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## Senior General Than Shwe welcomes back Prime Minister General Soe Win on his return from People's Republic of China

YANGON, 5 July — The Myanmar delegation led by Prime Minister General Soe Win arrived back here at 4.45 pm today by special flight after attending the 2nd Greater Mekong Subregion Summit held in Kunming, the People's Republic of China.

The delegation was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

Senior General Than Shwe, Vice-Chairman of the 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  
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Senior General Than Shwe greets Prime Minister General Soe Win who arrives back Yangon after attending the 2nd Greater Mekong Subregion Summit held in Kunming. — MNA

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Senior General Than Shwe and party welcome back Prime Minister General Soe Win and delegation 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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**Cultivate new-generation youths properly**

The common goal of the entire national people living in the Union of Myanmar is the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democracy.

Development of human resources is the name of the game if we want to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation. Only healthy and educated human resources can do for perennial existence and sustainable development of the nation.

Peace and stability, sound economic foundations and development of human resources are essential prerequisites for the emergence of democratic society and practice of democracy. Therefore, the government is implementing national education promotion plans for improving the educational standard, abilities and skills of new generations. The national education promotion plans enable more and more new-generation youths to pursue education and specialize in different branches of study including information and communication technologies.

As the government is taking educational promotion measures and carrying out educational programmes according to the demand of time and circumstances, great strides have been made in the educational sector.

The opening ceremony of the Special Refresher Course No 7 for the faculty members was held at the Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) on 4 July and it was attended by Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein. In his address on the occasion, the Secretary-1 said that it was necessary to sustain the development of the nation and cultivate the new-generation youths in such a way that they will develop in accordance with the requirements for the nation's future. The world today is experiencing a rapid development in science and technologies and there are opportunities for economic growth for developing nations like Myanmar.

However, some big nations and their lackeys are making all kinds of hinderances to economic development of Myanmar and destructive elements within and without the nation are committing various acts of sabotage.

At such a time like this, it is necessary to turn out highly-qualified human resources and national forces that can do more for perennial existence and sustainable development of the nation. Therefore, we would like to call on faculty members of universities and colleges to cultivate the new-generation youths properly.

**Monsoon tree planting ceremony held in Magway Division**

YANGON, 5 July—Hailing Myanmar Women's Day, monsoon tree planting ceremony was held in the compound of Magway Institute of Medicine on 2 July.

Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Committee Col Phone Maw Shwe, departmental staff, members of Union Solidarity and Development Association, members of the Women Affairs Organization, members of the Maternal and Child Welfare Association and auxiliary fire brigades and Red Cross Society planted altogether 3000 saplings of various kinds.

A similar ceremony was held in Shwetantit village, Pakokku township in Magway Division. Altogether 2,000 saplings were planted. —MNA

**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

**Advice given to USDA Myanmar youths delegation bound for Japan**



General Secretary of USDA Maj-Gen Htay Oo delivers a speech in meeting with USDA youths.— MNA

YANGON, 5 July — Secretary General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Maj-Gen Htay Oo met USDA Myanmar youths

delegation who are scheduled to attend the international youths development exchange programme, organized by Japanese Government

Office to be held in Japan, at the meeting hall of USDA Headquarter on University Avenue this afternoon and delivered an address on the

occasion.

Present on the occasion were CEC member of USDA U Than Shwe and officials of USDA Headquarters. — MNA

**Laotian Dy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister arrives**

YANGON, 5 July — At the invitation of Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win of the Union of Myanmar, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Somsavat Lengsavad arrived in Yangon by air this morning.

The visiting Laotian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Somsavat Lengsavad was welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Laotian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chanthavy Bodisane



Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of LPDR being welcomed at the airport. —MNA

and responsible officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Laos Embassy in Yangon.

Laotian Deputy Prime

Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs was accompanied by Director General of ASEAN-Laos Mr Sayakane Sisouvong

and Secretary to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Detsada Soukhaseum.— MNA



Winners of ASEAN Radio Quiz. — H

**Prizes for ASEAN Radio Quiz presented**

YANGON, 5 July— Enthusiasts took part in ASEAN Radio Quiz of Radio Myanmar, held at the MRTV in June 2005.

Of them, Daw Aye Aye Myint of Mayangon Township stood first, U Than Win of Mon State second, Maung Sai Min Htwe of Kawhmu Township third and Ma Ei Ei Phyo of South Okkalapa Township consolation prize.

The Radio Myanmar broadcasts facts on ASEAN countries at 9.45 am on every Satur-

day morning. The Quiz for July will be held at 10 am on 2 August. Those wishing to participate in it are to register at the MRTV.

Those interested may take part in it, regardless of qualification and age. Handsome prizes will be presented and transport charge of the candidates provided.

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**Don't smoke**

# Hu says energy cooperation important for China, Kazakhstan

**BEIJING, 4 July**— Chinese President Hu Jintao said that energy cooperation between China and Kazakhstan is strategically important for the two countries to achieve common prosperity.

Hu said in a recent written interview here with *Kazakhstan News Agency* prior to his visit to Kazakhstan that the energy cooperation is an important component of the friendly cooperation between the two countries.

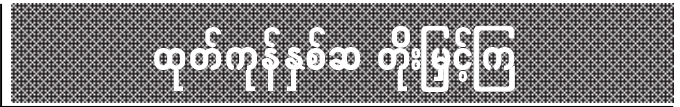
He said that China-Kazakhstan relations have scored all-round development since the two countries forged diplomatic ties, with high-level visits frequent and political mutual trust increasing day by day.

Remarkable achievements have been made in bilateral cooperation in such fields as economy, trade, public transportation, energy and security, Hu added. The two countries have

always supported each other on issues concerning the national sovereignty and territorial integrity and scored effective cooperation in multinational occasions of the United Nations, Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), and the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia (CICA). Hu said, noting that the two countries have made contributions to the maintenance of regional stability and common prosperity.

"China is very pleased to note fruitful results made in the development of bilateral relations," Hu said.

MNA/Xinhua



Chinese children examine models of Chinese trains on display at the Modern Railways 2005 exhibition in Beijing, China, on 5 July, 2005.

INTERNET

## Bangladesh's forex reserves stand at \$3b

**DHAKA, 4 July**— The gross foreign exchange reserve with the Bangladesh Bank stood at above three billion US dollars at the end of the current fiscal year mainly due to the central bank's tight monetary stance to rein in the ballooning trade deficit.

Bangladesh Bank started to tighten its grip on foreign currency early this year as import surge surpassed export growth, *The New Age* reported Sunday. The opening position of the gross foreign exchange reserve, as on 30 June, 2005, was 3016.88 million dollars, which was up from a year earlier but fell below the target fixed in the midterm macro-economic framework in the poverty reduction strategy paper.—MNA/Xinhua

## Koizumi tops income list of Japan's party leaders

**TOKYO, 4 July**— Japanese Prime Minister and leader of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party Junichiro Koizumi earned 38.17 million yen (343,000 US dollars) in 2004, the richest among leaders of Japan's political parties, according to a Parliament annual report issued on Monday.

The Premier's income was 1.65 million yen (14,000 dollars) lower than the year before. Koizumi's office said the decline was attributable to his reduced number of TV appearances that come with miscellaneous income compared with the previous year, when he was in high demand because of the LDP presidential election, *Kyodo News* reported.

Mizuho Fukushima, leader of the Social Democratic Party, came in second with 23.83 million yen (214,000 dollars). Katsuya Okada, president of the Democratic Party of Japan, was the third with 22.35 million yen (201,000 dollars).

The average annual income of Japan's Parliament members dropped to a record-low 23.59 million yen (212,000 dollars) last year, declining for the third year running, the annual report said.

Against the backdrop of the decline few lawmakers appear to be reporting huge gains on land and other assets as well as a cut in bonuses from state coffers due to sluggish economy.

Yet, the lawmakers with income of more than 100 million yen (900,000 dollars) doubled to six from the previous year.

MNA/Xinhua

## Vietnam's GDP reaches new high

**HANOI, 4 July**— Vietnam's gross domestic product (GDP) in the first half of this year was up 7.63 per cent year-on-year, *Vietnam News Agency* quoted local General Statistics Office as saying Saturday.

During the period, the agricultural sector recorded a 5-per-cent year-on-year increase, while industrial production value went up 15.6 per cent.

About 323 foreign direct investment (FDI) projects were newly licensed with a total capital of 1.87 billion US dollars. The capital averaged at nearly 5.8 million US dollars, doubling the figure of the last year's corresponding period.

The six-month export turnover reached 14.44 billion US dollars, up from 2.05 billion US dollars in the same period last year.—MNA/Xinhua

## 1,744 US soliders killed in Iraq

**WASHINGTON, 4 July**—As of Monday, 4 July, 2005, at least 1,744 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an *Associated Press* count. At least 1,343 died as a result of hostile action. The figures include five military civilians.

The AP count is four higher than the Defence Department's tally, last updated at 10 am EDT Friday. The British military has reported 89 deaths; Italy, 25;

Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Kazakhstan and Latvia one death each. Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,605 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,234 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.—Internet

## Pertamina, Exxon negotiation must benefit both sides

**JAKARTA, 4 July**— Indonesian Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Purnomo Yusgiantoro has expressed the hope that further negotiations about the contract of Cepu Block in Central Java Province between state oil and gas firm Pertamina and US oil company ExxonMobil would soon reach a mutually beneficial agreement. "After the two sides reached an in-principle agreement on the extension of the Cepu Block contract, fresh negotiations are currently underway between Pertamina as owner of the practically untapped oil field and Exxonmobil about follow-up matters of the deal," Yusgiantoro was quoted by state-owned *Antara* news agency as saying here on Saturday.

Yusgiantoro said that if an agreement has been reached, the next step would be determining the various concessions in accordance with situation of each of the relevant administrative regions. Further talks would also be held on a split (production sharing) which the East Java and Central Java provinces would receive.

"The Cepu Block's oil reserves account for about 20 per cent of Indonesia's total oil and gas output. It is apparently for this reason the past and ongoing negotiations had been very tough," he said in Surabaya, the capital of East Java Province, Friday. Over last weekend, spokesman for the Cepu Block negotiating team Rizal Mallarangeng said that the Indonesian Government and ExxonMobil have reached an in-principle agreement so that the only thing left to be discussed in the extension of the contract are only procedural matters.—MNA/Xinhua



England soccer captain David Beckham (R) plays basketball with British paralympic athlete Ade Adepitan at the British Club in Singapore on 5 July, 2005. —INTERNET

## Producing of adequate number of intellectuals and intelligentsia important in building a modern and developed nation

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task of developing the border areas that lagged behind in progress throughout the past successive eras, with greater acceleration and rendering assistance to the task. The harmonious cooperation of the national race leaders and the locals themselves is of vital importance in implementing the task, especially, the human resources development in the areas is a pivotal sector of the task.

The task is gaining ground thanks to the work of committees at different levels formed with lofty aims and firm goals. Moreover, the enhancement of mutual understanding, love and sympathy among the nationalities has further strengthened the regional peace and stability lead-



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein formally unveils bronze plaque of Nationality Youths Resource Development Degree College (Yangon).—MNA

the period from 1948 to 1989.

The government founded the Central Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races, with Senior General Than Shwe at the helm, on 25 May 1989 for rapid progress of the multi-sectors of the areas. It then formed the

lying in central parts of the nation.

“All will have to strive to maintain and further accelerate the rapid progress the border areas are achieving. The remaining task is to enable the locals of the areas to earn their living, to raise their living standard, and to reduce pov-

erty. of building infrastructures in multi sectors and improving the health and education standard of the locals. From May 1989 to this date, the government

has spent K 69,827.75 million and over US \$ 550 million in the task to develop the border areas including K 3,930.07 mil-

lion for education sector of the border regions. In the past there were only a few schools in the border areas. Now the areas have 852 primary schools, 90

middle schools and 92 high schools. The Education and Training Department was formed under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs on 30 June 1999. Now there are 27 youth training schools and 21 women’s domestic training schools in the areas. A total of 1,908 boys and 341 girls are attending classes at the youth training schools. Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree Colleges were opened in Yangon on 15 June 2000 and in Mandalay in 12 July the same year for students of youth training schools who pass the 10th grade to pursue higher education. Producing of an adequate number of intellectuals and intelligentsia is important in building a modern and de-



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein sprinkles scented water on the plaque. — MNA

**The students of the college should strive to become good citizens understanding the government’s goodwill towards the national people and working for the good of the own regions while placing in the fore Our Three Main National Causes.**

ing to ensuring national unity and regional progress. Thus, the task has become the main driving force of the nation-building endeavours.

Some of the nation’s border areas were backward in many sectors as they had faced the terrible consequences of the armed insurgency during

Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races on 31 May 1989.

At the Central Committee meeting held in March 2004, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe said, “The development pace of some border areas is greater than those of the regions

erty. “A special requirement is to lay down human resources development plans that will ensure constant progress of the areas.”

The government has been implementing the border area and national race development projects covering the task

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veloped nation. The six aims of the two colleges are: to nurture nationality youths to become equip with strong Union Spirit, and to enable them

to enhance unity and amity among them, while pursuing education; to educate nationality youths to have firm belief in and safeguard Our Three Main National Causes — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, and perpetuation of sovereignty; to understand and preserve the traditions and culture and customs of the national races; to invigorate their will to work for developing the border areas and raising the living standard of the locals; to activate their will to energetically take part in the drive to modernize and develop the nation; and to actively play their respective roles in the task of developing their own regions when they have completed their studies.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects learning of the students. — MNA

## Producing of an adequate number...

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The students of the college should strive to become good citizens understanding the government's goodwill towards the national people and working for the good of the own regions while placing in the fore Our Three Main National Causes.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Minister for PBANRDA Col Thein Nyunt formally

opened the hall. The Secretary-1 and party visited students learning lessons at e-education learning centre, audio visual language lab, and computer application room. At the assembly hall, they heard a report on salient points of the college presented by Principal U Myint Swe.

Located in the 31.516-acre college campus are one three storey main hall, three three-storey hostels, one dining hall, and residences and halls for faculty members, one six-unit staff quarters, and one football field.

Two three-storey hostels one for teachers and another for students and residences for vice-principal and department heads are under construction at present.

The college is conducting arts and science degree courses, civil, mechanical, electrical and electronic engineering diploma courses. 160 students are attending the masters degree courses. The college has produced 58 arts degree holders, 59 science degree holders and 83 engineering diploma holders. — MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Minister Col Thein Nyunt formally open the main building of the Nationality Youths Resource Development Degree College (Yangon). — MNA



The inauguration of the Nationality Youths Resource Development Degree College (Yangon) is in progress. — MNA

## Government has placed emphasis on mass production of human resources in each and every sector Special Refresher Course No 4 for Faculty Members opened

YANGON, 5 July—

The Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in PyinOo-Lwin Township, Mandalay Division, launched its Special Refresher Course No 4 for Faculty Members at Yadana Hall of the institute yesterday morning.

Minister for Education U Than Aung, on behalf of Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, addressed the opening cer-

emony.

The minister in his speech said that today the world has been developing and advancing at speed and knowledge is on the forefront. So, the government has placed emphasis on mass production of human resources in each and every sector who are capable of raising the nation's education standard and creating a promising future of the nation and the people.

Under the national education promotion plans, the government is

implementing education promotion projects and work programmes to create more opportunities for youths to pursue education, to sharpen their educational skills, to enable them to learn their studies through information technologies and to choose the subjects they wish in accord with the advancements in the world. Now, the drive has yield a lot of fruitful results.

As to the increase in the number of universities and colleges, there were only 32 universities

in 1988, and now the number has surged to 156.

In the past, the educational institutions prescribed subjects on arts and science, technology, medicine and forestry only. Now, many universities and colleges have emerged in the new fields of computer, maritime, aerospace engineering, culture, and cooperatives.

For example, with regard to medical institutions, now there have emerged five medical institutes, two dental institutes, two institutes of

nursing, two institutes of paramedical sciences, one institute of nursing and paramedical sciences, two institutes of pharmacy, and one university of community health.

And under the Ministry of Science and Technology are four technological universities, two universities of computer studies, one aerospace engineering university, 26 government technological colleges, 24 government computer colleges and 11 government technical institutes.

Simultaneously, in order to promote the higher education standard, the government has installed modern learning and teaching aids, IT-related computers and electronics and networks on IT, and founded international level workshops, laboratories, libraries, e-libraries, and modern research departments in universities and colleges.

It is also helping prescribe new subjects by combining new studies and branches through cross-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary method to meet international level in science and technology, thereby increasing learning opportunities for students.

Previously, under the Ministry of Education were 79 under-graduate courses, diploma courses, honour courses, and master degrees courses, and now there are 192 courses, honour courses, post-graduate diploma courses, master courses, master degrees

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Minister U Than Aung speaks at the opening ceremony of the Special Refresher Course No 4 for Faculty Members. — MNA

## Government has placed emphasis...

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courses (thesis) including 24 masters degrees courses (thesis), and 21 doctorate courses, accounting for 113 courses.

In addition, respective departments for development of human resources have opened 173 certificates courses, under-graduate courses, post-graduate courses, and master degrees courses. Therefore, the number of universities and colleges under the Ministry of Education has reached 365.

The universities and colleges under the Ministry of Science and Technology have launched four doctorate degrees courses, 15 master degrees courses, and BE (Aerospace) degree course besides regular under-graduate courses, honour degrees courses, and post-graduate courses.

So far, the universities under the Ministry of Health have launched international level post-graduate medical courses

— 29 master degrees courses on medicines, 28 post-graduate diploma courses, 30 doctorate degrees courses on practical medicine, and seven doctorate degrees courses on basic practical medicine.

As a result, success has been achieved in the higher education sector in creating learning opportunities, raising the education standard, and launching more courses in accordance with the national education promotion goals.

The achievement in the higher education sector not only has benefitted university students but also has created good opportunities for faculty members to improve efficiency, to get promoted, and to ensure

technological development and research work.

The government is taking measures for creating mutual development between universities and colleges and respective regions, while upgrading the basic foundations for further development in the higher education sector.

Based on geographical features, natural resources and social and economic development of the regions where universities and colleges are situated, it is giving encouragement to the educational institutions to prescribe subjects and to carry out research that can contribute towards progress of local societies.

For instance, the minister said that botani-



Minister U Than Aung greets trainees.— MNA

cal research is being done at Patheingyi University in Ayeyawady Division where agriculture thrives well, and research on plant resources at Myitthaingyi University in Kachin State that is endowed with rare species of plants.

He urged respective

universities and colleges to seek means to conduct courses on technologies that contribute regional development and research tasks according to natural resources of local regions.

In conclusion, the minister called on the trainees to make sustained efforts to launch new combined subjects and to do research for regional development and to take innovative measures to be able to catch up with technological advancement.

After the ceremony, the minister had a con-

versation with trainees.

Altogether 626 trainees from universities and colleges in States and Divisions of Upper Myanmar are attending the four-week course.

Also present on the occasion were Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thauang Lwin, Deputy Minister for Science and Technology U Kyaw Soe, officials, the rector, the pro-rector, heads of department, faculty members of the institute, and trainees. — MNA

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## As part of the efforts to prevent human trafficking, Kachin State WAO held seminars on prevention of human trafficking 64 times



Secretary of Kachin State Women's Affairs Organization Daw In Barant Dwe Bu. MNA

Three Main National Causes, MWF was set up in the interests of the State and women. MWF is striving for the development of Myanmar women.

The objectives and future tasks of MWF were laid down in the annual general meetings of MWF. Members of MWF are now taking part in the nation building tasks for the development of the State. Those who are jealous of the stability

and development of the State aired fabricated news of expatriates. The people are tired of experience the economic sanctions and hearing the lop-

sided slanderous accusations against Myanmar, with the problem of drugs, human rights and democracy as excuses, and using the ILO as a podium.

Causes and Twelve Objectives.

Under the leadership of the government, Myanmar women are taking part in the mass rallies

**Horton had illegally sneaked into Myanmar territory for many times during the past five years, and is always making slanderous accounts on and accusations against Myanmar concerning sexual violence against women, human rights violations, forced recruitment etc. Myanmar women are urged not to believe these accusations.**

## Myanmar should not take part in ILO

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Chairperson of Kachin State WAO Daw Tin Tin Htay presided over the ceremony together with members Daw Khin Su May, Dr Than Than Nwe, Daw Nu Nu Yi and Daw May Win. Member of Kachin State WAO Daw Mun Gyar acted as MC and Member of Kachin State WAO Daw La Zat Lwan Nywe as co-MC.

Chairperson of Kachin State WAO Daw

Tin Tin Htay delivered a speech. She said Myanmar Women's Day represents over 27 million of Myanmar women. Patriotism plays a vital role in the Union. It is an in-born duty of Myanmar women to love the union and be loyal to the State. Since time immemorial, national races have been living in the Union of Myanmar through thick and thin.

Upholding Our



Daw Yu Yu Kyi of Kachin State Women's Affairs Organization. MNA

All Myanmar women denounce an act of expatriate Sao Kham Hpa who tried to break away from the Union and bomb blasts in Yangon and Mandalay which are terrorist acts to disturb the stability of the State.

As our national goal is building of a peaceful, modern and developed nation, we are implementing the seven-point road map in accordance with Our Three Main National

organized by the Union Solidarity and Development Association. In conclusion, she urged all Myanmar women to actively participate in nation building tasks under the leadership of MWF for the successful implementation of seven-point road map.

Next, Secretary of Kachin State Women's Affairs Organization Daw In Barant Dwe Bu said (See page 7)

# Government participating in activities, programmes of the UN, ASEAN, BIMST-EC and GMS



*Daw Nan Hla Hla Aye makes a speech.*  
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Myitkyina Road and 417-mile long Union Highway linking Mandalay and Myitkyina have been built.

Bala Min Htin Bridge which is 2,688 ft long across Ayeyawady River, above 180-foot long 15 bridges and under 180-foot long 226 bridges have been inaugurated. The number of hospitals in the state increases from 35 to 44.

All-round development including health, education and trade sector in Kachin State are invaluable for the State. Now, we enjoy the fruits of community peace and tranquility and development.

Kachin State Women Affairs Organization organized the training courses for women in cooperation with social organizations. A total of 42



*Panel of Chairpersons seen at the ceremony to mark Myanmar Women's Day held in Kachin State. —MNA*

(from page 6) that since time immemorial, national races have been living in Kachin State through thick and thin. Agriculture area in Kachin State increases from over 440,000 acres to 580,000 acres and production of meat and fish also increases up to three

under construction. The number of basic education schools reached 137 while the number of teachers doubled. Now, there are 280,000 students in Kachin State. There was only one degree college in the past. However, one university, two degree colleges and two science

consolation camps were set up in the state. As part of the efforts to prevent human trafficking, Kachin State WAO held seminars on prevention of human trafficking 64 times. Websites stated that Guy Horton, a friend of Michael Aris, late husband

in Burma. It is known that Horton had illegally sneaked into Myanmar territory for many times during the past five years, and is always making slanderous accounts on and accusations against Myanmar concerning sexual violence against

In conclusion, she pledged to fight those who interfere in the internal affairs of the State.

Member of Kachin State Women Affairs Organization Daw Yu Yu Kyi said there are better infrastructures on political, economic and social



*Daw San San Wai accepts MWAf membership applications from an official of Monyin District WAO. —MNA*



*An official presents a prize to outstanding person.*  
MNA

times. Three medium hydel power stations have been built and two heavy hydel power stations are

and technological colleges have been opened in the state. Now, 350-mile long Mandalay-Shwebo-

times of seminar on violence against women were held in the state and altogether 8,817 people attended the seminars. Four

of Daw Suu Kyi, was planning to compile and publish a book "Dying Alive: A legal Assessment of Human rights Violations

women, human rights violations, forced recruitment etc. She urged Myanmar women not to believe these accusations.

sectors due to the endeavours to ensure peace and stability and prevalence of law and order under the leadership of the government and we are now enjoying better opportunities. The government is participating in activities and programmes of the UN, ASEAN, BIMST-EC and GMS while practising the five principles of peaceful co-existence in international relations. However, ILO, an international organization, is putting pressure on Myanmar. There was no accusation and pressure on Myanmar until 1988.

She said the government hand in hand with the people and the Tatmadaw has been carrying out the nation-building tasks day and night. She said Myanmar people are helpful to others and generous. They participate



*A ceremony to mark Myanmar Women's Day in Kachin State in progress. — MNA*

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## Senior General Than Shwe welcomes back...

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Division PDC Commander of Yangon Command, Ministers, Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Jinjun and embassy staff, heads of department and officials.

Together with the 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, SPDC Office Director-General Lt-Col Pe Nyein, Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office U Soe Tint, Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Director-General U Thaung Tun of the Political Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and departmental heads also arrived back on the same flight.

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Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Jinjun welcomes back Prime Minister General Soe Win. — MNA

## Prime Minister General Soe Win arrives in Kunming of PRC to attend 2nd Greater Mekong Subregion Summit

YANGON, 5 July — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win arrived by special flight at Kunming International Airport, the People's Republic of China, at 4.20 pm on 3 July to attend the 2nd Greater Mekong Subregion Summit held in Kunming, Yunnan Province.

The Prime Minister was accompanied by 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, SPDC Office Director-General Lt-Col Pe Nyein, and departmental heads.

The Prime Minister and delegation members were welcomed by Mr Liu Sing, Vice-Governor of the People's Government of Yunnan

Province, provincial department heads, Myanmar Ambassador to the PRC U Thein Lwin, Acting Consul-General U Hauk Do Swan of Myanmar Consulate General and staff and their families.

A boy of the Consulate General presented a bouquet to the Prime Minister. Later, Prime Minister General Soe Win and party proceeded to Expo Garden Hotel in Kunming by car.

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Mr Liu Sing, Vice-Governor of Yunnan Province, greets Prime Minister General Soe Win. — MNA

## Prime Minister General Soe Win attends dinner to mark 2nd Greater Mekong Subregion Summit



Prime Minister General Soe Win attends dinner hosted by Prime Minister Mr Wen Jiabao.

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YANGON, 5 July — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win attended a dinner hosted by Premier Mr Wen Jiabao of the State Council of the People's Republic of China in honour of the 2nd Greater Mekong Subregion Summit at Yunnan Expo Ji Xin Banquet Dancing Hall at 6.30 pm yesterday.

The dinner was also attended by Premier Mr Wen Jiabao of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister Mr Bounnhang Vorachith of Lao People's Democratic Republic, Thai Prime Minister Dr Thaksin Shinawatra, Prime Minister Phan Van Khai

of Vietnam, President of Asian Development Bank Mr Haruhiko Kuroda, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thein Lwin, SPDC Office Director General Lt-Col Pe Nyein, and departmental heads, ministers, deputy ministers and high-ranking officials of the PRC, Cambodia, LPDR, Thailand and Vietnam and specially invited guests.

Before and during the dinner, an orchestra played songs and after the dinner, the guests were entertained with a variety of dances.

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**General Soe Win thanks PRC for always supporting Myanmar whenever there arises a matter directly concerns Myanmar's interest  
Mr Wen urges large Chinese companies, services to invest, set up joint ventures in Myanmar**



Prime Minister General Soe Win holds talks with his counterpart Mr Wen Jiabao of the People's Republic of China. — MNA

YANGON, 5 July — Prime Minister General Soe Win held talks with his counterpart Mr Wen Jiabao of the People's Republic of China yesterday at Zhen Zhuang Guest House in Kunming, PRC.

General Soe Win thanked his Chinese coun-

always accepts Taiwan as an indivisible part of China. Myanmar Prime Minister thanked the PRC as China as a true friend always supports Myanmar whenever there arises a matter directly concerns Myanmar's interest and for her assistance to build

ratified. Myanmar is among the first nations that acknowledged the People's Republic of China since its proclamation. The valuable supports Myanmar has provided for China together with other friendly nations are unforgettable for the PRC.

tions of the branches of Chinese companies in Myanmar. China will take serious consideration to the Myanmar's proposal on economic cooperation. China will continue to cooperate with Myanmar in wiping out the border narcotic drug problem.

China will provide assistance for International Convention Centre project, Taikkyi Fertilizer project, and Paunglaung Hydel Power project phase 2. She will also provide deep-well rigs and related equipment to Myanmar and will con-

tinue to render cooperation for implementing hydel power projects in Myanmar. China supports the proposal to upgrade border trade into formal trade. Both countries will have to implement the matter stage by stage. (See page 11)

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**Prime Minister General Soe Win**

**China pays serious attention to Sino-Myanmar cooperation based on common interest. He said he always urges large Chinese companies and services to make investments and set up joint ventures in Myanmar. Myanmar on her part should strive to improve her investment environment and should help facilitate the functions of the branches of Chinese companies in Myanmar.**

**Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao**

terpart for the meeting. He said, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe and Vice-Senior General Maung Aye sent together with him greetings to President Mr Hu Jintao and Vice-President Mr Zeng Qinghong and Prime Minister Mr Wen Jiabao wishing them health and happiness.

The Sino-Myanmar fraternal relations are flourishing and strengthening more and more with the passing of times thanks to the successive leaders of the both nations who, with farsightedness, have established the bilateral relations based on the five principles of peaceful co-existence.

Myanmar has always supported the One China policy. She has already declared that she fully supports the Anti-Secession Law enacted by the PRC National Congress, as she

the International Convention Centre in Myanmar. General Soe Win said that the time is ripe to provide financial assistance to Paunglaung Hydel Power Project phrase 2 and Taikkyi No 4 Fertilizer Plant, deep-well rigs and related equipment, and a loan of 200 million yuan as already agreed by Myanmar and China, and to upgrade the border trade to formal trade. Concerning the international sector, he explained Myanmar's view on the UN reforms, inviting his counterpart to visit Myanmar at appropriate time.

Mr Wen said that this year is the 55th anniversary of the establishment of Sino-Myanmar relations. The Sino-Myanmar relations are developing based on the five principles of peaceful co-existence both nations have

As Sino-Myanmar relations are an important part of PRC's foreign policy, the policy will ever remain unchanged whatever changes occurred in the international situation. China lauded Myanmar for her constant stance on One China policy. Mr Wen expressed belief that Myanmar will continue to support China, thanking General Soe Win for the invitation. He also invited his Myanmar counterpart to visit China at appropriate time within this year. China pays serious attention to Sino-Myanmar cooperation based on common interest. He said he always urges large Chinese companies and services to make investments and set up joint ventures in Myanmar. Myanmar on her part should strive to improve her investment environment and should help facilitate the func-

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# GMS Programme plays a vital role in promoting closer cooperation among the six countries that share Mekong River — Cambodia, China, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam



Prime Minister General Soe Win and prime ministers of Greater Mekong Subregion meet with representatives of private business organizations. — MNA

YANGON, 5 July — Prime Minister General Soe Win attended the Dialogue Session, Forum on Business Participation in the GMS, and GMS Leaders and Business Community Programme-2nd GMS Summit at Golden Grand Ballroom of Green Lake Hotel in Kunming, the People's Republic of

China on 4 July and discussed issue on infrastructure improvement.

Present were Premier of State Council of the PRC Mr Wen Jiabao, Prime Minister of Cambodia Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Lao people's Democratic Republic Mr Bounnhang Vorachith, Prime Minister

of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win, Prime Minister of Thailand Mr Thaksin Shinawatra, Prime Minister of Vietnam Mr Phan Van Khai, President of Asia Development Bank Mr Haruhiko Kuroda, the ministers from the PRC, Cambodia, LPDR, the Union of Myanmar, Thailand and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the deputy ministers, senior officials, the ministers from China in economic cooperation with countries in GMS, Governor of Guangxi Autonomous Region Mr Lu Bin, Secretary of Yunnan Committee of Communist Party of China Mr Bai Enpei, Governor of Yunnan Province Mr Xu Rongkai, Deputy Governor Mr Lu Pin and representatives of private businesses in the

nations in Greater Mekong Subregion.

Premier of China Mr Wen Jiabao delivered an address. Delegates from business community from China, Cambodia and Myanmar reported on participation of business communities in private sector. Heads of States from China, Cambodia, LPDR, Thailand and SRV

took part in the discussions. In his discussions, Prime Minister General Soe Win said: Thank you for giving me the floor. I would like to comment on the issue of infrastructure improvement. But since this is the first time that I am taking the floor at this Forum, allow me to begin by expressing my deep appreciation to our host for

the warm welcome extended to us. The excellent environment in which we are meeting augurs well the success of this important gathering. I would also like to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation to the Distinguished Representative of the Chamber of Commerce of Cambodia (See page 11)

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- \* The MoU to establish working mechanisms for the cooperation in the construction of the GMS Information Superhighway Network (ISN) was signed last December.
- \* An MoU on Planning and Construction of the GMS Information Superhighway Network will be signed tomorrow.
- \* It will lead to a cost-effective fiber optic cable system linking the GMS countries.

**GMS countries can gain major benefits by cooperating in the development and use of the subregion's natural resources. Subregional cooperation in energy development and supply will reduce the cost of electricity and assure a more stable supply. The Intergovernmental Agreement on Regional Power Trade was signed during the First GMS Summit in 2002. The MoU on the Guidelines for the Implementation of the Regional Power Trade Operating Agreement — Stage 1, to be signed at this Summit, will contribute to the establishment of regional power trading agreements among our countries.**



Prime Minister General Soe Win and prime ministers of Greater Mekong Subregion and high level officials at GMS Telecom Development Exhibition. — MNA



Minister U Soe Tha and Vice Minister Mr An Ming sign the documents. — MNA



Minister U Soe Tha and Vice Minister Mr An Ming exchange signed documents. MNA

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for his extensive report on the panel discussions on infrastructure improvement.

The GMS Programme plays a vital role in promoting closer cooperation among the six countries that share the Mekong River—Cambodia, China, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam.

The programme which initially focused on development of basic infrastructure has been broadened and deepened to include social

welcome the finalization of the Annexes and Protocols for the Framework Agreement.

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Here, I would like to stress the need for expanding energy cooperation not

would not have been possible without the advisory, financial and technical support of the Asian Development Bank. We are grateful to the ADB for its support.

To ensure that the GMS will be fully connected, I would like to call for greater inputs, greater efficiency and greater efforts from all the GMS countries. At the same time, I would like to urge member countries to pay heed to environment conservation.

rich natural and human resources. We must join hands and work together to achieve our goals.

I am happy to note that there is significant development in the GMS countries and that there is progress in the establishment of policy frameworks and institutional mechanism to remove the nonphysical barriers as well.

Among the major issues and challenges identified by the panel, the prin-

ciation to have Public-Private Partnership (PPP) that is fair for both the public and private sectors.

With this in view, Mr. Chairman, I would like to conclude by saying that while governments can create the environment for business and investments to flourish in the subregion, private sector is the principal player that can give substance to development by creating wealth out of our region's rich natural and human resources. We must

## GMS countries can gain major benefits by cooperating in the development and use of the subregion's natural resources

sectors such as human resource development, tourism, the environment, investment and trade and trans-border issues.

But the fact remains that infrastructure development is key to economic growth. It is therefore appropriate that investment in transport infrastructure has been complemented by improvement of the regulatory framework for facilitating cross-border movement. A framework agreement—the GMS Cross-Border Transport Agreement—which will simplify customs procedures, facilitate cross-border movement, minimize the need for transshipment and develop human resources has been signed by the GMS six countries. I

the GMS Information Superhighway Network will be signed tomorrow. It will lead to a cost-effective fiber optic cable system linking the GMS countries.

Other major infrastructure development programmes to be undertaken include development of the electric power grid, promotion of regional energy cooperation arrangements, Mekong River tourism development and water transport development.

GMS countries can gain major benefits by cooperating in the development and use of the subregion's natural resources. Subregional cooperation in energy development and supply will reduce the cost of electricity and assure a more stable

only in the Greater Mekong Subregion but in the region as a whole to promote energy efficiency and to find alternative sources of energy in the wake of the unprecedented rise in oil prices in the world market.

Reinforcing infrastructure for development has been identified as one of the key areas under the GMS Strategic Framework. But infrastructure projects demand huge investments. This poses a major challenge for the GMS Programme. Increased private sector participation is crucial in meeting the challenge.

The on-going infrastructure development in the GMS is the result of our joint efforts. However, the success we have achieved

The development of infrastructure and human resources and the protection of environment provide opportunities for private sector investments and trade in our subregion. While governments can provide the incentives for business and investments to flourish in the subregion, it is the private sector that must give substance to development by creating wealth out of our region's

principal challenge is the need for huge amount of investment. I would like to reiterate that increase in private sector investment is crucial for infrastructure development. In order to attract more participation from the private sector, we must establish an enabling environment. In this connection, financing from multilateral development banks will be needed. I would like to support the panels recommen-

join hands and work together to achieve our goals.

Next, Premier Mr Wen Jiabao delivered a concluding address. After the meeting, Prime Minister General Soe Win together with Heads of State, the ministers, the deputy ministers and senior officials visited GMS Telecom Development Exhibition at Golden Grand Ballroom of Green Lake Hotel and Myanmar Booth.—MNA

**The development of infrastructure and human resources and the protection of environment provide opportunities for private sector investments and trade in our subregion. While governments can provide the incentives for business and investments to flourish in the subregion, it is the private sector that must give substance to development by creating wealth out of our region's rich natural and human resources. We must join hands and work together to achieve our goals.**

## General Soe Win thanks PRC...

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Also present on the occasion were 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 U Thein Lwin, Director-General of SPDC Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein and heads of department.

The hosts attending the meeting included Minister of Finance Mr Jin Renging, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Dai Bingguo, Director-General of Research Office of State Council Mr Wei Ligu, Chairman of Guangxi Zhaung Autonomous Region Mr Lu Bin, Vice-Chairman of National Development and Reform Commission Mr Lui Jiang, Vice General Secretary of the State Council Mr Chen Jinyu, Vice-Minister of Economy Mr An Ming, and

high level officials.

Mr Wen explained China's view on UN reforms, saying that China will never interfere in the internal affairs of Myanmar. He said China always supports the nation-building endeavours of the government and the people of Myanmar. Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha and the Vice-Minister of Economy of China Mr An Ming signed the economic, scientific and technological cooperation agreement between the two countries. — MNA



A Myanmar boy presents a bouquet to Prime Minister General Soe Win. (News on page 8) — MNA

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Jordan's Badran Cabinet makes first reshuffle

AMMAN, 4 July — Jordan's Government of Adnan Badran, formed just three months ago, made its first reshuffle on Sunday.

King Abdullah II approved the Cabinet reshuffle and the newly appointed ministers took the constitutional oath before the monarch. After the reshuffle, the Cabinet members now increased to 29 from 26, with 8 new faces.

MNA/Xinhua

Kazakh President decides to run for next re-election

Moscow, 4 July — Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev announced on Sunday that he will seek his third term by running in the next presidential election.

"The date of the election will be determined and I will certainly run for office as the Constitution allows," he said in an interview with a Russian state television.

Nazarbayev, who will turn 65 on Wednesday, said: "I am naturally determined to work as long as I am useful to the country, as long as my presence helps Kazakhstan's image and creates confidence in the country and assures its stability."

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Philippines vows to fight human trafficking

MANILA, 4 July — The Philippines is determined to continue fighting against human trafficking to be removed from the watch list of countries that fail to curb such "curse on the poor and transnational evil". President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo said on Saturday.

In a speech on the progress of fighting human trafficking, the President said her country is making headway in the area but admitted that much would still have to be done to solve the problem.

She said the "modest yet significant" accomplishments of the Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking should be cited, reiterating her marching orders to the law enforcers and the Department of Justice to increase effort to convict human traffickers.

MNA/Xinhua

Greek PM to pay first official visit to Turkey in 46 years

ATHENS, 4 July — Greek Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis will pay a historic official visit to Turkey, the first of its kind in 46 years as ties between the former arch-foes continue to warm up, the Greek Prime Minister's Press office announced on Sunday.

The announcement came as Karamanlis and his Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan met at a common border to inaugurate the joint project for a natural gas pipeline linking the two countries. No date was given for the visit.

Karamanlis accepted an invitation by Erdogan, who himself paid an official visit to Athens in May 2004, the first time in a

decade and a half for a Turkish Prime Minister to visit Greece, local media quoted the Greek Prime Minister's Press service as saying. The two prime ministers are close personal friends. Karamanlis was one of the three distinguished guests at the marriage of Erdogan's daughter in Turkey in 2004.

The last Greek Prime Minister to visit Turkey in an official capacity was Constantinos Karamanlis, the uncle of the present Premier, in 1959. In 2000, the then Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit invited the Greek Prime Minister Costas Simitis at the time to visit Turkey, but the trip was not realized.

MNA/Xinhua

Israeli Cabinet rejects call to delay Gaza pullout

JERUSALEM, 4 July — The Israeli Cabinet on Sunday overwhelmingly rejected a proposal by Agriculture Minister Yisrael Katz to delay a planned pullout from the Gaza Strip until November.

Eighteen ministers voted against the proposal, while only three — Finance Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Health Minister Danny Naveh and Katz himself — voted in favour.

The disengagement plan, which demands a complete withdrawal from all Gaza Strip Jewish settlements and four smaller

ones in northern West Bank, was once postponed from late July to mid-August.

Deputy Prime Minister Shimon Peres said before a Cabinet meeting that should the government decide to postpone the disengagement, the Labour would leave the coalition.

For his part, Netanyahu said that he would "vote according to his beliefs".

Netanyahu announced earlier that he planned to vote in favour of postponing the disengagement at Sunday's Cabinet meeting, and would skip Wednesday's Knesset (Parliament) vote on the proposal in order to avoid voting against it. The announcement raised simmering tension between Netanyahu and Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to a boil.

Sharon's Office reacted furiously to the announcement. Members of Sharon's Office said that under Article 11 of the 1949 Transition Law, a minister who either votes against the government or "misses the vote" will be considered to have resigned, unless the Prime Minister decides otherwise. — MNA/Xinhua

Zimbabwe to introduce food safety system

HARARE, 3 July — The Standard Association of Zimbabwe (SAZ) plans to introduce an International Standard certification, ISO 22000, on food safety management to complement the government's efforts to restore agricultural productivity by enhancing food safety.

Speaking at the ongoing Zimbabwe National Chamber of Commerce Congress, SAZ director-general, Maureen Mutasa, said the standard would be introduced in September this year.

"With the current efforts to restore agricultural productivity in Zimbabwe, this standard is poised to play an important role in enhancing the safety of food not only for export but also for local consumption," she said.

The standard was applicable throughout the food chain and could work on its own or combined with other management systems such as ISO 9001. Meanwhile, Mutasa said work was underway to standardize terminology and specifications of services offered by the tourism service providers so as to provide tourism consumers with criteria to make informed decisions.

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At least 5,500 Angolans get anti-retroviral treatment

LUANDA, 4 July — At least 5,500 HIV-positives registered in Angola are currently enjoying anti-retroviral treatment, says a report of the World Health Organization (WHO) and UN Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) on the increase of this type of treatment in the country.

According to the document available here on Sunday, the number of people receiving combined anti-retroviral treatment against HIV/AIDS in Angola has risen significantly as well as the expansion of concerned medicines.

These data are contained in the latest report of the said institutions on the progresses and strategies in the granting of anti-retroviral drugs to three million people in developing country until 2005,

as part of the fight against the pandemic.

WHO and UNAIDS recognize that despite this increment, the access to the medicines is still insufficient to cover the rising needs, and fear that the goal set might not be attained by 2005.

The report states that the number of people receiving anti-retroviral drugs has increased in all regions of the world, as well as the pace of expansion of the medicines.

MNA/Xinhua

WHO vows to be committed to UN's anti-HIV target

KOBE(Japan), 4 July — The World Health Organization has vowed to be committed to the United Nations goal of giving anti-HIV therapy to three million patients around the world.

Jim Yong Kim, head of the World Health Organization's HIV/AIDS department, made the remarks at the 7th International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific in Kobe, a port city in west Japan.

Kim noted that the UN body is unlikely to achieve the goal by the year-end deadline but vowed to continue fighting the disease by administering antiretroviral therapy to people living with HIV/AIDS in developing countries.

"We are at a million and we hope to be at 1.6 million," Kim said. "We don't think we are going to make it to three million by the end of 2005, but it doesn't mean we will give up the three million."

"Even if it takes a little bit longer, we are going to work harder and harder to get to the three million mark," he said, calling the task "the most difficult global health target in history".

In late 2003, WHO and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) launched the so-called "3 by 5" strategy to ensure antiretroviral therapy for three million people living with HIV/AIDS in developing countries by the end of 2005. The therapy is said to stop a retrovirus such as the human immunodeficiency virus that causes AIDS.

The two organizations said in a report issued in late June that overall progress under the initiative is "unlikely to be fast enough to reach the target". As of the end of June, an estimated one million people had received the treatment, falling short of the milestone of 1.6 million set in the strategy to that month.

According to estimates made by the UNAIDS, 39.4 million people were living with HIV/AIDS worldwide at the end of 2004.

Kim is pessimistic about the situation in the Asia-Pacific region. The number of people with HIV/AIDS in the region could surpass that in Africa as preventive measures remain ineffective in low and middle-income countries, with the exception of Thailand, he said. Asia had 8.2 million HIV-positive patients at the end of 2004, due to surges in the number of patients in such countries as China, Vietnam and India. In sub-Saharan Africa, there were 25.4 million such people, about two-thirds of the world's total, according to the estimates.

"It's the only way to really bring the epidemic under control. Treatment alone or prevention alone won't do it. You have to have both together," the director said. — MNA/Xinhua



Sunflowers cover a field near the Tuscan City of Siena on 1 July, 2005. Global climate change will bring hotter, drier summers to the Mediterranean and hit two of the region's biggest earners, agriculture and tourism, according to a study released by environmental group World Wildlife Fund on Friday.—INTERNET

Tenant jailed for throwing bottles from balcony in HK

HONG KONG, 4 July — A public housing tenant has been sentenced to four months in jail after being caught red-handed throwing three glass bottles from his balcony, the Hong Kong housing department said on Sunday.

Together with penalty points allotted earlier for hygiene-related offenses, the tenant was served with a notice-to-quit after accruing more than 16 penalty points under the marking scheme for tenancy enforcement, and is pending an appeal hearing. This is the most serious case detected by a special team of police-turned security guards the depart-

ment set up 18 months ago on a trial basis. They have successfully tracked down 12 offenders throwing objects from heights.

The three-member team mounted a round-the-clock surveillance at strategic locations or black spots within the bounds of public housing estates to detect and gather evidence to nail down offenders for

such reckless acts.

According to Lau Kai-hung, deputy director of housing for estate management, banking on the experience and expertise of the former police officers in information gathering and prosecution procedures, the team will assist estate management staff in the follow-up work and investigation.— MNA/Xinhua

Two million fish fry put back into N China river

HARBIN, 4 July — About two million fish fry have been thrown into the Songhua River in Harbin City of China's northernmost Heilongjiang Province Sunday morning, the biggest-ever release of fish fry into the river in the past 15 years.

According to sources with the department of fishery under the municipal agricultural committee, the current release of fish fry includes the varieties of common carp, crucian carp, grass carp, silver carp. The Songhua River was abundant in fish resources in the 1960s and 1970s with fish categories reaching up to 79.— MNA/Xinhua

Asian AIDS response at risk unless coordination improves

KOBE, 4 July — The response to AIDS in Asia will be in jeopardy unless everyone works more closely together to reverse the epidemic, according to an announcement issued Sunday by a symposium under the 7th International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (ICAAP).

The symposium — "Three Ones in Action", attended by representatives from donor countries, civil society and the United Nations, is one of the major sideline events at the ongoing ICAAP conference in Kobe, western Japan.

A single national AIDS authority is one of the pillars of the "Three Ones in Action" principle, which calls for one national AIDS action framework, one national AIDS authority and one system for monitoring and evaluation in each country.

"Unless more coordinated and harmonized action is taken by all players — including governments, civil groups, the UN and donor communities — the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) on HIV will not be achieved in many Asian countries," the announcement said. The MDGs were agreed at a global UN summit in 2000.

At present, lack of harmonization places the AIDS response at risk, the announcement said, calling for better coordination among Asian countries in the response to avoid duplication and improve AIDS prevention programmes at country level.

"Without well-coordinated efforts, governments commitments and national capacity, most of the resources we have raised for our country might go unused," said Hong Son Hout, chairman of Cambodia's National AIDS Authority and chairman of the symposium.

"We have a considerable pool of local technical resources upon which to draw in this region. We cannot allow these to be wasted," he added.

Total resources available for the Asia and Pacific Region for AIDS amounted to 681 million US dollars in 2003.

MNA/Xinhua

Live 8 concert challenges Canadian Govt to battle Africa's poverty

OTTAWA, 4 July — Renowned musical stars challenged the Canadian government to do more in helping poor countries when the Canadian part of Live 8 concerts kicked off on Saturday morning in Barrie, Ontario, in the south.

The event, being held simultaneously with seven other Live 8 concerts including those in Tokyo and London, was aimed at raising awareness of poverty in developing countries ahead of a G-8 summit on July 6 in Scotland and urging the rich countries to do more for the poor.

More than 35,000 Canadians gathered under sunny skies on the lawn of Barrie's Park Place, about an hour's drive from Toronto, to attend the grand occasion, reports here said.

The event, hosted by Canadian comedians Dan Aykroyd and Tom Green, featured a lineup of Canadian musical royalty, including singer Tom Cochrane.

Cochrane kicked off the show with "Life is a Highway", a song he wrote following his first "heart-breaking" visit to Africa. He then told the massive crowd that he wanted (Canada's Prime Minister Paul Martin) to take the message of the concert to the G-8 summit to be held in Scotland.

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# S P O R T S

## Inter Milan join race to sign striker Gilardino

ROME, 5 July—Inter Milan are interested in signing Italian striker Alberto Gilardino from Parma, club owner Massimo Moratti said.

"We're interested in Gilardino and we've been talking (with Parma) for a while," Moratti was quoted as saying in La Gazzetta dello Sport on Monday.

"To tell the truth, we don't need to reinforce our attack, but we're talking about a very talented player that Inter has a right to bid for."

Inter are the latest big side to join the race to secure the services of the 22-year-old next season.

City rivals AC Milan have openly

expressed an interest in Gilardino, whose contract with Parma runs until 2008, but balked at the initial 35 million euro (42.3 million US dollars) asking price.

English Premier League champions Chelsea are also rumoured to be following the striker.

Gilardino was the most prolific Italian striker in Serie A during the last two seasons, scoring 46 goals in 72 games.

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Emanuel Rego, left, and Ricardo Santos from Brazil pose after they won the final of Swatch-FIVB World Tour 2005 Grand Slam beach volleyball tournament in Stavanger in South-West Norway, on Sunday, 3 July, 2005. —INTERNET

## Defender Samuel to join Inter Milan

MADRID, 5 July—Real Madrid defender Walter Samuel will move to Inter Milan on loan for next season, news reports said on Monday.

The deal would also give Inter an option to make Samuel's move permanent for 16 million euro (19.1 million US dollars), sports daily Marca said.

The Argentine international joined Madrid a year ago from AS Roma for a reported fee of 22 million euro (26.2 million US dollars), but his erratic form earned him criticism.

Madrid would be expected to replace Samuel with England defender Jonathan Woodgate, who missed his first season with the club with a left thigh injury.

Inter is also reportedly close to signing Madrid's Argentine midfielder, Santiago Solari.

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## IOC chief clears London over stadium row

SINGAPORE, 5 July—The International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Jacques Rogge has cleared London of breaching the bidding rules in the race for the 2012 Olympics.

London bid committee found themselves caught by controversy after two Olympic consultants connected to the committee criticized a stadium in Paris at a Press conference on Monday.

Their comments could not come at a worse time given that the IOC will cast their votes on the host city of the 2012 Games in just two days.

Under the IOC's rules on bidding for the Olympics, the candidate cities are not allowed to criticize their rivals.

While the stadium row is shaping up, Rogge stepped in by saying that no cities have "gone over the line".

"We have had no complaints from any city in Singapore," said Rogge at a Press conference later on Monday.

"Had anyone gone over the yellow line I would have intervened. The fact I said nothing is a sign that nobody has gone over the line."

While clearing London of any breach, Rogge gave his thumbs-up to the Paris stadium Stade de France, one of the major venues for the 1998 France World Cup and also the planned Olympic Stadium for Paris' bid.

"If there has been criticism of the Stade de France, well, the IOC evaluation commission gave it a very favourable report."

Paris bid committee has ruled out any

formal complaint to the IOC, saying that they would continue to focus on their bid and leave the IOC to decide whether to pursue the case.

"We will not react officially to the comments," said French Sports Minister Jean-Francois Lamour.

The stadium row was stirred early on Monday when architect Rod Sheard and Olympic consultant Jim Sloman were critical of the Stade de France, where Paris has planned to host the athletics competitions during the Olympics. London has to build a new stadium for athletics.

Sloman, former chief operating officer of the Sydney Games, said he did not think it's an advantage for Paris to have the existing Stade de France as the Olympic Stadium.

"Sydney didn't have one existing stadium, Atlanta didn't," he said. "It (The Stade de France) has been built for football not for athletics and even though they had a world athletics championships in the last couple of years they still have sight-line problems."

Sheard, who was involved in the design of Sydney's athletics stadium, said: "Paris is a wonderful stadium, I like going there to watch rugby but unfortunately rugby is not an Olympic sport."

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Robbie McEwen of Australia, second left, struggles with compatriot Stuart O'Grady, left, in the final sprint of the stage, as Tom Boonen of Belgium, foreground at right, speeds to win the third stage of the Tour de France cycling race between La Chataigneraie and Tours, France. —INTERNET

## Blair dismisses square-off with Chirac over 2012 Olympic bid

SINGAPORE, 5 July—British Prime Minister Tony Blair said on Monday that there is no face-off between him and French President Jacques Chirac although both will be here to drum up support for their capitals' bids for the 2012 Olympics.

Blair and Chirac, who are already at odds on EU farm subsidies and the EU budget, have appeared to be engaged in another face-off as London is posing a strong challenge to top favourite Paris in the bid for the 2012 Games.

When asked if the bid is not only about a competition between the two cities, but also between the two heads of state, Blair said: "It should not be seen like that at all."

"We are about to go to the G-8 Summit in Scotland in which on the subjects of Africa and climate change France and Britain will be working closely together, as will the other G-8 countries," he said.

Both leaders have overcome a tight schedule to show up here for their capitals' bids and will leave separately before the voting result is announced on July 6 to fly to Scotland for the summit beginning the same day.

Blair has played down his influence on the bid by showing up here, saying that the basic factor for London to win is the strength of the bid itself.

"I am here to make it clear that London has the clearly total support of the British Government," he said.

Fresh from winning a historic third term in government for Labour in May, Blair said that he would do the same to help London win the bid.

"It is a very different situation, but I will enter the bid for the 2012 Games with equal enthusiasm," he said.

Besides London and Paris, the other candidate cities for 2012 Games include New York, Madrid and Moscow.

The International Olympic Committee will cast votes on the host city on 6 July.

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## Chirac flies to Singapore to defend Paris Olympic bid

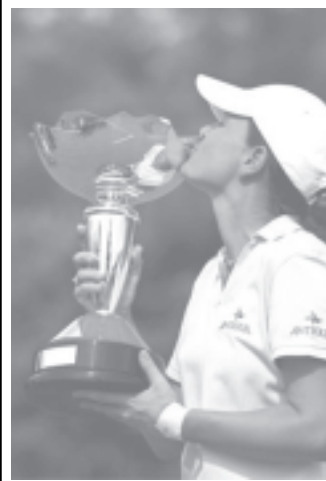
PARIS, 5 July—French President Jacques Chirac left Paris on Monday evening to defend Paris' candidature to host the 2012 Olympic Games before the International Olympic Committee (IOC), Chirac's office said.

The IOC will announce at 19:30 time of Singapore on Wednesday the host city of the Olympic Games among five candidates: London, Madrid, Moscow, New York and Paris.

Paris planned to present their bid first at 9:00 a.m. local time (0100 GMT) followed by New York (0230 GMT), Moscow (0400 GMT), London (0600 GMT) and Madrid (0800 GMT).

The French President will meet British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who is already in Singapore since Sunday.

Whatever the IOC's decision, both of them will then fly to Gleneagles, Scotland for the opening of G-8 (Group of Eight most developed countries) summit on the same day. —MNA/Xinhua



Marisa Baena of Columbia kisses the winner's trophy after beating Menna Lee 1-up to win the HSBC Women's World Match Play Championship on 3 July, 2005 in Gladstone NJ. Along with the trophy in the LPGA event, Baena won \$500,000. —INTERNET

# Government participating in activities,...

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in construction of pagodas, monasteries, roads and bridges and regional development tasks with genuine goodwill. The entire people are disappointed to hear accusations on forced labour in Myanmar.

Expatriate Pyithit Nyunt Wai (a) Maung Maung and FTUB misinformed ILO that there was ill-treatment and forced labour in Myanmar. That was why ILO formed investigation commission and severe action was taken against Myanmar in 2000 under Article 33 of ILO. At the ILO conference some nations and ASEAN nations supported Myanmar's constructive measures. Ignoring these discussions, ILO one-sidedly passed the resolution based on the report of Maung Maung of FTUB. It is obviously seen that arrangements were made for a person of a party to put political pressure on Myanmar to come to power. The entire women oppose the one-sided act of ILO.

She said the US imposed sanctions on Myanmar. As a result, 160 garment factories were closed down and over 80,000 people including women workers lost jobs. All the people now realize the incorrect acts on workers and political issues. Therefore Myanmar should not take part in ILO. Myanmar women cannot accept the terrorist acts of NCGUB, ABSDF and FTUB and attempts to cause trouble to Myanmar people. She demanded that those organizations be declared as unlawful associations.

Leader of work group of Prevention of Violence against Women of Kachin State Women Affairs Organization Daw Nan Hla

Hla Aye extended greetings. She said external and internal destructive elements and media accused Myanmar of violating human rights and failing to take cooperative measures on prevention and elimination of narcotic drugs and human trafficking.

Myanmar had no poppy cultivation, production and trading in its successive eras. Colonialists used narcotic drug as a weapon in Myanmar.

Narcotic drugs can greatly destroy human resources. After the first aggressive war of colonialists, they opened opium shops

nesses. In connection with the drug cases in 2004-2005 in Kachin State, actions were taken against 1209 drug dealers. Five kilos of heroin, 274 kilos of opium, 135 kilos of low grade opium and 127,671 stimulant tablets were seized. Moreover, 3667 acres of poppy plantation were torched in Waingmaw, Tanaing, Hpakant, Sumprabum, Putao, Mogaung and Moenyin townships in Kachin State. Over 5,000 acres of farmland were reclaimed for local people and provided them K 19 million for running other businesses. The

external democracy activists. Local authorities together with government organizations and NGOs are stepping up work to prevent human trafficking. Foreign media are broasting falsehood to tarnish the image of the State. All the entire nationals were displeased with fugitive Sao Kham Hpa's act to secede Shan State from the Union. The entire women force is to participate in elimination of terrorist acts considering the bomb blasts that occurred in Yangon and Mandalay. The women force of Kachin State absolutely opposed every attempt to harm Our Three Main National Causes—Non-disintegration of Union, Non-disintegration of National Solidarity and Perpetuation of Sovereignty.

Next, the prize presentation ceremony was held. Winners of essay competitions to mark Myanmar Women's Day-2005 were presented prizes. Member of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Kachin State Organizing Committee in-charge Daw San San Wai accepted 3940 membership applications from Myintkyina District, 1039 from Moenyin District, 1808 from Bhamaw District, 1015 from Putao and 1000 from Kachin State USDA. The mass rally concluded in the morning with chanting of slogans.

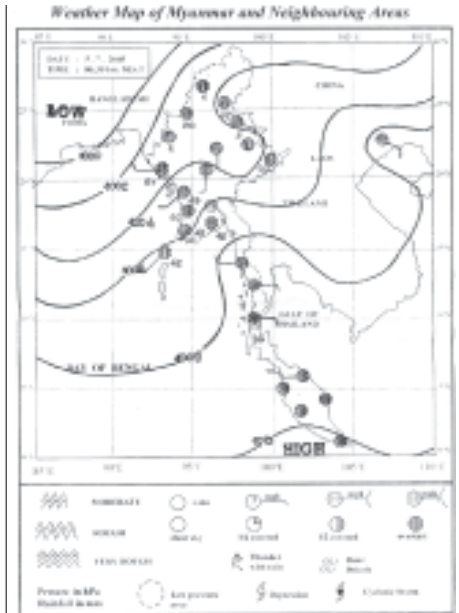
Afterwards, the second session of the ceremony continued at the same venue. It was attended by Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Secretary of USDA, Kachin State in-charge Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Brig-Gen Zaw Tun of Myintkyina Station, Member of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Kachin State Organizing in-charge Daw San San Wai, Chairperson of Kachin State WAF Daw Tin Tin Htay, member of women's affairs organizations, members of USDA, members of Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Red Cross Society, members of War Veterans Organizations and Auxiliary Fire Brigade. A total of 31 wellwishers donated cash K 13.05 million to Kachin State WAF.

The ceremony ended at 1.30 pm. — MNA

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and opium dens in Taninthayi and Rakhine regions. After the nation's loss of independence, the colonialists distributed poppy seeds to local people to cultivate and produce poppy in Kachin State, Chin State, Chindwin region and Shan State. From that time onward, the colonialists introduced poppy in Myanmar. Myanmar launched major operations on elimination of poppy. Remarkable operations were Moehin, Ngayepan and Taung-yanshin. A large number of Tatmadawmen lost their lives in these operations. The State is taking measures for elimination of narcotic drugs in Kachin Special Region-1 and 2 and Kachin State and Shan State by laying down projects. The State is paving the way for cultivation of poppy-substitute crops, livestock breeding, mineral exploration and other busi-

nesses. 19th ceremony to torch seized narcotic drugs was held on 26 June 2005. 1936 kilos of narcotic drug including opium, heroin and stimulant tablets worth US\$ 328 million were torched before the diplomats and media persons. It is obvious that Myanmar is participating actively in elimination of narcotic drugs. Myanmar is taking cooperative measures on elimination of narcotic drugs hand in hand with UN organizations, United States of America, Japan, Russia, India, China, Bangladesh, Laos, Thailand, Cambodia, the Philippines and Vietnam. The arrangement of UN in-charge Dr Thaung Tun of NCGUB and dissidents abroad proposed that humanitarian assistance to Myanmar should be extended after consulting with. But their acts don't seem to be with NLD party, national races parties and



## WEATHER

Tuesday, 5 July, 2005

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Magway Division, rain has been isolated in lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, scattered in Shan, Kayin and Chin States, Bago Division and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Rakhine State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Sittway (3.42) inches, Thandwe (3.11) inches, Kyauktaw (3.03) inches, Gwa (2.44) inches and Hinthada (2.28) inches.

Maximum temperature on 4-7-2005 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 5-7-2005 was 67°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 5-7-2005 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 4-7-2005 was (3.5) hours approx. Rainfalls on 5-7-2005 were (0.28) inch at Mingaladon, (0.59) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.95) inch at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (32.56 inches) at Mingaladon, (29.45 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (29.41 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (9) mph from Southwest at (15:25) hours MST on 4-7-2005.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 6-7-2005:** Rain will be isolated in Kayah and Southern Shan States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kachin, Chin, Northern and Eastern Shan and Kayin States, upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Rakhine State. Degree of certainty is 80%.

**State of the sea:** Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Rakine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

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

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 6-7-2005:** One or two rain. Degree of certainty is 80%.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 6-7-2005:** Possibility of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (40%).

### Earthquake report

(Issued at 10:20 hours MST on 5-7-2005)

An earthquake of strong intensity (6.7) Richter Scale with its epicenter about (1100) miles South of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory at Nias region, Indonesia was recorded at (08) hrs (25) min (33) sec MST on 5 July 2005.



An official presents gift to a winner in the essay contest. — MNA

**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

**Government has spent K 69,827.75 million, over US \$ 550 million to develop border areas**  
**Nationality Youths Resource Development Degree College (Yangon) opens new lecture hall**



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses ceremony to open a new lecture hall of the Nationality Youths Resource Development Degree College (Yangon).—MNA

YANGON, 5 July — A new lecture hall of the Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree College (Yangon) was commissioned into service at the college in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township today.

Chairman of the Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein unveiled the bronze plaque of the college of the Education and Training Department of the Minis-

try for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs.

In his address, the Secretary-1 said that the Government has been playing a leadership role in the  
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**All Myanmar women denounce expatriate Sao Kham Hpa who tried to break away from the Union, bomb blasts in Yangon and Mandalay**  
**Kachin State WAO observes Myanmar Women's Day**

YANGON, 5 July — Myanmar Women's Day organized by Kachin State Women's Affairs' Federation was commemorated on 3 July at the Town Hall in Myitkyina.

It was attended by Member of the Myanmar

Women's Affairs Federation Organizer of Kachin State Daw San San Wai, leaders and members of the district/township/ward WAO's in Kachin State, secretary, executive members and members of Kachin State Union Solidarity and Development Association, mem-

bers of Kachin State Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Myanmar War Veteran Association, Myanmar Red Cross Society and Auxiliary Fire Brigade totaling over 1,800.

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Meeting Chairperson Daw Tin Tin Htay addresses the Myanmar Women's Day ceremony in Myitkyina. — MNA