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True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation wherever he lives to cultivate and possess strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to uphold and safeguard.



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye shakes hands with Laotian outgoing Defence Attaché Col Onechanh Phetsalat who has completed his tour of duty. — 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

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives Laotian Defence Attaché Colonel Onechanh Phetsalat

YANGON, 5 Oct — Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye received Defence Attaché Colonel Onechanh Phetsalat of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, who had completed his tour of duty, at Zeyathiri Beikman Hall on Konmyinthta, here, at 8 am today.

Also present at the call were Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air)



Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Chief of Military Affairs Security Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu.—MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives Laotian Defence Attaché Col Onechanh Phetsalat who has completed his tour of duty. —MNA

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

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Implement development projects for public interest

The Union of Myanmar being rich in aquatic and terrestrial resources, the government is systematically carrying out social and economic development plans by making the most of those resources. Electric power plays a pivotal role in our bid to provide greater impetus to social, economic and manufacturing sectors. This being so, electric power projects are being implemented across the nation with the use of natural resources available in the respective regions.

Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, accompanied by responsible personnel, visited Mandalay and Mogok in Mandalay Division and inspected development work for Mogok region and progress of work at Yeywa hydel power project site.

In his meeting with responsible personnel at the briefing hall of the project site, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye urged them to implement enormous plans like Yeywa hydel power project by using locally produced materials as much as possible and try to meet the set standard. It will be of great benefit to the nation if more and more projects can be carried out through systematic combination of our own resources and skills, he added.

Located about 31 miles southeast of Mandalay, Yeywa hydel power station is being constructed across the Myitnge River by Hydroelectric Power Department. The concrete embankment of the station is going to be 2,264 feet long and 433 feet high. The 790-megawatt station will be able to generate 3,550 million kilowatt hours annually. In building the embankment of the station, mixture of cement and natural pozzolan is needed. Therefore a pozzolan factory is also being built at a place not far away from the project site and it is now nearing completion. On completion, Yeywa power station will be able to supply electricity through Meiktila and Belin sub-stations.

We believe that all those responsible will put their energies in the construction of national development projects by combining natural resources and their technical know-how for all-round development of the nation.

Forum on Renewable Energy in Myanmar to be held

YANGON, 5 Oct — Organized by Myanmar Engineering Society, a forum on Renewable Energy in Myanmar will be held at MICT Park, here, from 9 am to 5 pm on 9 October.

Those wishing to attend the forum may contact MES's office (Tel- 652294 and 652295) not later than 7 October. — MNA

Thutapadetha Journal comes out

YANGON, 5 Oct — Sarpay Beikman of Printing and Publishing Enterprise under the Ministry of Information has distributed Thutapadetha Journal Volume 32 No 10.

The journal features articles on heart disease, prestige of a woman, robot worker, advantages of dams, bionic technology as well as poems, humour, international news and world drug news.

The journal is available at Sarpay Beikman Books Shop on Merchant Street (Tel-381448).

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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



Lt-Gen Ye Myint of Ministry of Defence and wife being welcomed by Indonesian Military Attaché Col Yayat Hidayat and wife at the reception to mark Armed Forces Day of Indonesia.— MNA

Sittway Township USDA holds annual general meeting

YANGON, 5 Oct — The annual general meeting of Sittway Township Union Solidarity and Development Association was held at U Ottama Hall in Sittway yesterday morning.

Present were Member of the Panel of Patrons of USDA (Central) Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, USDA CEC member in-charge of Rakhine State Minister for

Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, secretaries of Rakhine State, District and Township USDAs, executives and members of social organizations.

First, the commander and the CEC member gave speeches.

Afterwards, they presented prizes to the outstanding students.

Later, the township USDA annual general meeting followed. — MNA



CEC member Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe speaking at the annual general meeting of Sittway Township USDA.— TRANSPORT

Education Minister leaves for France

YANGON, 5 Oct — Chairman of Myanmar-UNESCO National Commission Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein-led Myanmar delegation left for Paris, France by air yesterday evening to attend the 33rd UNESCO General Conference to be held from 3 to 21 October.

The delegation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw

Myint, Deputy Ministers for Education U Myo Nyunt and Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, directors-general of departments under the Ministry of Education.

Secretary of Myanmar-UNESCO National Commission Rector of Institute of Education (Yangon) Dr Khin Zaw accompanied the minister on the same flight.

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12th Medical Specialties Conference from 18 to 21 Nov

YANGON, 5 Oct— The 12th Medical Specialties Conference of Myanmar Medical Association will be held from 18 to 21 November at the auditorium of the association at No 249, Theinbyu

Road, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, here.

The physicians wishing to attend the conference may register during the office hours at the association. —MNA

US Army scrambles to stop another New Orleans flood

NEW ORLEANS, 4 Oct—High tides due to gusty winds threatened renewed flooding in storm-ravaged New Orleans, the US Army Corps of Engineers said on Monday, but steps were being taken to prevent it.

The Corps said it was closing two canals where levee breaches poured water into the city after Hurricane Katrina and adding sandbags to temporary levee repairs already in place.

Strong east winds had pushed tides higher than normal, the Corps said in a statement, and water already was spilling over a 20-foot-wide levee breach in Terrebonne Parish near the town of Montegut 60 miles south of New Orleans. Helicopters were placing sandbags in that break and also in others in adjoin-

ing Plaquemines Parish, it said.

Powerful Katrina, which struck Louisiana and Mississippi on 29 August, fractured levees that protect New Orleans from Lake Pontchartrain and flooded 80 per cent of the low-lying city.

Temporary repairs were made and most of the water had been pumped out when Hurricane Rita hit the Texas-Louisiana border on 24 September. Rita's storm surge pushed water over the levees and into parts of New Orleans once again.

MNA/Reuters

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Malaysia urges ASEAN members for united efforts to fight terrorism

KUALA LUMPUR, 4 Oct—Malaysian Foreign Minister Syed Hamid Albar has urged member countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) to take a more integrated approach in fighting terrorist groups in the region, local media reported on Monday.

The repeated bombings on Bali Island in Indonesia clearly showed that terrorist groups were still active and this threat, if not contained, would do harm to regional stability, Syed said.

Although no Malaysian citizen was injured or killed in the incident, Malaysia expressed its sadness, Syed told reporters on Sunday after delivering

his keynote speech at a dinner event in the state of Kedah. While expressing his hope that Indonesia could immediately act against the perpetrators, Syed said his government had no intention of stopping or preventing Malaysians from visiting Bali but advised them to take necessary precautions.

MNA/Xinhua



Visitors flock to the Badaling section of the Great Wall of China, north of Beijing, on 2 Oct, 2005. The Great Wall is attracting large numbers of visitors during China's week-long National Day "Golden Week" holiday, which began on 1 Oct.—INTERNET

Former US House Majority Leader indicted on new charges

AUSTIN (Texas), 4 Oct—A Texas grand jury on Monday indicted US Representative Tom DeLay on two new charges including money laundering, following a conspiracy indictment last week which forced him to step aside as the second-ranking Republican in the US House of Representatives.

The new indictment, for money laundering and conspiracy to commit money laundering, was issued shortly after DeLay's lawyers sought to dismiss the original charge on a legal technicality. DeLay denounced the latest action as an "abomination of justice."

The charges accuse DeLay of conspiring with two colleagues to launder 190,000 US dollars in corporate contributions to his Texans for a Republican Majority

through the Republican National Committee for distribution to candidates for the Texas Legislature in 2002. Texas law forbids the use of

corporate money in political campaigns. DeLay could face up to life in prison if convicted of money laundering and up to 20 years for con-

spiracy to commit money laundering.

DeLay, who represents a Houston area district, had been US House of Representatives Majority Leader from 2002 until last week's indictment.

Because of House Republican rules, he quit the leadership post, where he had played a key role in passing President George W Bush's agenda including tax cuts and a prescription drug benefit for older Americans. He was able to keep his congressional seat.

DeLay's defence team had filed a motion earlier on Monday to dismiss the first indictment on grounds the conspiracy charge did not apply to Texas elections until September 2003, said DeLay lawyer Dick Deguerin.

MNA/Reuters

Five US troops killed in Iraq push

BAGHDAD, 4 Oct—Five US troops, four soldiers and a Marine, have been killed in western Iraq as the military launched its second major operation in the region in four days. Operation "Iron Fist" was being conducted near the Syrian border and operation "River Gate" has been launched in the Euphrates River valley.

The military says the Marine was killed by a roadside bomb yesterday. It's the first announced US death in the major western Iraq sweep that began over the weekend.

Three soldiers assigned to the same unit as the Marine were killed by another roadside bomb while conducting combat operations in another town where the second major offensive started on Tuesday in a cluster of cities in the Euphrates River valley. This operation is aimed at guerillas using the area as a safe haven in a region where 20 Marines were killed in August.—Internet

Mudslides, heavy rains kill 29 in Central America

SAN SALVADOR, 4 Oct—Three days of torrential rains have killed at least 29 people in Central America as mudslides buried homes and rivers

burst their banks, officials said on Monday.

Twenty-three people died in El Salvador when heavy rains triggered mudslides in neighbour-

hoods south and west of the capital, and the government has declared a red alert. The dead included a married couple and their three children. In neighbouring Guatemala, emergency officials said two people drowned inside their riverside homes when the river broke its banks, and another two were killed in a mudslide.

Mudslides also killed two people in Honduras, including a two-year-old boy. Across the region, hillsides fell away under the intense rain and swallowed or damaged homes. Swollen rivers overflowed and highways were flooded. El Salvador's government suspended classes for more than 1.7 million high school students.

MNA/Reuters

Londoners think Iraq contributed to terror

LONDON, 4 Oct—Seven out of 10 Londoners believe the Iraq war contributed to the July terrorist attacks in the city, and nearly as many want British troops withdrawn from Iraq, according to a poll published on Tuesday.

The MORI poll for the Greater London Authority found that 72 percent believed British involvement in the US-led war contributed a "great deal" or a "fair amount" to the 7 July transit attacks, in which four suicide bombers killed 52 people.

Only 8 percent thought the war was not a factor, while 15 percent thought it was "not very much" of a factor. Sixty-two percent said they wanted British troops out of Iraq; 27 percent wanted troops to stay and 11 percent had no opinion. The poll results were based on 1,002 telephone interviews with London residents on 22-26 September. The margin of error was plus or minus 3 percentage points.—Internet



Iraqi soldiers search cars parked close to the Interior Ministry in Baghdad recently.—INTERNET



Chinese make their way in the flooded city centre of Fuzhou in Fujian Province, eastern China, on 3 Oct, 2005 after it was hit by Typhoon Longwang. Typhoon Longwang reached China after swirling through Taiwan on Sunday, injuring at least 34 people. —INTERNET

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Shanghai expo contains huge market for multi-media industry

SHANGHAI, 4 Oct — Shanghai will construct 200 digital halls and renovate another 300 conventional centres for popularizing science and technology in the coming years.

The endeavour is necessary for the display of multi-media technological applications during the Shanghai World Expo, said information from the second China International Multi-media Technologies and Applications Exhibition in Shanghai.

Ma Xingfa, chief of the social development section with the Shanghai Municipal Commission of Science and Technology, said science and technology would be the crux of the Shanghai World Expo.

Shanghai has been blessed with a number of scientific achievements

since 2004, when the city launched a special action plan for the world expo in cooperation with the Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology, said Ma.

The World Expo, which is held every five years, will be held in Shanghai from 1 May through to October 31 in 2010 with the theme of "Better City, Better Life".

MNA/Xinhua

Four Iraqi police killed in clashes with guerillas

BAGHDAD, 4 Oct — Four police commandos were killed and 14 others wounded on Tuesday in clashes with guerillas in Yousfiyah town, south of Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

"Fierce clashes broke out before noon between Iraqi police commandos from al-Hussein Brigade and unknown guerillas. Four commandos including an officer were killed and 14 others wounded in the violence," the source told Xinhua.

The wounded were transferred to Yarmouk Hospital in Baghdad, the source said, adding that there was no information on the casualties of the guerillas.

Yousfiyah, some 30 km south of Baghdad, is part of the so-called Triangle of Death, a no-go-zone frequently controlled by guerillas. The area also includes Latifiyah and Mahmoudiyah.—Internet

Vietnam reports 28 dengue fever fatalities

HANOI, 4 Oct — Twenty-eight people in the south of Vietnam have died of dengue fever so far this year, according to local newspaper Saigon Liberation on Tuesday.

In the southern Mekong Delta alone, 20,000 people have been infected with the disease, of whom 26 died. Most of the sufferers were from flood-hit delta provinces of An Giang, Tien Giang and Dong Thap.

To minimize the number of new infections, local health workers are encouraging residents to kill mosquitoes and their larvae more actively. More chemicals used to kill the insect are given to the residents.

MNA/Xinhua

Thaksin says Bali terror may spread to Thailand

BANGKOK, 4 Oct — Thailand's Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra has warned of violence from the Bali bombings possibly spilling over to prime tourist spots in Thailand as he had put those major resorts on full alert, local media on Tuesday reported.

Thaksin said the number of plainclothes police and security officials has been beefed up in major tourist areas, including Phuket, Pattaya and Phang Nga. "We are on full alert," Thaksin was quoted by The Nation as saying. "We have some information that has caused us to be very cautious." When asked to elaborate on what kind of intelligence information had prompted the government's reaction, Thaksin replied local media: "It's not very clear, but we have the situation under control." — MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia asks countries to refrain from issuing travel warnings

DENPASAR BALI (Indonesia), 4 Oct — Indonesian Culture and Tourism Minister Jero Wacik said here on Monday that he had requested other countries via the Foreign Ministry to refrain from issuing travel warnings to their citizens wishing to visit Indonesia, Bali Island in particular.

"It is merely a call. We just want to tell the world that in Bali security problem exists only in Jimbaran and Kuta while the other parts of Bali are quite safe to visit," the minister said.

He said he was now checking on international events such as seminars

and conventions scheduled to be held in Bali which would possibly be put off due to Saturday's suicide bombing which killed 27 people and injured more than 120 others.

"If there are such cancellation plans, I will ask the organizers not to put

them off and not to be afraid as in other locations such as Nusa Dua, it is quite safe," he said.

He said both Indonesians and foreign tourists were actually immune from the bomb terror as there was no massive exodus following the bombings. — MNA/Xinhua

Gas explosion kills 34 miners in central China

ZHENGZHOU, 4 Oct — At least 34 miners were killed in a gas explosion in a coal mine in Hebi City, central China's Henan Province, early Monday morning.

The explosion occurred at 4:45 am in a coal mine belonging to the Henan Hebi Coal (group) company. By 3:20 pm 34 people were found dead.

Senior provincial government officials have rushed to the site to direct rescue efforts. The cause of the accident is still under investigation.

MNA/Xinhua

'Longwang' kills three in Fujian

BEIJING, 4 Oct — Typhoon Longwang, which landed in southeast China's Fujian Province on Sunday night, left three people dead and affected the life of 2.46 million people. Sources from Fujian Provincial Flood Control Office said that the three were killed in a landslide incurred by flash floods and 537,000 people had been evacuated to safe places.

Preliminary figures indicated that Longwang destroyed 5,400 residences and affected 60,000 hectares of crops with 12,500 hectares completely damaged.

MNA/Xinhua

1,940 US troops killed in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 4 Oct — As of Tuesday, 4 Oct, 2005, at least 1,940 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 1,513 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, 1,801 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,404 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

Since the start of US military operations in Iraq, 14,902 US service members have been wounded, according to a Defence Department tally on Tuesday.

Internet



A restaurant owner (L) surveys the damage after an explosion inside the restaurant in the Iraqi town of Hilla, 62 miles south of Baghdad, on 3 October, 2005.—INTERNET

Japan's security meeting approves extension of anti-terror law

TOKYO, 4 Oct — A governmental security meeting on Monday approved a bill to extend the anti-terrorism law for another year, paving the way for its passage in the Parliament.

The Cabinet is expected to give green light to the bill on Tuesday, then submit it to an ongoing extraordinary parliamentary session for approval.

Japan adopted the legislation soon after the 11 September, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States. Under the law, Tokyo has sent fleets, including refueling vessels to the Indian Ocean to support the US-led military operations in Afghanistan.

After a previous extension in October 2003, the law will expire on 1 November.

The Japanese Government intends this time to shorten the extension period to one year, saying the threat of terrorism is dwindling and it needs to make judgement based on the development of situation. — MNA/Xinhua



Balinese walk past the wreckage of a bomb explosion at an outdoor cafe on Jimbaran Beach, Bali, Indonesia, on 3 Oct, 2005. —INTERNET

Indonesia to limit foreign ownership in TV stations

JAKARTA, 4 Oct — The Indonesian Government was reported on Tuesday of planning to ensure that foreign investors hold no more than 20 per cent direct or indirect stake in any local television station, starting by verifying the existing ownership of the stations.

Broadcasters already indirectly controlled by foreign investors will be required gradually to divest their foreign-owned stakes to local companies, Minister of Communications and Information Sofyan Djalil was quoted by *The Jakarta Post* as saying.

"We will check the ownership of local TV stations to ensure that foreign ownership does not exceed 20 per cent at the stations ... this is to guarantee our media is not influenced by foreigners," he said.

Sofyan said the first station to be checked would be ANTV, which is run by PT Cakrawala Andalas Televisi. This comes after Rupert Murdoch's Hong Kong-based satellite and cable operator Star TV bought a 20-per-cent stake in the station for a reported 20 million US dollars.

The Communications Ministry received an official notice from ANTV over the purchase and will make further checks, he said.

Cakrawala spokeswoman Soraya Perucha said Star TV had no intention of purchasing more than 20-per-cent stake in the company, at present or in the future, and violating the law limiting foreign ownership of local television stations.

"Star TV and ANTV have no intention of breaching the law. Star TV will have a maximum 20-per-cent stake, as required by the law. We welcome the Communications Ministry's plan to verify our ownership," she said

MNA/Xinhua

Bomb blast injures four policemen in southeastern Turkey

ANKARA, 4 Oct — Four police officers were injured when a bomb exploded late Sunday in southeastern Turkey, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported on Monday.

The bomb was planted by members of the outlawed Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) in a garbage can in Yuksekova Town in Hakkari Province, leaving one captain and three police officers wounded.

The injured policemen were rushed to a hospital in neighbouring Van Province by helicopter for medical treatment after the blast, said the report.

PKK has intensified landmine and

remote-controlled bombing attacks in Turkey over the past few months. At least 200 Turkish soldiers have been reportedly killed in clashes with PKK members this year.

More than 37,000 people have been killed since the rebel group took up arms against the government for an independent Kurdish state in southeastern Turkey in 1984.

MNA/Xinhua

Bangladesh pharmaceutical producers eye North Africa

DHAKA, 4 Oct — Bangladesh is eyeing the North African markets for export of pharmaceutical products as the country earned three billion taka (46.1 million US dollars) from exports of the items in the last financial year (July 2004 -June 2005).

SM Safiuzzaman, president of Bangladesh Association of Pharmaceutical Industries (BAPI), told *Xinhua* on Sunday that "we are expecting to be able to export medicines to the North African countries by March next year".

He said a 16-member Bangladesh pharmaceutical delegation recently visited some North African countries including Egypt, Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Libya and Sudan to explore market there.

"The delegation had fruitful talks with

the officials of those countries and they showed keen interest to import medicines from Bangladesh," the BAPI leader said.

The BAPI president said a delegation from the North African countries will visit Bangladesh soon to study the prospects of their import from Bangladesh and they are likely to complete other formalities for the import of medicines, the second foreign currency earner of Bangladesh after garments which earns about 75 per cent of the total export earning of the country.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam likely to restrict rice export this year

HANOI, 4 Oct — Vietnam's Government may place a rice export cap of 4.5 million tons in 2005 to ensure food security amidst consequences of Typhoon Damrey, a local agriculture official told *Xinhua* on Tuesday.

"Our ministry'll propose the government instruct rice enterprises to stop signing new export contracts. We should export a total of 4.5 million tons of rice this year to ensure food security," the official from the Planning Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development said, declining to be named.

"Typhoon Damrey had considerable impact on agricultural production in the northern region," the official said, noting that Vietnam is estimated to harvest more than 36.3 million tons of paddy rice from over 7.3 million hectares this year, posting a 0.5-per-cent rise in output over last year.

MNA/Xinhua



A US soldier questions an Iraqi woman during a raid in Tikrit recently. —INTERNET

Tianjin steps up use of foreign funds

TIANJIN, 4 Oct — Tianjin, an important industrial city in north China, has been expanding its use of overseas capital, according to the municipal bureau of statistics.

In the first eight months this year, the city approved 846 foreign-invested businesses, an increase of 14.5 per cent from a year earlier.

The city signed contracts on the use of 4.86 billion US dollars in foreign funds and actually used 2.1 billion US dollars, up 24.5 per cent and 25 per cent respectively over the same period last year.

In August, the city approved 84 solely overseas-financed enterprises, with a contracted investment of 487 million US dollars.

Most of the foreign funds went to such industries as services, real estate and manufacturing.

Investments from France, Taiwan, Singapore, Germany, South Korea and Japan increased by 57.7 times, 10.5 times, 8.3 times, 3.9 times, 1.9 times and 55.5 per cent respectively in August.

Tianjin Development Zone, the Bonded Zone and the Hi-tech Park accounted for 393 million US dollars of the overseas investments in August, a year-on-year increase of 86.1 per cent.

MNA/Xinhua

Do not exploit Myanmar's affairs through exaggerations

Aung Moe San

These days, some internal and external elements and those with negative views have voiced their support to the exaggerated report on Myanmar affairs which urges the UN Security Council to take action against Myanmar.

Now, enjoying unprecedented progress with the practice of the market-oriented economic system, Myanmar has been on the correct path towards democracy through the seven-point Road Map. The National Convention, the first stage of the programme, has almost completed the adoption of the basic principles for the framing of the State Constitution.

The nation has attracted local and foreign investments thanks to unremitting efforts the government has been making day in, day out to ensure proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system in the economic sector and transition to multi-party democracy system in the political sector. Local market has become part of ASEAN market, Asian market and international market. Domestic production, trade with foreign nations and services have caught up with international level. Myanmar has seen significant progress in the transport sector. Its communication sector has been on a par with international level. There have emerged many border check points and industrial zones, roads, bridges, irrigation facilities, hospitals, health care centres, and educational institutions. Advanced technologies on agriculture and industry have been within the reach of national people. In addition, the strength of basic classes of society such as national entrepreneurs, middle class, experts, intellectuals and intelligentsia, and workers is on the increase.

Political parties have been permitted to exist legally. A total of 17 national race armed groups, that were engaged in armed opposition against successive governments, have returned to the legal fold and are engaged in the national development tasks. During the period of the Tatmadaw Government, the entire nation including border areas has seen dramatic improvement in political, economic and social sectors. The cooperation and cohesiveness among the Tatmadaw Government, various social organizations and the people is on the rise. Some groups of the national race armed groups that entered legal fold, have unconditionally exchanged arms for peace. The achievements of the Tatmadaw Government have been compiled into a book "Chronicle of National Development". The book carries comparison between the period preceding

1988 and after (up to 12-2-2005) sector-wise as follows:—

- Development in the border areas and national races affairs sector
- Development in the sector of drug elimination efforts
- Development in the agricultural sector
- Development in the livestock breeding and fishery sector
- Development in the forestry sector
- Development in the greening sector
- Development in the transport sector
- Development in the communication sector
- Development in the electric power sector
- Development in the industrial sector
- Development in the energy sector
- Development in the education sector
- Development in the health sector
- Development in the sector of development affairs
- Development in the sector of roads and bridges, and
- Development in the sector of information and public relations

These are convincing evidences of peace, stability and development covering the whole nation including border areas, and it is in conformity with social science that says if one wants to find out the truth, one has to search it in reality.

The fruit of peace, tranquillity and progress the entire nation is enjoying is thanks to cooperation of the 17 national race armed groups, depicting the brilliant performance of the Tatmadaw Government.

It has launched the 15-year project (1999-2014) for eradication of narcotic drugs with three five-year phases. Moreover, it launched the New Destiny Project in April 2002. At the same time, it is taking all possible measures harmoniously for the development of border areas and national races. The US report on narcotic drugs (2005) stated that poppy cultivation of Myanmar in 2004 declined by 34 per cent, if compared with that in 2003. In eight years, its poppy output dropped to 292 tons, down from 2,560 tons, accounting for 88 per cent. Before that period, Myanmar with the help and assistance of UNODC cooperated with China, India, and Thailand for elimination of narcotic drugs.

Being well convinced that it cannot put such a huge task into reality alone, Myanmar collaborated with the nations in the region, and the sub-region, and neighbours through MoUs. In this way,

Myanmar has made a headway in wiping out the dangers of narcotic drugs, the evil legacy of colonialists.

Myanmar is playing an active role in ASEAN activities and objectively cooperating with her neighbours, regional and Asian nations, and upright countries.

The auditing body of the US Congress in the last week of July announced that in Iraq and Afghanistan, which the US and coalition nations invaded, the budget for reconstruction tasks in these nations went to security measures since progress had not been made in restoring peace and stability there.

Tragic events such as the killing of some members of the committee for drawing a State Constitution, Iraqi military and police members and civilians, and bomb blasts occur daily in Iraq.

The UN special envoy to Afghanistan said at the meeting of the Security Council that addressing the problem of extremists and terrorists was a matter of top priority for the Afghan government.

In Afghanistan, the problems of hunger and poverty, adversities, and casualties cannot be solved yet.

With respect to the Iraq war, former US president Bill Clinton said on ABC TV that US President Bush launched a hasty war on Iraq despite no firm evidences of weapons of mass destruction were established and before UN inspections were completed. He added that Bush created Iraq war to divert the attention of US people away from anti-terrorism war.

It is learnt that traditionally, former US presidents never criticize the incumbent presidents.

In the interview conducted by BBC of Britain on 6 September 2004, UN Secretary General Kofi Annan said that the invasion of Iraq by the US-led troops was illegal as such act was a violation of the UN Charter.

The UN approved the declaration on the non-interference in internal affairs of any nation and safeguarding of independence and sovereignty. It carries declaration on international laws in establishing friendship, relations and cooperation of the world nations in accordance with the UN Charter, no interference or interventions in internal affairs of any nation, in declarations, any nation or bloc has no rights to interfere directly or indirectly in internal and external affairs of any other nation under any pretext, and every nation has to avoid citing of doubts and problems among nations or blocs under pretext of human rights, and with intent of misleading.

Has Myanmar violated UN principles and the Charter? Who are violating them? There have been so many firm evidences and the answer to such questions is very clear to everybody.

Myanmar is just a sovereign nation that is making self-reliant efforts or democratic transition in a peaceful way through the market economic system. These days attempts are being made to raise the Myanmar issue in the UN Security Council with many exaggerations while failing to do the same over the nations that have been violating the principles and the Charter of the UN and the evil consequences of such violations. These are, in fact, one-sided attempts to exploit the Myanmar affairs to serve their self-interests.

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These are convincing evidences of peace, stability and development covering the whole nation including border areas, and it is in conformity with social science that says if one wants to find out the truth, one has to search it in reality.

The fruit of peace, tranquillity and progress the entire nation is enjoying is thanks to cooperation of the 17 national race armed groups, depicting the brilliant performance of the Tatmadaw Government.

Commander attends fifth cash donation ceremony for 13th Performing Arts Competitions

YANGON, 5 Oct — The fifth cash donation ceremony for the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions was held at the city hall here yesterday afternoon, attended by Chairman Lin of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Performing Arts Competitions Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe.

Also present were Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, No 4 Military Region Commander Col Hla Aye, Chairman of Financial and Prize

Presentation Sub-Committee YCDC Secretary U Tin Soe and members, local authorities and wellwishers.

The commander accepted K 500,000 presented by Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin donated by YCDC and K 1.1 million by Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung.

Next, the commander and the mayor accepted K 200,000 donated by the Ministry of Health; K 100,000 each by Yangon Division PDC and Ministry of Immigration and Population; K 1 million by U Aung Kyaw Moe-Daw Khaing; K 500,000 by Daw Aye Myat Mon (Bagan Hotel); K 300,000 by U Than Naing-Daw Kyi Kyi Swe of Thamada Robes

House; K 200,070 by U Thein Maung)-Daw Pa Pa; K 200,000 each by U Aung Mon-Daw Hla Hla Maw and Engineering Department (Road/Bridge) of YCDC; K 100,000 by U Khin Maung Tun; K 30,000 by Markets Department of YCDC; K 25,000 by Parks and Playgrounds Department.

Certificates of honour were presented to the wellwishers.

Speaking on the occasion, the commander said that preparations have been made for organizing the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions on a grander scale than the previous year's with seven noble objectives, and the competitions are to be held soon.



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe accepts cash donations from a well-wisher for 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. — MNA

He added that due to holding the Performing Arts Competitions annually, precious Myanmar traditions and customary and fine arts could be preserved to enable new generation youth to have the spirits

of adoring the nation and the people and preserving traditional culture. Later, he thanked all the wellwishers for their contributions to the competitions.

So far, well-wishers have donated

K 33,730,570 including K 4,455,070 at the fifth cash donation.

Those wishing to donate cash to the competitions may contact the Head of Budget Department of YCDC, Tel: 251407. — MNA



Objectives of 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

- To vitalize patriotism and nationalism;
- To preserve and safeguard Myanmar cultural heritage;
- To perpetuate genuine Myanmar music, dance and traditional fine arts;
- To preserve Myanmar national character;
- To nurture spiritual development of the youths;
- To prevent influence of alien culture; and
- To strengthen national unity and Union Spirit.

Minister visits home made machine parts exhibition

YANGON, 5 Oct — Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung attended home made machine parts exhibition at International Business Centre on Pyay Road this morning.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin and departmental heads, technicians and industrialists totalling 250 attendance.

The exhibition focused on ensuring production of machine spare

parts in the country without being imported from abroad, said the minister.

Next, the minister and those present viewed machine spare

parts displayed at the exhibition.

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Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspects home made machine parts displayed at International Business Centre.— FORESTRY

Yenangyoung Township USDA annual general meeting held

YANGON, 5 Oct — Yenangyoung Township Union Solidarity and Development Association held its annual general meeting 2005 at the office of the Township Peace and Development Council on 30 September.

Chairman of Township PDC U Kyaw Soe Lwin gave a speech. Secretary of Township USDA U Aung Naing Win explained the purpose of holding the annual general meeting. Next, the cash donation ceremony followed. The Township USDA Secretary accepted the cash donations from wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them.

Afterwards, executives of Township USDA, departmental officials and U Ye Myint-Daw Win Maw Tun of Star Motorbike Industry gave away prizes to 85 outstanding students.

The Township USDA annual general meeting continued. The Secretary of Township USDA gave a speech and executives submitted sector-wise reports to the meeting. — MNA

Teachers will have to train students, who will shoulder the future State duties to become brilliant persons

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Now there are 748,000 university students and 7,790,000 basic education students. In 1988 there were 6,500 university teachers and 174,000 basic education teachers in the nation. At present there are over 18,000 university teachers and over 240,000 basic education teachers.

The nation now has one school each in every one-and-half-mile perimeter. Eighty-nine per cent of schools of the nation are in rural areas. The 2004-2005 record indicated that 93 per cent of primary teachers have completed their teachership courses, and teacher-student ratio in the primary level is 1:30.4.

In 1988, the nation had only one education university, one academy for development of national groups, four teachers training institutes and 13

More qualified teachers are needed due to the rise in the number of institutions of higher learning. The government has opened more master's degree course in research and doctorate degree courses and developed research work to attend to the need. Human resources development departments have been opened at institutions of higher learning through one campus multi system.

The ITC is developing with greater acceleration due to rapid global changes in science and technologies. Teachers are being trained to be skilled in using electronic equipment including computer. Hence teachers are fully using the equipment in teaching and learning activities.

The institutions of higher learning are running e-education learning centres, resources centres, computer training centres

30-year national education promotion plan. The government has opened greater opportunities for the teachers to take part in the education promotion programmes. Thus, teachers have gained international level education knowledge and are carrying out the education task more effectively.

Teachers will have to train students, who will shoulder the future State duties to become brilliant persons. They should also enable students to apply their knowledge in social economy of the regions, and play a leading role in developing the social community and improving the social standard of the regions.

As teachers are entrusted with the most delicate and highest responsibilities of the human society, they should work with zeal and perseverance and dedicate their



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein greets U Maung Maung Soe Tint, Director (Retd) of Department of Myanmar Language Commission at the ceremony to mark World Teachers' Day. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein visits the exhibition to mark World Teachers' Day. — MNA

teachers training schools in the teaching sector. Now the nation has two education universities, 20 education colleges. The government has opened more teachership courses and distance education courses for education degree, pre-occupational degree courses, and pre and post graduate courses.

The government has also opened post-graduate diploma in teachership, post-graduate diploma in media, and master's degree courses. The courses have enabled teachers to enhance their qualifica-

and language laboratories. The basic education schools are also opening multimedia centres including computer-aided instruction rooms, audio-visual rooms and language labs. Thanks to the enhancement of the level of teaching and learning, teachers have become the facilitators helping students in their self studies.

Annual conferences are being held with the wider participation of principles, education administrators and experts to discuss, review and lay down future plans in implementing the

lives in producing intellectuals and intelligentsia, good citizens and outstanding persons whose skills meet the international standard on whom the nation can rely. Parents and people should acknowledge the endeavours of the teachers.

Local authorities, wellwishers and locals should provide more assistance to teachers than now to provide them with a secure and sufficient life and a happy working environment. The assistance will help raise the teaching qualifications of teach-

ers.

Teachers should adhere to their ethics to become models of the society winning public respect. They should teach students to become clever, polite and outstanding persons possessing patriotism and Union Spirit.

Teachers should strive to become persons who can shape a better future, ensure global peace and tranquillity, improve the global social standard, open the knowledge door towards the new age, and develop the global education standard, while discharging their duties well.

Coordinator at national level for education for all Director-General of No 1 Basic Education Department U Tin Nyo read messages sent by officials of UN agencies such as UNESCO, UNDP, ILO and UNICEF.

Basic education students who won gold med-

als at the Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts competitions sang a song, "O Beh Saya".

Next, Director-General of Education Planning and Training Department U Bo Win announced the list of four honorary Sayagis in commemoration of the World Teachers' Day and three outstanding teachers and reported on Sayagis' endeavours for the development of education sector and promotion of education and the outstanding performances of the three teachers.

The Secretary-1 presented certificates of honour and cash award to retired rector Dr Khin Maung Win of Yangon Institute of Education, retired rector Dr Maung Di of Yangon University, retired director-general U Khin Maung Phyu of Basic Education Department and retired director U

Maung Maung Soe Tint of Department of Myanmar Language Commission.

Next, the Secretary-1 presented certificates of honour and cash award to U Toe Aung Naing, a Junior Assistant Teacher of Basic Education High School (Branch) of Thayethamein Village in Waw Township, Headmistress Daw Aster Khin of Kamawet Village in Mudon Township and Daw Mya Htay, a Junior Assistant Teacher of Mongthauk Basic Education High School in Nyaungshwe Township.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint presented prizes to Assistant Lecturer Dr Than Win of Myanmar Department of Yangon University, Associate Professor Daw Cho Cho Tint of Maubin University and Tutor Daw Myint Myint San of

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Yangon Institute of Education who stood first, second and third respectively in article contest at university and institute level and other winners at the basic education high, middle and primary levels.

Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung presented prizes to winners in the essay contest at higher education and basic education levels.

Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa presented prizes to winners in the poem contest at higher education and basic education levels.

After the ceremony, the Secretary-1 cordially greeted diplomats, honorary Sayagvis, outstanding teachers and students and observed booths in commemoration of the World Teachers' Day.

Dr Khin Maung Win received Ph.D degree from Yale University in 1958. He served in Yangon University as a tutor and later he was promoted to the professor. He became the rector of the Institute of Education in 1972 and the Minister for Education in 1974. He also served as the ambassador in 1980 and he retired in 1989.

He led literacy campaign such as Three 'Rs' courses and initiated opening of regional colleges and university correspondence course. He is an adviser to Philosophy Department of Yangon University.

Dr Maung Di obtained PhD degree from London University in 1958. He served in Yangon University from a demonstrator to the rector. He became the Deputy Minister of Education in 1983 and he retired in 1988.

He initiated programmes for opening of courses on English, anthropology, oriental studies and international relations at Yangon University. He also made arrangements for formation of Historical Research Department. He is an adviser to the Chemistry Department of Yangon University.

U Khin Maung Phyu got BED degree from Faculty of Education in 1958. He started his education career as a senior assistant teacher and discharged various duties and then served as the director-general. He served as the ambassador to Sri Lanka from 1985 to 1987. After his retirement in 1987, he has been a member of Pyinnyatazaung Magazine Administrative Board. He implemented literacy campaign in Myanmar.

U Maung Maung Soe Tint had a BED degree in 1953 and received MED from Hawaii University in 1963 and FRSA Honorary Degree from the UK in 1978. He served in various capacities from the headmaster to the deputy director. He also served as the director in Department of Myanmar Language Commission in 1982. He served as the ambassador to Australia from 1985 to 1989. He compiled some books such as *Tri Pitakat*

for Everyone and Think and Enjoy. He initiated literacy movement in Myanmar and He is the chairman of Border Areas Development Association.

One of the outstanding teachers is U Toe Aung Naing. At 6 am on 27 August 2004, together with four high school students and a teacher, he left by powered boat for Myitkyo Basic Education High School in Waw Township to draw transfer certificates. On the way, the powered boat sank in Sittaung river due to the strong wind. U Toe Aung Naing saved the lives of the people on board.

On 12 January 2004, Headmaster Daw Aster Khin noticed the sign of a storm. So she warned his students not to go out and to hide under the



Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa presents first prize in poem contest to Ma Sanda Myaing.—MNA

desks in the classrooms. Although the roofs of the school were blown off during the tornado, no students were hurt. She was able to save the lives of the students.

Another outstanding teacher is Daw Mya

Htay. The fire broke out in Mongthauk-in Village in Nyaungshwe Township on 17 May 2005. In spite of her house burning, she evacuated seven students and the sick to escape the fire.

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No 1 Basic Education Department Director-General U Tin Nyo reads the message of UNESCO, UNDP and ILO. MNA

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Mon State WAO Patron attends cultural tasks in Mawlamyine Mon State WAO members provide assistance to people in Mon State

YANGON, 5 Oct — Organized by Mon State Women's Affairs Organization, talks on culture for girls were held at No 8 Basic Education High School in Mawlamyine on 17 September afternoon.

It was attended by Patron of Mon State WAO wife of the Commander of South-East Command Daw Tin Latt and members, teachers and students.

Member of Mon State WAO Daw San Yi gave a lecture on preservation of culture. Next, the educative video tape was shown. Member of Mon State WAO Daw Le Khaing and students exchanged views on the lecture.

Next, members of Mon State WAO attended the workshop on enhancement of efficiency of pre-primary teachers. The participants took part in the workshop with recitation of songs and poems, telling stories and use of teaching aid. A total of 40 pre-primary schools teachers and lecturers of Mawlamyine Education College and technicians attended the workshop.

On 18 September, they, together with MCWA members, visited 30 older persons who were taking

physical exercise near Mawlamyine Township MCWA Office. Next, they served the older persons with refreshments and held talks. The older persons thanked them.

Mon State WAO Chairperson Daw Nyein Nyein Htaik and members proceeded to the rubber farm of U Aung Than Lay in Kyonkadat Village of Thanbyuzayat Township on 18 September. They viewed nurturing of rubber saplings. Farm owner U Aung Than Lay said that the farm suffered losses due to the mistakes of workers in nurturing rubber saplings in the past. Now, he thanked MWF for its contributions to providing correct technology to the farm for nurturing the rubber saplings. Next, MWF members donated exercise books and stationery to the people at Non-Formal Education Section.

Thanbyuzayat Township WAO gave lectures on health knowledge for control of malaria and dengue hemorrhagic fever diseases, and gave away mosquito nets.

On 18 September, Mon State WAO members went to Taungmyintmo Weaving Factory in Mudon Township and viewed production process. MWF

and MCWA purchased products of the factory and distributed them to other states.

At a knitting industry, they observed designs and products. The owner of the industry said that due to new designs provided by Mon State WAO, the industry can sell better knitted works to other states and divisions. The Mon State WAO team viewed knitting tasks with the use of computer printed designs and fulfilled the requirements.

On arrival at Mudon Weaving School, they discussed teaching and assistance of the school with the trainees and attended to their needs.

In Mawlamyine, Executive Daw Win Win Mar of the Home for the Women explained matters related to the home to Mon State and Mawlamyine Township WAO members. They viewed women in their works to produce robes and feather dusters. Mon State WAO donated sewing machines to the Home. Next, they visited the reading section of the women of the home. At the Home, 13 girls attending at primary level, eight at middle level, three at high level and one at Education College, totalling 25 are being nurtured. — MNA

Mandalay Division WAO Chairperson makes field trip to Kyaukse District

YANGON, 5 Oct — Chairperson of Mandalay Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw Than Than Nyunt and members donated nutritious refreshments to 19 older persons in Dwehla Model Village in Kyaukse Township on 28 September and presented stationery to 51 students.

They donated re-

freshment and stationery worth K 197,730 to 13 older persons and 32 students in Zayatphyu Model Village of Kyaukse Township and five older persons and 12 students in Daungkyia Model Village in Singaing Township.

Chairperson Daw Than Than Nyunt talked on facts about Myanmar Women's Affairs Federa-

tion; in-charge of Organizational Department Daw Thanda Phone Win on women's affairs tasks, organizational and health tasks; member of Sub-Working Group for Prevention of Trafficking in Persons IP Thida Shein on matters related to prevention of human trafficking; Leader of Culture Sub-Working Group Daw Hla

Hla Win on morals and civics; and Leader of Working Group for Nationalities Daw Tin Tin Win on the Union — heritage of all national races. Similarly, they held round-table discussions. At three model villages, they donated 639 books to three libraries and accepted 400 membership applications. At PhaungdawU Monastery in Daungkyia Model Village, they offered alms to the Sayadaw. — MNA

Mandalay Division WAO Chairperson Daw Than Than Nyunt gives talks on MWA in Daungkyia Model Village, Singaing Township. — MNA



MWAF General Secretary meets with officials of UNICEF

YANGON, 5 Oct — General Secretary of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Professor Dr Daw Khin Mar Tun met with Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Thein and Daw Khin Thiri Win of UNICEF at the meeting hall of the federation on Thanlwin Street, Bahan Township on 30 September afternoon.

At the meeting, they discussed prevention against human trafficking and tasks of rehabilitation. Present on the occasion were member of Secretariat of MWAF Daw Mya Mya and officials concerned. They frankly discussed cooperative measures to be taken between MWA and UNICEF.

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Mandalay Division WAO Chairperson Daw Than Than Nyunt and party pay respects to elderly persons of Dwehla Model Village in Kyaukse Township. — MNA



Windmills inaugurated in Kyaungywa, Asin model villages in Mon State

YANGON, 5 Oct — The Government, the Tatmadaw and the people have been striving in unity for all-round development of the State and to improve the living standards of all national races.

Especially, emphasis is placed upon progress of border areas which lagged behind in development. Regarding the development of rural area tasks, the government has been implementing the rural development tasks joining hands with social organizations with added momentum.

While implementing the development tasks focusing on im-

provement of education, health, transportation sectors, water supply and development of economy in border areas, the government is also carrying out power supply tasks in the regions. At present, the government has constructed hydel power plants and natural gas and coal-fired power stations spending a large sum of money. Similarly, in an attempt to supply electricity to villages in Mon State, Mon State Union Solidarity and Development Association has been constructing wind mill, hydel power and bio gas power stations in the state.

Ye Township USDA provided assist-

ance to construction of wind mills in Kyaungywa Model Village and Asin Model Villages in Ye Township, and the stations were inaugurated on 3 October.

Kyaungywa Model Village USDA organizer U Kyaw Kyaw Win and an official formally opened the village's wind mill. On behalf of the local residents, Daw Ywet Wah Myint spoke words of thanks at the inauguration ceremony. She said Kyaungywa Village shares a border with Thailand and is situated in the eastern part of Ye Township. Peace and tranquillity prevail in the region. Therefore, farmers can carry out their

farm work with peace of mind that resulted in the development of the economy and improvement of the living standards in the region. Concerning the power supply task, diesel and petrol generators were used in the region. Now, a windmill has been installed at the village power station. In conclusion, she thanked the Head of State and social organizations.

At the inauguration ceremony of Asin Model Village's wind mill, Village USDA organizer U Aung Myat Moe and Chairman of Asin Village Peace and Development Council U Maung Myint formally opened the mill. At the opening ceremony, Townselder U Kyaw Maung spoke words of thanks. He said Asin Village is situated in the western part of Ye Township and residents carry out the fish farm. As the price of oil increased globally, the region was in difficulty with electricity supply. However, with the assistance of the township USDA, the village gets a power station equipped with a wind mill. Local residents are



A member of Mon State MWAF offers pair of glasses to an older person in Asin Model Village, Ye Township. — MNA

very pleased with the newly constructed wind mill, he concluded.

After the ceremony, Col Cho Tun Aung of local station inspected the wind mill.

Members of social organizations such as USDA, Maternal and Child Welfare Association and MWAF also held round-table discussions with local people. Executive of Mon State USDA U Thant Zin and U Myo also contributed cash to the fund of the library of Asin Model Village and donated books to it.

As part of an effort for equitable development of regions in the State, the government has been implementing regional development tasks joining hands with social

organizations. USDA is also participating in implementing the tasks with national outlook.

Thanks to the implementation of the five rural development tasks, living standard of the rural areas including Kyaungywa Model Village and Asin Model Village have improved dramatically.

There is a station hospital, a Basic Education High School, a TV re transmission station and a self-reliant library in Kyaungywa Village. Cold storage and ice factories and fish meal plants are also established in the village and local residents got jobs and earned a lot of money. Hence, people in the region enjoy a high standard of living. — MNA



The opening of the windmill in progress in Ye Township, Mon State. — MNA

Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium 2005 commences



Deputy Minister for Mines U Myint Thein explains matters on 2005 Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium at the press conference.— MNA

YANGON, 5 Oct — The Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium for 2005 organized by Central Committee for Organizing the Myanmar Gems Emporium of the Ministry of Mines commenced at Myanmar Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road this afternoon.

It was attended by member of Information Committee Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, Director-General U Khin Maung Htay of Myanmar Radio and Television, Managing Director U Soe Win of News and Periodicals Enterprise, Corre-

spondent U Sein Win of Kyodo News Agency, Patron of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club U Hla Htway, President U Sao Kai Hpa and members and officials of NPE.

They were welcomed by Chairman of the Central Committee Deputy Minister for Mines U Myint Thein, Secretary Managing Director U Thein Swe of MGE and members.

Local and foreign journalists viewed gems and jade finished products, ornaments and jade figurines to be sold at fixed prices, and private jewellery shops on the

ground floor of the mart, imperial jade, commercial jade and utility jade lots and uncut jade stones displayed around the mart, gem and pearl lots to be sold through competitive bidding and tender system on the top floor.

Deputy Minister U Myint Thein and party explained display of gem and jade lots.

At the auction hall of the mart, Deputy Minister U Myint Thein and party met with local and foreign journalists at the press conference concerning the gems emporium.

Speaking on the

occasion, the deputy minister said that quality gem lots will be sold at the Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium. Now, pearl merchants from abroad are interested in sales of pearl lots, and they will purchase them, it is learnt.

A total of 721 gem enterprises from 24 countries were invited to the gem emporium. Till today, 172 gem merchants

of 69 gem companies from 12 countries have replied to the invitations for attending the gems emporium.

However, arrival of gems merchants from abroad will arrive at the emporium soon.

Hence, it is estimated that about 700 gem merchants from abroad will attend the gems emporium. This year, 273 pearl lots, 141 gem lots

and 2,154 jade lots, totalling 2,568 will be sold through tender and competitive bidding systems. Next, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein gave a speech. Chairman Deputy Minister U Myint Thein and Secretary U Thein Swe answered the queries raised by the journalists. Later, Deputy Minister U Myint Thein gave the concluding remarks. — MNA

Diplomats visit 2005 Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium

YANGON, 5 Oct — Ambassadors, charge d' affaires and military attaches of foreign embassies here and officials from UN agencies today

visited the Mid-year Myanmar Gems Emporium-2005 organized by Central Committee for Organizing Myanmar Gems Emporium. Offi-

cial of Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Mines welcomed and conducted them around the emporium.

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Diplomats and officials of UN agencies view jewellery items at 2005 Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium.—MNA



Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein and journalists visit 2005 Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium.— NLM

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Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium attracts over 700 merchants

YANGON, 5 Oct — A total of 737 local and foreign gem merchants gathered here to participate in Mid-year Myanmar Gems Emporium-2005 which


launched today. The emporium was organized by Central Committee for Organizing Myanmar Gems Emporium at Myanmar Gems Emporium Hall on Kaba

Aye Pagoda Road. High-quality jade lots and gems were displayed at the emporium. It is expected that more merchants will arrive tomorrow.—MNA

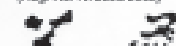
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China evacuates 13,000 from rising flood waters

BEIJING, 4 Oct — Authorities have evacuated about 13,000 people from a flood hit region of central China along the banks of a tributary of the Yangtze River, the official *Xinhua* news agency said.

More heavy rain is expected to fall in the next two days in the province of Hubei and the local government is on alert for further flooding along the Hanjiang River, *Xinhua* said in an overnight report seen on Tuesday.

MNA/Reuters

Air ambulance crash kills four in south Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 4 Oct — Four people including a patient were killed when an ambulance helicopter crashed on Sunday night in the Western Cape, South Africa, it was announced on Monday.

The Eurocopter BO105 helicopter crashed with a patient and three crew aboard near Uniondale, about 450 kilometres east to Cape Town.

The burnt-out wreckage was found early on Monday and there were no survivors, the South African Red Cross Air Mercy Service said.

Its spokeswoman Susann Elphick said the cause of the crash was not yet known.

According to a report of the SAPA news agency, the helicopter was dispatched to Haarlem near Uniondale at 6:15 p.m. (1615 GMT) on Sunday from George Airport to airlift a patient involved in a motor vehicle accident to Lamprecht Clinic in George.

MNA/Xinhua

India expects 7.3% GDP growth for 2005-06

NEW DELHI, 4 Oct — Indian economy will clock an impressive 7.3- per-cent GDP growth for the fiscal 2005-06, at the back of strong prospects of Kharif production and reasonably buoyant industrial and services sector performance, the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has predicted.

In its latest State of the Economy Report, CII has said that the minimum support services (MSP) announced by the Indian Government for the 2005 Kharif season had a positive impact, which resulted in an increase in area under sowing for major crops.

The improved South West monsoon has also aided the recovery in the progress of Kharif sowing, leading to an improved Kharif prospects for 2005-06, with an increase of 3.2 per cent, a marked recovery from 1.1 per-cent growth recorded in 2004-05.

The report also pointed towards a better than expected performance of Index of Industrial Production (IIP) which grew 9.3 per cent in April-July 2005-06. According to the report, a strong growth in non-food credit, growth in capital goods production and imports are perhaps the factors supporting sustained growth for the industrial sector.

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Australians win nobel for gastritis, ulcer discovery

STOCKHOLM, 4 Oct — Australians Barry Marshall and Robin Warren won the 2005 Nobel Medicine prize for discovering a bacterium that causes gastritis and stomach ulcers, said the Nobel Assembly of Stockholm's Karolinska Institute on Monday.

They made the "remarkable and unexpected discovery" in 1982 that the stomach inflammation known as gastritis and ulceration of the stomach and duodenum known as peptic ulcer disease are caused by the bacterium *Helicobacter pylori*, the Assembly said.

The bacterium causes more than 90 per cent of duodenal ulcers and up to 80 per cent of gastric ulcers. About two thirds of the world's population is infected with *H pylori* but most people never suffer any symptoms. It predisposes people to stomach cancer, which is the second most common cause of cancer death.

"Thanks to the pioneering discovery by Marshall and Warren, peptic ulcer disease is no longer a chronic, frequently disabling condition, but a disease that can be cured by a short regimen of antibiotics and acid secretion inhibitors," the Nobel Assembly said in a statement.

Before the discovery, stress and lifestyle factors were considered the major causes of peptic ulcers. — MNA/Reuters

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Russian specialists help US space tourist Gregory Olsen to get up after donning his space suit at the Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan on 1 October, 2005.—INTERNET

Space tourist on board, Russian spaceship docks with "ISS"

Moscow, 4 Oct — A Russian spaceship carrying the world's third space tourist Gregory Olsen and two astronauts docked with the International Space Station (ISS) on Monday morning.

The Soyuz TMA-7 ship hooked up with the ISS at 9:27 a.m. Moscow Time (0527 GMT) after two days of hurtling in space, the Mission Control said.

Olsen and the 12th crew for the ISS—Russian cosmonaut Valery Tokarev and NASA astronaut William McArthur — rode aloft aboard the Soyuz on Saturday from the Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.

With the help of the crew, Olsen, 60, will perform some 10 scientific experiments on the station, including crystal growth ex-

periments in conditions of weightlessness, studies of the response of the human body in weightlessness, and measure of air humidity on Earth surface through spectrum.

Olsen is preceded by American Dennis Tito and South African Mark Shuttleworth, who had spent a few days on the ISS in 2001 and 2002 respectively after paying 20 million US dollars apiece for the tour. Olsen reportedly paid the same price. After a 10-day tour in space, Olsen will return to Earth with Russian cosmonaut Sergei Krikalev and US astronaut John Phillips, who

have been working on the station since mid-April, in a Soyuz ship that will touch down on October 11 in Kazakhstan's northern steppes. Krikalev and Phillips have been preparing for their flight back to Earth. "Krikalev and Phillips were prescribed increased physical exercises on the ergonomic bicycle, running board and other training facilities aboard the station" and will continue all "pre-landing" exercises until October 11, Irina Alferova, head of the medical group at the Mission Control, said on Sunday.— MNA/Xinhua

Link weak between alcohol and lung cancer

NEW YORK, 4 Oct — Pooled data from seven studies on diet and cancer provide weak evidence of a link between alcohol consumption and lung cancer risk — mainly confined to men who had never smoked.

Although smoking is the main cause of lung cancer, not much is known about risk factors for nonsmokers, and modifying factors for smokers, Dr. Jo L. Freudenheim from the State University of New York at Buffalo and colleagues explain in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*.

They note that mortality due to lung cancer is high in studies of alcoholics, "but the greater risk may be explained, in part or entirely, by the fact that the people in

these populations were also more likely to smoke."

In their analyses, Freudenheim's team made every effort to separate the effect of smoking from that of alcohol on lung cancer risk.

According to the investigators, analyses based on 399,767 study participants and 3137 lung cancer cases revealed a "slightly greater" overall risk for lung cancer in men and women consuming two drinks or more per day (30 grammes or more

per day) compared with no alcohol consumption. The risk was increased 21 per cent for men and 16 per cent for women.

On the other hand, among men who never smoked, consumption of 15 grammes or more of alcohol per day was associated with a 6-fold increased risk of developing lung cancer.

This finding is "notable," the authors write, "although the absolute risk of lung cancer in this group is, of course, small".

MNA/Reuters



A model displays Sony Corp's next generation Blue Ray DVD player and BD-ROM disc during the CEATEC Japan 2005 exhibition in Makuhari, east of Tokyo, on 4 Oct, 2005. —INTERNET

West Nile fever confirmed in Japan

Tokyo, 4 Oct — The Japanese Government said on Monday that it has confirmed the first West Nile fever case in the country, but dismissed the danger of an outbreak here.

The Health, Labour and Welfare Ministry said a Japanese man in his 30s contracted the disease during his stay in the United States.

The man is receiving

treatment and not in a serious condition, the ministry said.

In addition, the government dismissed the possibility of an outbreak of the West Nile fever in Ja-

pan, arguing that the man was infected through bite of mosquito in the United States and the killing disease does not spread among human beings.

MNA/Xinhua

Chimp quits smoking at China zoo

X'AN, 4 Oct — A chimpanzee in a northwest China zoo has succeeded in quitting smoking, a habit that has troubled her for 16 years.

"Ai Ai", a 27-year-old mother chimp at Qinling Safari Park in Shaanxi Province, spent four weeks abstaining from smoking, by cutting her daily cigarette consumption step by step until ridding the habit entirely, a zoo keeper told Xinhua.

He said the zoo management decided to help the chimp quit smoking

because it had been deteriorating her health.

"She's served fried dishes and dumplings at every meal, alongside her usual diet of milk, banana and rice," he said without giving his name. "I also put earphones on her so that she could enjoy some pop music from my walkman."

The zoo keepers tried every way to divert the

chimp's attention from cigarettes: a walk after breakfast, a music session after lunch and gym after dinner.

"In the first few days, she squealed for cigarettes every now and then, but as her life became more colourful, she gradually forgot about them altogether," said the zoo worker.

MNA/Xinhua



Australia's Steven Anderson leaps from the top of the 421-metre (1,381-feet) Malaysian landmark of Kuala Lumpur Tower during the annual Kuala Lumpur International Tower Jump on 2 October, 2005. —INTERNET

SPORTS

Beckham misses training for family reasons

MANCHESTER (England), 5 Oct— England captain David Beckham missed Tuesday's opening training session for the World Cup qualifier against Austria after one of his children was taken for hospital tests in Spain.

Coach Sven-Goran Eriksson has given Beckham special permission not to join up with the squad until Wednesday. Asked if the midfielder would be able to fully concentrate on the qualifier, Eriksson told a news conference: "I think he will be okay and hopefully he won't have any worries about what's happening in Spain.



Soccer player David Beckham sits with his sons, Brooklyn, left, and Romeo, right, as they watch US player Andre Agassi and Spain's Tommy Robredo during the Masters Series Tennis tournament in Madrid, on 22 Oct, 2004. England captain Beckham was excused training on 4 Oct, 2006

to stay in Spain with his sick son, Romeo. The three-year-old is having tests in a Madrid hospital, reportedly after having convulsions for the second time in two months. —INTERNET

"He's back tomorrow afternoon so Thursday he'll be on the pitch again." Striker Michael Owen, sidelined for Newcastle United's draw with Portsmouth on Saturday due to a dead leg, also missed Tuesday's session at Manchester United's training complex.

Owen is scheduled to work with England physio Gary Lewin on Wednesday and resume full training on Thursday, an FA spokesman said.

MNA/Reuters

UEFA Cup holders CSKA Moscow face Marseille

NYON (Switzerland), 5 Oct— Holders CSKA Moscow will face former European champions Olympique Marseille in the UEFA Cup group stage following the draw on Tuesday.

The Russian club, the top seeds, will also have trips to the Netherlands, Bulgaria and Romania in Group F to play Heerenveen, Levenski Sofia and Dinamo Bucharest.

"For us the draw is fairly good," CSKA official Alexander Stelmach said. "I think we can play well against all these clubs. We know the clubs from the former Eastern bloc fairly well, they have a good tradition."

Former European champions Hamburg SV take on last year's Champions League runners-up Monaco as well as Czech side Slavia Prague, Bulgaria's CSKA Sofia and Fair Play winners Viking Stavanger of Norway in Group A.

"An interesting yet difficult draw at the same time," said Monaco director Alain Clou. "A lot will depend on the timing of the fixtures. I don't think there'll be any easy matches, especially on the road."

Top Italian seeds AS Roma face Swiss champions Basel, former Euro-

pean champions Red Star Belgrade of Serbia and Montenegro, French club Strasbourg and Norway's Tromso in Group E.

Romania's Steaua Bucharest, European champions in 1986, meet French club RC Lens and Italy's Sampdoria, winners of the 1990 European Cup Winners' Cup. Germany's Hertha Berlin and Halmstads of Sweden round out Group C.

Bolton Wanderers, playing in European competition for the first time, were drawn with Turkey's Besiktas, Russia's Zenit St. Petersburg, Spain's Sevilla and Portugal's Vitoria.

"Quite interesting, not too bad," the Premier League club's chief executive Allan Duckworth said. "We're playing quite well and there's no one in the group we fear although we will show them all respect as well."

Group G pits Mircea Lucescu's Ukrainian team Shakhtar Donetsk against Romania's Rapid Bucharest, who are coached by his son Razvan.

England's Middles-

brough take on Dutch league leaders AZ Alkmaar, Ukraine's Dnipro, Grasshoppers Zurich of Switzerland and Litex Lovech of Bulgaria.

"From a purely football perspective, I think it's a good draw, something the club will be happy with," Middlesbrough chief executive Keith Lamb said.

"The purpose at this stage is progressing past the group stage and this gives us a good opportunity to do that."

MNA/Reuters

Braga beat Naval to join Porto and Nacional on top

LISBON, 5 Oct— A goal from Brazilian midfielder Vandinho handed Braga a 1-0 win over promoted Naval on Tuesday, lifting the club level on points with Portuguese Premier League leaders Porto and Nacional Madeira.

While Vandinho scored the winning goal after four minutes, Braga remained the only team in the league yet to concede a goal this season.

After six matches, Porto lead the standings on goal difference with 14 points. Sporting, beaten 3-0 at Pacos de Ferreira on Sunday, are two points behind in fourth place.

Porto were held to a 2-2 draw at Maritimo while Nacional Madeira overcame Penafiel 2-0 on Sunday.

MNA/Reuters

Flamengo want relegation abolished after match-fixing

RIO DE JANEIRO, 5 Oct— Struggling Flamengo say they want relegation to be abolished in this year's Brazilian championship following a match-fixing scandal which has led to the results of 11 matches being declared void.

As Brazil's clubs continue to bicker over the decision, Sao Paulo said they would wait for the outcome of the two games they will have to replay before deciding on their position.

Brazil's top sporting tribunal decided on Sunday to annul all 11 matches refereed by Edilson Pereira de Carvalho, who has admitted taking money from an illegal gambling ring to swing matches.

But some clubs argue that not all the games need to be replayed.

They say that, according to public prosecutors, Carvalho did not attempt to rig the result of every match he refereed and that, on one occasion, the team he favoured lost their match 4-1.

"The championship has lost credibility because we still don't know what there is behind all this," Flamengo coach Andrade told reporters. "Was it just

Edilson (Carvalho)?"

"The whole championship has been stained and it's not right that anyone should be relegated."

Flamengo president Marcio Braga initially suggested abolishing relegation when the scandal broke last week but then backed down and issued a statement in which he promised to support the tribunal's eventual ruling.

Flamengo, who were not involved in any of the 11 matches, claim to be Brazil's most popular club but years of chaotic administration have turned them into perennial relegation candidates.

Meanwhile, Sao Paulo, who have to replay their 3-2 win over Corinthians and their 1-0 defeat by Ponte Preta, said they would wait for the results before giving their verdict on the decision.

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Real's Brazilians cause new stir with goal celebrations

MADRID, 5 Oct— Real Madrid's Brazilian players are the centre of attention once again after a new round of comical goal celebrations during their side's 4-0 weekend win over Real Mallorca at the Bernabeu.

Ronaldo, Roberto Carlos and Julio Baptista scored all four Real goals against the islanders on Sunday and celebrated first by hopping up and down like kangaroos and then by playing leap frog.

The previous week Ronaldo, Roberto Carlos and Robinho had caused offence to Alaves president Dimitry Piterman when they dived on to the ground and waved their arms and legs about in advance they dubbed 'the cockroach'.

The celebrations drew an angry response from the outspoken Alaves chief who said that the trio had behaved like "circus clowns" and "needed their heads examined" following his side's 3-0 defeat. Real Madrid midfielder Pablo Garcia said he had tried to prevent the latest

round of celebrations, but was pushed away by Roberto Carlos when he tried to intervene.

"I tried to stop them," Garcia told sports daily Marca on Tuesday. "But they can do whatever they want as long as they don't harm anyone."

"They are just joking about because that's the way the Brazilians are — they're different and always happy."

Atletico Madrid striker Fernando Torres was also in hotwater for his goal

celebration in his side's 2-0 win over Malaga on Sunday.

The Spanish international was bombarded with plastic bottles thrown from by Malaga fans when he stuck his fingers in his ears and poked out his tongue after scoring a penalty against the Andalucians.

Torres said the celebration had been a joke between him and former teammate Jorge who now plays for Celta Vigo.

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Real Madrid's Brazilian player Roberto Carlos, centre, celebrates with his Brazilian teammates Julio Baptista, left, and Ronaldo after Roberto Carlos scored against Mallorca during a Spanish league soccer match at the Bernabeu Stadium in Madrid on 2 Oct, 2005. —INTERNET



A Cambodian boy and girl wearing 19th century costume perform catwalk during the 2005 Freshie Boys and Girls competition for a local television network in Phnom Penh on 1 October, 2005. —INTERNET

US Army fails to meet recruitment goal for 2005

WASHINGTON, 5 Oct — The US Army enlisted a little more than 73,000 recruits for the 2005 fiscal year ending 30 September, more than 8-per-cent short of its recruitment goal, officials said on Monday.

Army Secretary Francis Harvey told reporters that he was concerned about recruitment levels in the last 12 months, but denied there was any crisis.

"Is this a crisis? No, it's not a crisis," he said.

Harvey cited a number of issues for the shortfall, which included a robust economy offering young people job opportunities, the Iraq war and parents reluctant to let their children to join.

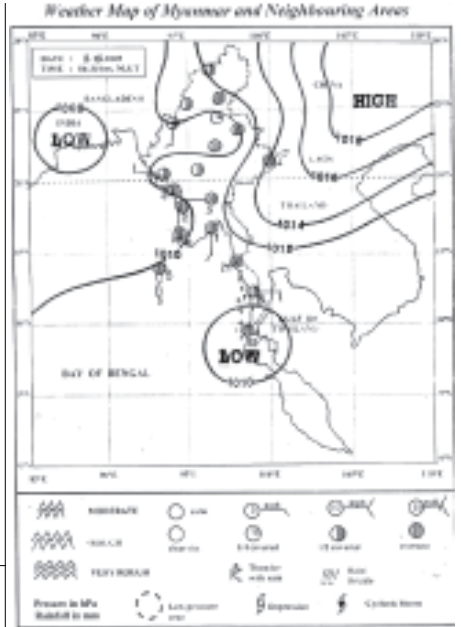
To deal with the problem, the Army had taken a series of measures, such as big financial incentives and a larger force of recruiters. The Army would increase its recruiters from the current 9,000 to 12,000, give soldiers having served four years a 25,000-US-dollar bonus for buying homes, aim recruitment efforts more at parents, and increase the advertising budget, he said.

In addition, the Army had decided to adopt Defence Department quality standards

less demanding than those followed by the Army, said Harvey.

Richard Cody, the Army's Deputy Chief of Staff, said at a separate news briefing that with the shortfall, the Army would not be able to increase in size to 502,000 as planned, and would remain at around 492,000 to 493,000.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Wednesday, 5th October, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin, Rakhine and Kayah States and upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Shan and Kayin States, Mandalay Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Ye (2.60) inches, Hakha (2.37) inches, Kawthoung (1.65) inches, Heho (1.38) inches and Mawlamyine (0.79) inch.

Maximum temperature on 4-10-2005 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 5-10-2005 was 69°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 5-10-2005 was 84%. Total sunshine hours on 4-10-2005 was (4.7) hours approx. Rainfalls on 5-10-2005 were nil at Mingaladon. (0.04) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.20) inch at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (93.78) inches at Mingaladon, (96.18) inches at Kaba-Aye and (100.12) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Northwest at (15:20) hours MST on 4-10-2005.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in North and West Central Bay and cloudy in the East Central Bay. Monsoon is weak elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 6-10-2005: Weather will be partly cloudy in lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, scattered in Rakhine and Kayin States, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Bago Divisions, isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Thundery condition in Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 6-10-2005: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 6-10-2005: Partly cloudy.

သတိပေးနူးဆော်ချက်

- ၁။ သီတင်းကျွတ်ကာလနှင့် တန်ဆောင်တိုင်ကာလများတွင် ခြောက်အိုး၊ မီးရှူးနှင့် ခုံးများ (ရှူးခိုင်း) ပစ်ခတ်ခြင်းဖြင့် ပြည်သူများအထိတ်တလန့်ဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ မသမာ သူများက ရုပ်ရွာ အေးချမ်းသာယာရေးနှင့် လူ့ဘဝကို ထိခိုက်အောင် လုပ်လာနိုင်ခြင်း တို့ကြောင့် ခြောက်အိုး၊ မီးရှူးနှင့် ခုံးများ (ရှူးခိုင်း) တို့ ပစ်ခတ်ခြင်းကို တားမြစ်သည်။
- ၂။ ယင်းသို့ တားမြစ်ထားသော်လည်း ယမန်နှစ် ၂၀၀၄ ခုနှစ်၊ သီတင်းကျွတ်ကာလနှင့် တန်ဆောင်တိုင်ကာလများတွင် ခြောက်အိုး၊ မီးရှူးနှင့် ခုံးများ (ရှူးခိုင်း) များအား-
 - (က) ထုတ်လုပ်ရောင်းချသဖြင့် အရေးယူမှု (၂၀၇) နှစ်တွင် တရားခံ (၂၀၀) ဦးအား အဖွဲ့အစည်းထောင်ဒဏ် (၂) နှစ်မှ အများဆုံး ထောင်ဒဏ် (၃) နှစ်အထိ ချမှတ်အရေးယူခဲ့သည်။
 - (ခ) ခောက်ခြင်း၊ ပစ်ခတ်ခြင်းများပြုလုပ်သဖြင့် အရေးယူမှု (၁၀၇) နှစ်တွင် တရားခံ (၁၆၀) ဦးအား အဖွဲ့အစည်းထောင်ဒဏ် (၂) နှစ်အထိ ချမှတ်အရေးယူခဲ့သည်။
- ၃။ သို့ဖြစ်ပါ၍ ယခုနှစ် ၂၀၀၅ ခုနှစ်၊ သီတင်းကျွတ်ကာလနှင့် တန်ဆောင်တိုင်ကာလများတွင် ခြောက်အိုး၊ မီးရှူးနှင့် ခုံးများ (ရှူးခိုင်း) များအား ထုတ်လုပ်ရောင်းချခြင်း၊ ပစ်ခတ်ခြင်းများ ပြုလုပ်ပါက ယခင်နှစ်များကဲ့သို့ တရားမဝင်အတိုင်း အရေးယူသွားမည် ဖြစ်ကြောင်း သတိပေး နူးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။
 - (က) ထုတ်လုပ်ခြင်း၊ ရောင်းချခြင်းများပြုလုပ်ပါက တည်ဆဲဥပဒေအရ အများဆုံး ထောင်ဒဏ်အထိ ချမှတ်မည် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။
 - (ခ) ပစ်ခတ်သည့်နေ့ရာမှ အနီး အဝေး အနိမ့်နှင့် အမြင့် တို့တွင် ပေါက်ကွဲပေး တတ်သော ခြောက်အိုး၊ မီးရှူးနှင့် ခုံးများ (ရှူးခိုင်း) ခောက်လွှင့် တည်ဆဲ ဥပဒေအရ အများဆုံးထောင်ဒဏ်အထိ ချမှတ်မည် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။
 - (ဂ) သတင်းပေးသူကို ထိုက်တန်စွာဆောင်ရွက်မည်။

ရန်ကင်းတိုင်းအေးချမ်းသာယာရေးနှင့် ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးကော်မရှင်



Thursday, 6th October Tune in today:

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -New Pollution
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -Let's live for today
- 8:50 am National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -I still carry on
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Hey Mr. DJ
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music
- Look away
- I wonder if I care as much
- You make me feel
- The power of love
- 9:00 pm Aspects of Myanmar
- World Peace Pagoda
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Pourri
- Alcoholic at risk of infection after heart surgery
- NASA offers on steroids to return moon
- 9:30 pm Favourite songs chosen by music lovers
- Heart of heart (Dob Russkin)
- When I fall in love (Nat King Cole)
- Evergreen (Will Young)
- 9:45 pm News/Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Thursday, 6th October View on today

- 7:00 am
 1. တေးဂီတနှင့် မင်းတို့၏ ဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံသယဟာ နာယကအဖွဲ့ အကျိုးတော်ဆောင် ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မဟာရရှာရ၊ အဘိဓမ္မဟာရ သဒ္ဒမ္မဇောတိက၊ တီပီဂူကဓရ၊ မေဗုဒ္ဓဘုရားဂါရီက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တ ဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ဝရိတ်ဘုရားတော်
- 7:25 am
 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am
 5. Dance of national races
- 8:00 am
 6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

- 8:05 am
 7. Dance variety
- 8:15 am
 8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am
 9. ဘော်တင်ရေလှောင်တစ်
- 8:30 am
 10. International news
- 8:45 am
 11. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
 3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm
 4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm
 5. အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့ပညာရေး ရပ်မြင်သဖြင့် သင်ခန်းစာ - တတိယနှစ် (သတ္တဓာအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဓာ)
- 5:15 pm
 6. Cute little dancers
- 5:25 pm
 7. ၂၀၀၅ ခုနှစ်၊ တေရသမ အကြိမ်(၁၃ကြိမ်) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ ဝေလှာ နိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလ

- ပေါ်ဘားနှင့်အတိတ်ဟောင်းတား (ပညာရှင်အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသမီး)
- 5:35 pm
 8. ထာဝစဉ်လှမြန်မာ့ဂီတ (အဆို ပညာဘာသာရပ်ဆွေးနွေးခန်း)
- 5:45 pm
 9. "အလေးတော့ ကိုယ်ပြပါ" နှိုင်းဝင်း၊ ရတနာစင် ခါရိုက်တာ-မင်းအုတ်စို
- 5:55 pm
 10. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 6:05 pm
 11. Musical programme
- 6:15 pm
 12. နိုင်ငံအဝန်း သစ်တော့စမ်းပြိုင်ပွဲ ရှိလား-မင်းအုတ်စို
- 6:30 pm
 13. Evening news
- 7:00 pm
 14. Weather report
- 7:05 pm
 15. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်ဝတ်ပါ" (အပိုင်း-၂၃)
- 7:35 pm
 16. Musical programme
- 7:45 pm
 17. သက်ရွယ်နှင့် လူ့ဘောင်ဆီသို့
- 8:00 pm
 18. News
- 8:00 pm
 19. International news
- 8:00 pm
 20. Weather report
- 8:00 pm
 21. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "မခွဲအတွဲ" (အပိုင်း-၁၇)
- 8:00 pm
 22. The next day's programme

**In Myanmar society are norms for dignity, and ethics and responsibilities of a teacher
Teachers should adhere to their ethics to become models of the society winning public respect
Teachers should teach students to become clever, polite and outstanding persons
World Teachers' Day observed**

YANGON, 5 Oct— World Teachers' Day was observed at the Diamond Jubilee Hall on Pyay Road here 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.

Also present on the occasion were the ministers, the chairman of the

Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon Mayor, the deputy ministers, MEC members, ambassadors of embassies in Yangon, resident representatives of UN agencies, veteran teachers, officials, departmental heads, the chairman of the Myanmar Examinations Board, rectors, principals, education officers, outstanding teachers, students

and guests. The MEC chairman in his speech said that world nations commemorate the World Teachers' Day annually with noble aims to appreciate the attributes of teachers and to raise their role. So does Myanmar to preserve a fine tradition of cooperation in international movements and enhance the Myanmar tradition of hon-

Myanmar society are norms for dignity, and ethics and responsibilities of a teacher. Now, the government is making endeavours to promote the education standard through national level education promotion projects. In the process, it has taken into account the vital role teachers play, and their pioneering quality and dignities.

In 2005, the World Teachers' Day is dedicated to the theme "Quality Teachers for Quality Education: Training for a Stronger Teaching Force".

Myanmar is implementing the 30-year long-term national education promotion plan. "Work programme for teachership" is included in the third of the 10 work programmes being undertaken in the basic education sector "Work programme for promotion of basic education".

The government has been opening institutions of higher learning and schools the length and breadth of the nation to open greater learning opportunities. It has also opened more education universities and colleges, that are conducting degree and diploma courses, to bring out a large number of skilled teachers. The nation now has 156 insti-



MEC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents certificate of honour and cash award to JAT Daw Mya Htay of Mongthauk BEHS of Nyaungshwe Township.— MNA

tutions of higher learning and 40,525 schools, up from 32 universities and colleges and 33,747 schools in 1988.

In 1988, there were

over 138,000 students of institutions of higher learning and over 5,240,000 students in schools in the nation.

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ouring teachers. In Myanmar society, it is a conviction that the dignity of teachers is endowed with noble attributes. It is a very adorable custom that people regard parents as first teachers, and teachers as one of the five infinities together with the Buddha, the Dhamma, the Buddhist Order, and parents.

And teachers are regarded as honourable persons, exemplars of respective wards or villages, and those capable of guiding and nurturing students to become the educated with good morality. So, in the

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The fruit of peace, tranquillity and progress the entire nation is enjoying is thanks to cooperation of the 17 national race armed groups, depicting the brilliant performance of the Tatmadaw Government.

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Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers an address at the ceremony to mark World Teachers' Day at Diamond Jubilee Hall.— MNA