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True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents tonic to maestros of 70 years and above who will participate in 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. —MNA

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially greets contestants from States and Divisions to 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

YANGON, 12 Oct — Patron of the Leading Committee for Organizing the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein attended the ceremony to welcome those from the States and Divisions who will take part in the Performing Arts Competitions at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street in Dagon Township at 5 pm today.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially greets artistes who will take part in 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. —MNA

INSIDE

Myanmar is located between two large and populous nations. As its area is 676,553 square kilometres or 261,228 square miles, it cannot be said a small country. When I was abroad for further studies, I hung in my room the map of Myanmar and the postcards portraying the national races wearing their traditional colourful costumes.

DR MA TIN WIN (INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION)

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for success of traditional performing arts competitions

The Union of Myanmar has stood in the world with its own culture and arts for thousands of years. And the Myanmar people have valued their cultural heritage as the lifeblood of their own nation and race. In order to revitalize and preserve the invaluable heritage of national culture, Myanmar traditional performing arts competitions are held every year.

The 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions commence today and the objectives this year are:

- 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.

In accordance with these objectives, maestros are systematically supervising the competitions and respective committees are also exerting coordinated efforts to make them a complete success.

It is also necessary for the participants from various states and divisions, who have been outstanding at the state- and division-level competitions and have had a lot of practice, to preserve the national cultural heritage by showing their skills to the best of their abilities.

Enthusiastic participation of amateur and professional musicians in the competitions with the intention of preserving national culture and character is a way of safeguarding patriotism and national prestige and integrity.

Therefore, we would like to call on all those responsible as well as the participants to try their best to make the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions a complete success in accordance with the seven objectives.

Kyimyindine BEHS No 1 to pay respects to teachers on 27 Nov

YANGON, 9 Oct — Kyimyindine BEHS No 1 will hold a ceremony to pay respects to teachers for the second time at its Myatwityi Hall at 11 am on 27 November.

The old students may dial Daw Swan (Tel: 223325), Daw Khin Ti Ti (Tel: 512667), Daw Aye Aye Than (Tel: 524405), Daw Nyunt Nyunt Sein (Tel: 650554), Daw Thazin (Tel: 500198), and Daw Sabei (Tel: 534747) to make cash donations. Old teachers have been invited to attend the ceremony. —MNA

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World Sight Day

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“Vision 2020-The Right to Sight.
Elimination of Avoidable Blindness”

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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

U Ye Win presents credentials to King of Thailand

YANGON, 13 Oct — U Ye Win, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Kingdom of Thailand, presented his credentials to His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej, King of Thailand, on 29 September, at Klaikangwon Palace in Hua Hin. —MNA

U Saw Hla Min presents credentials to President of French Republic

YANGON, 13 Oct — U Saw Hla Min, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the French Republic, presented his credentials to His Excellency Mr Jacques Chirac, President of the French Republic, on 30 September in Paris. —MNA

Sanitation work inspected in city

YANGON, 11 Oct — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected the unblocking of ditches in front of Hline Yadana Market and Win Thuza Shop in Hline Township this morning collectively carried out by members of township PDC, departmental staff, social organization members and town dwellers numbering about 200.

The mayor also looked into the dredging of ditches and sanitation tasks along Yankin Road and

Yanshin Junction in Yankin Township, upgrading of Thanthuma two-lane tar road into four-lane one at the road section from Thitsa Road to Parami Road in South Oakkalapa Township and unblocking of ditches for proper drainage in Ward-4 and Ward-5 in the township.

During his inspection, the mayor instructed officials and departmental personnel to perform their duties diligently and conscientiously.

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Cash assistance provided to students of institutes in Mandalay

YANGON, 11 Oct — Myittashin Education Promotion Committee of Mandalay Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee held a ceremony to provide cash assistance to students of institutes at the committee's office on 6 October.

Supervisory Committee Chairperson Daw Khin Pyone Win and wellwishers presented K 1,178,000 to 87 students from the Institute of Medicine; three each from Technological University, the Technical College, the University of Computer Studies and the Institute of Dental Medicine; one from Institute of Agriculture (Yezin), two from Institute of Pharmacy; one from Institute of Paramedical Sciences; two from Traditional Medicine University; one from Defence Services Technological Academy; one students and three teachers from Defence Services Medical Academy; and one student from Institute of Education. They also presented K 13,323,000 to 111 students for the period from January to October 2005.

Similarly, Mandalay Division Women's Affairs Organization held a ceremony to donate exercise books and stationery to School for the Deaf in Chanmyathazi Township at the school on 6 October. Patron Daw Khin Pyone Win and members of the organization donated 210 dozens of exercise books and stationery and U Aye



Mandalay Division MCWSC Chairperson Daw Khin Pyone Win presents cash assistance to a student.

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Maung-Daw Ni Ni (Sein Sabai Phu Diamond House) 50 sets of school uniforms to the school. Next, the patron and members comforted child patients undergoing medical treatment at the 300-bed teaching hospital in Mandalay. Later, they visited the tailoring course and donated materials for tailoring. —MNA



First meeting of Sectoral Working Group on Agricultural and Industrial Co-operation commences

YANGON, 11 Oct — The First Meeting of the Sectoral Working Group on Agricultural and Industrial Co-Operation under Ayeyawady-Chaophraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) was held at the Sedona Hotel here this morning.

It was attended by representatives of Myanmar, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Thailand, Socialist Republic of Vietnam, and Cambodia, officials from ministries concerned, and the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry. Director-General of the Agricultural Planning Department U Tin Htut Oo gave an introductory speech.

The representatives from the five nations held discussions on cooperation in agricultural and industrial sectors among the nations and future programmes. The meeting continues tomorrow.

MNA

Oxfam slams US trade proposal

ZURICH, 11 Oct— Aid agency Oxfam on Monday slammed a US proposal to slash subsidies and phase out farm tariffs in a bid to help unblock world trade talks, saying it was “smoke and mirrors” and could hurt poor countries.

“What looks on the surface like a genuine attempt to move the talks forward is in fact a very clever piece of manoeuvring by the US,” the international development organization said.

US trade chief Rob Portman said earlier his country was willing to accept “some pain” to win a deal opening the way to a new pact that analysts say could pump billions of dollars into the global economy and help lift millions out of poverty.

The plan, detailed by Portman at a Zurich news conference, was to be put to a meeting of trade ministers in the Swiss business capital on Monday, kicking off a busy week of talks that aim to iron out differences ahead of a key December trade summit in Hong Kong.

But Oxfam said the blueprint meant the United States would have to make

“only negligible cuts”, just 2 per cent of all its subsidy expenditure, and that not until the end of the time set in a Doha Round accord for agreements to go into force.

While the United States said it would reduce the ceiling on trade-distorting support to its farmers by 60 per cent, Oxfam said that this would leave actual spending untouched, so poor farmers in developing countries would not benefit.

Specifically, Oxfam charged that the US proposal to end export subsidies in 2010 was bogus as hardly any of US payments are classified in this way.

“This proposal would allow them to get away with doing next to nothing in return for some very painful concessions from developing countries,” Oxfam said. “It’s a case of smoke and mirrors.”

MNA/Reuters



A rescue team works among the debris of Margala Towers after an earthquake in Islamabad on 10 Oct, 2005. —INTERNET

1,960 US troops killed in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 11 Oct—As of Tuesday, 11 Oct, 2005, at least 1,960 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 1,524 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military’s numbers. The figures include five military civilians.

The AP count is 10 higher than the Defence Department’s tally, last updated at 10 am EDT Tuesday. Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq

had ended, 1,821 US military members have died, according to AP’s count. That includes at least 1,415 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military’s numbers. —Internet

US soldier killed by Baghdad’s suicide car bomb

BAGHDAD, 11 Oct — A US soldier was killed in a suicide car bombing near a checkpoint outside the Green Zone in central Baghdad, the US military said on Monday.

“A soldier, assigned to Task Force Baghdad, was killed when a suicide bomber blew up a car bomb outside a checkpoint near the Green Zone on 10 October,” the military said in a statement.

The name of the killed soldier was being withheld pending notification of next of kin, the statement said. —MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi policeman and soldier look at destroyed vehicles following an aborted attack on an Iraqi checkpoint in Baghdad on 10 Oct, 2005. —INTERNET

Food, water airdropped in Kashmir Valley, toll nears 1,000

SRINAGAR, 11 Oct — Speeding up relief efforts in quake-hit northern Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir, food and water were on Monday airdropped in remote villages nestled in difficult mountain terrains as the death toll in the temblor was poised to soar past the one thousand mark.

On day three of Operation “Imdad” (Help), IAF helicopters dropped food packets and water bottles in the worst-affected Kupwara and Baramulla districts, state chief secretary Vijay Bakaya said here.

Over 1,900 tents have been set up in Uri and Tangdhar sectors where the damage in terms of people killed, injured or property was immense as it was closest to the epicentre of the quake in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir capital of Muzaffarabad.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh will undertake a tour of quake-hit areas in Kashmir Valley on Tuesday.

Admitting that water supply to affected areas was a problem because of acute shortage of tankers, Bakaya said all-out efforts were being made to approach hitherto unreachable areas and Air Force would regularly air drop food and water from Monday. However, he admitted 14 villages in Tangdhar remained inaccessible on the third day after the tragedy struck.

An official spokesman said so far 947 people have been killed, 4,000 injured and 30,000 houses damaged across Jammu and Kashmir. Of the dead, 619 were in

worst-hit Baramullah District and 301 in Kupwara District in areas along the Line of Control.

The Army also pressed into service bulldozers to clear roads and tracks littered with boulders and mud heaps toppled in landslides to enter remote areas while its choppers ferried medicines, tents and rations and evacuated the injured from far flung villages to a make-shift hospital in Uri as also to Army hospitals in Srinagar.

The troops made all-out efforts to access remote villages of Tangdhar, Keran and Karnah in Kupwara District and Uri in Baramulla which bore the brunt of the magnitude 7.6 earthquake on Saturday.

Chief Secretary Vijay Bakaya said generator sets had been sent to the affected areas in Uri and Tangdhar to provide electricity for essential services like make-shift hospitals.

However, he said water supply was a problem in the affected villages as there were only six water tankers in the area for catering to the survivors in the wake of damage to water supply schemes.

He said two truck loads of food packets and water bottles donated by NGOs had been kept for the victims and 4,400 blankets were distributed among the affected people in Baramulla District and another 2,500 in Kupwara District. —MNA/PTI

Boy born after South Asia tremor named ‘Earthquake’

URI (India), 11 Oct — Hours after Amina gave birth to a boy in Indian-administered Kashmir, the

world around her collapsed.

The weekend’s massive South Asian earthquake brought her brick house tumbling down in the remote Jabla Village, trapping the mother and child in an eerie, cold darkness.

They were pulled out of the rubble after the boy’s father Manzoor Ahmed Mir and others spent 18 hours digging with bare hands.

Mir has now named his son “Zalzala”, or earthquake in Urdu.

“It’s a blessing from Allah that they are alive. He brought the earthquake with him so I have named him Abid Zalzala,” said the 35-year-old farmer.

MNA/Reuters

Blast kills four Afghans in restive south

KANDAHAR (Afghanistan), 11 Oct — At least four Afghans were killed by a strong explosion that shook the volatile southern city of Kandahar on Monday, police said.

Among the victims were a former senior factional commander, Agha Shah, Kandahar police chief Colonel Mohammad Hakim said.

Body flesh of the victims was strewn on the dusty road where the blast went off, outside Shah’s house in a crowded area of the Kandahar, during the morning rush hour.

It came a day after four British nationals, who were on visit to help Cus-

toms regulations in the province, were wounded in a suicide attack close to the city centre. Kandahar was the bastion of the Taleban who were ousted from power in 2001.

“I can say now that at least four people, including Agha Shah, have lost their lives in the explosion,” Hakim said.

Police did not blame anyone and there was no immediate claim of responsibility.

MNA/Reuters



Worker uses fogging machine to poison mosquitoes at an apartment complex in Kuala Lumpur on 13 Oct, 2005.

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Iraq attacks kill scores

BAGHDAD, 11 Oct— The attacks came days ahead of Iraq's vote on the draft charter Baghdad, Up to 50 people have been killed and dozens wounded in a series of attacks in Iraq, including a car bomb that ripped apart a crowded market in a town near the Syrian border.

In the deadliest attack in Iraq in nearly two weeks, a car bomb exploded at about 11am (0800 GMT) on Tuesday in a crowded open market in the north-western town of Tal Afar, killing 30 Iraqis and wounding 45, said Brigadier Najim Abd Allah, Tal Afar's police chief.

He said all the victims appeared to be civilians since no Iraqi or US forces were in the centre of Tal Afar, which is 420km northwest of Baghdad.

Attackers also used two car bombs,

three roadside bombs and five drive-by shootings and a mortar attack on a used-clothes market in the capital on Tuesday to kill a total of 15 Iraqis and wound 29, police said.

Another attack involved a car bomb that exploded at about noon at an Iraqi army checkpoint in a busy area of western Baghdad on Tuesday, killing eight Iraqi soldiers and one civilian, and wounding 12 soldiers, said police Captain Qasim Husain. —Internet

Philippine Govt to send

humanitarian team to Pakistan

MANILA, 11 Oct — The Philippine Government on Monday said it will send a humanitarian team to Pakistan to help with the relief and rescue efforts after a strong earthquake struck South Asia.

"The usual assistance we extend to countries who experience this kind of tragedy is the sending of a humanitarian team," Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said at a news briefing without giving any detail.

Bunye reiterated the Philippines' condolences to those who lost their people in the disaster. "We would like to extend our sympathies to nations and peoples affected by this sudden tragedy. The entire nation is one in prayer for their speedy recovery from this unfortunate event."

Tens of thousands of people are believed to have died in the Saturday earthquake, measuring 7.6 on the Richter Scale, that hit parts of Pakistan, India and Afghanistan. President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo earlier said in a statement that the Philippines "shared the grief and pain" of the victims of the massive earthquake.

The Philippine humanitarian teams were also sent to the victimized countries after the catastrophic tsunami hit Southeast Asia in December 2004.

MNA/Xinhua

Britain shaves Iraq troop numbers in 'routine' rotation

LONDON, 11 Oct — Britain said on Monday it would cut troop numbers in Iraq by 500 but stressed its capability in the south of the country would be unaffected.

The announcement came three weeks after a riot in the southern city of Basra that exposed worsening tensions between British forces and Shiite militia there.

Some British opposition politicians said it was time to consider pulling out when angry crowds attacked British armoured vehicles with petrol bombs. The troops had moved to free two undercover soldiers they said were held by militia members.

But Defence Secretary John Reid said a "routine" rotation of troops in and out of Iraq — with 7 Armoured Brigade replacing 12 Mechanised Brigade early next month — did not signal the start of any major reduction in troop numbers.

"The total numbers of troops in Iraq following the deployment of 7 Armoured Brigade will be around 8,000. That is about 500 fewer than at present," Reid told Parliament.

"These are relatively minor adjustments ... and will not affect activities carried out by UK forces." Britain, like the United States, says it intends to draw down its forces in Iraq as Iraqi troops gain the capabilities to take over responsibility for security.

MNA/Reuters

Chinese traders embrace win-win mindset in expanding business

HANGZHOU, 11 Oct— A delegation of entrepreneurs from Wenzhou, in east China's Zhejiang Province, were organized in July to visit Elche, a city in the southeastern Spain with a sole aim to improve understanding between shoemakers in both countries.

In September last year, shoe warehouses in Elche, with financing from entrepreneurs of Wenzhou, who used tactics such as prolonged business hours and monopolized the production chain — from shoe production in China, exports to Spain, imports in Spain, as well as marketing in Spain — in order to real-

ize exorbitant profits, were set on fire by angry demonstrators.

Xie Rongfang, secretary-general of the Footwear and Leatherware Association of Lucheng District, Wenzhou City, said, "The fire in Elche a year ago has awakened us to be aware of the importance of achieving a win-win deal for all partners concerned.

The benefit-sharing mindset is conducive to removing barriers in international trade." In that trip, the business people of Wenzhou were informed of Spanish folkways and culture, as well as the ethics of doing business in Spain. Their Spanish counterparts were briefed on the market operation of Chinese private businesses.

Also during the trip, the Chinese business mission voiced its readiness to help Spanish shoe-making firms expand the Chinese market by supporting them in starting up new workshops in Wenzhou, and making famous Spanish shoe brands complementary to China's rich resources for production.

Liu Guangzhong, head of the association of shoemakers of Chinese origin in Spain, said many Chinese investors in Spanish enterprises had adjusted their ways of doing business, including hiring locals to work with Chinese businesses and eliminating competition using lowered prices or prolonged business hours.

MNA/Xinhua

At least 30 killed by suicide bomber in northern Iraq

BAGHDAD, 12 Oct — At least 30 people were killed and 35 others wounded on Wednesday in a suicide bomb attack in the northern Iraqi town of Tal Afar near the Syrian border, police said.

The attack occurred as a suicide bomber strapped with explosives blew himself up among a group of army recruits in the town, some 390 km north of Baghdad and 100 km from Syria, the police said.

The attack came one day after an explosion killed some 30 people in a

busy market in the same town, which has witnessed a major military offensive aimed at ridding the region of foreign fighters.

Violence has surged in the run-up to the Oct. 15 referendum on a draft constitution, which has torn the war-ravaged country further apart along sectarian lines.

Meanwhile, Iraqi leaders said they have reached a deal to amend the draft charter and a vote on the amendments will take place later Wednesday.

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqis scramble to put out a fire after a building caught alight following a suicide car bomb attack in Basra, Iraq, on 9 Oct, 2005. —INTERNET

Three Iraqi police killed in Baghdad's two suicide car bombings

BAGHDAD, 11 Oct— Two separate suicide car bombs exploded in Baghdad on Monday, killing three police commandos and wounding nine people, an Interior Ministry source said.

"A suicide car bomber blew himself up near a police patrol at an intersection close to Hay al-Amil police station in southern Baghdad, wounding four policemen," the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

MNA/Xinhua

Bali gears up for anniversary of 2002 blasts

JAKARTA, 11 Oct—Indonesian police will launch a major security operation on Wednesday to commemorate the 12 October, 2002 bombings on the beautiful resort island of Bali, which killed 202 people, mostly foreign tourists, the *Jakarta Post* reported on Monday.

Bali provincial police spokesman AS Reniban said the operation would involve some 3,000 security officers, including Army men and Balinese local security guards called *pecalang*.

"We will deploy some 1,500 police officers, assisted by *pecalang* and Army men. So in total they will be around 3,000 personnel," Reniban said.

The police are tightening security in every entrance point to Bali, including seaports and international airport, he said.

According to National Police spokesman Brigadier General Soenarko, the police are also stepping up security in a number of tourist spots such as Kuta, Jimbaran, Nusa Dua and Sanur in Bali.

Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer, top national and foreign figures are expected to attend a commemoration ceremony to be held early Wednesday at the scene of the blasts in Legian, Kuta, Reniban said.

On 1 October, three bomb blasts hit two residential areas in Bali again, killing 23 people and injuring more than 120 others.—MNA/Xinhua



Chinese elementary students wave national flags and cheer the launch of China's second manned spacecraft Shenzhou VI at a school in Nanchang, east China's Jiangxi Province on 12 October, 2005. —INTERNET

Six relief soldiers die of landslide in India-controlled Kashmir

SRINAGAR, India-controlled Kashmir, 12 Oct—Six soldiers of Indian Army died of a landslide while distributing relief material to earthquake-hit villages in India-controlled Kashmir Wednesday, according to local army source.

The soldiers encountered a landslide on their way to distribute relief material to victims in worst-hit Tangdhar of India-controlled Kashmir, the source said.

Heavy rain and strong wind hit the region since Tuesday evening once stopping the relief work and the army reopened rescue work on Wednesday morning.

MNA/Xinhua

Japan dispatches relief team to quake-hit areas in Pakistan

TOKYO, 11 Oct—The Japanese Government on Monday dispatched a disaster relief team to carry out rescue work in Pakistan, which was struck by a major earthquake last Saturday. The 21-member medical team, including doctors, nurses and pharmacists, will operate in devastated areas for about two weeks.

"We have been informed that hospitals were completely destroyed. We must be prepared for some tough work," Tatsuro Kai, head of the team, said prior to departure. On Sunday, Japan sent a 49-member emergency rescue team formed by rescue experts from firefighting, police and Coast Guard organizations. Meanwhile, the Japan Red Cross Society separately dispatched an advance medical team to Islamabad, and has decided to extend 15 million yen (136,000 US dollars) in aid to Pakistan.—MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi soldiers view a pair of destroyed vehicles after a suicide car bomb attack in Baghdad on 11 Oct, 2005. —INTERNET

Vietnam to spend more on development next year

HANOI, 11 Oct—Vietnam plans to mobilize some 370 trillion Vietnamese dong (23.4 billion US dollars) for development investment next year, up 17.8 per cent over this year's estimate, according to the Ministry of Planning and Investment on Monday.

Seventy per cent of the fund will be poured into economic development. It will be used mainly for upgrading roads leading to key economic zones, and developing telecommunications infrastructure.

To mobilize the fund, the government will centre on improving the

country's investment environment, facilitating international economic integration, and increasing the national economy's competitiveness. Specifically, it will improve the local markets regarding finance, realty, labour market, science and technology.

Vietnam, which re-

corded gross domestic product (GDP) growth of 8.1 per cent in the first nine months of this year, has targeted to post an economic growth of 8.5 per cent this year, up from 7.7 per cent last year, according to the General Statistics Office.

MNA/Xinhua

India, Fiji sign four accords for cooperation in tourism

NEW DELHI, 11 Oct—Giving a major impetus to bilateral ties, India and Fiji on Monday signed four accords for stepping up cooperation in tourism, information technology, trade and health.

The agreements were inked in the presence of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and his visiting counterpart from Fiji, Laisenia Qarase after the two leaders held wide-ranging discussions on the entire gamut of bilateral relations and exchanged views on important regional and international developments.

The accords include a Memorandum of Understanding on establishment of a Joint Trade Committee and another in the field of health and medicines.

Seeking further expansion of bilateral trade

ties, Fiji has invited Indian investment in its core industrial sectors and said it would set up an India-Fiji Business Council to strengthen bilateral trade.

The country, whose population comprises more than 46 per cent people of Indian origin, will officially open its High Commission here on Tuesday.

The EXIM Bank of India has extended a loan of 86 million dollars to Fiji for the modernization and upgradation of its sugar plants.—MNA/PTI

Overseas Chinese business leaders vow for common development

SEOUL, 11 Oct—Major overseas Chinese business leaders stressed here on Monday that all the Chinese entrepreneurs around the world should unite in order to achieve common and further development of the Chinese business communities.

At a joint Press conference held on the sidelines of the 8th World Chinese Entrepreneurs Convention (WCEC), Chairman of Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Thailand Zheng Minglu said the Chinese businesspeople worldwide should join hands and exchange expertise to improve the status of Chinese business communities and promote common development.

Initiated by the Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Singapore, Hong Kong and Thailand, the WCEC was first held in 1991 in Singapore as an international forum for Chinese businesspeople worldwide to meet and discuss important issues affecting global trade, industry and economy.

Chairman of Chinese Chamber of Commerce and

Industry of Indonesia Chen Dazang said Indonesia has the largest overseas Chinese population of about 10 million and Chinese entrepreneurs have played an important role in facilitating the country's economic development.

He also urged Chinese businesspeople all over the world to work together for common prosperity and a peaceful world.

Meanwhile, Chairman of Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Singapore Cai Tianbao said the move toward globalization is creating a borderless world economy, urging Chinese businesspeople to seize business opportunities and build up competitive advantages to achieve further development.

MNA/Reuters

Asia World-Expo to open in December in Hong Kong

HONG KONG, 11 Oct — AsiaWorld-Expo—Hong Kong's largest exhibition and event centre, will become operational in December this year.

It is the world's only exhibition and event venue that is fully integrated with an international airport and supported with an in-venue railway station, according to a joint Press release from the AsiaWorld-Expo and the MTR Corporation on Monday.

AsiaWorld-Expo is to offer over 70,000 square metres of state-of-the-art rental space for exhibitions, conventions and events.

The complex has 10 column-free, high specifications exhibition halls, one of which is a purpose-built entertainment arena which is Hong Kong's largest indoor seated venue for an audience of 13,500, making it ideal for concerts and large entertainment events.

MNA/Xinhua

Malaysia's to patrol Malacca Strait

KUALA LUMPUR, 11 Oct — A new integrated maritime enforcement agency of Malaysia is expected to begin its operation in the Strait of Malacca on 30 November this year, Malaysia's Deputy Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak said on Monday.

The agency, named Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA), would be primarily responsible for maritime enforcement, search and rescue, surveillance of the waters, and providing support services to other related agencies, Najib said at Malaysia's administrative centre Putrajaya as he unveiled the agency.

Najib said that MMEA would take over 72 boats and ships from the existing enforcement agencies, including the Royal Malaysia Navy, the Royal Malaysia Police, the Fisheries Department and the Customs Department. The agency will consist of more than 4,000 people, but for the first phase, only 500 people would be employed and trained, he said.

Najib, who is also the Defence Minister, said that the agency will be officially launched by Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi some time

later.

On 21 August, 2002, the Malaysian Government decided to set up MMEA as an integrated maritime enforcement body through the merger of existing maritime enforcement agencies.

Najib said that at the early stage, the new enforcement agency's duties would focus on the Malacca Strait. When fully operational, its enforcement will cover 250 nautical miles from the country's coastline.

MMEA will discuss with the Malaysian Navy, Police, Customs and other agencies to identify the areas along the Malacca Strait which need attention, he said, adding that the existing enforcement agencies would operate in other areas as usual.

MMEA would share its base with the Malaysian Navy or other enforcement agencies, he said.

MNA/Xinhua



A Chinese worker inspects spools at a textile company in Hefei, east China's Anhui Province on 12 October 2005. —INTERNET

Afghanistan to provide choppers, medicines to quake-hit Pakistan

KABUL, 11 Oct — Afghanistan has promised to provide helicopters and humanitarian aid to the quake affected people in neighbouring Pakistan.

"In line with presidential decree, the Ministry of Defense will send four helicopters, 20 doctors and two tons of medicines while the Ministry of Health would dispatch 31 doctors, five nurses and one ton of medicine to Pakistan," said a presidential statement received on Monday.

All the relief teams and consignment will be dispatched to Pakistan on Monday. The post-war Afghanistan, recovering from over two decades of devastation, has earlier extended symbolic assistance to tsunami-hit Indonesia, tremor-affected Iran and hurricane-hit United States. — MNA/Xinhua

Prices of essential commodities increase by 12% in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 11 Oct — Prices of essential commodities in the first week of the current fasting month rose by 12 per cent and were expected to rise further as a result of fuel oil price hikes, Indonesian Trade Minister Mari Pangestu said here on Monday.

"Prices of several essential commodities have increased as a result of the increase in transportation fare, not of shortage of stocks," the minister was quoted by state owned Antara news agency as saying.

The reason behind these price increases was the oil price hike, she said.

Pangestu said that essential commodity stocks in the market were sufficient and there was no scarcity at the producers' level, though prices were on the rise.

The minister said that sugar prices had risen three to four weeks before fuel oil prices were raised on 1 October.

"Redish sugar is sold at 5,500 rupiah (about 50 US cents) per kilos while the white one can be sold at a higher price up to 7,000 rupiah (some 70 US cents) per kilos," she said.

The Indonesian Government increased the oil price by 126.6 per cent on October 1 due to the rise of global oil price.

MNA/Xinhua

Guangdong puts graft bill at \$11b

BEIJING, 11 Oct — More than 400 officials in a booming southern Chinese Province have embezzled or misused 11 billion US dollars of government funds over a five-year period, the *China Daily* said on Monday.

The rash of graft and mismanagement in Guangdong Province, which borders Hong Kong, was announced while the Communist Party leadership was holding a closed-door plenary meeting in Beijing, with curbing corruption believed to be a major topic.

The Guangdong cases came to light after an investigation of nearly 11,000 officials between 2000 and 2004, the official newspaper said. It said 36 people were sacked, 71 demoted, 105 disciplined, and

230 sent to justice departments for further investigation. "The illegal behaviour included embezzling public money, spending public funds on lavish dinner and gifts and shifting public funds to personal accounts," Zeng Shouxi, head of the province's auditing department, was quoted as saying.

Chinese leaders have acknowledged that corruption is rampant and warned that failure to crack down on the problem could herald the party's downfall. — MNA/Reuters

Another person infected with bird flu in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 11 Oct — Another man has been confirmed by the World Health Organization's (WHO) laboratory test in Hong Kong as infected with bird flu, while his nephew, a four-year-old boy was also tested positive by local laboratory as having the virus, an official said here on Monday.

Director General of Disease Control and Environmental Health of the Indonesian Health Ministry I Nyoman Kandun told *Xinhua* that the case brought the total persons confirmed by the organization of having the H5N1 virus to five in Indonesia. The first four have died in tandem.

The man with initial of H of 21 years old from

Lampung Province had been treated in Abdoel Moeluk Hospital in the province.

Later, the health officials sent his blood sample to the WHO laboratory in Hong Kong, said Kandun.

"H was confirmed as positive by Hong Kong laboratory test," he said.

"Now, we are waiting for the result of the boy's blood sample

from Hong Kong. Normally, if local test said positive, Hong Kong laboratory will say the same. If it is positive, it will add to the list of persons confirmed by the WHO," the director said.

Kandun said that so far over 98 bird flu cases with bird flu symptoms had been found across the country.

MNA/Xinhua



Flowers are laid at the Bali Bombing Memorial during a ceremony on 12 Oct, 2005 in Kuta, Bali, Indonesia. —INTERNET

You cannot draw a line on water

Dr Ma Tin Win (Institute of Education)

Whether it may be about human beings, political history or culture, it needs a geographical background, because human development depends on geographical conditions.

Myanmar is located between two large and populous nations. As its area is 676,553 square kilometres or 261,228 square miles, it cannot be said a small country. When I was abroad for further studies, I hung in my room the map of Myanmar and postcards portraying the national races wearing their traditional colourful costumes. My friends after seeing the postcards in my room thought that I was a Kayin lady. I said to my friends, "Although, I am a Bamar, I am happy to hear that. All the national races in Myanmar are similar in one way or another. Even if their features are different from one another, they have similar culture, mentality and customs."

"Although your country is located between India and China, the features of Myanmar are different from the peoples of the two large and populous nations", some of my friends said. I told them that not only in features we were different from our neighbours, but also in culture and social characteristics.

Sometimes we shared knowledge about one's own country. I told a friend from Burundi that his landlocked country had no coastal areas. He said that his country had territorial waters as there was Tangayika lake. Later, we agreed to discuss only the features of one's nation regardless of the areas.

My German friend brought an atlas to me asking to tell him more about my country. I pointed certain places on the map of Myanmar and told my friends that Myanmar grew rice and edible crops. "Myanmar produces teak, and here you see it is my native area which produces oil", I told them. "Good! Your native area produces oil!", they all said.

When one of my friends asked, "Your oil-fields are being under foreigners' control, isn't it they?" I cast a sideglance at him. Another friend told him that my country had already regained independence, and that he should discard his out-of-date views. In my mind, I wished to tell them about the Year 1300 ME Uprising that started in the oil producing region of our nation. But it would not be appropriate for me to teach my friends history lessons.

I continued to pinpoint the places which yielded gems, jade and pearl, saying that there would be a large number of hotels when I arrived back home. Sill, there were many places rich in natural resources, which I forgot to tell them about.

Now we have already parted, and live in places far away from one another. Although I am getting older, I still remember my friend Zoya. When I heard about the evacuation of the people when an arsenal in Kamchatka exploded, I was worried about my friend. When the time to part one another was just around the corner, we were talking about a reunion. My German friend pointed the Inlay Lake on the map, and expressed his wish to have a reunion with me there. I told him that there would be many hotels when he visited Myanmar, and that he could study the traditions and culture and costumes of the nationalities. Inlay region also produced silk, I added. My Uzbek friend said that the designs of silk her country produced were similar to the ones produced in Myanmar, and asked whether the one that I was wearing was produced in Myanmar. I eagerly told her it was right.

But I wrote this article for Myanmar youths. Let's talk about our nation starting with our rivers. Natural watercourses rise in the Kakhaborazi in the northern tip of Myanmar forming Maykha and Malikha rivers. The two rivers join to form the mighty Ayeyawady. We cannot say which part of the Ayeyawady is formed with the waters of Maykha or Malikha. The waters of the Ayeyawady are indivisible. Chindwin River that flows through the northwest part of Myanmar empties into the Ayeyawady. Dohtawady, with strong current flows into the Ayeyawady after rising from the Shan plateau. The Ayeyawady is 1,238 miles long. In addition to the Ayeyawady, Sittoung and Thanlwin rivers are also the major sources of fresh water for the nation. Like the water that cannot be divided, the nationalities that are existing with their own culture should not make any discriminations in serving the Union's interest. Because the Union will develop and become stronger if all the people of the Union work well in unity. When a number of natural watercourses join together, there emerges a major river. Likewise, the united strength of the national races will bring progress to the nation. First villages

evolved into towns, then into city states till forming the Union of Myanmar. It was a process that began long long ago. Thanks to our forefathers, Myanmar has territory, sovereignty and independence. Moreover, Myanmar is located in a place that is almost free from natural disasters. A major disaster like tsunami had a little effect on our country.

Everyone who believes in the territorial integrity of the nation will feel safe. Thanks to ancestors who safeguarded and handed down the territorial integrity, we are now living in a sovereign and independent nation. Myanmar's boundary has many curves which in reality are rivers, valleys or mountain ranges forming parts as the nation's natural borderline. **The shape of our territory shows that we are not a country divided or formed by foreigners. We have no straight border line like some nations subject to partition.** Myanmar is a nation protected by natural barriers. My geography teacher taught his pupils to safeguard the nation for her to retain her original boundary forever. But as a historian, I would like to say that the work of maintaining our boundary and territorial integrity is the work of the past, present and future generations.

There has been a practice of invading and seizing land since the early periods of history. Powerful nations usually try to encroach on nations rich in natural resources, located in strategic areas and nations with less population. Throughout history there were countless number of times Myanmar has ward off invasions to grab or size her territory rich in natural resources.

Our mountain ranges are the bless of nature as well as natural walls. Our geography teacher told us that natural barriers alone would not protect the country from alien invasion; that the national people also needed valour and strength to ward off enemy intrusion.

"Although our country is not populous, she has not given away any part of her territory as she has been able to drive out powerful enemies for many times," he explained. So, we the pupils of the teacher always sang the national anthem with heart and soul. The nationalities of various parts of the nation are like the tributaries, and the Union is like the mother river. The tributaries form a large and mighty river. The collective strength of the national races form the Union. Like the water, the unity of the nationalities is indivisible. Thus, the united strength of the national races will help develop the whole Union.

The work of safeguarding the race and unity are the fine traditions of Myanmar. Only we the nationalities will have to strive for the nation to exist forever according to her fine traditions. No foreigner will do for us. History has already stood witness to the fact.

(Translation: TMT)

(Kyemon: 12-10-2005)

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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.



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents tonic to above 70-year-old maestros who will take charge at 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. —MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially greets veteran artistes who will take charge in 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.—MNA

The Great Cultural Performing Arts of the Union

(Article in Verse)

1

The year was 1987
Eighteen years ago
Bagan Period Performing Arts
Treatise was written
The Cultural Department
Under auspices of Ministry of Culture
And read at the House of Literature
There was this get-together of literati
Which assembled and heard
As I remember.

2

As time passed
A step was made toward Innwa, Nyaungyan
Right up to the threshold of Konbaung
Attempts were made and notes taken
But the presentation was yet impossible
However it was not made
The ideas were just in the making.

3

What is rough said to be written
Is that during King Nyaung Yan's time
In December 1600
Keinnara play, Manaw play
Kumara play, Antara Devi play
Were performed on stage
It is found in the chronicles.

4

During King Thalun's time
Close to the march on Moewun District
Myanmar performance, Mon performance
Shan performance, Kasei performance

Zinmei performance
And performance including Chinese
and Indian
Were said to have been staged
According to old chronicles

5

Danu, Rakhine, Shan, Mon, Bamar
Including Mramagyi or senior Myanmar
Khasi, Thet, Yun, Yodaya,
Chinese and Indian performances were
involved
Mon music, Bamar music in variety
In January 1654,
King Thalun's own son
King Pintale
Had led a huge performance
While the incomparable monastery was being
built
And there was much rejoicing
Which was over 350 years ago
As found in the chronicles

6

Though the performances could be
Recalled only up to Nyaungyan Period
In this treatise only
If you went past Nyaungyan
One could run into events past
Right up to Konbaung
When the national groups
Could get together and participate
There were so many performing arts
However ...

7

There was Nga Aung Min, master of the star
decorated gong
Famous during King Badon's reign
There was also puppeteer Saya Nga Kyaw of
Pyawbwe
He was also of King Badon's reign.
Count also the dancer Mi Shwe Nyet
The musician was Shwedaung Nge Kyaw
That was King Bagyidaw's time.
Epic Ramayana and Maha Barata
Which were performed in King Mindon's
reign.
There were comedians in the plays
Nga Naw Za, Nga Swa and Nga Khwa Nyo
Who were famous during King Thibaw's
time
However ...

8

It is time that
There were no performing arts festivals
As during our time, truly.
And that there have emerged only in our
time
Is the great artistic auspicious occasion
Of the Union.

Thein Than Tun (Trs)

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Machine spare parts exhibition held



Deputy ministers, technicians and industrialists observe spare parts. — MNA

YANGON, 12 Oct — The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation organized home made machine spare parts exhibition at the head office of Myanmar Farm Enterprise at 9th mile on Pyay Road, here, on 10 October morning.

It was attended by Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Myint, Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaug Lwin, departmental heads and officials under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, the Chairman of Myanmar Engineering

Society, technicians, and entrepreneurs of industrial zones.

First, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Myint gave an address.

Those present viewed round 603 machine parts manufactured from the factories of Irrigation Department, Agricultural Mechanization Department, Water Resources Utilization Department, Myanmar Jute Enterprise and Myanmar Perennial Crops Enterprise and those imported from abroad. They gave suggestions concerning production of the machine parts. The exhibition will be kept open up to 16 October. — MNA

Sales at 2005 Mid-Year Gems Emporium continue

YANGON, 12 Oct — Patron of Central Committee of Gem Emporium Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and Committee Chairman Deputy Minister for Mines U Myint Thein arrived at the 2005 Mid-year Gems Emporium at Myanma Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road this evening and viewed the sales of jade lots through competitive bidding. A

total of 830 jade lots were sold through competitive bidding yesterday. Altogether 278 jade lots were sold this morning through tender system and competitive bidding.

Altogether 2,049 local and foreign gem merchants viewed the jade lots.

The sales of jade lots continue tomorrow for the third day.— MNA



Gem merchants buy jade lots through competitive bidding. — MNA

Work coordination meeting for performing arts competitions held



13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Work Committee, subcommittees and state/division teams hold work coordination meeting. — MNA

YANGON, 12 Oct — Chairman of Work Committee for organiz-

ing the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions 2005, committee members and officials held a work coordination meeting at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street in Dagon Township this evening with an address by Committee Chairman No 3

Military Region Commander Col Tint Hsan.

Committee members and managers of state/division teams reported on the facts about competitions.

After hearing reports, the committee chairman attended to the needs and made the concluding remarks. — MNA

Archaeological Training School (Pyay) to be launched 7 November

YANGON, 12 Oct — The Archaeology Department under the Ministry of Culture is building the Archaeological Training School (Pyay)

in Srikestra ancient city in Hmawza Village-tract, Pyay Township, Bago Division (West).

Now, lecture halls and administrative build-

ings have been constructed, so the Post Graduate Diploma course in Applied Archaeology (PGDAA) will be inaugurated on 7 November 2005 as scheduled.

The Archaeology Department and the University of Culture (Yangon) will jointly conduct the one-year course at the school for 2005-2006 academic year.

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Myanmar Obstetrics and Gynaecologists Conference on 15-16 Oct

YANGON, 12 Oct — Myanmar Medical Association will hold the 7th Myanmar Obstetrics and Gynaecologists Conference at MMA (Mandalay) on 15 and 16 October. The gynaecologists and enthusiasts may attend the conference. — MNA

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Yangon Mayor's Cup Walking Race for blind on 15 Oct

YANGON, 12 Oct — To mark the International White Cane Day, the 14th Yangon Mayor's Cup Walking Race for the blind will be held on 15 October.

The routes for the race are Pyay Road, Phoneyi Road and Maha Bandoola Road, and the contestants will finish the race in front of the City Hall. During the race, traffic will be closed from 5 am to 8 am along the route. — MNA

CEC members of MMCWA meet with officials of Japanese Foundation

YANGON, 12 Oct — CEC members of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association met with officials of Japanese Foundation Mr Yazama Hideyuki and Mr Ryuichi Toba at the building of the association this afternoon.

At the meeting, they frankly held discussions about the functions of the association.

Next, Secretary of the association Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha and CEC members dealt with the functions of the association and they conducted the Japanese officials around the documentary photos on the movement of the association. — MNA

Mandalay Division WAO Chairperson tours villages in Myittha Township

YANGON, 12 Oct — Chairperson of Mandalay Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw Than Than Nyunt and party made a field trip to Khantilay, Khantigyi, Kokkosu and Thalun Model Villages in Myittha Township of Kyaukse District on 4 October.

They paid respects to older persons there and presented stationery worth K 105,900 to 72 students.

At the meetings with local people, Chairperson of Mandalay Division WAO Daw Than Than Nyunt gave lectures on facts about Myanmar

Women's Affairs Federation. In-charge of Organizational Department Daw Thanda Phone Win on health matters, members of Organizational Department Daw Tin Tin San and Daw Sein Sein Win on tasks of women's affairs, and IP Thida Shein on prevention against human trafficking.

At the discussions, local women presented membership applications.

The chairperson and party paid homage to members of the Sangha of monasteries in the villages and made donations.

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Chairperson of Mandalay Division WAO Daw Than Than Nyunt and members hold frank discussions with locals in Khantigyi Village, Myittha Township.—MNA

Volcanic Eruption News

YANGON, 12 Oct—According to the information released by the Madras Meteorological Department, India, a volcanic eruption occurred at (21) hrs, (15) min MST on 11 October, 2005 near the Barren Island located at (55) miles eastwards of Andaman Island/ (110) miles east-southeast of Coco Island. The volcanic ash clouds from the volcanic eruption is observed at a height of 10,000 ft above the ground. The ash clouds are moving to the northwest with a speed of (15) mph.— MNA

Earthquake Report

YANGON, 11 Oct—An earthquake of moderate intensity (6.0) Richter Scale with its epicenter over the sea outside of Myanmar about (870) miles south of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory, (50)-miles South-South West of Banda Aceh, Sumatra, Indonesia) was recorded at (21) hrs (38) min (30) sec MST on 11 October 2005.

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Sale of National Races Traditional Foods held

YANGON, 12 Oct — Organized by Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, a sale of national races traditional foods took place at the hall of the federation on Thanlwin Street, Bahan Township from 10 am to 2 pm today.

Present at the sale were member of the panel of patrons of MWAFF Daw Khin Lay Thet and members, President of MWAFF Daw Than Than Nwe, President of MMCWA Daw Khin Khin Win, the vice-President of MWAFF, the general secretary, the joint-general secretary, secretariat members, heads of departments, work group leaders, re-



Personnel of MWAFF view sales of national races traditional food at the hall of the federation. —MNA

gional organizers, service personnel, intellectuals and intelligentsia, executives of MMCWA, the patron, chairperson and

secretary of Yangon Division WAO. During the sales, officials dealt with salient points of national races

traditional foods and process of preparing food and their nutritional values.

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Job opportunities for women created in Dagon Myothit (South)



Patron of Yangon Division WAO Daw Khin Thet Htay addresses the ceremony to create job opportunities for women. —MNA

YANGON, 12 Oct — Jointly-organized by Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Association, a ceremony to create job opportunities for women took place at the town hall of Dagon Myothit (South) Township, Yangon East District this morning, with an address by Patron of Yangon Division WAO Chairperson of Supervisory Committee for MCWA Daw Khin Thet Htay.

Next, Staff Officer U Han Win Aung of Labour Department in Dagon Myothit (South) Township explained creation of job opportunities for women.

On behalf of job

holders, Ma Thet Thet Swe from Poe Nu Garment Factory expressed her gratitude on the occasion.

Next, Chairperson of Yangon East District Supervisory Committee for MCWA Daw Nan Shwe Yin gave away 300 permanent membership certificates to Secretary of Yangon Division MCWA Dr Hla Myint and Chairperson of Yangon East District WAO Daw Mar Mar Thein, 300 membership certificates to Chairperson of Yangon Division WAO Daw Khin Myo Thu.

Afterwards, U Than Tun (Gangaw Shwepyi) donated 150 books on matriculation examination special for

Maternal and Child Welfare Association of Yangon Command and 42 ones for Yangon East District MCWA. Chairperson of Yangon Command MCWA Daw Swe Swe Oo and Secretary of Yangon East District MCWA Dr Daw Mu Mu Nyo accepted the book donations. With the purpose of ensuring promotion of women's living standard and their income, Yangon Division MCWA is creating job opportunities for women. During the ceremony, a total of 300 women could be appointed in four garment factories and one dyeing and printing works factory. During 2005, 1,120 women got jobs.

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The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.

Second best time is now.

Distinctive Myanmar Movie Day

13 October 2005

Academy Ko Ko Lay

It was late 1910. The venue was at the petit cinema hall named Cinema de Paris in Yangon (now, it was at the eastern wing of Bogyoke Aung San Market, beside a Christian Chapel). It was always crowded as there were some food stalls in front of the cinema.

While it was screening foreign movies at that cinema hall, there was a Myanmar gentleman, wrapping pink silky Myanmar turban to his topknot, smartly wearing silky sarong and over jacket with shoes, having snack and watching from the teashop in front of the cinema hall. His name was U OHN MAUNG.

U Ohn Maung, a still photographer of D.A.Ahuja Photoshop, was so interested in making movie that Myanmar could not produce yet and he was eager to show local made movie. That is why; not only he

of the lens. Fortunately, he could buy a similar camera from a tourist. He invented to make a workable camera out of those two oldies, local made camera stand and tripod but he has no film to shoot.

In 1916, U Ohn Maung opened London Art Photo from the United States House at Barr street (now, Mahabandoola Garden Street). One day he met Mr Rao from the United States and found a way to buy film. He imported movie film through Bombay. At first, he, incorporated with one photographer named U MAUNG MAUNG, shot sceneries of Yangon, people, motor cars and boats in the river. When these footages were screened at Cinema de Paris, Myanmar audience was very pleased to watch the very first Myanmar made movie.

As U Ohn Maung planned to move from documentary to drama movie, let the great

planned seriously, they had series of challenges in practical life; the availability of the camera was limited, only for 50 feet and it made them to change camera roll frequently and the lens lost grip several times. He found out that the after developed quality was not turned up to be screened. Therefore, he tried to find another camera and bought two, one New Man Sinclair and one MOY from the tourist group. In 1918, there occurred a National uprising when the British announced the Craddock Administration. The three National leaders, U PU, U BA PE and U HTUN SHEIN went to London to discuss the said subject. When they got back to Myanmar, U Htun Shein passed away and U Ohn Maung recorded the funeral process made on 4 July 1920, by following it on a motorcycle uncomfortably. When that documentary was screened at Cinema de Paris, the huge Myanmar

Myanmar made silent movie was launched on 13 October 1920 and movie industry recognizes that date as the "Myanmar Movie Day."

Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon planned to organize this year's event distinctively, getting along with paying homage with presenting cash and kind including medicine to those seniors from the industry who are over 70. It is also planned to organize the charity fair with food stalls in the premises of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon. Actors,

film and video producers, owners of cinema halls and some business firms on merit base, will sponsor those various food stalls.

Some influential personalities in the movie world made comments that regardless of the weaknesses of the technical part, Myanmar movies were attractive in appearance towards artistic part. It may be said that Myanmar Movie Day event may inspire those who are trying hard to penetrate the International mainstream including the responsive

persons from Departments and Motion Picture Asiayon, artistes and technicians. It is no doubt that it is a launching activity for organizing the International Myanmar Movie Festival that has never happened in Myanmar, in previous time.

As Myanmar movie is always getting along with the audience and the Myanmar people, now, all the artistes would be getting along with their audience at those film shows that will commemorate the Myanmar Movie Day.



First Myanmar film scriptwriter P Mornin.



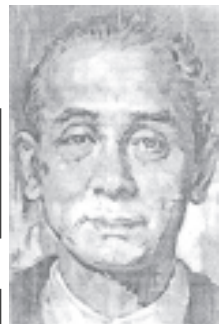
First film actor U Nyi Pu.



Father of Myanmar Motion Picture London Art U Ohn Maung.



First film cameraman U Maung Maung.



First supporting actor U Maung Maung Chit.



First film actress Ma Aye Kyi.

came to that cinema hall every day to observe thoroughly on camera work, lighting and presentations but also studied from movie books.

One day, He bought one baby en-sign camera from E M Desouza House at the corner of Dalhosi and Maung Htaw Lay streets but could not work due to the lack

writer named P MORNIN to write a script of the story entitled Mitta & Thuyar (Love & Liquor). It was directed by U TOKE GYI, the manager of Pyinya Alin newspaper and lead performers were U NYI PU, son of U Ba Nyunt, the owner of Myanmar Aswe Mall and MA AYE KYI, the Kyimyindine originated.

Although they

audience turned up and we could assume that Myanmar movie industry was launched with the aspiration with National spirit.


Mitta & Thuyar, with subtitles in Myanmar and English, was screened at the Cinema de Paris after shooting with that camera and it gained the big applause from the audience. The first ever

Some influential personalities in the movie world made comments that regardless of the weaknesses of the technical part, Myanmar movies were attractive in appearance towards artistic part. It may be said that Myanmar Movie Day event may inspire those who are trying hard to penetrate the International mainstream including the responsive persons from Departments and Motion Picture Asiayon, artistes and technicians. It is no doubt that it is a launching activity for organizing the International Myanmar Movie Festival that has never happened in Myanmar, in previous time.

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Morocco flies migrants to Senegal, Mali

Oujda (Morocco), 11 Oct— Morocco began flying detained Africans to Senegal and Mali on Monday, government officials said.

"We have already flown 140 illegal migrants back home to Senegal this morning," a senior official told Reuters, Moroccan officials said 365 Senegalese would be deported by plane on Monday and over the next few days as well as 600 people from Mali.

"Another group of 140 Senegalese migrants will be flown home later this night from Oujda," said an official hours after Spanish Foreign Minister Miguel Angel Moratinos landed in Rabat.

Moratinos made no comment to reporters but diplomats said he was due to discuss with Moroccan Government officials ways to fight illegal immigration while respecting the migrants' rights.

Moroccan Jaieb Foreign Minister Taieb Fihri met Senegal's minister in charge of expatriates Abdou Malal Diop and his Malian counterpart Dicko Omar Hamadoun on Monday to discuss migrant deportations, the state news agency MAP said.

Fihri said, in remarks carried by MAP, Rabat "will not tolerate the illegal presence on its territory" of migrants.

Oujda lies 337 miles east of Rabat and is an entry point for illegal migrants from Algeria.

"Morocco has agreements with Mali and Senegal allowing Rabat to deport illegal migrants to these two countries," said a senior government official, who did not want to be identified.

MNA/Reuters

UNICEF appeals for \$20m donation

NEW YORK, 11 Oct— UNICEF has appealed to the international donors to immediately provide 20 million dollars so that the agency could provide relief to survivors of the devastating earthquake that shook the Indian subcontinent.

The appeal by UNICEF, the UN agency for children, came as its first trucks began rolling towards the northern Pakistan town of Mansehra loaded with blankets, clothing for children, water containers and plastic tarpaulins.

Another convoy is en route from Karachi with water purification equipment, nutritional food for children, soap, shelter supplies and children's boots and sweaters — all designed to help children in the wake of the disaster.

UNICEF Executive Director Ann M Veneman said that the priority in the coming days would be to provide children with the means to survive. "This appeal means immediate action to save children's lives," he said.

"Needed assistance includes medical care, clean water, nutritional food for infants, clothing, and shelter — the things that matter most in the critical few weeks after a disaster like this when children and their families have lost everything,"

Veneman said.

UNICEF, is moving additional staff and supplies into Pakistan from its regional offices working in close coordination with Pakistan Government and other UN agencies.

The UNICEF is now moving in assessment teams by road into outlying areas as part of the UN's effort to establish the magnitude of the disaster.

It has already provided logistics and supplies for the frontline Pakistani surgical teams being dropped by helicopter into the most remote areas.

Almost one in every five people in the affected zone is a child under the age of five and nearly half are younger than 18.

The chief of UNICEF's operation in Pakistan, Omar Abdi, said that the mountainous region is a complex one, with different challenges from valley to valley.

"It's difficult to access

at the best of times and its people have very few extra resources."

"There have been overnight rains and hail which have added to the misery for people sleeping exposed, too afraid to enter whatever shelter remains. This has also created more landslides, further hampering aid efforts," Abdi said.

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China to launch second manned spacecraft

“Shenzhou-VI”

BEIJING, 11 Oct— China will launch its second manned spacecraft, Shenzhou-VI, from northwest China at a proper time between 12 and 15 October, said an official of the China manned space programme Tuesday.

The spacecraft, with two astronauts aboard, will be launched into space from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwest China's Gansu Province, according to the official.

The spacecraft will be sent into an oval orbit with a bank angle of 42.4 degrees, a perigee altitude of 200 kilometres and an apogee altitude of 347 kilometres, the official said, adding that after the orbit adjustment, the spacecraft will move into a round orbit.

After the scheduled space mission, the spacecraft will return to the main landing field in the central part of the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, the official said.

The official did not mention the names of the astronauts and the time of the spacecraft's return.

The Long March rocket propelled China's first manned spacecraft, Shenzhou-V carrying astronaut Yang Liwei, into orbit two years ago.

Yang thus became the first Chinese to travel in space.

MNA/Xinhua

Building fire kills 10 in E China city

JINAN, 12 Oct — A building fire that broke out on Monday night in east China's Shandong Province has killed 10 people, local government said Wednesday.

The fire broke out at 9:45 pm Monday on the second floor of a household electrical appliance store in the coastal city in Shandong.

The flames quickly engulfed the four-floor building, all the window panes shattered and the ceilings of the top two floors collapsed, witnesses said. The fire was put out an hour later.

Four people were killed on the spot and six others died after failing to pull through emergency operations in hospital, according to the provincial work safety supervision bureau who took charge of handling the aftermath of the blaze and released no more details of the accident in the telephone interview Wednesday.

The cause of the accident is still under investigation.

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City group growth accelerates China's western eco development

CHONGQING, 11 Oct — About two thirds of the population in western China's Chongqing municipality lived in countryside eight years ago, but the ratio has reduced to 55 per cent, implying that at least 3.6 million people completed their rural-urban migration.

Since detaching from Sichuan Province on 18 June, 1997, and becoming China's fourth largest municipality, Chongqing has tried to change its old image as a big city together with a large-scale countryside, and cities have emerged in groups at the speed of 20 to 25 square kilometres of enlargement per year.

In China's West Development strategy, the rise of Chongqing's cities is not the only success. In other western China regions, cities grouping around Chengdu and Xi'an are growing and have become industrial centres which have promoted the local economy.

With broad and lean land, China's west has lagged behind the coastal economy.

Chengdu, Xi'an, Lanzhou, Nanning, and Kunming, all cities in the west, have also formed their own city groups.

Chen Deming, Shaanxi provincial governor, explained that the structure of west city groups are helpful in ameliorating such problems in single big cities as traffic jams, pollution and soaring housing prices.

The Chinese Academy of Sciences has set 45 core cities in west China as the main pillars for local economic development.

With Shanghai at its core, the city group in the Yangtze River Delta region has become the engine of China's economy. Experts hold that the overall development of city groups in western China is will help achieve regional economic integration and realize social equality and harmonious development.

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China launches its second manned spacecraft Shenzhou-6 at the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwest China's Gansu Province at 9:00 am on 12 Oct, 2005.—INTERNET

Russian-US crew, space tourist return to Earth

Moscow, 11 Oct— A Russian Soyuz capsule touched down in Kazakhstan on Tuesday, bringing a Russian cosmonaut, a US astronaut and an American space tourist back to Earth, mission control said.

The two-man crew returned home after half a year in orbit on the International Space Station. Millionaire scientist and entrepreneur Gregory Olsen spent just over a week with them in space, paying a reported 20 million US dollars for the trip.

"The Soyuz completed a soft landing," a flight controller at mission control outside Moscow said. "The crew is feeling well." Russian cosmonaut Sergei Krikalev, US astronaut John Phillips and Olsen, the world's third space tourist, undocked from the Space Station at around 5:49 p.m. EDT (2149 GMT) for the return flight.

Thank you very much to those who worked with us," said Krikalev, who turned over command of the station to his replacement, NASA astronaut William McArthur. "We're done with our tasks on the expedition." — MNA/Reuters

Israeli, US economists win Nobel for "game theory"

STOCKHOLM, 11 Oct — Israel's Robert Aumann and American Thomas Schelling won the 2005 Nobel economics prize on Monday for their "game-theory analysis", which can help resolve conflicts in trade and business — and even avoid war.

Their studies have found uses in "security and disarmament policies, price formation on markets, as well as economic and political negotiations", said the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences awarding the 10 million crown (1.30 million US dollars) prize.

Aumann, 75, was born in Germany but is an Israeli and US citizen who teaches at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Schelling, 84, teaches at the University of Maryland. "Game theory" is a science of strategy, which attempts to determine what actions different "players" — be they trading partners, employers and unions or even crime syndicates — should take to secure the best outcome for themselves.

Schelling has been applying it to global security and the arms race since the 1950s while Aumann has conducted analysis of "infinitely repeated games" to identify what outcomes can be maintained over time. — MNA/Reuters

Experts say vaccines, drugs no answer to bird flu

WASHINGTON, 11 Oct— Many governments around the world are stockpiling antiviral drugs and some companies are trying to speed up vaccine production but these measure give a false sense of security and will do little to counter a flu pandemic, an expert cautioned on Monday.

Michael Osterholm, an infectious disease expert who has been studying the risk of pandemic flu for decades and is a US Government adviser, said governments should be preparing to cope with the pandemic instead of relying entirely on the hope of using vaccines and drugs to control it.

If the H5N1 avian flu begins to easily infect humans, it will move too quickly for drugs and vaccines to be of much use, Osterholm said.

"It doesn't matter if we have a vaccine now or not. We can't make it," Osterholm said in a telephone interview. The H5N1 bird flu virus has killed at least 65 people in four Asian nations since late 2003, and has killed or forced the destruction of tens of millions of poultry.

Experts say it is mutating steadily and fear it will eventually acquire the changes it needs to spread easily from person to person.

If it does, it will sweep around the world in months or even weeks and could kill millions of people — as many as 150 million, according to the most dire

forecast by the World Health Organization.

When avian flu infects people it looks like any other flu with respiratory symptoms, fever and other common effects but it will kill many more than the 500,000 people who die of ordinary flu each year around the world.

People have known about the risk of an influenza pandemic for a very long time, said Osterholm, an infectious disease specialist at the University of Minnesota who advises the federal government on such issues. "We have had a pandemic flu plan as a planning process since 1976," said Osterholm. "Nobody has completed it. It been one of the most long-standing incompleting processes in Washington. Nobody wants to believe that modern medical science can't handle something."

But it cannot, said Osterholm, who has seen the current US flu plan. The plan has not been published yet but leaked versions suggest the country has done little to prepare for an H5N1 pandemic.

MNA/Reuters

"Hooligan" attack kills Peruvian student in Russia

Moscow, 11 Oct — A foreign student has died and another two have been badly injured in what authorities described as an attack by "hooligans" in Central Russia, Interfax news agency reported on Monday.

It quoted police as saying up to 15 people attacked two students from Peru and one from Spain in the town of Voronezh south of Moscow on Sunday night.

"As a result of an attack by hooligans one Peruvian died of serious injuries, the other two have been admitted to hospital with head injuries," a police source told the agency.

Police sources, quoted by Interfax and other news agencies, did not give a reason for the attack.

Since Soviet days, Voronezh State University has been a major educational centre hosting hundreds of foreign students every year.

It has been among the areas affected worst by a growing wave of racially motivated attacks, and last year racists killed a student from Guinea-Bissau in the town.

MNA/Reuters

Cyprus may ground Helios jet after flight scares

NICOSIA, 11 Oct— Aviation authorities in Cyprus may indefinitely ground a Boeing aircraft run by private operator Helios Airways after two flights were turned back in recent days, officials said on Monday.

The aborted flights to Britain on Friday and Sunday come after a Helios Boeing 737 slammed into a hillside north of Athens on 14 Aug, killing all 121 on board.

"The Communications Ministry will look at the situation today. It is not a matter of revoking (Helios's) licence, but to take a decision on that one particular aircraft involved in the two incidents," a senior Com-

munications Ministry official told Reuters.

A Helios spokesman described the problem as minor, but said the aircraft was undergoing checks by Boeing engineers and would not enter service until rectified.

"Safety was, is and will continue to be our first and only priority," said marketing and sales manager Nicos Anastasiades.

In separate comments to Politis newspaper, Transport Minister Haris Throssou said authorities would "ground the Helios fleet if required". The carrier operates two Boeings and a leased Airbus.

A problem with a valve distributing air from an engine of a Boeing 737-800 forced the London Heathrow bound aircraft to return to Larnaca on Friday with 139 people on board. A similar scenario was repeated on the same aircraft on Sunday, when a Glasgow flight with 184 people turned back.

"This has nothing to do with decompression, or air supply to the cabin.

MNA/Reuters



A female turtle, believed to be able to cure rheumatism and other bodily ailments, crawls on the floor of a temple in Kandal Province, 70 kms (44 miles) southwest of Phnom Penh, on 9 Oct, 2005. —INTERNET

SPORTS

Beckenbauer urges Klinsmann to spend more time in Germany

FRANKFURT, 11 Oct— Franz Beckenbauer has urged Juergen Klinsmann to spend more time in Germany and accept more help from his fellow coaches to head off a row going into next year's World Cup.

Klinsmann was sharply criticized by the German media for a 2-1 defeat by Turkey on Saturday and several Bundesliga coaches questioned the wisdom of staging tough fitness tests for the squad a few days before the match.

Beckenbauer is confident the zip will be back in the German game when they return to home soil to play China in Hamburg on Wednesday but he still believes Klinsmann can do more to ease the tension building in the home camp.

Specifically, Beckenbauer said that Klinsmann should spend less time at his home base in California.

"Juergen Klinsmann must also let himself be helped," Beckenbauer, the head of the World Cup organising com-

mittee, said in his column in Bild newspaper on Monday.

"That means he should at least give thought to a few well-meant suggestions and correct a few points.

"One is the little time he spends in his home league. In World Cup year he should spend more days in Germany than in the USA, so as not to be open to the habitual charge that he is never here."

Bayern Munich coach Felix Magath gave his backing to Klinsmann on Monday, saying it would be unwise to read too much into Germany's latest away defeat.

"I think it's just a normal dip in form," Magath said. "You shouldn't see this as being too serious."

MNA/Reuters

England plan to make four changes

LONDON, 11 Oct— England coach Sven-Goran Eriksson has hinted Shaun Wright-Phillips, Ledley King, Wayne Rooney and Rio Ferdinand will all start against Poland.



Sven-Goran Eriksson

David Beckham (suspended), Steven Gerrard, Sol Campbell (both injured) and Peter Crouch (dropped) will be the men to make way against Poland.

Eriksson said: "Rooney is back, which is positive, so he will play up front.

"Shaun is the natural replacement for Beckham but we will do some tactical work and decide after

that 100%."

Owen will lead the side, having taken the captain's armband when Beckham was sent off against Austria on Saturday.

That red card rules him out of Wednesday's game, but the Football Association has asked Real Madrid if he can stay with the squad anyway.

Real have yet to decide but have recalled Michel Salgado and Thomas Gravesen to the club as they are serving international bans.

England have already qualified for the 2006 World Cup but will be bidding to finish top of their group by beating leaders Poland at Old Trafford.

A positive result could affect their seeding at the World Cup.

Beckham is out of the game along with injury casualties Steven Gerrard and Sol Campbell.

Liverpool midfielder Gerrard is sidelined after injuring his shin against Austria on Saturday and Arsenal defender Campbell is suffering from a hamstring problem.

It is unclear whether the game at Old Trafford has anything riding on it, with FIFA not planning to decide until December whether qualification results will be used to determine seedings.

Internet



France's Mary Pierce returns the ball to Italy's Flavia Pennetta, during their Kremlin Cup tennis tournament match in Moscow, on 12 Oct, 2005.—INTERNET

Italy's Nesta ruled out for a month

MILAN, 11 Oct— Italy and AC Milan defender Alessandro Nesta has been ruled out for at least a month with a hand injury, his club said on Monday.

Nesta suffered the injury to the first finger of his left hand in Italy's 1-0 win over Slovenia on Saturday, a result which secured the Azzurri a place in next year's World Cup finals.

Milan said that Nesta underwent a scan on Monday and that he would need surgery on the hand.

Inter Milan defender Marco Materazzi is likely to replace Nesta alongside Fabio Cannavaro in the Italy defence for Wednesday's last qualifier against Moldova at Lecce.

Italy coach Marcello Lippi is also without midfielder Gennaro Gattuso and forward Francesco Totti who are both suspended.

Nesta is likely to now miss Milan's big Serie A match against champions and current leaders Juventus on October 29 and he will also have to sit out the Champions League match against PSV Eindhoven next week.—MNA/Reuters

Lottery winner wants Ibrahimovic for local team

STOCKHOLM, 11 Oct— A football fan who won a record 122.8 million crowns (15.99 million US dollars) on the lottery wants to buy Juventus and Sweden striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic for his local club, Swedish media said on Monday.

Ibrahimovic, 23, was valued at 16 million euros (19.46 million US dollars) when Juventus bought him from Ajax Amsterdam in August 2004.

"We discussed the possibilities of buying Zlatan for Visby club Gute," national lottery spokesman Tommy Wahlgren said after talking to the 36-year-old winner, who was not named.

The unmarried, unemployed new millionaire is an avid fan of second division Gute, based on the Swedish island of Gotland in the Baltic Sea.—MNA/Reuters

Scolari to leave Portugal after World Cup

LISBON, 11 Oct— Brazilian Luiz Felipe Scolari will quit as coach of Portugal's national side after next year's World Cup finals, the president of the Portuguese FA, Gilberto Madail, was quoted as saying on Monday.

"If the World Cup goes badly, naturally Scolari will not continue, but if it goes well, it will also be impossible to keep him, although we wanted to keep him," Madail told the daily Correio de Manha on Monday.

Scolari became Portugal's coach after leading Brazil to its fifth World Cup victory in 2002 and took Portugal to the final of Euro 2004 in Lisbon last year which they surprisingly lost to Greece.

Portugal secured their place in the 2006 World Cup finals on Sunday with

a 2-1 win over Liechtenstein and complete their fixtures with a home match against Latvia on Wednesday.

They have clinched first place in Group Three with eight wins and three draws from their 11 matches, and are currently the top scorers in the European qualifying programme with 32 goals, having conceded just five.

"He will stay until the World Cup," Madail confirmed, "but if it was up to me, he would stay beyond that".

MNA/Reuters

Police probe causes Eremenko to be dropped by Finland

HELSINKI, 11 Oct— Aleksei Eremenko has been excluded from Finland squad for this week's World Cup qualifier against the Czech Republic after he became a suspect in a police investigation, the Finnish Football Association said on Monday.

The FA did not say in a statement what the Finnish police was investigating, referring only to "events on the night from Saturday to Sunday" and saying the midfielder had "violated

the team's internal rules of conduct".

"In this situation, the Football Association and the management of the national team think that neither the team nor the player himself

can focus on an important World Cup qualifying game in the necessary manner," the association statement said.

A report in the tabloid Ilta-Sanomat, quot-

ing Helsinki police, said the Lecce midfielder was a passenger in a Mercedes that his girlfriend crashed into two stone pillars in downtown Helsinki.

MNA/Reuters



Los Angeles Laker's Kobe Bryant dunks the ball against the Golden State Warrior's during a preseason game in Honolulu, Hawaii, on 11 Oct, 2005.—INTERNET



CASH DONATED TO HOME: U Kan Hla-Daw Tin Hsaing and family of No 90, Kaingtan Street, Lanmadaw Township, recently donated K 120,000 to the medical fund of Hninzigon Home for the Aged. Col Tin Thein Lwin (Retd), Member of Hninzigon Home for the Aged Administrative Board, accepts the cash donation from the wellwishers.

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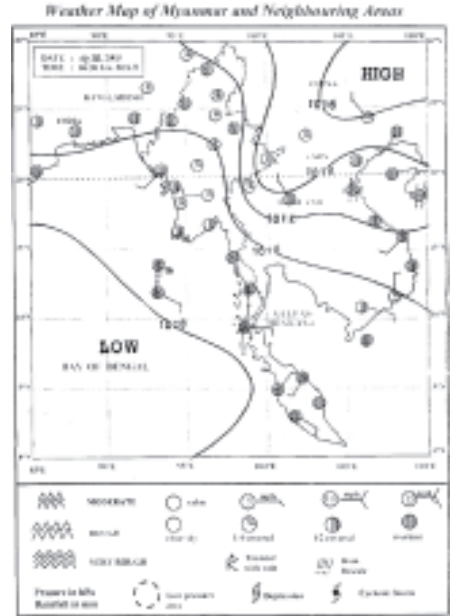
Floods caused by heavy rains kill 41 in Colombia

BOGOTA, 12 Oct — Floods and mudslides caused by continuous rains since September have killed 41 people and injured 48 others, while 24 remain missing, said the Colombian Civil Defence Office on Tuesday.

The intense downpour starting in September have affected 61 municipalities in 21 of the 32 departments of the South American country, said the office's operations director Colonel Eugenio Alarcon.

Aracataca municipality in the northern Magdalena department was hit the hardest and thousands of inhabitants were forced to seek shelters in local schools, he said. According to official data, in the past 40 days, the country has witnessed over 45 floods, three mudslides, four landslides, 21 gales and two electric storms.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Wednesday, 12 October, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Chin State, isolated in Rakhine State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Coco Island (0.63) inch, Kawthong (0.28) inch, Myingyan and Gwa (0.20) inch each.

Maximum temperature on 11-10-2005 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 12-10-2005 was 71°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 12-10-2005 was 78%. Total sunshine hours on 11-10-2005 was (9.4) hours approx. Rainfalls on 12-10-2005 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (95.20) inches at Mingaladon, (96.34) inches at Kaba-Aye and (100.55) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Northeast at (11:25) hours MST on 11-10-2005.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (06:30) hours MST today, the low pressure area over Southwest Bay persists. Weather is generally fair in the East Central Bay and partly cloudy to cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 13-10-2005: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Mon, Kayin and Chin States and upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Kachin and Rakhine States, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Decrease of rain in the whole country.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 13-10-2005: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 40%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 13-10-2005: Partly cloudy.

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မန္တလေးတိုင်း၊ ပြင်ဦးလွင်မြို့နယ်၊ ယခင် စိတင်းနီးယားရပ်ကွက် (အက်စ်အမ်ပီယူဒီအင်-ရာမကဲဘီ)တို့၏သမီးချွေးမ၊ (အင်စပိုင်လ်ခန်း-ယခင် အဆောက်အအုံ ကန်ထရိုက်တာ-မိုင်နွန်းနေဆာဘီ)၏ ဒုတိယသမီး အက်စ် အမ်ရာဟာဘွဒ်ဒီးနီ(ခ) ဦးစံမြင့် (ခ) စော်ထွန်းမျက်မှန်) Technical Assistant of M/S Cedelton Ltd. ၏ ချစ်လှစွာသောဇနီး၊ မော်လမြိုင်မြို့နယ်အရပ် ရပ်အလီ-ဒေါ်ရမ်းနား (ကိုလေးစတုဂံ) မို့ဟာမက်ရုဇာဒ်တို့၏ ချစ်လှစွာသော မိခင် (ဆွလေဟာဘီ-ဆီဒ်အိုမော့)တို့၏ အစ်မ၊ အိမ်ဘားလ်(ခ) ဝံသိန်း ဒု-စာရင်းစစ်မှန် ဒု-လက်ထောက်ညွှန်ကြားရေးမှူး-ဒေါ်အိမ်နား (ဆာရာဘီ) ဦးစံမြင့်(ခ) (မျက်မှန်ရောင်းဝယ်ရေး) အာမက်(ခ)ဦးစံမြင့်၊ နယ်စပ်ကုန်သွယ်ရေး (လက်ထောက်ညွှန်ကြားရေးမှူး) (ဦးစံ) ဒေါ်ဂျာနာအာရာ၊ ဒေါ်နီတေခါ-အူမရဲဘို(ခ) ဦးစံမောင်ညို၊ ညွှန်ကြားရေးမှူး (တိ)ရုံးချုပ်(ဦးစံ) တို့၏ အစ်မ၊ မောင်ကျော်အေး၊ မဖြူနွယ်အေးတို့၏ အဒွား၊ မင်္ဂလာတောင်ညွှန်မြို့နယ်၊ ရေတွင်းကုန်းရပ်ကွက် (၁၀၀)လမ်း၊ အမှတ် (၁/၃) ၅-၅၁၀ ဖာတမာဘိဘီ သည် (၂၂-၉-၂၀၀၅)နေ့ညနေ (၄၃၀)အချိန်တွင် အလှူအရင်းမြတ်အိမ်နိတ် ခံယူသွားပါသဖြင့် ၂၃-၉-၂၀၀၅ ရက်နေ့နံနက် (၁၀:၀၀)နာရီအချိန်တွင် ဒါနာပြုစီးပွါကြောင်း။

ကျွန်ုပ်ရပ်သူမိသားစု

ခရစ်တော်၌ အိမ်ပျော်ခြင်း ဒေါက်တာဦးညွန့်ဝင်း (Dr. Wilfred Law) မျက်စိအထူးကုဆရာဝန်ကြီး အသက် ၇၀ နှစ်

(ဦးကြိုင်-ဒေါ်သောင်း)တို့၏သားထွေး AUSTRALIA နိုင်ငံ Alice Springs မြို့နေ ဒေါက်တာဒေါ်ခင်မျိုးဝင်း (ကလေးအထူးကု ဆရာဝန်ကြီး)၏ ဝမ်းပွန်း၊ မောင်မျိုးထွန်း၏ဖခင် မောင်သန့်စင် (Nicholas)၊ မောင်လပြည့်ဝင်း (Shimon)တို့၏အဘိုး ဒေါက်တာဦးညွန့်ဝင်းသည် ၁၁-၁၀-၂၀၀၅ (အင်္ဂါနေ့) ဒေသတော်ချိန် နံနက် ၉:၃၅ အချိန်တွင် Adelaide ဆေးရုံကြီးတွင် ခရစ်တော်၌ အိမ်ပျော်သွားပြီဖြစ်ပါ၍ ၁၃-၁၀-၂၀၀၅ ကြာသပတေးနေ့ ဒေသတော်ချိန် ၁၁:၃၅ တွင် Adelaide မြို့၌ မီးသတ်ပြင်ပကြောင်း ဆွေမျိုးမိတ်သင်္ဂဟအပေါင်းအား အကြောင်း ကြားအပ်ပါသည်။ ကွယ်လွန်သူအား ရည်ရွယ် အောက်မေ့ဖွယ် ဝတ်ပြု ကိုးကွယ်ခြင်းစည်းစဉ်းကို ရန်ကုန်မြို့ ပြည်လမ်း၊ ယုဒသန် ဘုရားကျောင်း၌ ၁၅-၁၀-၂၀၀၅ (စနေနေ့)ညနေ (၅:၀၀)နာရီတွင် ပြုလုပ်ပါမည်။

ကျွန်ုပ်ရပ်သူမိသားစု



Thursday, 13 October

View on today

- 7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am 5. Dance of national races
- 8:00 am 6. အချိန်ပြပွဲ
- 8:10 am 7. Dance variety
- 8:20 am 8. ခိုလှုံခြုံထွန်းတံတား
- 8:30 am 9. International news

- 8:45 am 10. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm 4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm 5. အပေးသင်တန်းသို့လံပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ်(ရုက္ခဗေဒ၊ သတ္တဗေဒ အထူးပြုများ) (ရုက္ခဗေဒ)
- 5:15 pm 6. Cute little dancers
- 5:30 pm 7. အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:40 pm 8. "စေးလိပ်တင်းကွာ အနုပညာ ကမ္ဘာ" (လွင်မိုး၊ မင်းမော်ကွန်း၊ စာနုညို၊ ကင်-ကောင့်၊ စိုးမြတ်နန္ဒာ၊ လှအူလီတင်၊ ကြည်လဲလဲစိုး၊ ဂွမ်းပုံ)
- 5:50 pm 9. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 6:05 pm 10. Musical programme

- 6:15 pm 11. နိုင်ငံအခန်း သစ်တောစွမ်းဖြင့် မိန်းလန်းစေရမည်
- 6:30 pm 12. Evening news
- 7:00 pm 13. Weather report
- 7:05 pm 14. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်ဝတ်ပါ" (အပိုင်း-၂၅)
- 7:40 pm 15. Musical programme
- 8:00 pm 16. News
- 17. International news
- 18. Weather report
- 19. ၂၀၀၅ခုနှစ် တာဝန်ပေးအကြိမ် (၁၃ကြိမ်) မြန်မာ့ ရံ : ရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အဇေး၊ အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 20. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "မခွဲအတူ" (အပိုင်း-၁၉)
- 21. မြန်မာ့ရုပ်ရှင် သူတို့စေတနာသို့အရည် (ကျော်သူ၊ ရန်အောင်၊ ရဲအောင်၊ ကျော်ရဲအောင်၊ မိုးမိုးမြင့်အောင်၊ မေသန်းနု၊ စိုးမြတ်သူစာ)
- 22. The next day's programme



Thursday, 13 October

Tune in today:

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Love rendezvous Perspectives National news & Slogan
- 8:40 am Music: -Giving you the best
- 8:45 am Music: -Morning light National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Street symphony
- 9:05 am News / Slogan
- 9:10 am Lunch time music
- 1:30 pm -I believe
- 1:40 pm Aspects of Myanmar Article
- 9:00 pm Pouri
- 9:10 pm -Global sea levels could rise 30cms by 2100
- 9:20 pm Favourite songs chosen by music lovers
- 9:30 pm -Love (Kenny Loggins)
- Sealed with a kiss (Bobby Vinton)
- Always & forever (Luther Vandross)
- 9:45 pm News/Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially greets contestants from States and Divisions to 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

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Also present on the occasion were members of the panel of patrons of the organizing committee, Chairman of the Leading Committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and members, the director-general of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental heads, members of the Work Committee and sub-committees, maestros of the panel of judges and those of States and Divisions, members of the panel of judges, managers and contestants from States and Divisions.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, together with members of the panel of patrons, the chairman of the Leading Committee and members, cordially greeted the managers and contestants from the States and Divisions.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party cordially conversed with maestros of the central panel of judges and those of States and Divisions, and members of the panel of judges.

After the ceremony, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented medicines to maestros and members of the panel of judges who are 70 years old and above among maestros of the central panel of judges and those from States and Divisions and members of the panel of judges at the hall of the National Theatre.— MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially greets contestants of states and divisions to 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. — MNA

Myanmar technicians successfully invent unicode Myanmar character system with application of Myanmar character code sets recognized by ISO

YANGON, 12 Oct— A distribution ceremony of computerized Unicode Myanmar character software of the Myanmar character research programme under the supervision of e-National Task Force was held at the hall of Myanmar Info-Tech Corporation in Hline Township this evening.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of e-National Task Force Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, the deputy ministers, heads of departments, officials and guests.

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw delivered an

address. He said Myanmar consonants, vowels, numbers and special symbols can be used on computer in digital form due to the cooperation of Myanmar IT technicians and Department of Myanmar Language Commission.

It is the first unicode Myanmar character and

an effort to contribute towards the development of ICT in Myanmar. Myanmar technicians successfully invented unicode Myanmar character system in a short time with the application of Myanmar character code sets recognized by ISO. Myanmar alphabets can be used in computer

programme.

Myanmar characters are in accord with orthography with the suggestion of Department of Myanmar Language Commission. They can be used in word processing, e-mailing and writing web page in any computer system.

He called on the

technicians to make better software than the present one. Myanmar Info-Tech has launched Myanmar unicode font installer software on the Internet and everyone can use it free of charge. He spoke of the need to complete the work of translation of world languages into Myanmar on computer in a short time.

President of Myanmar Computer Federation and Chairman of Working Committee for computerized Myanmar character system U Thein Oo spoke words of thanks. He presented Myanmar unicode font installer software to the Minister.

Next, Director of Myanmar Computer Federation Secretary of Working Committee for computerized Myanmar character system Dr Myint Myint Than reported on unicode Myanmar character system (trial run).



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw addresses the ceremony to distribute computerized Unicode Myanmar character software of the Myanmar character research programme. — MNA