national duty. Myanmar Academies extended best wishes for the MWF to be successful in serving the interests of the country and its people.

**Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science,
Myanmar Academy of Agriculture,
Forest and Livestock Breeding Sciences,
Myanmar Academy of Medical Science**



MYANMAR WOMEN'S DAY

3rd July 2005

STRIVE TOGETHER FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

CEC Member Forestry Minister attends tree-planting ceremony, inspects regional developments in Loikaw

YANGON, 3 July — The USDA CEC Member Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, accompanied by Col Kyaw Swa Min of Loikaw Station and officials, arrived at BEMS in Pagan village in Loikaw Township on 1 July evening and met with teachers, school board of trustees and townseldors.

After hearing the reports on academic matters and extending the new school building, the CEC member and officials attended to the needs. Next, the CEC member donated cash and exercise books.

Later, the CEC member and Deputy Auditor-General Daw Thin Thin attended the tree-planting ceremony held yesterday and took part in the cer-

emony. Afterwards, the CEC member and party proceeded to the construction site of building Loikaw University and heard the report by Rector U Sein Oo.

On arrival at the collective village-road construction in Dawkhu ward in Loikaw hailing Myanmar Women's Day, they greeted the villagers and fulfilled the requirements for the regional development.

When the CEC member arrived at the BEPS in Phayani village, Loikaw Township and attended to the needs for repairing and extending the school building. Next, the CEC member went to the monastery at the village, offered provisions. Later, he met with villagers and explained the arrangements for regional developments and donated the clothes. — MNA

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Chinese shoemakers stand up against EU anti-dumping probe

HANGZHOU, 2 July — Chinese shoemakers have vowed to act in unity after the European Union opened an anti-dumping investigation into its work shoe exports.

"We have to stand up against the EU probe," said Chen Zemei, president of Saina Group in Rui'an, east China's Zhejiang Province. "All domestic shoe makers have a role to play here."

Chen said domestic companies should be united amongst themselves and with European importers as well. "We've got to be firm and well-prepared in working out countermeasures and resolutely oppose any unfair practice from the European side, particularly manipulation of figures."

Chen's company, which reported 200 million yuan (24 million US dollars) of work shoe output and 17 million US dollars of export in 2004, is one of the biggest Chinese shoemakers threatened by the EU probe.

The European Commission, EU's executive

arm, opened a probe on Thursday into possible dumping of Chinese and Indian shoes into the 25-member European Union.

Claude Veron-Reville, the Commission's spokeswoman for trade, said that the probe began at the request of European manufacturers and could take as long as 15 months, but that the Commission hoped to complete it in nine months.

At the call of China Leather Association, shoemakers from the country's leading shoe manufacturing regions, including Zhejiang, Guangdong and Fujian provinces and Chongqing municipality, gathered in Zhejiang this week to exchange ideas on how to face up the new situation and seek help from attorneys and international trade experts.

"We'll resort to World

Trade Organization rules in order to protect our legitimate rights and avoid heavy tariffs in the post-quota world," said Chen.

China Ministry of Commerce spokesman Chong Quan said earlier that the Chinese side "strongly opposes" EU's launching of anti-dumping investigation, which is being done without a practical or legal basis.

"China urges the EU to proceed from facts, make prudent decisions and avoid trade frictions," he said. EU has produced figures showing imports of Chinese-made shoes surged in the beginning of the year after the end of a global textile quota system on 1 January.

MNA/Xinhua

ဆုတိုက်တန် ကုမ္ပဏီလီမိတက်မှ Fresh-up အမည်ကုန်အမှတ် တံဆိပ်တို့ဖြင့် မည်သည့် အလှကုန် ပစ္စည်းကိုမျှ ထုတ်လုပ်ဖြန့်ဖြူးခြင်း မပြုကြောင်း အများသိစေရန် ကြေညာချက်

ရန်ကင်းမြို့၊ ကုမ္ပဏီများ မှတ်ပုံတင်ရုံ၏ ကုမ္ပဏီမှတ်ပုံတင် လက်မှတ်အမှတ် ၆၃၁/၁၉၉၉-၂၀၀၀ ဖြင့် ဖွင့်လှစ်တည်ထောင် လုပ်ငန်းဆောင်ရွက်လျက်ရှိသော ဆုတိုက်တန် ကုမ္ပဏီလီမိတက်သည် **Fresh-up** အင်္ဂလိပ်စာတန်းပါ ကုန်အမှတ်တံဆိပ်ကို တစ်ဦးတည်း မှပိုင်အဖြစ် ရန်ကင်းမြို့၊ စာချုပ်စာတမ်းများမှတ်ပုံတင်ရုံ၏ မှတ်ပုံတင်အမှတ် ၄၄၄၁/၂၀၀၁၁၉၈၁/၂၀၀၄၁၆၄၆/၂၀၀၄ တို့ဖြင့် မှတ်ပုံတင်ထားရှိကာ **Fresh-up** အမည်ဖြင့် သွားတိုက်ဆေးအမျိုးမျိုးကို ထုတ်လုပ်ပြီး မြန်မာနိုင်ငံတစ်ဝှမ်းလုံးတွင်ဖြန့်ချိရောင်းချလျက်ရှိပါသည်။

ထို့အပြင် အဆိုပါ **Fresh-up** သွားတိုက်ဆေးအမျိုးမျိုးကို မြန်မာနိုင်ငံရှိရပ်ရွာဒေသလုံးကွဲပြားစွာ ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား၊ သတင်းစာ၊ ဂျာနယ်၊ စာစောင်၊ မဂ္ဂဇင်း၊ အမျိုးမျိုးတွင်လည်း ကြော်ငြာများ ထည့်သွင်းကြေညာလျက်ရှိပါသည်။

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ယခုအချိန်တွင် မြန်မာနိုင်ငံ၏ လူသူကုန်နှင့်အလှကုန် ဈေးကွက်တွင် **Fresh-up** အင်္ဂလိပ်စာတန်းပါအမည်၊ လိမ်းဆီ အမျိုးမျိုးကို ရောင်းချလျက်ရှိကြောင်း တွေ့ရှိရပါသဖြင့် ကျွန်ုပ်တို့အဖွဲ့အား ဆုတိုက်တန်ကုမ္ပဏီ၏ **Fresh-up** စက်ရုံမှထုတ်လုပ်သော ပစ္စည်းများမဟုတ်ပါကြောင်း၊ ကျွန်ုပ်တို့အဖွဲ့အား **Fresh-up** ကုန်အမှတ်တံဆိပ်ဖြင့် မည်သည့် အလှကုန်ပစ္စည်းကိုမျှ ထုတ်လုပ်ဖြန့်ဖြူးရောင်းချခြင်း မပြုသည့်အတွက် အများပြည်သူများ ထင်ယောင်ထင်မှား မဖြစ်စေရန် သတိပြုကြပါရန် အများသိစေရန် အသိပေးကြေညာအပ်ပါသည်။

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Bird flu outbreak in Qinghai "under control"

BEIJING, 2 July — A spokesman with the Chinese Ministry of Agriculture said here on Friday that the bird flu outbreak in Qinghai Province in northwestern China has been "brought under control".

Jia Youling, the spokesman and also director general of the ministry's Veterinary Bureau, said the number of migrant birds killed by the disease has dropped to about 20 a day since 8 June.

Thus far, more than 6,000 migratory birds have died since the disease was reported on 4 May.

Jia said the ministry has reported the latest developments to relevant international organizations.

The governments at all levels in China attach great importance to the prevention and control of bird flu and related departments have taken many measures to prevent the disease. Since the bird flu outbreak was reported in Qinghai, the local government has done a lot to prevent the epidemic from spreading, he said, adding that no fowl or human beings have been infected so far. Jia said the Agriculture Ministry is studying and testing the virus drawn from the birds killed by the fatal disease in Qinghai, and the result will be reported to concerned international organizations as soon as possible.

China has provided five viral strains to the World Health Organization (WHO) since bird flu cases were reported in the country last year.

The Agriculture Ministry hopes for closer cooperation with interna-

tional organizations and welcomes international experts to Chinese labs for study, Jia said.

The WHO has asked China to test some of the birds in the area to determine if any species were infected with the virus.

Each summer, some 189 species of birds flock to Qinghai Lake, a mating ground for migratory birds, before heading

south and west.

Qinghai Lake has become a popular tourist attraction.

In late May, more than 1,000 wild birds, including geese and gulls, were killed by the H5N1 flu strain in Qinghai.

In Asia, at least 54 people have died so far this year after being infected by sick birds, reports said.

MNA/Xinhua

NATO-Russia anti-terrorism conference concludes

BELGRADE (Serbia-Montenegro), 2 July— The anti-terrorism conference of the NATO-Russia Council concluded in Slovenia on Friday, with the calls for international cooperation to effectively fight terrorism, said reports reaching here from Ljubljana.

The four-day conference, which gathered 150 representatives from 27 countries, showed that intelligence exchange should be improved and partnership between private and public organizations promoted in order to better fight terrorism, the *Slovene Press Agency* reported.

It quoted Slovenian Foreign Ministry officials as saying that the civilized world should get together to suppress terrorism and eradicate the conditions which encourage terrorism.

Director of the George C Marshall European Centre for Security Studies John Rose said he was convinced that terrorism could be fought successfully, but individual countries could not do it on their own.

Rose said he believed that military means were not enough to fight terror. On the contrary, he has been advocating a comprehensive approach which would take into account also its economic, educational, cultural, financial and information aspects.

The conference was organized by the George C Marshall European Centre for Security Studies and the US mission at NATO in collaboration with the Slovenian Foreign Ministry. Representative discussed the experience gained after the latest terror attacks in Russia, Spain, Turkey and the United States.

MNA/Xinhua

Cyprus police seize large quantity of drugs

NICOSIA, 2 July — The Cypriot Drug Law Enforcement Unit seized Friday 107 kilos of cannabis and "scan" smuggled to the island in a container that reached the southern town of Limassol port from South Africa.

In Press statements, the unit chief Charitos Yiangou said that it was one of the biggest drug quantities smuggled to Cyprus. The police will be in position to proceed with arrests when the container's Custom clearing papers examination is completed, he added.

According to the police officer, "a few days ago we received a tip-off that a container coming from South Africa with a label that it was carrying furniture had a large quantity of drugs".

The police in cooperation with the Customs authorities searched the container and found four boxes with 107 kilos of cannabis and scan instead of home appliances that they were labelled to be containing, Yiangou said.

He said his unit had faced drugs smuggling from South Africa in the past. "Now we can definitely say that South Africa is a route by which drugs are smuggled to Cyprus." — MNA/Xinhua

Macedonian police seize 20 kilos of heroin

TIRANA, 2 July — Macedonian police seized 20 kilos of heroin in a vehicle and arrested the driver on the spot at Kicevo, western Macedonia, the local media reported on Friday.

During a routine traffic check-up, the drugs, which were packed in 40 packages of 0.5 kilos, were found in a large metal box in the trunk.

The driver, who is a Macedonian citizen, has been arrested, pending criminal charge for illicit circulation of narcotics. According to the arrestee's statement, the heroin was procured in Turkey and was intended for the Macedonian market. — MNA/Xinhua

HK students celebrate 8th anniversary of reunification

BEIJING, 2 July— To mark the eighth anniversary of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR)'s return to the Motherland, 260 Hong Kong students visited Beijing for a week-long stay.

On 1 July, these Hong Kong students and 100 Beijing students gathered at Beijing Sports University to attend a signing ceremony in name of "tying with 2008 Olympics", expressing their love for the Motherland and good wishes to the coming sport pageant.

"Only when I set foot on the capital do I feel indulged in mother's arms," said Chen Jianguy, a 19 year old Hong Kong student said.

These Hong Kong students, from 10 Hong Kong-based middle schools, will visit the capital's tourist sites including the Forbidden City, the Summer Palace and the Temple of Heaven. They will communicate with their Beijing counterparts as well as visit some museums for academic research. — MNA/Xinhua

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“Deep Impact” flying toward comet Tempel 1

LOS ANGELES, 2 July — The Deep Impact spacecraft continues flying toward its final target comet Tempel 1, which the spacecraft is set to bombard with a probe at 22:52 PDT, on 3 July the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) said on Friday.

Mission scientists and engineers told a Press briefing at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, California, that they have been well prepared. Now the spacecraft is about 2.4 million kilometres away from Tempel 1.

"The time of comet encounter is near and the major mission milestones are getting closer and closer together," said Rick Grammier, Deep Impact project manager. "After all the years of design, training and simulations, we are where we want to be. The flight and science teams are working the mission plan, and we are good to go for encounter."

Deep Impact consists of a subcompact-car-sized flyby spacecraft and an impactor, about the size of a washing machine. The

dual spacecraft carry three imaging instruments, two on the flyby and one on the impactor.

Several major mission milestones occurred during the past week. The mission's third trajectory correction manoeuvre was successfully executed on 23 June. The burn of the spacecraft's motors changed Deep Impact's speed by 21 kilometres per hour. Another trajectory correction for final targeting before impactor release is scheduled for 17:00 PDT.

Mission planners separated the spacecraft's flight operations into six mission phases. The phases are launch, commissioning, cruise, approach, encounter and playback. The five-day encounter phase incorporates the final approach to the comet and transmis-

sion to Earth of collected data.

"We've completed the final pre-release check-out of the impactor. The impactor probe will have a short, 24-hour life from release to impact, but an incredibly important role," said Dave Spencer, Deep Impact mission manager at JPL.

The impactor has an auto-navigation system that will make final cor-

rections to its flight path just minutes before the scheduled collision. Scientists hope the resulting crater will expose fresh material from below the comet's surface and sub-surface.

"That is the whole point of Deep Impact," said mission principal investigator Michael A'Hearn. "We want to find out what are the guts of a comet."

MNA/Xinhua

China, Thailand to expand cooperation

BEIJING, 2 July — China is ready to enhance cooperation with Thailand in the construction of the China-ASEAN free trade area, and the cooperation in the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) to promote regional economic development, Chinese Vice-Premier Huang Ju said here on Friday.

During a meeting with visiting Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, Huang said China and Thailand, as close neighbours, enjoy a traditional friendship based on blood ties and similar cultural background. Since the establishment of Sino-Thai

diplomatic ties, the two countries sincerely treat each other and trust each other despite changes in the international situation.

Sino-Thai relations serve as an example for building friendship between China and its neighbouring countries, Huang said.

The Chinese Government highly values Sino-Thai relations, and is ready to work with Thailand to upgrade bilateral cooperation, and make the two countries "good neighbours, friends, partners and brothers forever", he said.

To further expand Sino-Thai trade and economic cooperation, Huang suggested the two countries facilitate the trade of high-value added products such as machinery, electronics, and high-tech products. The two countries should also encourage mutual investment and develop more large-scale cooperation projects.

On tourism cooperation, Huang said China will continue to offer possible assistance to help the restoration of Thailand's tourism industry, which suffered from last December's massive tsunami.

Thaksin said the two countries enjoy very close relations as brothers. The Thai Government and people treasure its traditional friendship with China, and are ready to take the opportunity of the 30th anniversary of diplomatic ties to expand bilateral win-win cooperation, and promote the development of Thailand-China strategic cooperation.

MNA/Xinhua



A man flies across the water as he kitesurfs on Botany Bay near Sydney recently. —INTERNET

Uganda launches CORE programme to help vulnerable children

KAMPALA, 2 July — Uganda has launched the Community Response (CORE) programme aiming at expanding targeted services to the youth, orphans and other categories of vulnerable children in the East African country. According to a Press release issued here by the State House on Thursday, the programme, which is expected to run for four years, was launched by First Lady Janet Museveni on Wednesday.

The First Lady said 11 organizations have received funds to start the CORE programme in different districts of Uganda. Museveni said extra effort must be exerted because 15 million people in Uganda are children below 13 years old.

She appealed for partnership between public and private sectors to enable the country deliver adequate and quality services to vulnerable children especially in education, health care, shelter, food and clothing.

Museveni said the abstinence and faithfulness tenets to combat the AIDS scourge in Uganda had reduced infections tremendously in the early 1980s and 1990s because of behaviour change.

However, she expressed concern at the stagnating prevalence rate of 6 per cent and said there is need to struggle for total eradication of the scourge.

MNA/Xinhua

NPC, CPPCC leaders meet US delegation

BEIJING, 2 July — Senior Chinese legislator Cheng Siwei and adviser Xu Kungdi met here on Friday with a US delegation of the National Conference of State Legislatures, respectively.

Cheng, vice-chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC), the country's top legislature, and Xu, vice-chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), the country's top advisory body, discussed the Sino-US relations and other issues of common concern with the US delegation. —MNA/Xinhua

China, US have more common interests than differences

WASHINGTON, 2 July — Chinese ambassador Zhou Wenzhong said here on Thursday that Sino-US relations are very important and the two countries have more common interests than differences.

"What is more important is to handle the differences through consultations and dialogue," he said in a speech at a ceremony held on the Capitol Hill to mark the formation of the US-China Working Group under the House of Representatives of the US Congress.

Zhou said some people in the United States are claiming that oil prices in the world market are getting higher and higher because of China's oil imports. But the fact is that

China is the fifth largest oil producer in the world and its oil imports only account for about seven per cent of total global oil trade.

As to the bid for US Unocal Corp by the China National Offshore Oil Corporation, Zhou stressed this is pure business and should not be politicized.

Zhou welcomed the establishment of the US-China Working Group and expressed his hope that the group will help US congressmen know more about China and play a

positive role in promoting Sino-US relations.

Republican Congressman Mark Kirk and Democratic Congressman Rick Larsen, who jointly initiated the launching of the working group, said the bipartisan congressional group of more than 20 Republicans and Democrats is aimed at promoting diplomatic and economic relations between the United States and China and increasing congressional engagement in bilateral issues. —MNA/Xinhua

3rd Mozambican peacekeeping contingent leaves for Burundi

MAPUTO, 2 July — A group of 180 Mozambican soldiers left Maputo for Burundi on Thursday to join the peacekeeping force in that country.

This is the third Mozambican contingent to operate in Burundi, alongside troops from South Africa and Ethiopia. Mozambican President Armando Guebuza bid farewell to the group on Wednesday.

Guebuza urged the Mozambican troops to behave responsibly, and abstain from any "undignified" contact with Burundian civilians. They should also "follow

scrupulously the basic principles of the United Nations that guide peacekeeping missions, namely neutrality, trust and impartiality," he stressed. The Mozambican troops were also required "to respect the laws and customs of the host country". "Your mission is a noble one, which is a matter of pride for all Mozambicans," said Guebuza. "Your mission is to help ensure that the instability that still prevails in Burundi is replaced by peace, and that uncertainty is replaced by harmony and a greater fraternity among Burundians." — MNA/Xinhua

S P O R T S

Brazil beat Germany 3-0 in FIVB World Grand Prix

MACAO, 3 July— Defending champions Brazil beat Germany in straight sets here on Saturday at the Macao leg of the 2005 World Grand Prix women's volleyball tournament.

It was the fifth straight win for the South Americans in the tournament and the second in Macao.

Carvalho Jaqueline scored 15 points to lead the Brazilians to the 25-16, 25-16 and 26-24 victory over the Germans as the team's captain Menezes Valeska

added eight.

The South American powerhouse, who swept the European champion Poland 3-0 on the first day of the Macao's competitions, did not meet any resistance in the first two sets, taking just 39 minutes to make it 2-0 with double 25-16.

The German women came into the third set with a flying start as they jumped to a 9-4 lead, but the Brazilians soon found back their rhythm to level it 10-10.

The German kept on holding the strong rivals and make the scoreboard eight ties until they finally got one set break with 24-23.

The Brazilian women survived it and rallied to a 26-24 win.

"I am very satisfied with my players' first two sets performance. They did very well in every aspect," said Brazil coach Jos Guimaraes.

"Yes, our team did not play well in the third set but I think I should take the responsibility as I changed the squad to send three new players into the third set

"But they failed to play well enough when the Germans played really concentrated."

In Sunday's match, the unbeaten Brazil will fight against the top ranked China, who also have won all matches of the tournament so far.

"China is a very tough team. They are very strong and all-around. I hope we can play our game tomorrow," added Guimaraes. —MNA/Xinhua



Brazilian soccer star Ronaldo watches his driver shot at the Millenium Golf Course during the All Stars event in Vilamoura, southern province of Algarve, on 2 July, 2005. Portugal's soccer player Luis Figo is promoting a meeting of sport personalities on Saturday in Algarve, Southern Portugal. —INTERNET

China sweep Poland 3-0 at women's volleyball Grand Prix

MACAO, 3 July— World women's volleyball powerhouse China rocked Poland in three straight sets here on Saturday at the women's volleyball Grand Prix Macao leg.

China came across a scary moment at the start of the first set when the 27-year-old captain Feng Kun fell down on the ground to make a save.

The gritty Poland was in a hard bid to drag Chi-

na's legs to win the set but the World Cup and Olympic dual-winner elbowed away at a 18-12 lead.

Wang Yimei and Ma Yunwen, two of the rookies in the Chinese team, displayed their determina-

tion and helped the seniors to seal the set at a 25-18 win.

The Polish put up a gallant fight in the second set and the Chinese did not save their spiking fire power and blocking skill.

Chu Jinling, another green hand of the Chinese team, got the chance to show up her excellent serving in the set, helping the team to clinch the set at 25-13. It seemed a no easy game for the hot Chinese team when Poland grasped a 4-1 lead at the start of the third set, but the Olympic gold medalists harshly counter-attacked to a 7-7 draw.

Then it was a show time for the Chinese spiking power as the 17-year-old Wang Yimei dominated the net with her jumping and the 1.90-metre height.

MNA/Xinhua

Golden Messi's penalty-double sends Argentina the 5th crown

UTRECHT (Netherlands), 3 July — Argentina were crowned FIFA World Youth Champions for a record fifth time after overcoming Nigeria 2-1 in a tight final at the Galgenwaard Stadium in Utrecht on Saturday.

Two penalties in each half from the exceptional Lionel Messi proved enough to defeat a Nigerian side who, for long periods of the match, appeared to have the power, skill and desire to become the first African winners of the competition. For his sensational efforts, Messi picked up Adidas Golden Shoe and Adidas Golden Ball awards.

"I'm overjoyed to have won this title," said coach Francisco Ferraro. "It's a personal triumph and will bring great joy to our nation. Messi had a superb championship and deserves all the praise he receives."

Argentina and Nigeria were both without their defensive pillars Gustavo Cabral and Onyekachi Apam. They like, Albiceleste striker Neri Cardozo, were suspended for the final. In the absence of the Boca Juniors' player, Messi was playing a more central role in attack under the watchful gaze of Dele Adeleye.

Argentina launched fierce attacks in the first few minutes of the first half with a lightning Lionel Messi threatening their opponent's whole backline. The Albiceleste conducted a bread and butter short passing move up front in the 4th minute with Gustavo Oberman providing a wicked centre missed by Messi only one step away inside the box.

The Argentine prodigy then made use of a cunning corner to dribbling past two defenders before sending a square pass, and midfielder Rodrigo Archubi fired a shot flying high.

Nigeria fought back with an in-form Isaac-Mikel-Taiwo trio, waltzing in the front to seek opportunities before a nervous Argentine defence. Taye Taiwo smashed two thundering shots to test goalkeeper Oscar Ustari, and Chinedu Ogbuke carved open the South American defence several times with his intelligent and constructive through passes in the centre, which posed big pressure to their rivals.

Argentina were obviously not used to

the West Africans' sharp offence, whose back and midfield seemed to be a total mess. However, the Albiceleste relied on more functional tactics, playing the counter-attack strategy patiently, and created some good chances by Messi as the half wore on.

Messi showed off his talents with a wonderful solo run on 38 minutes, dashing 50 metres from the midfield to round two defenders and finally earned a penalty after brought down by a defender inside the area. The Barcelona future star converted without problem to send his side ahead.

Put through by a neat flick from Promise Isaac, Oweroi had a fine chance to equalize seven minutes after the restart but his touch let him down and the chance went begging.

A minute later though Chinedu Ogbuke made no mistake. The striker stole a march on his marker and, 10 yards out, glanced Olubayo Adefemi's right-wing centre into the bottom corner to spark thunderous applause on 53 minutes. The Flying Eagles' tails were up and after another superb flick from Isaac, David Abwo fired into the side netting.

Messi was not done either though. He skipped past Monday James and fired across goal with Zabaleta inches away from connecting. Two minutes later Isaac fired just wide as the crowd began an appreciate wave.

On top once more, Nigeria inexplicably conceded another penalty to fall behind. Substitute Sergio Aguero was hauled down and Messi calmly stroked the ball into the bottom corner in the 74th minute to seal victory.

"The reason we lost was because of the two penalties we gave away," said Samson Siasia. "We have got to have better discipline... we lost our concentration. The Argentina players were not in a good position to score and weren't dangerous to us out there, so I don't know why they were brought down."

MNA/Xinhua



Brazil's Arouca, centre, in a duel for the ball with Rachid Tiberkanine, right, of Morocco while Rafael of Brazil, left observes the action during the World Championships soccer U20 match for third place Brazil versus Morocco at the Galgenwaard Stadium in Utrecht, central Netherlands, on 2 July, 2005.

Brazil won 2-1. —INTERNET

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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and health activities in 2004; outstanding Wushu athlete Ma Swe Swe Thant of Myanmar Wushu Federation for 2004; outstanding disabled athlete Ma Naw Phaw Ray Htoo who brought honour to the State in 2004; outstanding Sub-IP Theingi Myint of Computer Section of Yangon Division Police Force Commander's Office; and outstanding Fire Sergeant Su Nanda Nyein of Central Fire Services Training School of PyinOoLwin.

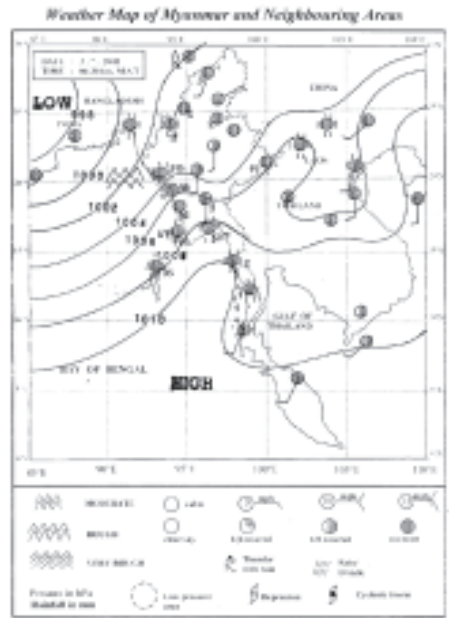
Member of the Panel of Patrons Daw Khin Lay Thet also presented first, second and third prizes to Aung Kyaw Tun (Patheingyi), U Myo Aung (Moe Aung-Kachin Myay) and Aung Myat (Aung Thiha) in the colour photo contest.

President Daw Than Nwe gave consolation prizes to Kyaw Win Hlaing (University of Culture), Kyaw Kyaw (Dahtan), Ko Ko Soe Nyunt

(the New Light of Myanmar Daily), Soe Nyunt (Kyemon Daily) and Shweinta Khin Maung Win in the colour photo contest.

After the ceremony, Honorary Patron Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party together with the guests viewed round documentary photos concerning tree planting ceremonies to mark Myanmar Women's Day, the Third Meeting of ASEAN Women's Affairs Committee, activities in international relations of MWAFF, paper-reading sessions in commemoration of the Myanmar Women's Day, movements of MMCWA, activities of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation, and State/Division OWAs, excerpts from articles marking Myanmar Women's Day, photos of outstanding Myanmar women, booklets and pamphlets of MWAFF, National Literary Award winning works of women writers, prize winning colour photos, May Myanmar journal and newsletter published by MWAFF.

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WEATHER

Sunday, 3 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 rain has been isolated in lower Sagaing Division, Kachin and Chin States, scattered in Shan and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions, widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Rakhine State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Sittway (8.19) inches, Ann (5.91) inches, Gwa (4.02) inches, Kyaukpyu (3.94) inches, Maungtau (3.78) inches, Kyauktaw (3.46) inches and Thandwe (3.35) inches. Maximum temperature on 2-7-2005 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 3-7-2005 was 66°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 3-7-2005 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 2-7-2005 was (2.2) hours approx. Rainfalls on 3-7-2005 were (1.81) inches at Mingaladon, (1.97) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.63) inch at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (32.01 inches) at Mingaladon, (28.66 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (27.99 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (16) mph from Southwest at (13:30) hours MST on 2-7-2005. Bay inference: Monsoon is moderate to strong in the Bay of Bengal. Forecast valid until evening of 4-7-2005: Rain will be widespread in Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Shan State, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and isolated in th remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Rakhine State. Degree of certainty is 80%. State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph. Outlook for subsequent two days: Generally strong monsoon. Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 4-7-2005: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is 80%. Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 4-7-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise
7:30 am
3. Morning news
7:40 am
4. Nice and sweet song
7:50 am
5. Song of national races
8:00 am
6. Cute little dancers
8:15 am
7. ကံတော်လေးလေးရောင်တစ်
8:30 am
8. International news
8:45 am
9. Grammar Made Easy
4:00 pm
1. Martial song
4:15 pm
2. Songs to uphold

National Spirit
4:30 pm
3. Practice in Reading
4:45 pm
4. Musical programme
4:55 pm
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6. Dance variety
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7. အစားပြိုင်ပွဲ
5:20 pm
8. မြန်မာ့အား ဖြန့်ဝေကား
5:35 pm
9. Song and dance of national races
5:45 pm
10. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
6:00 pm
11. Discovery
6:05 pm
12. Industrial achievement
6:15 pm
13. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရယ်ချင်ဆော့ပြေး ပုဂ္ဂိုလ်ဆီတံလေး"

(အပိုင်း-၁)
6:30 pm
14. Evening news
7:00 pm
15. Weather report
7:05 pm
16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရွှေခိုမလေးရဲ့ရစ်ပူပိုင်" (အပိုင်း-၁)
7:35 pm
17. အပီဇွာအမှောင်ခွင် ဥာဏ် အလင်း ထွန်းပေါ်မြတ်ဗုဒ္ဓတရား ရတီကော် "((ဣန္ဒာရေစွာရေစွာ ပုစော့၍ ကိုယ့်ကိုယ်ကိုယ် ကောတု ဝင်းထွင်း ရာဇဝင်းတင်၊ နှင်းရည် သန့်နှစ်ဖြူ၍ သီဆိုပူဇော်မည်))
7:45 pm
18. မြန်မာ့နိုင်ငံအမျိုးသမီးရေးရာ အဖွဲ့ချုပ် မြန်မာ့ရေးရာဌာနကြီး မှ စီစဉ်တင်ဆက်သည့်ရုပ်ရှင်ဆွေးနွေးပွဲ မှာဖွဲ့ပြီးစေရန် မြန်မာ့အောင်ချက် ရွှေဆွေးနွေးခန်း
8:00 pm
19. News
20. International news
21. Weather report
22. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟောမန်ဒီပေဆာဇီ၏ ချစ်သံစဉ်" (အပိုင်း- ၃၁)
23. The next day's programme

Radio Myanmar
Monday, 4 July
Tune in today:
8.30 am Brief news
8.35 am Music: Young love (Donny)
8.40 am Perspectives
8.45 am Music: Cold love (Donner Summer)
8.50 am National news/Slogan
9.00 am Music: I'm still loving you (Juliana Joam)
9.05 am International news
9.10 am Music: You wouldn't forget me (La Bouche)
1.30 pm News/Slogan
1.40 pm Lunch time music
-Saving all my love for you (Whitney Houston)
-Experience (Diana Ross)
-The one you love (Gleen Fray)
9.00 pm Indian Sita Recital
9.10 pm Article
9.20 pm Women's Affairs
9.35 pm Vocal/Gems
9.45 pm News/Slogan
10.00 pm PEL

MWAF Honorary Patron Daw Kyaing Kyaing attends ceremony to commemorate Myanmar Women's Day

Myanmar women seen to have been brilliantly dutiful in discharging their roles demanded by history

In Myanmar society, the expression "woman" possesses a unique character of its own



MWAF Honorary Patron Daw Kyaing Kyaing presents cash prize to Daw Yin Yin (Writer Saw Mon Nyin).—MNA

YANGON, 3 July — State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of De-

fence Services Senior General Than Shwe and Honorary Patron of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, attended the ceremony to mark the Myanmar Women's Day organized by MWAF at Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township this morning.

Also present on the occasion were Honorary Patron of MWAF Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defense Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Daw Khin Than Nwe, wife of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, member of the Penal of Patrons of MWAF Daw Khin Lay

Thet, wife of member of the State Peace and Development Council Gen-

eral Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, MWAF President Daw

Than Than Nwe, wife of Prime Minister General Soe Win, President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of the panel of patrons of MWAF wives of SPDC members, wives of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) and the Commander-in-Chief (Air), the vice-president of MWAF, the general secretary, the joint-general secretary, heads of division, leaders of working groups, patrons of State/Division Organizations for Women's Affairs, organizers, State service personnel, (See page 5)



MWAF Honorary Patron Daw Mya Mya San presents cash prize to SIP Theingi Myint of Yangon Division Police Force Commander's Office. —MNA

MWAF condemns external pressures that disregard national interest in favour of group or individual interests

Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation issues Proclamation on Myanmar Women's Day 2005

YANGON, 3 July — The following is the translation of the full text of Proclamation on Myanmar Women's Day 2005 stated by the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation at the ceremony to mark the Myanmar Women's Day at Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township today.

Proclamation on Myanmar Women's Day 2005

1. The Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation (MWAF), representing the entire Myanmar women of about 27 million that make up more than half of the nation's population, has been implementing the human security development and progress of Myanmar women by establishing concrete plans and programmes.

Presently, there are about 1.5 million members in the MWAF.

2. While upgrading Myanmar women's rights, finances, health and education, MWAF attaches great value to and safeguards the historically significant culture and traditions.
3. In order to provide protection of human security to Myanmar women, MWAF is also taking preventive measures to eliminate violence against women, trafficking of women and children and rehabilitating victims of such inhumane violations.
4. As women are an indivisible part of the nation, the all-round development of the nation will affect the progress and development of women's life and welfare, just as sanctions against

the nation are regressive and obstructive to women's progress and development.

5. The Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation is greatly concerned with the subsistence of Myanmar female workers who are part of all the workers that are massively deprived of their livelihoods. They work in trades that are peripherally linked to major industries and businesses that suffered a great deal from limitation and blockage of external aid, restrictions on international credit and currency, sanctions on foreign investments, bans on the tourist and hotel industries all imposed by some powerful countries as part of their pressure on the country.

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