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Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Cyprus

YANGON, 1 Oct— Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Tassos Papadopoulos, President of the Republic of Cyprus, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Cyprus, which falls on 1st October 2005.

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**Build the nation with
self-reliant endeavours**
**Entire national people are to be
imbued with national strength
to create brighter future**

YANGON, 30 Sept—The Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) conducted the conclusion of the Special Refresher Course No 57 for Basic Education Teachers at Nawarat Hall of the institute in Hlegu Township, Yangon Division, this morning, with an address by Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

In the drive for the improvement of a nation and its people, it is necessary for this nation to have rights to be on the most suitable track towards sustainable development in conformity with its background history, prevailing situations and national character.

Also present on the occasion were ministers, the attorney-general, the chairman of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, deputy ministers, the deputy auditor-general, officials, departmental heads, the rector, deans, faculty members, and trainees.

In his address, the MEC chairman with pleasure expressed his belief that every time after completion of a special refresher course for basic education teachers, on the rise is the number of reliable human resources in the education field who will take a more active role in the national education promotion tasks with regenerated vigour, ideas and strength.

At a time when possible steps are being taken to modernize the nation through the art of education, it is very beneficial to both the trainees and the State as the institute, through the special

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye sends felicitations to Chinese Vice-President

YANGON, 1 Oct— On the occasion of the Fifty-sixth Anniversary of the Founding Day of the People's Republic of China, which falls on 1st October 2005, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Zeng Qinghong, Vice-President of the People's Republic of China. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein makes a concluding speech at special refresher course for teachers. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for emergence of discipline-flourishing democratic nation

The active participation of the people plays an important role in building a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

A peaceful modern and developed nation can be built only through integrated and well-coordinated efforts of the national forces made up of the entire national people.

The nation of today is on the right path of development as political, economic and social infrastructures have emerged. In the meantime, the seven-point Road Map has been laid down and is being implemented in the process of transition to democracy.

In doing so, systematic steps are to be taken in accord with the national policies which call for realization of Our Three Main National Causes and the 12 political, economic and social objectives, taking lessons from the past.

The concerted effort of the State, the people and the Tatmadaw is a must in implementing the national policies. In the process, relentless efforts are to be made to march on the right path of development, accepting that the strength of the nation lies within.

The national forces that are to build the nation need to be imbued with political, economic and defence outlooks as well as international outlook. Only then, will they be able to fully serve the interest of the State and the people.

To uplift national prestige and integrity and preserve national character, the national forces also need to be endowed with nationalistic spirit and Union Spirit. Only then, will they be able to safeguard and uphold Our Three Main National Causes.

The national forces together with the entire national people are to actively take part in building a modern and developed nation by doing their bit. This being the case, they are to try harder to be well-versed in all aspects.

Therefore, the national forces that are representing the people are to lend themselves to the drive for building a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation with Union Spirit, upholding Our Three Main National Causes.

Doh Kyeywa Journal comes out

YANGON, 30 Sept — Doh Kyeywa Journal, Volume 2, Number 19, is in circulation today.

Features in the journal include matters related to Ngapi (fish paste), milk and dairy products, small natural fertilizer plants, cowboy, peacock, sound of weaving, Myanmar traditional weather forecast and others, stories, humours, cartoons, poems and news in brief.

Manuscripts and advertisements may be sent to the journal at 30-32, 10th Street, Lanmadaw Township, Tel: 371342, 252452, and 379768. — MNA

Hole-in-one

YANGON, 30 Sept—U Than Tun Aung scored an ace from 150 yards at the 12th hole at City Golf Resort (Ngwethawda) of YCDC on 18 September morning while playing with golf ball EV 02 using club No 6 Callaway Iron. His player partners were Brig-Gen Aung Tun, U Myint Win and U Than Htay.—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

Industry-1 Minister inspects factories in Hline, Shwepyitha Townships

YANGON, 30 Sept — Chairman of Myanmar Industrial Development Committee Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang made an inspection tour of factories in Hline and Shwepyitha Townships today.

At ECU & Battery Charger Factory Branch on Yawgikyaung street in Hline Township, the minister inspected production of motor parts to be installed at Electric Bicycle and installation of ECU/Charger.

At Chemical Industry, the minister oversaw production process of E-Bike Battery Process Flow Diagram, and gave necessary instructions. The industry produces 100 batteries for electric bicycle per day. At Fair Sun Mould & Die Industry on U Tun Nyo Road in Shwepyitha Industrial City, the minister inspected functions of the industry and left necessary instructions.

Later, the minister and party proceeded to the Foundry shop of Yangon Crown Wiring Electronic Cable Factory and looked into iron ware for construction tasks. — MNA

Foreign Minister felicitates Chinese counterpart

YANGON, 1 Oct— On the occasion of the Fifty-sixth Anniversary of the Founding Day of the People's Republic of China, which falls on 1st October 2005, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Li Zhaoxing, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China.

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Foreign Minister sends felicitations to Cyprus

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Chinese Ambassador calls on Information Minister

YANGON, 30 Sept — Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the Union of Myanmar Mr Li Jinjun, who had completed his tour of duty, called on Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan at his office this afternoon.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises and the head of office of the Ministry of Information.

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Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan receives Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Jinjun. — MNA

Trainees of Journalism Course visit Myanma Alin Daily

YANGON, 30 Sept — Trainees of Journalism Course No 1/2005 visited Myanma Alin Daily at No 1 Natmauk Lane in Bahan Township

this morning.

Manager of the daily U Zaw Win extended greetings to the trainees and explained matters related to the

daily.

The trainees studied functions of the daily. Officials conducted them round the sections.

On behalf of the

trainees, Leader of the Trainee Group No 1 U Kyaw Thet Lin expressed gratitude, and they left the daily at 11.30 am.

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Trainees of Journalism Course No 1/2005 studying at computer room of Myanma Alin Daily.

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ASEAN needs to secure its place in world

SINGAPORE, 29 Sept — Members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) need to deepen their integration to secure the group's place in the world, Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said Wednesday night.

"As one integrated region, ASEAN will be an attractive investment destination, an important economy which multinational companies cannot ignore, both as a market and as a production base to complement investments in China or India," Lee noted.

He warned that if the integration is delayed, the region will "fall off the radar screen of international companies and investors" and become marginalized and irrelevant.

ASEAN groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. Admitting that the integration will pose challenges to ASEAN members who are in differ-

ent levels of economic development, Lee suggested four ways "to unlock the potential of ASEAN".

He expected the association to pursue a strategy of open regionalization, proceed faster with its integration, promote a greater sense of community and common good, as well as connect to the ordinary people to give them a deeper sense of belonging.

Lee added that an Eminent Persons' Group will be set up during the coming ASEAN Summit to be held in Kuala Lumpur in December this year to guide the development of an ASEAN Charter, which is important for realizing an ASEAN Community by 2020.

MNA/Xinhua

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Iraq war leaves Americans skeptical of force, says poll

CHICAGO, 29 Sept — The war in Iraq has left Americans skeptical about the use of military force as a tool to spread democracy, according to a poll released on Thursday.

Seventy-two percent of those questioned said the conflict has made them feel worse about the use of military force "to bring about democracy" down the road, compared to only 20 percent who said it made them feel better about such a prospect, the survey found.

It also found that nearly three of every four Americans believe overthrowing Iraq's government and trying to establish a democracy in its place was not a good enough reason to go to war there. The survey did not address the question of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

"Most Americans do not appear to have been persuaded by President George W Bush's ... argument that promoting democracy is a critical means for fighting terrorism and making the world safer," said Steven Kull, director of the Program on International Policy Attitudes, a research group affiliated with the University of Maryland.

His group produced the poll in conjunction with the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations. It involved 808 people who were interviewed from 15 to 21 September and had an error margin of plus or minus 3.5 to 4 percentage points.

Internet

Boeing to deliver two "F-15K" fighter jets to S Korea

SEOUL, 29 Sept — US aircraft maker Boeing Co will deliver two F-15K fighter jets to South Korea next week under a multi-billion-dollar contract, the South Korean Air Force said Wednesday.

The aircraft are the first two of 40 F-15K fighter jets Boeing is to deliver to South Korea in stages by August 2008 under the 5.5-billion-US-dollar procurement project, the Air Force said in a statement.

The two jets are to arrive at a military air base near Seoul on October 7, it added.

The F-15K fighter plane is the most advanced multifunctional fighter jet in the world, which can carry on air-to-ground, air-to-air and air-to-sea missions during the day or at night, in any weather.

It can carry more than 23,000 pounds of payload, reach Mach 2.5, and incorporates the latest military technologies, including the APG-63(V)1 radar, a third-generation forward looking infrared system, a helmet-mounted cueing system, and weapons-control systems that support advanced weapons.

The procurement project is part of reform plan of South Korean mili-

tary, which focuses on building "cooperative self-defence". South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun's government forged the defence policy, aiming to bolster South Korea's defence capability while reducing its dependence on US troops stationed here.

MNA/Xinhua



A Chinese worker looks out from scaffolding at a construction site in Beijing, China, on 29 September, 2005. —INTERNET

China, Cuba exchange messages over 45th anniversary of ties

BEIJING, 29 Sept — Top Chinese leaders exchanged congratulatory messages with Cuban leader Fidel Castro on Wednesday to celebrate the 45th anniversary of the establishment of Sino-Cuban diplomatic ties.

Chinese President Hu Jintao and Premier Wen Jiabao in their messages described the Sino-Cuban friendship as long standing, noting that Cuba is the first Latin American country to establish diplomatic relations with China.

Over the past 45 years, relations between China and Cuba have been continuously consolidated and developed, they said.

In recent years, with

efforts from both sides, bilateral exchanges and cooperation in various areas have made new progress and the Sino-Cuban relations have entered a new phase of vigorous development, the Chinese leaders said.

China and Cuba are friends, comrades and partners, they said, adding that the Communist Party of China and the Chinese Government and people will cherish the traditional

Sino-Cuban friendship and work tirelessly with their Cuban counterparts for an even better future for bilateral and friendly cooperation.

Over the past 45 years, Cuba and China have forged a relationship of unity and friendship, said Castro in his message to the Chinese leaders.

Cuban leaders are happy to see the tremen-

dous achievements made by China in various fields, and are satisfied with the increasingly strengthened relations between the two countries, said Castro.

Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing also exchanged congratulatory messages on the occasion with his Cuban counterpart Felipe Perez Roque.

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi firemen extinguish a US Army Buffalo armoured personnel carrier after it hit an improvised explosive device (IED) in Baghdad on 29 September, 2005.

INTERNET

Five US soldiers killed in bomb explosion in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 29 Sept — Five US soldiers were killed when a homemade bomb exploded while they conducted combat operations in western Iraq, the US military said. Three suicide car bombs killed at least 60 and wounded 70 in a city north of Baghdad, the Associated Press reported, citing a doctor.

The nearly simultaneous car bomb attacks about 6:45 pm local time in Balad, a mostly Shiite Muslim city north of the capital, hit a bank, a vegetable market and another location, AP said, citing unidentified witnesses. Many were wounded seriously, with burns and mutilated limbs, Doctor Khaled al-Azawi at Balad Hospital told the news service. Among the wounded were the town's police chief and four other policemen, he said.

The soldiers, assigned to the 2nd Ma-

rine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward), were killed yesterday in Ramadi, in Itaq's al-Anbar province, west of Baghdad, the military said today in an e-mailed statement. No further details were provided.

US-led coalition and Iraqi forces are battling guerillas from Basra in the south to Tal Afar in the north, and have conducted several operations in recent months to crack down on guerillas in cities and towns, including Haditha, Hit, Karabilah and al-Qaim. —Internet

Pakistani PM says China's rise peaceful

ISLAMABAD, 29 Sept— Unlike the rise of other powers in history, China's rise has been peaceful and its political and economic strength augurs well for Asia and world, Pakistani Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz said here on Tuesday.

Addressing an international conference titled "China and The Emerging Asian Century," Aziz quoted Napoleon's remarks that "China is a sleeping giant. Let her lie and sleep, for when she awakens she will astonish the world" and said the giant is now fully awake and holds the world in awe and wonder.

Elaborating on the way how to see China's rise, Aziz stressed that people should see it in the civilizational context and that China's sense of history has imbibed in its values of peace, harmony and good neighbourliness nurtured over centuries of collective wisdom.

China has an important role in regional and global context, its economic strength has helped and continues to help in promoting regional economic stability and its political strength is an assurance of stability in Asia, Aziz told the seminar, which was organized by Pakistan's well-known think tank, the Institute of Strategic Studies, in collaboration with Hanns Seidel Foundation.

Talking about China's view on security in Asia and beyond in the 21st Century, Aziz quoted Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing as saying in an article published last month that "China's development can-

not materialize without the world. And a stable and a prosperous world also need China. So long as we hold high the banner of peace, development and cooperation and hold on to the path of peaceful development, we will surely make new contributions to world peace and development".

"This truly encapsulates China's world view in this century," Aziz affirmed. Referring to the Pakistani-Sino relations, Aziz said Pakistan and China enjoy all weather friendship based on "complete trust and confidence" and that this friendship is rooted in the psyche and ethos of the two people.

Aziz said his country takes pride in the economic development and prosperity of China. "Chinese development model is unique and worthy of emulation for the developing countries. China's great economic transformation and its peaceful rise is as much a source of satisfaction as it is of strength for the people of Pakistan," Aziz added.

He expressed his view that the 21st Century belongs to Asia and that the great transformation of Asia led by the spectacular economic changes in China, Southeast Asia and South Asia augurs well for the Asian continent and the world.— *MNA/Xinhua*

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Most Russians support developing nuclear energy

Moscow, 29 Sept— Over half of Russians surveyed in a poll stand for developing the nuclear energy sector, while 25 per cent think it should be phased out, the *Interfax* news agency reported on Wednesday.

The poll of 1,600 Russians conducted by the VTsIOM public opinion service in 153 communities on 24-25 September showed 59 per cent people support nuclear energy development.

Nearly half of the Russians polled, or 49 per cent, believe the country should develop innovative and environmentally safe technologies to utilize

other alternatives such as wind power and solar energy.

The poll also showed that most Russians think a Chernobyl-like disaster in 1986 is possible to happen again. Forty-seven per cent of respondents in the poll believe the transportation and burial of radioactive wastes bring about the most harming effect on the environment.

MNA/Xinhua



Sony Corporation's latest Aibo robot model ERS7M3 holds a bone next to a laptop computer displaying a diary kept by the pet robot at Sony Showroom in Tokyo on 29 September, 2005. —INTERNET

India wants good ties with Iran, despite IAEA vote

NEW DELHI, 29 Sept— India said on Wednesday it wanted to continue having close ties with Iran, a day after Teheran threatened to use trade to punish nations that opposed it at a UN nuclear watchdog vote.

India joined the United States on Saturday in voting to refer old friend Iran's nuclear programme to the United Nations Security Council for possible sanctions. The move stunned and angered Teheran, a major source of oil and gas for energy-hungry India.

Iranian officials, however, said Te-

heran would not take any hasty action against India and did not want to lose a friend because of one incident.

Indian Foreign Secretary Shyam Saran met Iran's envoy to India on Tuesday and explained New Delhi's position on the vote, an Indian Foreign Ministry statement said.— *MNA/Reuters*

1933 US troops killed in Iraq since beginning of the war

WASHINGTON, 29 Sept — As of Thursday, 29 Sept, 2005, at least 1,933 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 1,499 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers. The figures include five military civilians.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,794 US military members have died, according to *AP's* count. That includes at least 1,385 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.— *Internet*

Iraq bomber kills 7 Army recruits in Tal Afar

BAGHDAD, 29 Sept — A female suicide bomber blew herself up outside an Army recruitment centre in the northern Iraqi town of Tal Afar on Wednesday, killing at least seven and wounding 37, police said.

There were many people waiting at the scene to sign up to join the Army, police said.

The attack mirrored a suicide bombing of a recruitment centre in Baquba, 65 kilometres (40 miles) north of Baghdad, on Tuesday. At least 10 died in that blast, with around 30 wounded.

Iraqi and US troops have just ended

a joint military operation in Tal Afar, which they say has long been a stronghold of guerillas. The US military says it has killed or captured over 500 people whom it calls "terrorists or foreign fighters". They hailed the full-scale assault on the town as a success and said they had brought Tal Afar back under their control. — *MNA/Reuters*

China donates aid and relief materials to Indonesia

JAKARTA, 29 Sept — China on Wednesday donated 500,000 US dollars worth of aid and relief materials to the local government of Nias regency, Indonesia's North Sumatra Province, on the earthquake-ravaged island, an official of the Chinese Embassy to Indonesia told *Xinhua* by telephone.

The aid materials include 500 gasoline power generators, four large-scale diesel power generators, 100 walkie-talkies, 3,000 pieces of sheets, 3,000 pieces of carpets and other goods. This was part of the aid of two million US dollars promised by China.

The rest 1.5 million US dollars were

donated to the Aceh and Nias Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Agency (BRR) in Jakarta on 17 September, he said.

First Secretary in the Chinese Embassy Xu Liping and officials from the local government and BRR attended Wednesday's donation ceremony.

MNA/Xinhua



US soldiers establish security after landing in a Chinook helicopter near Baghdad during *Diablo X*, an operation that includes Marines, in this military handout photo released on 28 September, 2005.—INTERNET



A French policeman looks through a binocular speed radar during a road safety awareness day in Nice, southeastern France, on 29 September, 2005.

INTERNET

ASEAN becomes major sources of coal to Guangdong

GUANGZHOU, 29 Sept— South China's Guangdong Province, which is economically developed but short of resources, reported continuous, rapid growth in coal arrivals with import prices rising by big margins.

The local Customs House said in August alone, Guangdong imported 604,000 tons of coal, representing a year-on-year increase of 21.6 per cent.

Between January and August, Guangdong imported 3.7 million tons of anthracite, 409,000 tons of coking coal and 2.1 million tons of soft coal which were priced at 39.5 US dollars/ton, 121.8 US dollars/ton and 46.3 US dollars/ton, respectively. Their values were 37.2 per

cent, 52 per cent and 22.3 per cent, respectively, higher than the year-earlier levels, the local Customs House said.

According to the Customs sources, Guangdong's coal imports from ASEAN countries have kept growing rapidly since the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Between China and ASEAN, began to be carried out.

MNA/Xinhua

Castro hails 45th anniversary of diplomatic ties with China

HAVANA, 29 Sept— Cuban President Fidel Castro Ruz sent a congratulatory message to Chinese leaders on Wednesday to celebrate the 45th anniversary of the establishment of Cuba-China diplomatic relations, state-run daily *Granma* said on Wednesday.

In his message addressed to Chinese President Hu Jintao and Premier Wen Jiabao, Castro highlighted the links of solidarity and mutual support between the two countries.

On behalf of the Cuban people, the Communist Party and the Cuban Government, Castro said that "we deeply appreciate with satisfaction that along these four and a half decades our relations have been marked by solidarity, respect for ideals and principles of socialism and mutual support, whenever circumstances have demanded it," said Castro.

"Once more we express our satisfaction over the huge advances attained in China in every aspect, as well as our satisfaction over the consolidation of our relations in various areas," the Cuban leader said.

Castro also wished prosperity, health, progress and welfare to the Chinese people and leaders. On 28 September, 1960, Cuba became the first Latin American country to establish diplomatic relations with China.

The daily said Cuba recognizes the People's Republic of China as the sole and legitimate representa-

tive of the Chinese people, and recognizes China's peaceful foreign policy and its "one country, two systems" reunification policy.

According to the daily, in 2004 the two countries signed 16 agreements on cooperation on sanitary controls, biotechnology, education, health, agriculture, meteorology, telecommunications and electronics.

Cuban Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque also sent a congratulatory message on the occasion to his Chinese counterpart Li Zhaoxing.

In the message, Perez Roque expressed satisfaction over the fraternal links between the two nations and vowed to further strengthen them.

MNA/Xinhua

Laos treasures regional economic integration

VIENTIANE, 29 Sept — Laos has attached great importance to full ASEAN integration since its entry into the block in 1997, and called for support from older member countries, Lao Prime Minister Bounnhang Vorachith said here on Wednesday.

Addressing the opening ceremony of the 37th ASEAN Economic Ministers meeting (AEM), he appealed for continued support and cooperation from regional countries and international organizations, including regional and international financial institutions, so that Laos can rapidly overcome challenges it faces during the process of integrating its national economy into the regional and global trading and economic system.

"The key areas that urgently need support and cooperation are poverty eradication and bridging the development gap," the Prime Minister said.

The effective implementation of the Initiatives for ASEAN Integration (IAI) and the Roadmap for ASEAN Integration (RIA) along with the development of infrastructure, human re-

sources development, information technology and ASEAN regional economic integration, will contribute significantly to narrowing the development gap among ASEAN members, he stressed.—MNA/Xinhua

Seminar for SMEs on managing IPR held in HK

HONG KONG, 29 Sept — A seminar on intellectual property rights (IPR) protection was held here Wednesday to discuss the importance of intellectual property rights (IPR) in business development.

Speaking at the ceremony, director of Intellectual Property of Hong Kong Stephen Selby said the Intellectual Property Department had been making consistent efforts to promote IPR protection to local SMEs.

"Seminars are an effective means to help raise the awareness of local SMEs about IPR protection. The active participation and strong support of SMEs at the event shows that our strategy and the topics concerned satisfied their needs," he said.—MNA/Xinhua

Thai PM to make multifaceted visit to EU, Russia

BANGKOK, 29 Sept — Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra will visit four member countries of the European Union (EU), as well as Russia next month, reported the *Thai News Agency* on Tuesday.

The Prime Minister announced on Monday that he would visit the EU on 9-16 October to strengthen ties and cooperation in all areas, including trade, investment, industry, education, arts and culture, and tourism, as well as in regard to anti-terrorism and combating transnational crime.

The Premier will attend the 33th General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris to deliver a keynote speech on "Education for All".

Thaksin will become the first Thai Prime Minister, invited to honourably deliver a keynote message at a UNESCO general conference. — MNA/Xinhua

Five die, eight missing in floods in far-western Nepal

KATHMANDU, 29 Sept — At least five people have died and eight others have been missing in floods in a district of far-western Nepal, the local government office confirmed here on Wednesday.

"A total of 13 people were swept away by the Sirsa rivulet in spate of which five were found dead, following incessant rains within this week at Sirsa Village of Dadeldhura District, some 800 kilometres west of Kathmandu," the District Administrative Office said in a Press statement.

At least eight people are still missing in the flood, the statement noted, adding, "It is assumed that those missing could have been killed in the disaster."

The team of the International Red Cross Committee has reached the flood affected area on Tuesday and started rescue operations, the statement said.

The drinking water facility has been totally disrupted in Baitadi District, the neighbouring district of Dadeldhura, owing to torrential downpours and landslides, the statement noted.

Meanwhile, more than 173 families were displaced and many of them are missing from six villages in Kanchanpur District in far-western Nepal following inundation caused by burst of a dam in the local Mahakali River on Sunday. — MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi man raises his hands looking at a burning US military vehicle, in Baghdad, Iraq, on 29 Sept, 2005. —INTERNET

Bangladesh plans to develop three new gas fields

DHAKA, 29 Sept— The government of Bangladesh plans to develop three gas fields — Semutang, Shahbazpur and Kamta — for production to meet increasing demand.

Gas demand in the country in the next two years may increase by 30 percent, from the current 1,500 million cubic feet to around 2,000 million cubic feet per day, the *New Age* reported on Wednesday.

The gas demand increased by around 41 per cent in the last three years. Petrobangla, the state-run oil, gas and mineral corporation, supplied 1,050

million cubic feet per day in 2001, which grew to around 1,500 million cubic feet in 2005.

The government was seriously considering developing Semutang gas field, which would add gas supply to the southern Chittagong soon. The field has a recoverable reserve of 122 billion cubic feet.

Petrobangla was also asked to conduct a study for bringing Shahbazpur gas field into the national grid.

Although the field is nearing completion of development, its gas could not be brought into the national grid from island district Bhola, as gas transmission line would have to cross three big rivers, including the Meghna. Shahbazpur has a reserve of 465 billion cubic feet.

MNA/Xinhua

Russia eases Indonesia way to more guns

JAKARTA, 29 Sept — Russia has offered Indonesia more facilities to buy arms and opportunities to master defence technology against the backdrop of an arms embargo imposed by Indonesia's traditional weapons supplier, the United States, the *Jakarta Post* reported here on Wednesday.

The Indonesian Defence Ministry's director-general of procurement Pieter LD Wattimena said that both countries had agreed on "a simple mechanism" for arms deals in the future, including Indonesia's plan to buy 12 more *Sukhoi* jet fighters, as well as an aircraft carrier and missiles.

"Russia has offered us a counter-trade mechanism and the payments are negotiable as Russia has also agreed to open bank accounts to channel export credits to Indonesia," said Pieter, who is fresh from a visit to Russia last week.

Pieter led a delegation to Moscow also negotiated the purchase of weaponry for the four *Sukhois* Indonesia bought in 2003.

The Indonesian House of Representatives approved a budget allocation of 21 trillion rupiah (around 2.1 billion US dollars) for defence in fiscal 2005, accounting for 6 per cent of the overall budget. For next year, the government has proposed an increase of two trillion rupiah (Some 0.1 billion US dollars).

MNA/Xinhua

Nepal tries to get labour quotas from developed countries

KATHMANDU, 29 Sept—Nepal has been doing its bid to get labour quotas from the developed countries like Japan, Australia, New Zealand and some of the European nations, senior Nepali Government official said here on Wednesday.

"If all goes well, the Nepali workers will have their dreams of working in developed countries come true as the Nepali Government is busy corresponding with those countries," Ram Narayan Singh, Minister for Labour and Transport Management, told reporters.

The Nepali Government is still holding discussions with the concerned officials of the developed nations to get labour quotas, Singh noted, adding, "Efforts are underway to acquire them as early as possible."

MNA/Xinhua



People surf the Internet at a cybercafe in Chengdu city, in China's southwestern province of Sichuan recently. —INTERNET

Singapore opens first public cord blood bank

SINGAPORE, 29 Sept— Singapore Health Minister Khaw Boon Wan opened the country's first public cord blood bank of international standards on Wednesday, according to Channel NewsAsia report.

Also the first of its kind in Southeast Asia, the Singapore Cord Blood Bank is expected to save some 80 Singaporeans with blood disorders and cancers every year, as well as patients from the region.

Having collected about 500 umbilical cord blood units in public hospitals, the bank hopes to extend its

collection to private hospitals by the end of this year.

It aims to increase its store to 10,000 units in three to five years, which will provide patients with an 80-per-cent chance of finding a good match, according to doctors. The newly-opened bank will also join the US National Bone Marrow Donor Programme to increase the chance for a good match. Out of the 200 to 400 Singaporeans who are diagnosed with fatal blood diseases every year, some 80 to 90 need to do the cord blood match, the report said.

MNA/Xinhua

Africa grows in world energy market

JOHANNESBURG, 29 Sept— Africa was taking its rightful place on the world's energy market, the president of the International Gas Union said here on Wednesday.

Addressing the on-going World Petroleum Conference in Johannesburg, George Verberg said: "more and more Africa is taking its rightful position to serve its own and the world's energy demands."

The continent's importance in the industry

was growing, proof of which was the money G-8 nations had promised to spend on the continent at the recent Gleneagles summit.

The US now imported 17 per cent of its oil from Africa, compared to 12 per cent from Saudi Arabia,

said President of Chevron Global Gas, John Gass.

"The world's thirst for energy is opening the taps on a huge flow of investment into Africa," he added.

While it was clear that oil would remain the dominant source of energy

for some time to come, Gass said the role of natural gas globally was forecast to grow very strongly. "Natural gas has very much come of age. In the past 20 years, demand for natural gas has increased 70 per cent."

MNA/Xinhua

Arroyo welcomes winning Filipina in Miss Int'l beauty pageant

MANILA, 29 Sept— President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo congratulated the winning of a Filipino model in the 2005 Miss International beauty pageant held in Tokyo, Japan, the government said on Tuesday.

The country applauded for the 22-year-old Filipino fashion model, Lara Quigaman, on Monday night after she was crowned as the 2005 Miss International.

"On behalf of all Filipinas, I congratulate Lara Quigaman for winning the Miss International title," Arroyo said.

"She joins a long list of Filipinas who have brought our country honour and prestige, not only for their beauty, but also for their intelligence, charm and grace," she added.—MNA/Xinhua

Ex-singer sentenced to 50-year jail for drug-trafficking

BANGKOK, 29 Sept— A former Thai singer was sentenced to 50 years in jail and a one-million-bhat (25,000-US-dollar) fine for his involvement in drug-trafficking, *The Nation* reported on Wednesday.

Thailand's Criminal Court ruled on a drug-trafficking case against a Hong Kong man Chung King Fu, 38; singer Worayos Boonthongnum, 24; and Worayos' girlfriend Jaruwan Chotchalermsak, 35. The three were charged with possessing 2,989 ecstasy pills with intent to sell.

Worayos was also charged with possessing four bottles of ketamine

and five grams of marijuana for consumption, while Chung was also charged with illegal entry into the Kingdom, the Thai newspaper said.

On the night of 5 May, 2004, Worayos and Chung were arrested in Bangkok during a sting operation in which an undercover policeman had arranged to buy 1,000 ecstasy pills from them.

MNA/Xinhua



Panasonic News Bureau staff Satoko Kubo displays an adapter for high-definition-ready, high-speed power line communication (HD-PLC), Matsushita Electric Industrial Co, Ltd's brand new broadband technology, during its demonstration in Tokyo on 29 September, 2005. —INTERNET

Care of older persons

Ko Sit (Social Welfare)

Every year, the International Day of Older Persons falls on 1 October. As a UN-member nation, Myanmar has been observing the Day annually since 1999, and this year will see the holding of the seventh anniversary of the Day in the nation.

Today's global people live longer than ever thanks to the developments in the biotechnology. On the other hand, the rise in the population of older persons has become a social problem to be reckoned with all over the world. And in most of the global nations, the work volume of caring the aged grows larger together with the increase in their population, especially, the problem has been noticeable in Japan, the Republic of Korea and Singapore, three East Asia nations, witnessing a significant rise in the number of people enjoying longevity, and facing difficulties in redressing the burden, despite the assistance the respective governments are providing for the senior citizens from their social security funds.

The UN on its part has laid down five fundamental principles for the elder persons to enjoy a better and pleasant life, and the principles are:

(a) Independence, — enabling the aged

to stand on their own feet, while having all the basic requirements;

(b) Participation — offering them opportunity to take part in social and charity organizations;

(c) Care — reciprocal care between the old and the young;

(d) Self-fulfilment — enabling the elderly to enhance their own efficiency and open their own opportunities

(e) Dignity — to enjoy a secure life with dignity.

The East Asian nations including the ASEAN members, are offering the following six services to address the old-age problem, with above-mentioned principles as the base:

- home care service,
- home-based care service,
- community-based care service,
- group home care service
- day care centre
- voluntary elderly home

It has been over 90 years since Myanmar has set up homes for the aged and carried out the task of looking after the older persons. At present, 52 homes for the aged in the entire nation are providing shelter, care and protection for 2,196 elderly persons. The remaining aged persons are living with their sons or daughters or grandchildren or rela-

tives enjoying life through thick and thin.

However poor they are, some of the grandpas and grandmas of Myanmar have no wish to live in any of the homes for the aged for reasons ranging from home sickness to unwillingness to leave their native areas or social environment.

For example, Myitkyina, the local government seat of Kachin State, and Hpa-an, the capital of Kayin State, have homes for the aged, but the number of persons wishing to live in the homes is low, although most of them are

million. As the population of the persons from ages 15 to 59 is 32.1 million, on average terms, about seven persons of the age bracket are caring an elderly person.

In 2020, the number of persons of ages 60 and above will increase to 7.8 million or 10.5 per cent of the world population. At the same time, the number of persons between ages 15 and 59 will be only 31.6 million, meaning that the strength of the working force will be less than that of 2004. At that time there will be only

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accepting and providing care and other services for the elderly, who have no one to rely on, regardless of race, creed and social status.

Like the world itself, Myanmar is witnessing the increasing population of senior citizens. The 2004 record indicated that Myanmar had 4.46 million senior citizens or 8.21 per cent of her population of 54.3

four persons to look after one elderly person. We will be somewhat like Japan where only about 3.6 persons of the working force is looking after an aged person.

For us, old-age care, on which the whole planet is concentrating, is not a big issue. Of the six methods, Myanmar has been implementing the system of setting up homes for the aged on a wider scale. In addition, the methods — home care service, home-based care service and day care centre — are specially suitable to Myanmar as they are cost effective in ensuring health and happiness for the senior citizens.

We will have to make preparations from now on for addressing the problem that may arise from the growing number of elderly persons in the future.

(Translation: TMT)

Care for the Old

- * High tech and advanced sciences
Slow down the aging process
And yet we all have to tread
The final walks of old age thread
- * General weakness in all senses
Slow motions and gradual loss in strength
Once upon a time days of vigor and health
Old age can be a big nuisance and threat
- * Fine Myanmar tradition and culture
Full respect for the elders
Caring the older and the wiser
Families treat them as true pillars
- * From rosy paths and thorny steps
Good judgment and wisdom they did get
Resourceful and experienced
To community, services still added
- * Those not-so-lucky few
Stricken and beaten by ill fate through
Let's give love, care and protection to woo
And to boost their morale up from the blue
- * Time, labour, cash or kind
Just to foster a caring mind
With sesame seeds all combined
We sure can make oil
To ignite the fuel

For "a better society for all ages"

Aye Phyu



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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS
1st OCTOBER 2005

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"သက်ရွယ်စုံညီ၊ လူ့ဘောင်ဆီသို့"



In memory of the late Daw Aye Thein, U Hla Shwe and family of No 2/501, Thadu Housing Estate, Laydaungtan Road, Thingangyun Township, donate K 110,000 for construction of Hospital for the Aged to Treasurer U Aung Than of Hninzigon Home for the Aged Administrative Board recently. — H

Teachers are to constantly nurture students as well as themselves as they are required to pursue a life-long learning



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents best trainee award to JAT Daw Mya San Kyi of Paypinchaung BEPS in Bago Township. — MNA

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refresher courses, is effectively enhancing the morale, qualifications and ability of basic education teachers who serve as the most fundamental resource of the education sector.

It is natural that each and every citizen wants to witness prospects and progress of his motherland and people.

Similarly, every government is constructing infrastructures and creating opportunities with genuine goodwill to enable the people to lead a peaceful life within the framework of law with higher standard of living.

In the drive for the improvement of a nation and its people, it is necessary for this nation to have rights to be on the most suitable track towards sustainable development in conformity with its background history, prevailing situations and national character.

In this regard, it is required to be aware of the point that a developing nation like the Union of Myanmar, that wants to be able to stand tall as an independent and sovereign nation with own prestige and integrity, has not only to make extraordinary efforts with nationalistic

fervour but also to ward off difficulties sparked by certain foreign nations.

He spotlighted the need for the entire national people to enhance own national strength in order to help put the mother country on the most appropriate path with a brighter future, while modernizing the nation with self-reliant endeavours.

Today, the education sector is playing a more important role than any other sector, so all the teachers are to be firmly

convinced that high education standard can serve as the engine for enhancing national strength. He urged the trainees to carry out the tasks with a sense of duty conscientious in the education sector through which the future of national people can be shaped in the interests of the nation.

He cited the speech of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe delivered at the opening ceremony of the Myanmar and International Studies Course No 7 organized by the Union Solidarity and Development Association, saying that at present measures are being taken for the betterment of the nation based on the assessment of past events.

The present work programmes are aimed at creating a good environment for the future nation through the lessons from the past evidences.

And the Head of State added that it is required to thoroughly notice what is the most indispensable requirement of the present nation. The major task in this period is to industrialize the nation, which is to be implemented through the decisive determination of each and every citizen.

In compliance with

the guidance of the Head of State, the projects in all sectors are being implemented systematically to be interrelated each other for transforming the nation into a peaceful and modern one.

At the same time, the border areas development project, the 24-region development project, and the five rural development tasks are well under way to ensure equitable progress of all parts of the nation with economic and social infrastructures.

As the 30-year long-term projects are being implemented in economic, education and health sectors harmoniously, officials concerned are to make efforts in concert sector-wise in order to successfully complete all the projects.

All are to be con-

vinced that the speedy implementation of respective projects, and harmony with other sectors plays a pivotal role in the drive for national development.

He again stressed the importance of the participation of all the citizens with decisive determination in a bid to modernize the nation.

In particular, teachers in the education sector are to strive for creation of greater opportunities and production of more human resources for the future nation, while discharging the duties included in the national education promotion plan.

Only when all-round developed national education foundation is built and today's youths are nurtured to become skilled ones in line with the goals, will it be pos-

sible to fulfil the requirements for national progress, and the nation will enjoy sustainable development.

Constant progress of study, technology and knowledge leads to development of branches, integrated subjects and segregated subjects of the technological field. Likewise, modern learning methods are improving constantly.

In such a constant change in technological development, teachers are to constantly nurture the students as well as themselves as they are required to pursue a life-long learning.

Now, the government has established a lot of new basic education schools so that the students have got an easy access to pursuit of education.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially converses with trainees of Special Refresher Course No 57 for Basic Education Teachers at CICS (Phaunggyi). — MNA

Citizens urged to participate in a bid to modernize the nation

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There are now 40,525 schools — 1,962 high schools, 2,604 middle schools, 5,545 post primary schools and 30,414 primary schools — in the nation. The rural areas have 36,122 schools and border areas 1,034.

Teachers should conduct organizational campaign to increase the school enrollment rate and the number of students. Only then will the students be able to enjoy the education opportunities opened by the government. The government is also providing teaching aids to schools according to its budget allotments.

Teachers on their part will have to organize the locals to provide teaching aids for schools and to effectively use them. They will have to imple-

ment education promotion tasks together with the rural development tasks.

They will have to teach their pupils to observe the school disciplines and local traditions, and love and cherish cultural heritage. Teachers should try to improve the morals and manners of the students.

The government laid down the seven-point Road Map and is in the process of building a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation for the perpetuation of the Union and the people to stand tall among the international community.

At the same time, the saboteurs who totally lack patriotism are launching evil acts to break up the Union, destroy peace and stability, and cause commotion and inviting international sanctions to make the people suffer more.

They committed such wicked acts to destroy sound foundations built by the national brethren in unity. They did so inviting international sanctions based on ideological prejudices in order to push the people into a deeper misery.

All have witnessed the acts of those unscrupulous elements caused hardships among the people and civil commotion.

It happened as they attempted to grab power through short cut since their attempt to bar any kind of international humanitarian aids including those of the UN failed to work.

Thus, the most important requirement for the nation is the vitalization of the spirit to love the

Most important requirement for the nation is the vitalization of the spirit to love the nation, patriotism, and Union Spirit that serve the people's interest.

Commander inspects irrigation facilities, agricultural tasks in Paung, Thaton

YANGON, 30 Sept — Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing together with Brig-Gen Myint Soe of Thaton Station and officials arrived at the project site of Kyonhtaw Sluice Gate in Paung Township on 28 September, and heard reports on tasks of the sluice gate presented by an official.

Officials of Myanma Agriculture Service briefed the commander on cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy and other crops in the respective townships, and local farmers on availability of water from the sluice gate and requirements. After fulfilling requirements, the commander instructed them to strive for gaining success in the agriculture sector of the region.

Next, the commander inspected outlet channel and valves of the sluice gate.

On arrival at Wahpa Dam in Thaton



Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing inspects Zaikkaye Sluice Gate in Thaton Township.— MNA

Township, Director U Khin Maung Tint of Irrigation Department submitted reports on functions of the dam. After hearing the reports, the commander oversaw the dam.

At Zaikkaye Sluice Gate, the commander heard reports on matters related to the sluice gate presented by Director U Myint Tun Latt of Construction-6 of Irrigation Department, and cultivation of over 20,000 acres of monsoon paddy by the

township MAS manager.

Local farmers reported to the commander on thriving monsoon and summer paddy and other crops and requirements. The commander gave instructions on successful implementation of five rural development tasks and development of agriculture sector.

Local people reported on requirement of teachers at Aungkantha Village and construction of school buildings. The commander presented 50

bags of cement for construction of the school building and attended to the needs.

In Pawdawmu Village, the commander viewed thriving 15 acres of monsoon paddy of farmer U Aung Soe.

On arrival at Kyonka Farm in Paung Township, the commander heard reports on growing of perennial crops and matters related to plant propagation system, and visited the farm.

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To Vaclav Havel and Desmond Tu Tu

* The clear and still water
Won't set murky, even if you throw stone in it
Maybe, it will pop a bubble
To return to original stage and remain thus
Only stone thrower will be put to shame.

* Today, of those intent on
Destroying Myanmar feature
Get into acts of destruction purposely
throw stones
Actually, it is you who will be disfigured
Myanmar will retain status quo
And will move ahead with chin up.

Po Wa (Trs)

nation, patriotism, and Union Spirit that serve the people's interest.

Under those circumstances, teachers will have to nurture their pupils to be equipped with the intellectual power to build the nation. In addition, they should further vitalize patriotism, the spirit to serve the national interest and Union Spirit.

Thanks to the government's correct leadership, and the participation of the people with correct national outlook in the national development undertakings, the nation can ward off all attempts to blackmail and oppress her, and is on the right track towards gradual progress. The holding of the National Convention, the first step of the Road Map has been in progress.

In conclusion, the Secretary-1 urged teachers to strive for continuous emergence of brilliant intellectuals and intelligentsia possessing strong patriotism and Union Spirit that will help nation stand tall with dignity and perpetuate her; and to play their respective parts with patriotism for the success of the Road Map.

The Secretary-1 presented the model trainee awards to junior assistant teacher U Thet Lwin, of No 1 BEMS, Patheingyi Township, Ayeyawady Division, and JAT Daw Mya San Kyi of Paypinchaung BEPS, Bago Township, Bago Division, the award for perseverance to JAT U Myint Tun of Myoma Post-BEPS, Taikkyi Township, Yangon Division, JAT Daw Mya Hnit of Targaing BEPS, Patheingyi Township, and senior assistant teacher Daw Tin Yi of Mayangon Township BEHS, Yangon Division. He also presented model hostel awards.

The trainees presented K 321,800 for Lawka Chantha Ahabaya Laba Muni Buddha Image, Koenawin Pagoda, Bagan pagodas, National Convention, USDA, and post-primary school and high school of CICS. The Secretary-1 cordially greeted the trainees.

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Flood Warning

YANGON, 30 Sept — According to the (06:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Toungoo is (577) cm. It may reach the danger level (600) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

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Special Weather News

Low pressure occurs over Bay of Bengal

YANGON, 30 Sept — According to the observations at 06.30 hours MST today, the low pressure area occurs over central Bay of Bengal.

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Minister for Finance and Revenue arrives back from IMF & WB Conference



Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun explains financial matters and economic development of Myanmar at 60th Conference of IMF and WB.— F&R

YANGON, 30 Sept— Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun and party attended the 38th SEA Voting Groups at the hall of the BOD of World Bank, Washington DC, on 23 September morning.

Laotian Minister of Finance Mr Chansy Phosikham presided over the meeting. Economic expert Mr Rajan of International Monetary Fund explained matters related to the global economy. Vice-President of World Bank Mr Kassum discussed providing cash assistance to infrastructure projects. Those present actively participated in the discussions. They exchanged their views on global economy, cash assistance for infrastructure projects, and duty extension of staff at WB, IMF and SEA Voting Group Offices. The participants agreed that respective countries are to reply consideration for extension of term of office of the staff at SEA Voting Group Offices within six months.

Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung

signed an MoU on new programme for ASEAN monetary exchange.

The Myanmar delegation attended the Central Committee Meeting of the Asian-Europe Finance Ministers' Meeting, the Tienxin Task Force Meeting and the Reserved Fund Management Governors' Meeting.

The 60th Annual Conference of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank was held at Daughters of American Revolution (DAR) Constitution Hall in Washington, DC, of the United States of America on 24 and 25 September. It was attended by finance ministers of IMF and WB member countries, governors, delegation members, guests, personnel of NGOs, and the Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun.

On 24 September morning, Meeting Chairman Mr Andre Philippe extended greetings. Managing Director Mr Rodrigo de Rato of IMF and WB Governor Mr Wolfowitz reviewed economy growth of IMF member countries and co-

operation in monetary matters.

The second-day session of the conference continued at IMF's meeting hall on 25 September. Finance ministers of various countries explained financial and monetary matters of their countries and economic development.

Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun explained financial and monetary matters of Myanmar and growth of economy. Next, Conference Chairman Mr Andre Philippe gave the concluding remarks, and the meeting came to an end successfully.

The Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun arrived back here yesterday evening. The minister and party were welcomed back at the airport by Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe, Vice-Governor of CBMU Than Nyein, departmental heads and officials.

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Annual general meeting of Mingaladon Township USDA held

YANGON, 30 Sept — Mingaladon Township Union Solidarity and Development Association held the annual general meeting 2005 at its office this morning, with an address by Secretariat Member Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw.

The Secretariat Member presented prizes and certificates of honour to out-

standing students, one USDA organizer and one blood donor. Next, he accepted cash donations from wellwishers and membership applications from 487 newcomers.

Also present at the meeting were secretaries and executives of division, district and township USDAs and wellwishers.

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Secretariat Member CPT Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw presents cash prize to an outstanding student at Annual General Meeting of Mingaladon Township USDA.— COMMUNICATIONS

New Delhi has best qualified population of India

NEW DELHI, 30 Sept— Indian capital New Delhi has been rated by the *India Science Report* as the city with best qualified population of the country.

According to the *India Science Report*, released on Wednesday, among all areas of the country, Delhi has the best qualified population with 16 per cent of all Delhiites (the people living in Delhi) having at least a graduate degree. The *India Science Report* has been prepared by the country's leading economic think-tank, National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCEAR) at the initiative of the Indian National Science Academy.

However, the report observes that northern state Uttar Pradesh, which is the most populous region in the country, holds

the distinction of having the largest number of graduates and above in the country.

At an all-India level, 6 per cent of the country's population (above the age of 10) is at least graduate and above and another 12 per cent has passed class 12 and/or has a diploma, the report said.

According to the report, India has 48.7 million graduates and above and about a fourth of these have a background of science education. According to the report, Indians have faith in science as 77 per cent Indians feel science and technology make lives healthier and easier

as compared to 86 per cent in the United States.

The report also negates the myth that southern Karnataka is the country's knowledge centre, as it is another southern state, Andhra Pradesh that has the highest population of science graduates in the country — of the 12.1 million science graduates and diploma holders, 14 per cent are in Karnataka alone. Bangalore, which is the capital of Karnataka, is known as India's Silicon Valley. Hyderabad, the capital of Andhra Pradesh, was once known as cyberabad for its booming IT industry.

MNA/Xinhua

Religious Affairs Minister receives Bangladeshi Ambassador

YANGON, 30 Sept— Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung received

Bangladeshi Ambassador Mr M Khairuzzaman at his office this afternoon.

Also present at the

call were directors-general and departmental officials of the Ministry of Religious Affairs. —MNA



Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung receives Bangladeshi Ambassador Mr M Khairuzzaman. — MNA



Vice-Chairman of e-National Task Force CSSTB member U Aung Myint being welcomed back at Yangon International Airport after attending 5th ASEAN Communications and Information Technology Ministers Meeting held in Hanoi, Vietnam. — COMMUNICATIONS

UNSG urges more activities linking sports, development, peace

UNITED NATIONS, 30 Sept — UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Wednesday called for further initiatives to use sport to promote development and peace in this International Year of Sport.

"It is imperative that the programme and institutional and advocacy initiatives that advance sport for development and peace during the International Year of Sport and Physical Education lead to sustained long-term effects within the United Nations and among Government, private sector and civil society partners," Annan says in a new report to the General Assembly, which established the international year.

In the report, he affirmed that athletics are an excellent vehicle for promoting education, health, development and peace as part of the overall effort to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the set of eight time-bound targets for reducing extreme poverty and hunger and other ills by 2015.

The General Assembly proclaimed in 2003 the year 2005 as the International Year of Sport and Physical Education.

MNA/Xinhua

China actively promotes ASEAN+3 cooperation

VIENTIANE, 30 Sept — China attaches importance to the economic cooperation among the 10-member ASEAN and its three dialogue partners — China, Japan and South Korea, and is ready to promote such cooperation for the regional prosperity, Chinese Vice-Commerce Minister Yu Guangzhou said here on Thursday.

China treasures the economic and trade cooperation with members of ASEAN+3 on the basic principles of equal consultation, win-win relations, gradual development, openness and harmonization, Yu said after the 8th AEM (ASEAN Economic Ministers) Plus 3 Consultation and Consultation with the East Asia Business Council (EABC).

"China is ready to further promote the economic cooperation of East Asia and contribute to the regional economic development and common prosperity of East Asian countries," he said. According to Yu, China put forth at the meeting a new cooperative project titled "A Seminar for Senior International Engineering Project Management for ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations) Countries," which has won support from other delegates.

China has actively initiated joint projects, including ones on practical technical training, environmental protection and e-commerce training, he said, adding the country is also taking the lead in the Joint Expert Group of feasibility study on the East Asia Free Trade

Area (EAFTA). Recognizing the necessity of the region's better response to soaring oil price and oil supply disruption, the ministers during the consultation suggested cooperation on a range of issues, including energy efficiency and conservation, diversification of energy supply and use of alternative and renewable energy, effective and clean use of resources, oil stockpiling system development and energy-related statistics development.

During the consultation, the ministers also discussed major issues of the establishment of EAFTA, including the liberalization of different kinds of goods and services, South Korean Trade Minister Kim Hyun-chong said, adding senior economic officials will gather in Vietnam's Hanoi next month for further discussions. The ministers reiterated the importance of continuing regional economic integration as a means to beef up trade and investment flows. The trade volume among ASEAN+3 surged to 258.2 billion US dollars in 2004 from 206.5 billion dollars in 2003.

MNA/Xinhua

A man pushes his flatbed tricycle loaded with boxes full of clothing through a warehouse district in Beijing, on 28 September. — INTERNET



Firefighters battle brush fire near Los Angeles for second day

LOS ANGELES, 30 Sept — Hundreds of firefighters on Thursday battled for the second day a rampant brush fire that had scorched at least 7,000 acres in two Southern California counties and destroyed at least two structures and prompted the closure of several schools.

The fire broke out on Wednesday afternoon on the north side of the Ronald Reagan freeway, some 50 kilometres northwest here, then spread along rocky and steep terrain in west Los Angeles County and parts of Ventura County, threatening homes and causing residents to flee.

What sparked the blaze was not immediately determined, according to the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

Meanwhile, Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, who has been spending time on the fire line, on Thursday called on county Chief Administrative Officer David Janssen to declare a local disaster.

Such a declaration would initiate the process through which local governments will be able to secure aid from the state, said a spokesman of the county

supervisor.

The fire destroyed a home in Chatsworth and an outbuilding at the Rocketdyne facility in Simi Valley, the Los Angeles County Fire Department reported.

Officials on Thursday backed off their earlier estimates that some 10,000 acres had been consumed, but said an updated area estimate will be released once another aerial mapping of the fire's perimeter is completed.

Hundreds of residents of the fire-affected communities have been evacuated and those in nearby areas are perhaps soon to follow, according to the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

About 20 schools in the area were closed, not because the buildings were directly threatened but, in part, because the fire had made the air hard to breathe, officials said. — MNA/Xinhua

Singapore reiterates commitment to clean seas

SINGAPORE, 30 Sept — Singapore Transport Minister Yeo Cheow Tong reiterated the city state's commitment to preventing maritime pollution here on Wednesday.

Addressing the opening of the International Chemical and Oil Pollution Conference and Exhibition (ICOPCE), Yeo said that Singapore has built up a regime of prevention and response capabilities.

"We are now party to all six MARPOL (The International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Annexes, making us one of only 24 countries in the world to do so," Yeo noted, adding that Singapore's local regulations comply with international standards.

He said the city state also committed to upgrading its capability to re-

spond to chemical spills at sea by acceding to related international protocol and convention.

Under the Memorandum of Understanding between Singapore and the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) will continue to offer training courses on maritime safety and prevention and marine environmental protection, according to Yeo. Some 300 delegates from about 20 countries came to attend the three-day ICOPCE to exchange views on global, regional and industry specific initiatives in pollution prevention and response. — MNA/Xinhua

Four killed in German ambulance helicopter crash

BERLIN, 30 Sept — All four people aboard an ambulance helicopter died on Wednesday when it crashed in the heavily forested hills east of the city of Stuttgart.

The pilot, a doctor, a nurse and a sick 28-year-

old woman being transported from a hospital in Stuttgart to one in Munich, were all killed in the crash and subsequent explosion.

Police quoted witnesses as saying that the BK-117 helicopter, which

was operated by the Rettungsflugwacht company, was clipping tree-tops as it flew over the area.

The cause of the accident is still under investigation.

MNA/Xinhua



A helicopter drops fire retardant on hillsides on Thursday morning, 29 Sept, 2005, in the Chatsworth area of Los Angeles. Wind-driven brush fires are ringing huge areas of Southern California. Thousands of acres across four counties have been scorched. — INTERNET

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Medicine prices lower by 40% in China

BEIJING, 29 Sept — The State Development and Reform Commission announced on Wednesday it was lowering the upper limit on the retail sales prices of 22 categories of medicine.

The prices of the medicines, which involve more than 400 specific medicinal products, are expected to fall an average of some 40 per cent.

MNA/Xinhua

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Russia to urge Iran to resume nuclear talks with EU

VIENNA, 29 Sept — Russia will call on Iran to resume its talks with the European Union (EU) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Russia's federal nuclear agency chief Alexander Rumyantsev said on Tuesday.

"We perfectly realize that under the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), Iran has every right for enrichment," Rumyantsev said in an interview with the *Der Standard* daily.

However, "we keep

advising them not to start enrichment," he said.

The Russian official made the remarks after the IAEA board of governors adopted an EU-drafted resolution Saturday, accusing Iran of breaching the NPT Safeguards Agreement.

Russia, which abstained from the IAEA voting, supports the proposal by IAEA head Mohamed ElBaradei to work out a plan to provide nuclear fuel to all countries, said Rumyantsev.

Iran has fiercely re-

jected the IAEA resolution as "unacceptable and illegal".

"The resolution is unacceptable and illegal. The Europeans even failed to get a consensus on it," Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid-Reza Asefi said.

The current crisis was triggered by Teheran's resumption of highly sensitive uranium enrichment last month after its talks with the EU trio of Germany, Britain and France have grounded to a halt.

MNA/Xinhua

Police win more time to quiz four on grave robbery

LONDON, 29 Sept — Detectives investigating the desecration of a pensioner's grave have been granted extra time to quiz four people they are holding over the incident, Staffordshire Police said on Wednesday.

Police arrested five people on Tuesday as part of their probe into a long and violent campaign against owners of a farm which bred guinea pigs for medical research. One was released later on police bail. The Hall family at Darley Oaks Farm in Staffordshire endured abuse, death threats and, in the worst incident of a six-year campaign, a family grave was desecrated.

In August, the family said the business would return to traditional farming, a decision they hoped would lead to the return of the body of Gladys Hammond, the mother-in-law of one of the co-owners. On Tuesday, Staffordshire detectives raided four addresses arresting a 35-year-old man in Manchester, a 36-year-old man

in Birmingham, a 38-year-old man in Wolverhampton and a 37-year-old woman in Burntwood, Staffordshire.

The men were arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to blackmail David Hall and Partners.

Detectives said they had also arrested a woman, 23, in Wolverhampton on suspicion of obstructing police and assaulting an officer. She was later released on conditional bail.

The grave of Hammond, who died eight years ago aged 82, was dug up and her remains taken away in October 2004.

No group has claimed responsibility for the action, the culmination of one of the most sustained harassment campaigns by animal rights activists in Britain. — MNA/Reuters

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV ZHE HAI 315 VOYNO (029)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ZHE HAI 315 VOY NO (029) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 2.10.2005 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Philippines establishes new anti-crime task force

MANILA, 29 Sept — A new task force was established to fight heinous crimes and streamline all other groups formed to fight criminality, the Philippine Government said Wednesday.

Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo issued an Executive Order (EO), demanding the formation of the National

Anti-Crime Task Force (NACTAF) under the Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Commission to enhance coordination between and among agencies engaged in fight against criminality to improve the government's effectiveness and efficiency in maintaining peace and order.

MNA/Xinhua

Mexico nabs Guatemalan troops with lines to cartel

MEXICO CITY, 29 Sept — Mexico said it had arrested five members of an elite Guatemalan military unit on Tuesday who may have been trying to work with a ruthless cartel hit squad on the US-Mexico border.

The Defence Ministry said the members of the "Kaibiles" squad, who were arrested in southern Mexico, may have ties to Mexico's Zetas, a band of brutal ex-military enforcers working for the Gulf Cartel south of Texas.

"These Kaibiles were trained elsewhere but appear to want to be invited ... to work with the Zetas," Defence Minister Gerardo Vega told the Mexican Senate.

The Guatemalan mili-

tary said it had no information of desertions from the Kaibiles unit, which was blamed for rights abuses in the Central American nation's civil war that ended in 1996 and claimed 200,000 lives. More than 1,000 people have been killed amid spiralling drug violence in northern and western Mexico this year, as rival cartels battle for control of the cocaine, marijuana and amphetamines trade to the United States. — MNA/Reuters

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A silhouette of the launching pad ready for the Russian Soyuz TMA-7 rocket is seen against the rising sun at Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan on 29 September, 2005. — INTERNET

Heavy snowfalls in Himalyas kill one Italian climber, 10 rescued

NEW DELHI, 29 Sept— Treacherous weather in the Indian side of the Upper Himalyas killed one Italian climber and a porter, while 10 others were rescued by the defence choppers, *Press Trust of India* reported Wednesday.

According to the news agency, the team leader of the Italian mountaineering team Dalla Longa Marco and a porter were killed due to extreme weather conditions while 10 members of an Italian mountaineering team to Nanda Devi summit were rescued by helicopters in the upper Himalayas of Uttaranchal in India.

Marco, 45, who was reported missing in a snowstorm on way to Nanda Devi summit on Monday, died of asphyxiation. Heavy snowfall and blizzards in the region had forced the team to abandon plans to scale the peak and its members were taking the body of their leader to the Indian capital, New Delhi, *PTI* reported.

The 7,817-metre-high Nanda Devi is the highest mountain in India, and lies in Uttaranchal State of north India in the Himalayas. First scaled by Tilman with Noel Odell in 1936, it remained the highest peak attained by man until the 1950, when another peak Annapurna was conquered.

A porter accompanying climbers from Germany and Austria on an expedition to Kalindi Mountain near Indo-China border died and the team had to give up their attempt after they were hampered by heavy snowfall coupled with high velocity winds, the agency adds. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Turkey urged to lift embargo on Cypriot ships

NICOSIA, 29 Sept— Turkey, an EU candidate country, should lift its embargo against Cypriot flagged vessels and thus fully implement the Customs Union Protocol it signed in late July, a Cypriot shipping official said on Wednesday.

Speaking to reporters, Andreas Drousiotis, president of the Cyprus Shipping Council, expressed hope that Turkey will lift its embargo against Cypriot ships and airplanes by March 2006.

"We have discussed the matter with the government. We clarified that lifting the Turkish embargo against Cypriot ships and airplanes is urgent and very serious. The lifting would be for the benefit of the Cypriot maritime and economy as well," he said.

Both the Cypriot Government and the Shipping Council have warned that the continued ban on the docking of Cypriot-flagged ships in Turkish ports, imposed in 1987, was threatening the viability of the Cyprus flagged ships.

Turkey extended its Customs union in July with EU to new member states, including Cyprus, but said this did not amount to the recognition of the Republic of Cyprus.

Cyprus had the fourth largest ship registry in the world with over 2,500 ships under its flag two years ago. Last year, Cyprus' registry dropped to the ninth place with just over 1,000 ships.

Turkey has also refused to let Cypriot ships and planes use its ports and airports. The EU says this represents a failure to fully implement the Customs accord.

Cyprus, which gained independence from Britain in 1960, has been split into Greek Cypriot south and Turkish Cypriot north since 1974 when Turkish troops took control of the northern third following a Greek-inspired coup.

Efforts by the international community to reunite the island have so far failed, and the south Cyprus joined the EU in May, 2004, leaving the north Cyprus, only recognized by Turkey, outside the bloc. — *MNA/Xinhua*

However, the island is still the third largest registry within the EU after Greece

Baltic states vow to enhance cooperation on protecting airspace

RIGA, 29 Sept — Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia have agreed to strengthen their cooperation on protecting the Baltic states' airspace in the wake of the crash of a Russian fighter nearly two weeks ago, according to reports reaching here from Tallinn on Wednesday.

The prime ministers of the three states, who met on Tuesday in the western Estonian city of Saaremaa within the framework of an annual Baltic ministerial meeting, have agreed to overhaul the efficiency of their airspace inspection, the Estonian spokesman said on Wednesday.

Addressing the subject of a September 15 crash involving a Russian fighter jet, Lithuanian Prime Minister Algirdas Brazauskas said at the meeting that the Russian *SU-27* fighter had been flying through the country's airspace for about 20 minutes and German fighter jets, responsible for policing the airspace over Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania for NATO, did not take off until after the Russian jet crashed.

Russia's Air Force Chief General Vladimir Mikhailov said on Monday that the incident highlighted the weakness of NATO's air defence system. Lithuanian media questioned Russia's explanation that the plane crashed because of technical failures, and instead proposed that the crash was intentionally staged by Russia to test the efficiency of Lithuania and its NATO allies.

Still, the Baltic leaders, whose countries joined NATO last year, said the alliance remains the foothold for regional security and the Baltic states are finding ways to implement their obligations more effectively.

The Russian fighter crashed near the village of Ploksčiai, 90 kilometres northwest of Vilnius, as it was flying in a convoy en route from St Petersburg to the Russian enclave of Kaliningrad.

Russia said the plane was flying through an agreed "corridor" over Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, and veered off-course due to faulty equipment. Lithuania said the plane did not have permission to leave the "corridor" and enter its airspace. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Fishing boat capsized off northern Japan, killing five

TOKYO, 29 Sept — A Japanese fishing boat was found capsized off the coast of Hokkaido early Wednesday morning and the bodies of five crew members have been found inside, the Japan Coast Guard said.

The 19-ton *Shinsei Maru No. 3* was found by another fishing boat around 40 kilometres southeast of Nosappu Cape at the northeastern tip of Hokkaido just before 6 am (2100 GMT).

It is believed to have been carrying eight crew members. The Coast Guard said it rescued one from the capsized boat while searching for the two missing crew members. — *MNA/Xinhua*



An unidentified visitor looks at a Picasso sculpture 'Bull Head' on exhibit in Berlin's Neue Nationalgalerie on 29 September, 2005. The exhibition of paintings, sculptures and other works by Pablo Picasso, that promises a glimpse of 'the private Picasso,' will open to the public on 30 September and run until 22 January, 2006. — INTERNET

NZ defence faces staff shortages

WELLINGTON, 29 Sept— New Zealand defence forces have been facing staff shortfalls to achieve the government's defence policy objectives, said the Wednesday-released Defence Force annual report.

The report said shortfalls in junior to mid-level ranks ranged from 24 per cent to 40 per cent.

Defence Force staff numbers increased by 40 to 12,893 personnel in the past year — the first increase since 1995 when the force was 16,840 strong, the report said.

Air Marshal Bruce Ferguson said a current shortfall and need for additional personnel over the next 10 years affected all services but the Army was worst hit. — *MNA/Xinhua*

SPORTS

Helguera says Real must be more ruthless

MADRID, 30 Sept — Real Madrid must become more ruthless in front of goal, defender Ivan Helguera said after the 2-1 Champions League defeat of Olympiakos on Wednesday.

Roberto Soldado's late winner gave Real their first points in the group, but it was an anxious night in the Bernabeu after Raul's early goal had been cancelled out by Pantelis Kafes.

"This is what always seems to happen in the Bernabeu at present," said Helguera.

"It was the same against Celta Vigo and Athletic Bilbao in the league and now today. What we have to do is finish off games when we have the chances. They attacked once and scored."

Real lost their opening Champions League fixture 3-0 in Lyon and there was a collective sigh of relief when

Soldado headed in David Beckham's cross at the second attempt.

Raul's goal after nine minutes, also from a Beckham cross, made him the record scorer in the history of the Champions League and European Cup.

But the Spanish club, still without Brazil's Ronaldo who was sitting out the second game of a ban, failed to turn their dominance into further goals.

"Perhaps we were a little anxious," said full back Michel Salgado. "This happens when you miss so many chances. But we have certainly lifted the pressure on us."

MNA/Reuters

Liverpool take heart for domestic Chelsea re-match

LIVERPOOL (England), 30 Sept — For a game so eagerly awaited and comprehensively previewed, Liverpool's goalless Champions League showdown with Chelsea proved an unsatisfactory affair.

The all-England clash was tense, physical and often entertaining. But it failed to change the balance of power in Group G or give many clues about how the fate of either side beyond the group stage.

Thursday's clash had been billed as a revenge match following Liverpool's memorable semi-final victory to a single controversial Luis Garcia goal last May. However, without the do-or-die knockout element the match lacked drama and Kop supporters failed to

reproduce that night's unforgettable wall of sound.

It is business as usual on Sunday when Chelsea return north for a Premier League encounter with arguably more at stake for both sides.

In Europe the pair can remain confident, top of their group and on course to qualify for the knockout rounds needing another five points or so from their last four group games. A couple more reasonable results against Anderlecht and Real Betis should see them through.

Neither manager was satisfied. Rafael Benitez, whose side dominated for much of the second half,

was aggrieved Italian referee Massimo De Santis had not awarded the defending champions at least one penalty.

Jose Mourinho, whose team had won all their matches so far this season, felt the game had been smothered in midfield with too many long balls.

"I'm not 100 percent satisfied but it's a point," Mourinho said.

The Portuguese should be the happier man on Thursday. His expensively assembled side, 14 points clear of Liverpool in the Premier League, were pinned in their own half for long periods.

MNA/Reuters

Feynoord, Galatasaray out of UEFA Cup

LONDON, 30 Sept — Former UEFA Cup winners Feyenoord and Galatasaray bowed out of the competition as Rapid Bucharest and Tromso secured surprise places in the group stage on Thursday.

Dutch league leaders Feyenoord, who won the trophy at their own De Kuip stadium in 2002, lost 1-0 in Romania to Rapid Bucharest to go out 2-1 on aggregate. Mugurel Buga headed Rapid's winner after 12 minutes.

Tromso, who are a modest 10th in the 14-team Norwegian championship, dumped out 2000 winners Galatasaray after a 1-1 draw in Istanbul put them through 2-1. Canadian international midfielder Patrice Bernier fired Tromso ahead with Hakan Sukur replying late on.

Bayer Leverkusen, still searching for a coach after Matthias Sammer turned the former Champions League finalists down this week, went out after defeat by CSKA Sofia.

The Bundesliga side, who lost the first leg at home 1-0 — a loss which led to the dismissal of coach Klaus Augenthaler — succumbed to a 67th-minute goal by Moroccan international Mourad Hdiouad as the Bulgarians booked their place in the group stage with a 2-0 aggregate victory.

Leverkusen's caretaker coach Rudi Voeller, who holds the post of director of football, said CSKA deserved to progress.

Bundesliga rivals VfB Stuttgart, who like Bayer have made a moderate start to their league season to put pressure on Italian coach Giovanni Trapattoni, sneaked through despite a 1-0 defeat in Slovenia against NK Domzale.

An early strike from

Dalibor Stevanovic put Domzale back in the tie but Stuttgart, 2-0 up from the home leg, held out.

Holders CSKA Moscow, 3-1 up from the first leg, were playing away at Denmark's FC Midtjylland later on

Thursday.

The group stage comprises eight groups of five clubs. Three teams from each group progress to a knockout phase next spring. The final is in Eindhoven on 10 May.

MNA/Reuters

LuaLua in hospital with suspected malaria

LONDON, 29 Sept — Portsmouth's Democratic Republic of Congo striker Lomana LuaLua has been hospitalised with suspected malaria, the club said on Wednesday.

LuaLua, who played for his country in a World Cup qualifier against Cape Verde in Kinshasa earlier this month, fell ill on Monday and was taken to a Portsmouth hospital.

A hospital spokeswoman described the 24-year-old's condition on Wednesday as "fine".

The club said he would be confined to bed for a minimum of three days.

Asked when the striker might return to Premier League football, a club spokesman said: "We're not putting any timetable on it at the moment."

MNA/Reuters



Sporting Lisbon's Brazilian player Anderson Polga, left, jumps for a high ball with Halmstads BK's Gunnar Heidar Thorvaldsson during their UEFA Cup first round second leg match on 29 Sept, 2005, at the Alvalade stadium in Lisbon, Portugal. Sporting won the first leg 2-1.—INTERNET



Gold medalist Saori Yoshida, center, of Japan laughs when second-placed Su Lihui, left, of China and third-placed Natalia Golts tighten the champions belt on the back of her as the other bronze winner Tonya Verbeek smiles at them on the podium after the final of the women's 55kg weight category of the World Wrestling Championships in Pap Laszlo Sports Arena in Budapest, Hungary, on 29 Sept, 2005.—INTERNET

Rusty Makaay a worry for Bayern before Juve games

MUNICH, 29 Sept — Bayern Munich are well placed to make the Champions League knockout phase after a 1-0 win over Club Brugge but coach Felix Magath is faced with a nagging worry over striker Roy Makaay.

The Dutchman scored six goals in Bayern's first three league games this season before picking up a knee injury while on international duty.

Physically, it was far from serious but it seems to have destroyed his rhythm — just as a ham-

string strain did at a crucial time in last season's European campaign.

Makaay has failed to find the net in five games since returning and his performance against Brugge on Tuesday offered few signs of encouragement, although coach Magath tried to sound positive.

"Anyone can see that Roy Makaay is still not in his best form," Magath recognised. "But we'll see the old Roy back for the games against Juventus."

Juventus also have a maximum six points from

two games and lead Group A on goal difference after beating Rapid Vienna 3-0 on Tuesday.

Bayern play the Italians home and away in their next two games and one win would almost certainly be enough to put them through.

The problem for Magath is that Makaay's uncertainty in front of goal seems to have affected the whole team.

Their two Champions League games so far have brought just two goals: Paolo Guerrero's scuffed

winner against Rapid Vienna and a scrambled effort from Martin Demichelis against Bruges.

It has been a similar story in the Bundesliga, with just two goals coming in the last three games — a couple of unconvincing 1-0 wins and a 2-0 defeat away to title rivals Hamburg SV.

Makaay himself is in a familiar situation after the more serious hamstring injury he suffered last year knocked him out of his stride.—MNA/Reuters

China decision for GMO rice unlikely this year

BEIJING, 30 Sept— China, the world's biggest producer and consumer of rice, is close to approving a genetically modified version of the staple, a state newspaper said on Thursday, but scientists denied any breakthrough was imminent.

The *China Daily* said the State Agricultural GMO Crop Biosafety Committee, the technical body which evaluates GM rice for research and marketing, would likely meet in November and that China could become the first country to approve large-scale planting of GMO rice.

"GM rice set for go-ahead," was the headline.

But scientists and environmentalists told *Reuters* that caution was the watchword and no decision was expected soon.

"The government is serious about examining GMO rice safety issues or the impact on the environment and they want to make sure everything is fine," Jikun Huang, a pro-GMO scientist at the China Academy of Sciences, told *Reuters*.

"Given this situation, I personally think it (a decision in November) is not very likely."

Pressure to launch GMO rice in China comes at a time when the country is facing a tough task in raising urban grain output and narrowing the income gap between farmers and urban citizens.

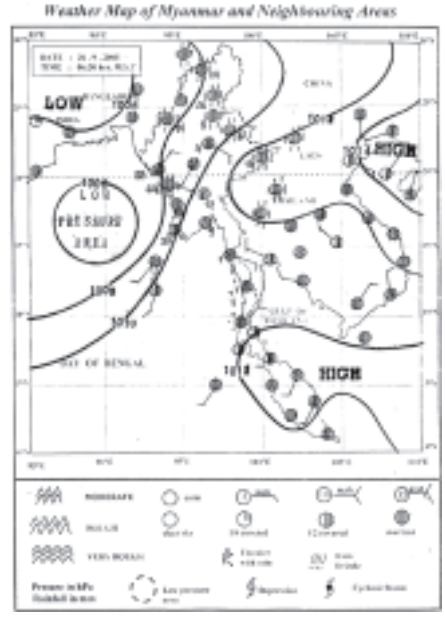
Rice is a staple for most of the country.

Proponents of genetically modified crops say they will improve yield and reduce plants' vulnerability to pests.

Opponents say pests will develop greater resistance to the modified crops, and that the techniques undermine biodiversity and could prove dangerous for human consumption.

Environmental group Greenpeace said in June GMO rice had been found illegally at grain wholesalers in south China, even though it had not gone through safety testing or been approved by the government.

MNA/Reuters



WEATHER

Friday, 30 September, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State and Taninthayi Division, scattered in Kayin State, Mandalay, Magway and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Ayeyawady Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Katha (3.59) inches, Hinthada (3.50) inches, Mogok (3.34) inches, Mawlamyine (2.96) inches, Machanbaw (2.76) inches, Pyay (1.73) inches, Aunglan (0.98) inch and Monywa (0.59) inch.

Maximum temperature on 29-9-2005 was 84°F. Minimum temperature on 30-9-2005 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 30-9-2005 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 29-9-2005 was (0.1) hour approx. Rainfalls on 30-9-2005 were (0.47) inch at Mingaladon, (0.35) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.35) inch at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (93.66) inches at Mingaladon, (95.82) inches at Kaba-Aye and (99.84) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from South at (12:45) hours MST on 29-9-2005.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (06:30) hours MST today, a low pressure area has formed over the Central Bay. Monsoon is moderate in the South Bay and weather is cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 1-10-2005: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin and Rakhine States, Yangon, Ayeyawady, Bago and upper Sagaing Divisions and scattered in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State, Ayeyawady and upper Sagaing Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in Rakhine State.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 1-10-2005: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 1-10-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%.

Weather outlook for first weekend of October 2005: During the coming weekend, rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Yangon Division and scattered in Mandalay Division.



K-Challenge (FRA60), front, and Mascalzone Latino (ITA77) in action during their match race in the Louis Vuitton Act 8 of the 32nd America's Cup, on 29 September, 2005, off the Sicilian port town of Trapani.

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Saturday, 1 October
View on today

- 7:00 am
- 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am
- 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
- 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
- 4. သမိုင်းဝင်ရှင်တို့ရှင်ဘုရားများ
- 7:55 am
- 5. Nice and sweet song
- 8:05 am
- 6. အတပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am
- 7. Musical programme
- 8:30 am
- 8. International news
- 8:45 am
- 9. Grammar made easy
- 4:00 pm
- 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
- 2. Musical programme
- 4:30 pm
- 3. News
- 4:40 pm
- 4. Round up of The Week's TV Local News
- 12:00 pm
- 5. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မောရစ်ရှားနှင့်မိစ္ဆာရှင်းခါး" (အပိုင်း-၄)

- 12:40 pm
- 6. ကြားမြင်သူတပြိုင်စေရာစာပေသာ
- 12:50 pm
- 7. "ဆည်းဆာ၏အရယ်ဦး" သတ္တိ၊ ဓမ္မာဉာဉ်၊ ဓမ္မာဉာဉ်၊ ဦးဆောင်(ရှမ်းပြည်)၊ ခေါ်အိအိနိုး ဒါရိုက်တာ-မျိုးအေး
- 2:10 pm
- 8. ဖွံ့ဖြိုးတိုးတက် သီးပွင့်ဝေသာကတိုးတော့ကွယ်ကျေးရွာ
- 2:20 pm
- 9. Dance of national races
- 2:30 pm
- 10. "ဟွန်းသံ" (ဧရာဝတီယာဉ်ထိန်းတပ်ဖွဲ့ဝင်များ) ဒါရိုက်တာ-သက်တင်
- 2:35 pm
- 11. (၂၀)ကြိမ်မြောက် အရှေ့တောင်အာရှအားကစားပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်မည့် မြန်မာအားကစားအဖွဲ့များ၏ ကြိုတင်ပြင်ဆင်မှုများ (စားပွဲတင်တင်းနှစ်)
- 2:45 pm
- 12. International news
- 4:00 pm
- 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
- 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
- 3. ဓမ္မစကြာ ဝတ်ရွတ်ပြိုင်ပွဲ (ပထမဆင့်) (လသာဝတ်ရွတ်အသင်း)
- 4:45 pm
- 4. အစောသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရှင်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (ရှုကွေအထူးပြု) (ရှုကွေအထူး)
- 5:00 pm
- 5. ၂၀၀၅ ခုနှစ် တေရုဿအကြိမ်(၁၃)ကြိမ် မြန်မာရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အနိုးအကားအဇာတ်

- အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ ဆေလာနိုင်ကြရန် (ဓမ္မပူဇော်စာအုပ်) (အခြေခံ ပညာ ၁၀-၁၅ နှစ်) (အမျိုးသား)
- 5:15 pm
- 6. တာဝစဉ် နှလုံးမြန်မာ့ဂီတ (အရေး ပညာ တာဝစဉ်ဆွေးနွေးခန်း) (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 5:35 pm
- 7. Games for Children
- 5:55 pm
- 8. မြန်မာစာ မြန်မာစကား
- 6:10 pm
- 9. အပြည်ပြည်ဆိုင်ရာသက်ကြီးရွယ်အိုများနေ့စားများ
- 6:30 pm
- 10. Evening news
- 7:00 pm
- 11. Weather report
- 7:05 pm
- 12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မိမိလှအောင်ကန်သယံ" (အပိုင်း-၁၁)
- 7:35 pm
- 13. ခေါင်းစည်းအင်အားစေရာဝတ် ခြစ်ကူးတံတားများ
- 7:45 pm
- 14. ဘက်စုံဖွံ့ဖြိုးတိုးတက်စည်ပင် ရှမ်းမြောက်ဒေသ ကျေးလက်တစ်ခွင် (အပိုင်း-၁)
- 8:00 pm
- 15. News
- 16. International news
- 17. Weather report
- 18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ထာဝရချစ်သူ" (အပိုင်း-၁၂)
- 19. "သုံးနှစ်သုံးဆယ်ငါး" (အပိုင်း-၂) သူလှမ်း၊ ပလင်းခင် ဒါရိုက်တာ-နိဂမ္မိတန်းမောင်၊ တစ်ဦး၊ ဧရာရွှေစံ
- 20. The next day's programme



- Saturday, 1 October
- Tune in today:
- 8:30 am
- Brief news
- 8:35 am
- Music: -You are my light (Gary Chapman)
- 8:40 am
- Perspectives
- 8:45 am
- Music: -Book of love... (Hit 'N' Hide)
- 8:50 am
- National news + 12 objectives & people's desire
- 9:00 am
- Music: -Takin' back my heart... (Cher)
- 9:05 am
- International news
- 9:10 am
- Music: -So real... (Mandy Moore) -Rock & roll music... (Berite Higgins) -True to your heart... (98° & Stevie Wonder) -I just wanna be with you... (N' Syne)
- 1:30 pm
- News/Slogan
- 1:40 pm
- Music at your request -Feel like forever... (Joe Cocker) -The one I love... (R.E.M.) -Love is a battle field... (Pat Benatar) -Love of my life... (Queen)
- 9:00 pm
- ASEAN Review
- 9:10 pm
- Article
- 9:20 pm
- Myanmar Culture -Sacred limestone causes of Hpa-an Part II
- 9:30 pm
- Souvenirs - (Music)² ... (Helen Reddy) -My love, sweet love... (Patti Labelle) -Kissing you... (Faith Evans) -Love'll be waiting
- 9:45 pm
- News/Slogan
- 10:00 pm
- Potfolio For Easy Listening

Prime Minister sends felicitations to Chinese counterpart

YANGON, 1 Oct— On the occasion of the Fifty-sixth Anniversary of the Founding Day of the People's Republic of China, which falls on 1st October 2005, General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Wen Jiabao, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China. —MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win being welcomed by Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Jinjun at the reception to mark 56th Anniversary of the Founding Day of the People's Republic of China. —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

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife attend reception to mark 56th Founding Anniversary of PRC

YANGON, 30 Sept — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win attended the reception in commemoration of the 56th Anniversary of the Founding Day of the People's Republic of China at Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, here, this evening.

Also present at the reception were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint

Swe and wife, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang, Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein and Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and their wives, deputy ministers and their wives, senior military officers, departmental heads, responsible persons of social organizations, Ambassadors and Charges d'Affaires ai of foreign missions, resident representatives of UN agencies and guests.

At 6.45 pm, the Secretary-1 and wife arrived at Sedona Hotel where they were welcomed by Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Jinjun.

Next, the national anthems of the two countries were played.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win cut the cake and the Chinese Ambassador hosted the reception to those present on the occasion. — MNA

No of traffic accidents brought down in Yangon

YANGON, 30 Sept — The Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport held a coordination meeting at the hall of Yangon Command Headquarters this evening.

Chairman of the Supervisory Committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, in his address, said that due to efforts of the supervisory committee, number of cases in traffic and car accidents decreased. Officials are to supervise running of bus lines and to take action against the violators.

And, officials are to give educative talks and supervise the people and bus lines to abide by traffic rules.

Next, officials of universities and colleges

in Yangon Division reported on convenient transport of faculty members and students and management matters, Commander of Yangon Division Cord-

less and Traffic Police Force Police Lt-Col Aung Naing on educative and supervisory tasks for reduction of traffic accidents, members of the Supervisory

Committee, departmental officials and chairmen of bus lines on arrangements being made for the convenience of the people and installation of CNG kits in converting

the vehicles into natural gas vehicles.

Later, the commander attended to the needs and gave the concluding remarks.

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Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe addresses the coordination meeting of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport. —MNA