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### Four political objectives

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

### Four economic objectives

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

### Four social objectives

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

## Thanks to the Government's assistance and the public trust, Myanmar traditional medicine is on the rise again Practitioners urged to collectively strive for required standard of traditional medicine and be free from all harmful ingredients

YANGON, 2 NOV— *The following is a translation of message of the Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe sent to the Sixth Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference held at the Institute of Nursing (Yangon) on Bogyoke Aung San Street here today.*

I am pleased to honour the flourishing of a fine practice of Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners gathering with love and unity at the annually-held Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference, and discussing and sharing knowledge among themselves having one mind about perpetuation and continued progress of traditional medicine.

A true Myanmar cultural heritage, our traditional medicine has flourished alongside our geographical conditions, traditions and culture and Myanmar visions, through cohesion and interaction.

Myanmar traditional medicine has been standing as a prestigious branch

of science till now as the successive practitioners have striven for its flourishing as a pure medical science covering a variety of difficult and delicate subjects, effective therapies and potent drugs, while preserving and handing down the genuine heritage from generation to generation, with much respect and esteem.

It is the potency of the traditional medicines that has made Myanmar people strong and efficient in physical and intellectual strength and enjoy longevity till now since the early period of Myanmar history, during which no western medicine had arrived in the country yet.

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## State Peace and Development Council Chairman Senior General Than Shwe receives Indian Chief of the Army Staff

YANGON, 2 NOV — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Commander-in-Chief of Defence

Services Senior General Than Shwe received Indian Chief of the Army Staff General JJ Singh PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC and party this morn-

ing at Zeyathiri Beikman, Konmyintha, here.

Also present at the call were Vice-Chairman

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Senior General Than Shwe receives Indian Chief of the Army Staff General JJ Singh PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC at Zeyathiri Beikman.— MNA

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

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Preserve national cultural heritage and keep nationalistic fervour alive

Over 2,000 years ago, Myanmar was civilized to a degree of setting up advanced city states of that time. Myanmar had all kinds of performing arts and were the people nurturing and developing variety of branches of delicate and profound artistic knowledge and skills in the very early period.

We have held Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts competitions every year since 1993 with the purpose of preserving and upholding the cultural traits, practices, values and qualifications, and handing down the heritage of ancient Myanmar to future generations.

The prize presentation ceremony of the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions was held at the National Theatre in Yangon on 1 November and it was attended by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, also Patron of the Leading Committee for organizing the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.

In his address on the occasion, the Secretary-1 said that Myanmar cultural superstructure was endowed with grand ideologies, teachings of Theravada Buddhism to cultivate the morals and manners of the people, and the reputation of having sympathy and equality for mankind and observing the social codes of conduct.

The government is pulling out all the stops to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation in the interests of the entire national people, solely relying on its own efforts, and at the same time is trying to preserve and promote their fine traditions, national character and cultural heritage.

Nowadays, some nations, making use of the state-of-the-art communications and technologies and media, are attempting to ideologically and culturally dominate the youth of the country through the doorways of politics, economy and culture. This being the case, Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts competitions are held every year to guard Myanmar youths against alien ideology and culture and to invigorate their nationalistic fervour, patriotic spirit and Union Spirit.

We would like to call the entire national people, including artistes, to prevent the penetration of alien culture by preserving the cultural heritage of our own and keeping our nationalistic fervour alive.

### Notice to Mariners announced

YANGON, 2 Nov — Daewoo E&P Myanmar, that is undertaking joint venture tasks with Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise at block A-1 offshore Rakhine coastal area, will perform geophysical site survey by MV geo Eastern from 12 to 30 November.

Geophysical site survey will be conducted at Point-1 of north latitude 19° 45' 02" and east longitude 92° 32' 41", Point-2 of north latitude 19° 43' 38" and east longitude 92° 33' 33", Point-3 of north latitude 19° 39' 32" and east longitude 92° 34' 28", Point-4 of north latitude 19° 44' 27" and east longitude 92° 35' 02", and Point-5 of north latitude 19° 45' 51" and east longitude 92° 34' 10". The Fisheries Department issued a notice to mariners that vessels and boats, trawlers, and watercraft are not to ply and anchor in the area and not to carry out fisheries works during the survey conducting period. — MNA

## People's Desire

- \* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- \* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- \* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- \* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

### Myanmar traditional medicine is on the rise again,...

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The State Peace and Development Council's drive to reinvigorate traditional medicine to regain its high standard in the time of Myanmar monarchs involves the tasks of rediscovering near-extinct traditional medicine subjects, therapies and drugs and promoting them, the laying down of the national health policy covering projects to develop traditional medicine into a scientific branch of international standard, to disseminate the pure traditional medicine, to manufacture internationally standardized traditional drugs through advanced processes, to extend public health care with the help of traditional medicine and to systematically draw all-round-assistance programmes for comprehensive progress of traditional medicine.

The government acknowledges the main force of the practitioners in providing health care for national races and developing their profession. Hence, it is implementing programmes through the work of finding practitioners well-versed in their field, holding seminars in which the physicians themselves can seek means to revive hidden and extinct subjects, therapies and drugs, uniting all the practitioners of the various groups under the banner of Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Association, and organizing the Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference annually to uplift the role and dignity of the practitioners.

The arrangements the government has been making for systematic development of traditional medicine according to the set standards involve the opening of diploma courses, practitioner courses and world-class Traditional Medicine University, that are training and producing skilled persons in the field.

In addition to the encouragement the government has given for emergence of large traditional

medicine industries in the private sector and for producing safe drugs in accord with the standard, the programmes to discover effective drugs and record their potencies, to produce potent drugs for common diseases, to set up herbal gardens for medicinal plant conservation, to discover and promote potent traditional medicines and effective therapies that can cure diseases incurable by the western drugs, and to find means to treat patients with the combined potency of the western and traditional medicines, are being carried out by government research centres for scientific development of Myanmar traditional medicine.

Myanmar traditional medicine is on the rise again, thanks to the interactions and interrelations occurring between one another with the government's assistance, the spirit of unity of the physicians to serve the traditional medicine's interests and the public trust in and assistance for the traditional medicine.

At this time when the traditional medicine sector is in the golden age, I would like to urge the practitioners to collectively strive for the standard of traditional medicine reach international level, extending public health care services with pure traditional medicine, the traditional medicine to meet the required standards and be free from all harmful ingredients, while standing in unity under the banner of Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Association.

I wish, the Sixth Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference success realizing its lofty aims; Myanmar traditional medicine achieve progress and extend public health care coverage; and practitioners observe their codes of conduct and to become eminent physicians, while collectively striving with the fine power of their profession for the nation to stand in dignity as the one enjoying high standard of health.

### 17th National Sports Meet for Disabled from 12 to 18 Nov

YANGON, 2 Nov — The 17th National Sports Meet for Disabled will be held at Aung San Stadium, here, from 12 to 18 November.

The schedule for the sports meet has been announced. The track & field event will be held on 12 November morning, the opening ceremony and track & field event on 13 November morning, and the volleyball event and the sport events for those who have low IQ on 16 Nov at Aung San Stadium. The swimming event will be organized at National Swimming Pool and the table tennis event at the Myanmar Table Tennis Federation Office on 16 November. Likewise, the badminton event will be held at Badminton Gymnasium on 17 Nov on Kyongyi Street. On 18 Nov, the golf tourney will take place at Okkalapa Golf Course.

Medical check-up will be conducted and competitor identity cards will be issued from 7 to 11 Nov. Any disabled person from States and Divisions, ministries, and private organizations wishing to take part in the sports meet may contact Myanmar Sports Federation for the Disabled at Aung San Stadium, Tel: 382455. — MNA



UM FCCI Vice-Presidents U Win Aung and U Zaw Min Win, and CEC Member U Moe Kyaw seen at the airport before their departure for Thailand. — H

### UM FCCI officials leave for Thailand, China

YANGON, 2 Nov — Vice-Presidents U Win Aung and U Zaw Min Win and CEC member U Moe Kyaw of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry left here by air yesterday evening to take part as ACMECS Business Council members from the private sector in the ACMECS

Leaders' Business Dialogue in connection with the 2nd Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) Summit to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 1 to 3 November 2005.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by General Secretary of UM FCCI U Sein Win Hlaing and officials.

Likewise, Joint-Secretary U Tun Aung, CEC members U Nyein and U Soe Myint of UM FCCI left here by air this morning to attend the Seminar on Modern Logistics and Investment of Greater Mekong Sub-region to be held in Yunnan Province of the People's Republic of China. — MNA



## China, Russia hold meeting on education, cultural cooperation

**BEIJING, 1 Nov — China and Russia will make conscientious efforts to hold the scheduled “Russia Year” in China in 2006 and “China Year” in Russia in 2007, said senior officials of both sides here on Monday.**

During the Sixth Session of the China-Russia Cooperation Committee on Education, Culture, Health and Sports co-chaired by Chinese State Councillor Chen Zhili and visiting Russian Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Zhukov, the two sides agreed to further increase cooperation in various fields.

Chen said that China and Russia have increased political mutual trust, and Sino-Russian cooperation has stepped into a new phase. “The two nations should further promote co-

operation with each other to achieve common development with mutual benefits and to make contributions to world peace,” said Chen, noting that the committee would play a more vital role in the future in strengthening mutual understanding between the people of the two countries and cementing Sino-Russian relations.

Both Chen and Zhukov voiced satisfaction over the committee’s efforts to constantly expand cooperation between the two sides.

Zhukov said the two

sides should continue to enhance their efforts in supporting the committee to expand cooperation between Russia and China.

Both sides agreed to make joint efforts to actively prepare for the scheduled “Russia Year” in China in 2006 and “China Year” in Russia in 2007, and try to make these two events an crucial platform for increasing the friendship between the people of the two countries and deepening bilateral cooperation in various fields.

MNA/Xinhua

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A couple walk through 'The Flock', in front of the 'Structural Wave' at a park near Bondi Beach in Sydney on 2 Nov, 2005.

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## British consumer confidence falls to lowest since Iraq war

**LONDON, 1 Nov — British consumer confidence fell for the third month running in October to its lowest level since the Iraq war in early 2003, according to an index published on Monday. Consultancy GfK NOP said its confidence barometer unexpectedly fell to -8 this month from -5 in September.**

Analysts had ex-

pected the index would be unchanged at -5. That was the lowest since March 2003, the month of the US-led invasion of Iraq.

Interest rate futures rallied after the data as dealers bet the weak figures increased the likelihood the

Bank of England would have to deliver a confidence-boosting rate cut in the next few months.

Particularly striking was the fall in the index measuring people’s expectations of their own personal finances which fell

three points to +7, its lowest level since September last year. The index measuring whether people thought it was a good time to make major purchases fell seven points to +2, its lowest since November 1999. —MNA/Reuters

## Oct becomes most bloody for US troops in Iraq since Jan

**WASHINGTON, 1 Nov — The deaths of six US soldiers in Iraq on Monday raised the US military death toll for October to 93, making it the most bloody month for US troops there since January, the US military said.**

Pentagon Spokesman Di Rita attributed the increased deaths to “an adversary that continues to develop some sophistication on very deadly and increasingly precise standoff weapons.”

Earlier, US military commanders had warned

that guerillas would step up their attacks in the run-up to the 15 December parliamentary election in Iraq.

Among the six soldiers died on Monday, four were killed by a makeshift bomb in a place southwest of Baghdad while two others were

killed in an explosion in Balad, north of Baghdad.

However, Di Rita said US forces now have a better way to deal with the bombs. The Iraqi guerillas have been focusing on bombs since the beginning of this year with use of ever bigger, deadlier bombs and

new techniques, such as “shaped” explosive charges capable of blowing through armoured US vehicles.

MNA/Xinhua

at Bulyantete, two kilometres from Lugazi town along Kampala-Jinja road. He said that the driver of taxi tried to over take a tractor but changed his mind when he saw another taxi coming from the opposite direction. Akol said that the driver tried to swerve back behind the tractor but, crashed into the rear tyre of the tractor, killing the taxi driver on spot and injuring the others.

The other taxi also lost control and rammed into a ditch killing seven people on spot and injuring others. — MNA/Xinhua

## Boat sinks in Vietnam, 7 killed

**HANOI, 2 Nov — A boat sank in Vietnam’s central Quang Nam Province Wednesday morning, killing seven local people, Vietnam News Agency reported.**

According to initial investigations, the boat with 22 people on board, including 10 schoolchildren, was capsized in the Truong Glang river due to swift water and overloading. By Wednesday afternoon, the seven bodies had all been found.

A storm hitting Vietnam’s central region Tuesday morning killed nine local people and left a Filipino missing.

Flooding caused by the storm also damaged nearly 2,000 houses, and some 3,200 hectares of rice and subsidiary crops.

Last year, natural disasters killed 232 people, injured 187 others and left 38 missing in the country. —MNA/Xinhua



US soldiers from Bravo Company 1-87 Infantry 10th Mountain Division 1st Brigade Combat Team walk through the streets during a patrol in western Baghdad, on 1 Oct, 2005. The killings of six more US soldiers in roadside explosions in Iraq on Monday raised the US death toll for October to 93, making it the fourth deadliest month for the US military since the March 2003 invasion. —INTERNET

## Traffic accident kills eight in central Uganda

**KAMPALA, 1 Nov — Eight people died on spot and at least 27 others were critically injured when two taxis and a tractor were involved in an accident in Lugazi about 30 kilometres east of Kampala.**

A traffic police officer at Lugazi police station, James Akol, told Xinhua by telephone on Monday that the fatal accident occurred on Saturday night

## US military deaths in Iraq sharply rise to 2,027

**WASHINGTON, 1 Nov — As of Tuesday, 1 Nov, 2005, at least 2,027 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 1,581 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military’s numbers. The figures include five military civilians.**

The AP count is nine higher than the Defence Department’s tally, last updated at 10 am EDT Tuesday.

The British military has reported 97 deaths; Italy, 27; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Slovakia, three; Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand, two each; Hungary, Kazakhstan, Latvia one death each.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,888 US military members have died, according to AP’s count. That includes at least 1,472 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military’s numbers. Since the start of US military operations in Iraq, 15,353 US service members have been wounded, according to a Defence Department tally on Tuesday. —Internet



Indian soldiers stand at the scene of a car bomb explosion at a highway in Srinagar on 2 Nov, 2005. A powerful car bomb exploded on a busy highway in Indian Kashmir on Wednesday, killing two people and injuring seven policemen hours before a new chief minister was due to be sworn in, police said

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## Nepal, China agree on joint border inspection

**KATHMANDU, 1 Nov**—The second meeting of Nepal-China Joint Inspection Committee has ended with an initial signing of four documents intended to facilitate the work procedures related to fieldwork for the third joint inspection of the two countries' boundary, an official at the Nepali Foreign Ministry said on Monday.

The documents, which were initialed on Sunday, included Regulations on Facilitation of the Procedures for Temporary Border Crossing, Specifications on Surveying of

Boundary Markers, Specifications on Partial Updating of Maps, and Specifications on Developing the Geographical Information System of Nepal-China Boundary, the

Nepali team leader, Hira Bahadur Thapa, a joint secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, told reporters.

"We have initialed the agreements, which will be signed in another meeting. The committee will hold its next meeting in Beijing in March 2006," said Thapa.

He said the documents are intended to guide the joint inspection, which is being planned to begin in April 2006. The fieldwork will be completed by the end of the same year.

"We have formulated the necessary document for joint inspection and the document will be important for commencement of fieldwork," said the leader of Chinese delegation, Li Qingyuan, the adviser of Chinese Foreign Ministry Border Management.

Nepal and China inspected the border in 1979 and 1988 for the first and the second time respectively. —MNA/Xinhua

### Car bomb in Basra kills, wounds many

**BASRA (Iraq), 1 Nov**—A car bomb exploded on Monday in the southern Iraqi city of Basra, killing and wounding many people, witnesses said.

Emergency crews were removing body parts from the area in front of a busy restaurant in the city's Algiers Street area, which had been packed with families enjoying an evening out as the holy month of Ramadan draws to a close.

Al Jazeera television quoted police saying there were dozens of casualties. A spokesman for British Armed Forces who police the mainly Shiite Muslim city said there had been a car bomb blast. He had no details.

MNA/Reuters

### Roadside bomb explosion kills one, injures five in E Afghanistan

**KABUL, 1 Nov**—A roadside bomb apparently aimed at US troops went off Monday in Jalalabad, the provincial capital of eastern Nangarhar Province, killing one person and wounding five others, a private news agency reported.

"The bomb planted in a bicycle exploded on a Jalalabad road killing a child and injuring five more civilians," *Hindokosh* news service said in its bulletin.

The road usually used by the US-led coalition troops but there was no casualty on their side. No one has claimed responsibility. —MNA/Xinhua

### Two US soldiers charged with abusing Afghanistan detainees

**KABUL, 1 Nov**—Two American soldiers have been charged with mistreating Afghan detainees, said the US military command in Afghanistan on Monday.

According to the US military news release, the two were filed under military law for alleged as-

sault against two Afghan detainees who were temporarily detained at a detention site in the southern Uruzgan Province.

The two soldiers were accused of punching the detainees on chest, shoulders and stomach, the military said.

"The command re-

mains committed to investigate all allegations of misconduct and will hold individuals responsible for their actions consist with US military law," it added.

The US military in Afghanistan also assured in the release to take disciplinary action if the allegations substantiate.

The assurance by US military is given just 10 days after reported burning of two Taleban fighters' bodies by American forces, which sparked nationwide condemnation.

Over 400 Afghans have been reportedly imprisoned in some 23 US detention centres on the charge of having links with former Taleban regime.

Since 2002, at least two Afghan detainees have been dead in the US main military base in Bagram, 50 kilometres north of Kabul, but the conclusion of the investigation has yet to be made public.

MNA/Xinhua

## War in Iraq affects Britain's reservist Army

**LONDON, 1 Nov**—The size of Britain's Territorial Army (TA) has reached a record low, with an average of 540 soldiers leaving every month this year.

Defence Secretary John Reid has acknowledged that the death of four young soldiers at the Deepcut training barracks between 1995 and 2002 has affected recruiting for the regular Army.

The strength of the Territorial Army is currently 35,500, about 6,000 fewer than the government said was needed when it published its strategic defence review in 1998. The Min-

istry of Defence said attitude surveys carried out with all TA personnel on being demobilized had not singled out the campaign in Iraq as the main reason for their wanting to leave. But insiders believe the war in Iraq is a contributing factor, the *Times* reported on Monday.

Figures of soldiers leaving the TA show that since the war began in 2003, the numbers have risen signifi-

cantly, from 160 in April 2003 to 690 in November of that year, and 540 in August this year.

The TA has had to supply about 10 per cent of the British troops in southern Iraq since March 2003, when 8,690 reservists were mobilized to support Operation Telic, codename for the campaign, either in Iraq or in Britain, for six months at a time. This dropped to 2,460 in 2004 and to 1,430 this year. —MNA/Xinhua

### Two US soldiers killed in Iraq

**BAGHDAD, 1 Nov**—Two US soldiers were killed in a roadside bomb blast on Monday in Balad, some 80 kilometres north of Baghdad, the US military said.

The roadside bomb struck the US patrol near a US base named Anaconda on the outskirts of Balad, the military said in a brief statement.

Some 2,020 US soldiers have been killed in Iraq since the US-led invasion in March 2003.

MNA/Xinhua

### Saudi border guards seize two tons of hashish

**RIYADH, 2 Nov**—Saudi Arabian border guards seized more than two tons of hashish on an island off the kingdom's Gulf coast, one of their largest drugs hauls in recent times, *Al-Riyadh* newspaper said on Monday.

It quoted the head of the border guards, General Talal al-Angawi, as saying the drugs were uncovered earlier this month on the island which is near the industrial city of Jubail.

Drugs smuggling carries the death penalty in the strict Muslim kingdom, but Saudi authorities struggle to keep smugglers from infiltrating

across thousands of miles of desert, mountain and sea borders.

The newspaper also said border guards had seized weapons including 12 rocket-propelled grenade launchers, half a million rounds of ammunition and 14,000 sticks of dynamite in the last nine months.

MNA/Reuters



US soldiers walk near the site of a car bomb attack in Kadim District, north-west Baghdad, on 31 Oct, 2005.—INTERNET



## Vietnam braces for powerful typhoon

HANOI, 1 Nov — A powerful typhoon churning through the South China Sea is expected to hit central Vietnam this week, which could trigger high waves, landslides and floods in a region where bad weather has already killed 25 people in over a week.

The National Hydro Meteorology Forecast Centre said on Monday Typhoon Kai-Tak, with winds of up to 133 kilometres per hour (83 miles per hour), would dump heavy rain on eight central provinces, from Ha Tinh in the north to Binh Dinh in the south.

It was centred around 230 miles off the coast.

The typhoon, named after Hong Kong's old

airport, was moving northwest at 5-10 kilometres per hour (3-6 miles per hour) along the central coast, a weather bulletin said.

Floods triggered by heavy rains in the past 10 days have killed at least 25 people in five provinces, including 12 in Binh Dinh, according to a government committee on flooding and storm prevention.

About 67,500 people were moving away from high risk areas along the coast, fishing boats were seeking shelter in ports and soldiers had been sent to help out with disaster preparations, the state-run *Nhan Dan* newspaper said.

Typhoon Kai-Tak is not expected to affect Vietnam's key coffee and rice growing regions, which lie further to the

south. However, the ancient towns of Hue and Hoi An, both of which are UN-listed World Heritage Sites, lie in its projected path.

Vietnam is the world's second-largest coffee producer after Brazil and also number two in rice exports after Thailand.

With a long coastline facing the South China Sea, Vietnam suffers around 10 typhoons or tropical storms each year.

Last month, Typhoon Damrey killed 120 people as it left a trail of destruction stretching from the Philippines to China, Vietnam, Laos and Thailand.—MNA/Reuters

## Defence Minister says Italy has reservations about Iraq war

ROME, 1 Nov — Italian Defence Minister Antonio Martino confirmed on Monday that Italy had reservations about the Iraq war, Italian news agency ANSA reported.

Commenting on an interview in which Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi said he had repeatedly tried to dissuade US President George W Bush from invading Iraq, Martino said that Italy had doubts about whether armed intervention in Iraq was opportune.

But the minister, speaking at a ceremony in Grosseto to mark the F2000 Typhoon jet fighter's 1000th hour in flight, went on to stress that his country were on America's side and not Saddam Hussein's when given the chance to take sides.

In an interview broadcast on Italian private TV channel La7, which were released on Saturday, Berlusconi said: "I was never convinced that war was the best way to make a country democratic and to bring it out of a bloody dictatorship."

"I tried many times to convince the American President not to wage war... I tried to find other ways and solutions," he added.

The interview surprised some political observers and members of the opposition, particularly as it coincided with Berlusconi's Washington visit.

MNA/Xinhua



Afghan men walk in front of a pile of scrapped buses in Kabul on 1 Nov, 2005. Afghanistan's transportation system is in tatters after years of war and conflicts in the country. —INTERNET

## Blair ally Blunkett under fire over corporate link

LONDON, 1 Nov — One of British Prime Minister Tony Blair's most loyal but scandal-plagued allies faced calls for his resignation on Monday over accusations he broke government rules by taking a corporate job while out of office.

Blair said he still had confidence in Work and Pensions Secretary David Blunkett and tried to draw a line under the matter after Blunkett announced he would sell shares in the company, where he had briefly worked as a director.

The affair caused fresh embarrassment for both men, months after Blair resurrected the career of Blunkett, who was forced to quit in a sex and abuse of office scandal last year.

Blunkett had bought shares in the company

DNA Bioscience to be held in trust for his children, and worked as a director of the firm before Blair brought him back into government in May.

The company has competed for government contracts.

Blunkett admitted taking the directorship while briefly out of office without consulting an advisory committee. Former cabinet ministers must approach the committee before taking private sector work within two years of leaving

office.

After announcing on Monday that he would arrange for the shares to be sold, Blunkett earned Blair's immediate backing.

"David Blunkett has the full support of the Prime Minister, full stop," Blair's spokesman said.

Blunkett denied that owning the shares had represented a conflict of interest but said he had decided to sell them to avoid any appearance of wrongdoing.

MNA/Reuters

## Okinawa governor rejects US force repositioning plan

TOKYO, 1 Nov — Okinawa Governor Keiichi Inamine on Monday rejected a US-Japanese plan on the relocation of a US air base in the prefecture.

The two countries agreed on Saturday on a series of issues concerning the future of their decades-old alliance.

According to the interim report, the United

States will remove its Futemma base in Ginowan, central Okinawa Island, to Nago, in the northern part of the island.

Inamine described the relocation as "totally unacceptable", *Kyodo News* reported.

The governor said the plan would not lead to an

early return of the air base, according to the report.

Residents and the government of the southern prefecture have been demanding for easing their burden of hosting the bulk of US forces in Japan since the end of World War II.

MNA/Xinhua

## Mortar attack hits US-Iraqi military base west of Baghdad

FALLUJAH (Iraq), 1 Nov — Guerillas lobbed a US-Iraqi military base in a town outside Fallujah, west of Baghdad, with several mortar rounds on Monday, causing casualties, witnesses said.

"At least eight mortar rounds landed on the US and Iraqi military base in Ameriyat al-Fallujah town, killing and wounding unknown number of US and Iraqi soldiers," Abdul Rahman, a local journalist told *Xinhua* by telephone.

Two civilians were also wounded by the attack in the town, one of them received critical wounds, he said. Ameriyat al-Fallujah situated about 7 kilometres south of the flashpoint city of Fallujah. The area, which is part of Anbar Province, has long been witnessing tensions as guerillas frequently attack the US and Iraqi security forces. — MNA/Xinhua

## Two US Marines killed in helicopter crash in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 2 Nov — Two US Marines were killed when a US military helicopter crashed on Wednesday outside the western Iraqi city of Ramadi, the US military said.

Witnesses from Ramadi said the helicopter crashed in Albu-Ubaid area east of the city during clashes in the area. Ramadi, a Sunni dominated city some 100 km west of Baghdad, has long been an guerilla stronghold.

MNA/Xinhua



US soldiers from the Third Infantry Division patrol along the airport road in Baghdad on 31 Oct, 2005. Six US soldiers were killed in two bombings on Monday.—INTERNET

# Attempts to bring Myanmar under Western influence

*Aung Moe San*

It is natural that human society develops in accord with its objective conditions. What I mean here is that a human society development is based on its own history, traditions, culture and lifestyle.

The development and changes that occurred in the US and western nations were different from the Asian nations. Even development trends among the western nations can be different from one another, and so is among the Asian nations. Former colonies after regaining independence shaped their own destinies. In this age, nations that are transforming themselves from socialism into market economy adopt their own systems. The way some East European countries and China are making changes differ from each other. Likewise, Myanmar's democracy transition programme is also different from others. Only if we can make changes in line with our social system, will we be able to facilitate our process and achieve success according to objective conditions.

After the World War II, US and some big western nations tried to invade a number of Asian nations resorting to force to realize their goal — the flourishing of democracy. But all their schemes failed. They had to pay a high price for their doomed ventures.

China and Vietnam are in the course of undergoing changes and reforms not because of outside sanctions and pressures, but because of their domestic requirements. Generally, a country's changes are based on its internal requirements.

The democracy favoured by the US cannot be realized even in Iraq and Afghanistan that are under the occupation of the US and its allies.

The basic force for human civilization evolution covering economic, social, political, religious, industrial and cultural sectors is the surplus value.

The modern political science says that surplus value is the seed of community productivity development.

In reality, nations in their process of transition to market economy and democracy are introducing capitalism. According to modern political science, the evolution of capitalism is as follows:

Because of the policy to transform the surplus value into capital and boost production, the capitalist democracies are able to build myriad infrastructures.

All the super expressways, industries, airports, sea-going ships, planes, cars, shipyards, ports, irrigation networks, bridges, nuclear power stations and enterprises are the lifeblood of the development of capitalism.

The Tatmadaw government today is tirelessly striving for flourishing of democracy and market economy. Successive developments can be seen clearly in various sectors. What's more, the developments in market economy and gradual progress in introducing the multi-party system bear witness to the government's endeavours.

But a western power and minions with the destructive intention, are imposing economic sanctions against Myanmar, cutting off all soft loans, technological assistance and humanitarian aid to her, and demanding the UN Security Council to take action against Myanmar. They are using exaggerated slanders as a weapon.

Why are they trying to take action against Myanmar in a lopsided way? President Bush used two words "freedom and liberty" 49 times in his inaugural address delivered on 20 January.

But freedom and liberty the US has advocated for the entire world is according to its standard. In reality, it is demanding the whole world to yield to its domination. However, the global concern is the rise of

colonialism-based narrow nationalism and the US self-interest.

Once, a large number of world nations thought highly of American way of life. Many of them faced devastation for copying the American model. Some were shocked at US democracy after seeing the collapse of the World Trade Centre on 11 September 2001.

Today, many nations are choosing the system that may go along well with their own characters, freedom and way of life. They maintain international relations, based on mutual respect and recognition. They abhorred and revolted against the evil and old systems of invasion, enslavement, domination and interferences.

The 19 October issue of the International News Journal featured a news report on President Putin turning to Asia.

The report said although Asian nations are in favour of strengthening relations with Russia, their goals may differ from one another. But what was common among Asian nations was they disliked lopsided acts of the US. America's one-sided acts in Iraq was the example.

The report added the Asian nations did not support the US-sponsored democracy revolutions. One example was that the Asian nations opposed US attempts to launch democracy revolutions in Georgia, Ukraine and Tajikistan.

It said it had become a common practice for Asian nations to oppose the lopsided military actions of the US. The Asian nations do not want to accept the US's lopsided actions including the use of force, based on a number of excuses, as Iran and Syria may become its next military targets. China included in those Asian nations is worried about US lopsided acts, with Taiwan as the source of the problem. The report said some Asian nations assumed that US intervention only created problems that both the US and the nation concerned could not solve. Other Asian nations oppose the US acts to shape the global politics without their consent.

The global people have already understood that the US attempts to shape the world is to put the international community under its domain. In the same vain, the perpetration of Desmond Tutu and Vaclav Havel to call on the UN Security Council to act against Myanmar according to their western masters, using exaggerated slanders, is an attempt to bring Myanmar under western influence.

(Translation: TMT)

*Kyemon: 2.11.2005.*

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# Education sector witnesses sustained progress

## Development of basic education in the time of Tatmadaw Government

### Dropout rates in states and divisions

The educational vision of the Union of Myanmar is “Emergence of an education system that creates a life-long learning society that can face the challenges in the knowledge age”. The Government is creating a constant learning education in conformity with the vision after laying down the national education promotion work programmes to be able to overcome the difficulties in the life-long learning education.



Tachilek Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association presents exercise books and school uniforms to primary schoolchildren in the township.



A ceremony to present school uniforms, text books and exercise books to needy students at No 1 BEMS in Hsipaw Township, Shan State (North).

Educational plans are being implemented throughout the nation to effectively reduce the dropout rates due to various reasons such as economic, social and health problems in the learning society.

In its drive for reduction of dropout rates, the government has placed emphasis on increasing school enrolment rate and ensuring completion of the school to put into motion one of work programmes of a long-term plan of the basic education sector — for all school-age children to complete primary education.

To achieve the goal, the government is taking all possible measures such as teaching the children from respective wards and villages who dropped out of the schools and helping them to rejoin the basic education schools in the following academic year, providing school textbooks for the children who are facing various problems to pursue education, and providing assistance for the needy children through discussions with their parents in order to continue their education.

Now, the dropout rates have been reduced drastically thanks to various forms of assistance rendered by the Myanmar Education Committee, regional administrative bodies, social organizations, wellwishers, the people and the Ministry of Education. The table shows the reduction in the dropout rates in states and divisions.

### Dropout rates in states and divisions

Sr	State and Division	1988		2005		Reduction	
		Primary	Middle	Primary	Middle	Primary	Middle
1	Kachin	45.35	44.93	14.37	12.28	30.98	32.65
2	Kayah	37.45	39.25	6.65	7.97	30.80	31.28
3	Kayin	35.60	43.86	15.85	17.59	19.75	26.27
4	Chin	40.73	40.79	14.43	25.54	26.30	15.25
5	Sagaing	42.02	41.23	11.50	12.60	30.52	28.63
6	Taninthayi	44.82	42.53	13.80	29.11	31.02	13.42
7	Bago (East)	42.62	41.46	10.23	13.03	32.39	28.43
8	Bago (West)	40.47	37.18	9.16	11.56	31.31	25.62
9	Magway	46.60	39.8	7.87	9.90	35.73	29.28
10	Mandalay	38.67	36.77	9.80	7.34	28.87	29.43
11	Mon	39.99	40.80	7.64	13.46	32.35	27.34
12	Rakhine	44.32	45.98	3.57	23.12	40.75	22.86
13	Yangon	28.23	39.93	7.75	5.06	20.48	34.87
14	Shan (South)	44.58	42.27	13.12	10.63	31.46	31.64
15	Shan (North)	43.84	44.95	13.18	12.67	30.66	32.28
16	Shan (East)	48.07	43.28	8.03	6.69	40.04	36.59
17	Ayeyawady	46.88	40.58	3.90	19.09	42.98	21.49
	<b>Average</b>	40.99	40.36	8.89	23.32	32.10	28.04

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## State Peace and Development Council Chairman Senior General Than Shwe receives...

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of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior

ior General Maung Aye, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral

Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Chief of Military Affairs Security Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra and Military Attache Col Jasvinder Singh Chopra. MNA

*Senior General Than Shwe cordially greets Indian Chief of the Army Staff General JJ Singh, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC at Zeyathiri Beikman.*

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*Senior General Than Shwe receives Indian Chief of the Army Staff General JJ Singh, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC at Zeyathiri Beikman.*

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## Vice-Senior General Maung Aye sees off Indian Chief of the Army Staff

*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye bids farewell to Indian Chief of the Army Staff General JJ Singh, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC at the airport.*

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*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presents documentary photo album and video tape to Indian Chief of the Army Staff General JJ Singh, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC at the airport.—MNA*

## Vice-Senior General Maung Aye sees off Indian Chief of the Army Staff...

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Myint Swe and wife, military officers, Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra, Ambassador of India to the Union of Myanmar, Military Attache Colonel Jasvinder Singh Chopra and officials also saw off the del-

egation. Before departure for India, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presented a photo album and a video tape on the delegation's visit to Myanmar to General JJ Singh at the lounge of the air-

port. Mrs Anupama Singh, wife of the Indian Chief of the Army Staff, presented a TV to the personnel of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association for the MMCWA.

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*Mrs Anupama Singh, wife of Indian Chief of the Army Staff General JJ Singh, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC, presents a colour TV to personnel of MMCWA.—MNA*



# Traditional medicine practitioners ...

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Myanmar Nurses Association, Myanmar Dental Association and Myanmar Health Assistant Association and guests.

First, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint read out the message sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe to the Conference. *(The message is reported separately)*

Next, NHC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an opening address. He said:

The government honours the Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners with respect as they are the persons willingly discharging the no-

nation at this conference will produce good results of enhancing love and unity among them. In addition, the conference will help draw sound projects that will realize the high aims the State has for the profession as it will serve as an excellent venue to share knowledge on the essence of the traditional medicine.

Since over 2000 years ago, Myanmar possessed and nurtured a civilization high enough to set up city states, and the traditional medicine was already flourishing significantly as a major part of the Myanmar cultural superstructure during the time.

Arjuveda traditional medicine, inclusive in the Bhesijjanaya, was flour-



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein views round the booth of traditional medicine industrialists.—MNA

array of traditional medicine branches covering the core of the profession.

Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners of successive generations

rich with a wide range of delicate subjects, a number of profound treatises, a variety of therapies and different types of potent drugs.

During the time Myanmar was under her own monarchs, the Myanmar traditional medicine stood as a court profession whose range even reached the remote rural areas in providing health care for the entire nation. However, like all other sciences of Myanmar cultural heritage, traditional medicine was in a state of decline under the oppression and

forms and methods and potency of drugs and effectiveness of therapies were on the wane.

The dispersion, disappearance and waning situation of the practitioners, medical treatises, therapies and drugs was followed by the weakness in systematic dissemination of the knowledge, the wrong interpretations on profound treatises and the delicate branches of the field, and a halt in the advancement of the profession due to the missing link resulting from the tradition of handing down the knowledge only to the family members; this brought the core knowledge, treatises, therapies and drugs of the field to near extinction. The breaking up of the traditional medicine went on till the coming into being of over 100 different groups based on the methods that varied from one place or school to another. Consequently, the effectiveness and potency of the Myanmar traditional medicine were gradually diminishing.

For us, we cannot let our traditional medicine vanish as the profession with firm roots and high potency is one of our her-

itage, and was also providing adequate health care for Myanmar before the emergence of western medicine.

In this regard, the Tatmadaw government has been laying down and implementing programmes to revive, nurture and upgrade the fine traditions of indigenous medicine.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe has been giving guidance for reinvigorating the Myanmar traditional medicine, a true cultural heritage of the nation. Thanks to his guidance for enabling the royal practice of the past to shine again and reach a new age, to rediscover practitioners, subjects, therapies and potent drugs to form them as a united strength, and, especially, for scientific advancement of the medicine till it flourishes in foreign nations too, the government is able to develop the profession to reach the present stage of development.

The time is ripe for us to develop and promote traditional medicine by taking one further step as it is now firmly on the correct road to scientific *(See page 11)*

**The government honours the Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners with respect as they are the persons willingly discharging the noble duty of ensuring perpetuation, promotion and propagation of the traditional medicine, a national heritage, and extending the public health care coverage with their profession out of their own sincere goodwill alone.**



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially converses with delegates to Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference. —MNA

ble duty of ensuring perpetuation, promotion and propagation of the traditional medicine, a national heritage, and extending the public health care coverage with their profession out of their own sincere goodwill alone.

It is in my belief that the gathering of traditional medicine practitioners who are carrying out their own portion of the noble task in various parts of

ishing widely in Pyu city states such as Tagaung, Sriakstra and Hanlin of the early periods of Myanmar civilization. Beginning the Bagan era during which Theravada Sasana shone brightly, the Abhidhamma-based Desanayana, Nekkhattanaya and Vijjadhananaya branches of the profession took root in Myanmar. Thus, we take pride in ourselves to possess a large

have dutifully preserved, protected and upgraded traditional medicine, our ancestral heritage since the nation's early period of history, for its further development throughout the different stages of history, with innovative means and by compiling medical treatises. Thanks to their efforts, we now have our own branch of traditional medicine emerging as a separate sci-

downgrading of the colonialists during the time the nation was a colony. It is an unforgettable lesson in history.

The traditional medicine did not entirely vanish because of the efforts of the patriotic practitioners who were loyal to their profession. However, the loss of connections among the practitioners living in different parts of the nation led to variations of

*Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint reads out the message sent by Senior General Than Shwe.*  
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# Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents prizes to winners in 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

YANGON, 2 Nov — 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 delivered an address at the ceremony to present prizes to the winners in the Performing Arts Competitions at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street in Dagon Township yesterday morning.

Also present on the occasion were Daw Khin Than Nwe, wife of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of the panel of patrons of the Leading Committee, Chairman of the Leading Committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife, ministers and their wives, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon Mayor, senior military officers, deputy ministers and members of CSSTB, officials, diplomats and officials of UN agencies, the director-general of the SPDC Office and departmental heads, maestros, winners and guests.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented the first prize for professional level marionette (Minkutha Drama) contest to Nyeinchan Shwepyi Yokson Amyinthabin Troupe of Yangon Division, the second



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents an excellent performance award to U Tin Thein of Mandalay Division.— MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents an excellent performance award to U Tin Win of Magway Division.— MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents third prize for Minkutha Drama to Mon State Marionette Troupe.— MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents an excellent performance award to Nyeinchan Shwepyi Marionette Troupe.— MNA

to Tawwin Yokson Sindawgyi Troupe of Yangon Division, and the third to Mon State Yokson Amyinthabin Troupe of Mon State; and outstanding awards to Nyeinchan Shwepyi Yokson Amyinthabin Troupe of Yangon Division, Tawwin Yokson Sindawgyi Troupe of Yangon Division and U Ko Ko Gyi (Hinthada) of Ayeyawady Division.

The Secretary-1 continued to give away the first prize to U Moe Min and troupe of Yangon Division in the professional level (troupe) drama (Vidhura Drama) contest, the second to U Tin Thein and troupe of Mandalay Division and U Aung Phyto Hein and troupe of Sagaing Division, and outstanding awards to U Tin Thein (Ngamyiya Tin Thein) of Mandalay Division, Daw Thanda Lin of Yangon Division, U Kan of Yangon Division, Daw Thabye of Yangon Division, U Tin Win of Magway Division, U Tin Lin (Yadana Tin Lin) of Mandalay Division, Thiri Maung Maung Orchestra Troupe of Yangon Division and Magway Sein Than of Magway Division respectively.

Maung Phyto Thiha Kyaw (a) Phyto Phyto of Mandalay Division presented dances to the audience.

Member of the Panel of Patrons Chairman of YCDC Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin gave away first, second and third prizes and consolation (See page 11)



Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint presents second prize to Daw Sein Sein Yin of Mandalay Division.— MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein presents first prize to U Kaung Thant of Mandalay Division.— MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein presents first prize to U Hla Htay of Mandalay Division.— MNA



## Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents...

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prizes to the winners in the professional level song composing contest, the amateur level song composing contest, the higher education level song composing contest, and the basic education level (aged 15-20), (aged 10-15) and (aged 5-10) song composing contests respectively. After the prize presentation for the song composing contest, a vocalist sang the song composed by Ma Yi Mon Thant of Ayeyawady Division.

Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun presented first, second and third prizes to the winners in the professional, amateur and higher education level men's harp contests, and the basic education level (aged 15-20), (aged 10-15) and (aged 5-10) boys' harp contests respectively.

Chief Justice U Aung Toe also presented prizes to winners in the professional, amateur and higher education level women's harp contests, and the basic education level (aged 15-20), (aged 10-15) and (aged 5-10) girls' harp contests respectively.

Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein gave away prizes to winners in the professional, amateur and higher education level men's xylophone contests, and the basic education level (aged 15-20), (aged 10-15) and (aged 5-10) boys' xylophone contests respectively.

Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min presented prizes to winners in the professional, amateur and higher education level women's xylo-

phone contests, and the basic education level (aged 15-20), (aged 10-15) and (aged 5-10) girls' xylophone contests respectively.

Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung gave away prizes to those who stood first, second and third in the professional, amateur and higher education level men's piano contests, and the basic education level (aged 15-20), (aged 10-15) and (aged 5-10) boys' piano contests respectively. Likewise, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint presented prizes to those who stood first, second and third in the professional, amateur and higher education level women's piano contests, and the basic education level (aged 15-20), (aged 10-15) and (aged 5-10) girls' piano contests; and the professional, amateur and higher education level men's guitar contests respectively.

Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo also presented first, second and third prizes to winners in the basic education level (aged 15-20), (aged 10-15) and (aged 5-10) boys' guitar contests and the professional, amateur and higher education level women's guitar contests and the basic education level (aged 15-20) and (aged 10-15) girls' guitar contests respectively.

Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein gave away prizes to those who stood first, second and third in the professional, amateur and higher education level men's mandolin contests, and the basic education level (aged 15-20), (aged



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents an excellent performance award to U Tin Lin (Yadana Tin Lin) of Mandalay Division. — MNA

10-15) and (aged 5-10) girls' mandolin contests, and the professional, amateur and higher education level women's mandolin contests, and the basic education level (aged 15-20) girls' mandolin contest respectively. —MNA

(News on prize presentation ceremony of the competitions will continue to appear on 4-11-2005 issue of this paper.—Ed)

## Traditional medicine practitioners ...

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development and propagation.

At present, advanced traditional medicine hospitals have been set up in major towns of states and divisions. With the cooperation of the practitioners in the field, government departments are conducting scientific and advanced research on potent traditional drugs and therapies and recording their potency levels, launching research projects to manufacture traditional medicines to cure common diseases of the nation and also weird dis-

eases that are incurable for the western medicines and inventing new treatments through combination of western medicine and advanced hospital equipment and indigenous medicine, on a wider scale. The nation is even enjoying the fruits of the wide-scale endeavours of the field.

Because of the government's encouragement and the cooperative efforts of the practitioners, the nation has been witnessing the sound development of the traditional medicine sector from its roots during the time of the Tatmadaw ad-

ministration.

The government is conducting traditional medicine diploma courses and practitioner courses in addition to setting up a world-class Traditional Medicine University. The university after making coordination with eminent indigenous medicine practitioners, has formulated an advanced curricula covering all the essence and core subjects of the four Nayas of the traditional medicine field, and also the basic western medicine. It is teaching students with the help of advanced teaching aids and hospital equipment of western medical field to confer degrees on them. Brilliant and skilled tradi-

tional medicine practitioners are emerging in the nation thanks to the university's systematic teaching and training methods.

Due to the government's encouragement and assistance to manufacture standard and harm-free potent medicines, the private sector sees the emergence of modern traditional medicine industries. Consequently, the manufacturing of standard traditional medicines through correct and precise drug-making methods, and international level production processes, storage systems and packaging machines has enhanced public trust in the indigenous drugs and increased demand for them not only in rural areas but also in urban areas.

Today's significant achievement is organizing the indigenous medicine practitioners, who once were of a loose society spreading all over the nation under different organizations and various groups into the consolidated and united Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Association.

Traditional medicine practitioners today are in the golden age created by the strong forces of unity and the encouragement of the government and the people. In this regard, I would like to urge them to make patriotism-based collective efforts for emergence of a scientific and international-standard integrated field of traditional medicine, a combination of

the essence of the branches of traditional medicine, invaluable experiences of many practitioners of successive eras and the core parts of the potent drugs and therapies.

The Myanmar traditional medicine stands as an integrated profession crowned with full effectiveness, public reliance, and morality, fidelity and knowledge of the physicians.

Hence, I would like to request the practitioners to further uplift the dignity of their profession, while adhering to the ethics, rules and moral conduct which physicians of the field of the past successive eras had traditionally followed, and curing patients with loving kindness, goodwill, sympathy, morality and truthfulness till they recover from illness.

The government on its part has been striving for the development of all sectors including the health sector for the nation to be a peaceful and tranquil and anxiety-free place for people possessing physical and intellectual might. Another aim of the all-round development drive is for emergence of a nation for healthy and fit citizens equipped with national strength, and who have the right to self-determination in an environment free from outside domination.

The task of laying down and implementing the national objectives for health and fitness of the entire nation, and the na-

tional health projects covers the work programmes to systematically develop and propagate Myanmar traditional medicine in accord with specified standards till flourishing in global countries, and to play a wider, effective and efficient role of the traditional medicine in health care undertakings.

Here, I would like to urge the practitioners to extend public health care coverage with patriotism and energetic and harmonious efforts, while playing a role in the government's drive to further upgrading the standard of traditional medicine, enhancing their own professional skills and rediscovering and developing potency of traditional drugs.

In conclusion, I wish all traditional medicine practitioners strive for further improvement of the Myanmar traditional medicine standard and extending the public health care coverage; emergence of quality traditional medicines of international standard; and contributing to emergence of a modern and developed nation by creating healthy and fit citizens and a peaceful environment, while cooperating one another in the spirit of unity and harmony.

After the ceremony, the Secretary-1 and party cordially greeted the traditional practitioners who are attending the Conference, and visited the booths of traditional medicine industrialists. — MNA

## Latest models of Epson printers introduced

YANGON, 2 Nov — Client Focus Technology Group and Epson (Thailand) Co Ltd introduced latest models of Epson printers and demonstrated Dura Brite

Ultra Ink technology today at Sedona Hotel here. Client Focus Technology Group is selling Epson inkjet printers and LCD projectors at a discount at

No 7 (D), Pyay Road, at 6 1/2 Mile in Hline Township. Epson Showroom is open at No 125/ Seikkantha Street, Kyauktada Township, Ph 249344, 249345. —H



Mr Francis Au Seng Huat of Client Focus Technology Group extends greetings at a ceremony to introduce latest models of Epson printers. — MNA

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Indonesia requests Russia to help transform defence industry
JAKARTA, 1 Nov— Indonesian Military (TNI) chief Endriartono Sutarto said on Monday that he hoped Russia could help Indonesia in transforming its defence industry.
The request was made during a meeting with Deputy Commander of the Russian Pacific Fleet, Vice-Admiral Sergei Avramenko, at TNI Headquarters in Cilangkap, East Jakarta, Antara news agency reported. — MNA/Xinhua

China edges into world's high-tech bases

CHANGSHA, 1 Nov— China's fast growing high-tech sector which accounted for 4.85 per cent of the gross domestic product last year has edged into the forefront of high-tech products manufacturing worldwide, said a senior industry regulator over the weekend.

"China has become a major high-tech products supplier in the world," Xu Qin, head of the High-tech Industry Department of the State Development and Reform Commission, said at a national working conference on the sector.

high-tech sector posted an average annual growth of 30 per cent and 20 per cent, respectively, in sales income and value-added output. An integrated regime of high-tech manufacturing has taken shape on the Chinese Mainland, Xu said, with electronics production taking the lead and biological and aviation and space business growing rapidly.

According to Xu, China's high-tech sector generated a value-added output of 574 billion yuan (70.8 billion US dollars) between January and September this year, a year-on-year growth of 19 per cent. The sector's export increased by 33 per cent from the year-earlier level to 150 billion US dollars in the same period.

It is reported that China ranked first in the world in terms of the production of cell phones, programmed switches, personal computers, monitors, colour TV sets and laser disc players.

The official predicted the sector's sales income to exceed 3.3 trillion yuan (406.9 billion US dollars) for the whole year and the value-added output to reach 780 billion yuan (96.2 billion US dollars), compared with 2.7 trillion yuan (332.9 billion US dollars) and 660 billion yuan (81.4 billion US dollars) last year, respectively.

With manufacturers mainly distributing over the Pearl River and Yangtze River deltas and the areas around the Bohai Rim, the high-tech sector has become a major driving force for China's export. Last year, the sector sold abroad 165.5 billion US dollars worth of products, accounting for more than 25 per cent of the nation's total export which made it the largest exporter by industry. — MNA/Xinhua

In the 2001-2005 period, China's

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Scientists launch campaign to save Africa's great lakes

NAIROBI, 1 Nov — Top scientists have launched a campaign to save Africa's five most endangered lakes ahead of the 11th World Lakes Conference that starts in Nairobi on Monday, local media reported.

Environmental scholars from across the continent on Sunday formed the African Living Lakes Network, which brings together nongovernmental organizations and independent researchers and will spearhead efforts to save lakes in Africa, reported Daily Nation, one of the leading newspapers in Kenya.

them, scientists said. The other African lakes under threat are Tanganyika in Tanzania, Lake Malawi, Lake Chad in west Africa and Lake Tana in Ethiopia.

Lake Victoria, the second largest freshwater lake in the world, is one of the five lakes that could turn into swamps in the next few decades if little is done to save

The five lakes are losing water at an alarming rate, and the water quality is also deteriorating, warned the experts, who met on Sunday at the International Centre for Insect Physiology and Ecology research station in Mbita, a Kenyan town on the shore of Lake Victoria, according to the report.

Lake Chad, shared by five countries in west Africa, has already lost five per cent of its water and was quickly turning into swamp, said the scientists.

Chinese scientists exchange research data via Gloriad

BEIJING, 1 Nov— Researchers from the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) Institute of High Energy Physics exchanged huge scientific data with their Italian counterparts via the Global Ring Network for Advanced Applications Development (Gloriad).

The huge data, collected at the Yangbajing Observatory for space radials, could not be transmitted through the prevailing Internet. The Hong Kong Open Exchange Portal (HKOEP) witnessed such a kind of huge data transmission in the past year.

of the HKOEP, said here Monday that the portal has already been linked with research networks in Japan, Taiwan and South Korea. It is scheduled to connect other nets throughout the world. In addition to three Gloriad founders, China, the United States and Russia, the HKOEP programme was joined by South Korea, the Netherlands and Canada in September.—MNA/Xinhua

The threat to African lakes is real, Udo Gattenlohner, executive director of the Global Nature Fund, was quoted as saying. He also expressed the hope that the newly launched African Living Lakes Network would find quick solutions to the ecological problems. The 11th World Lakes Conference, starting Monday and ending Friday, brings together more than 500 delegates from around the world.

The meeting is being held in Africa for the first time and the theme is — Management of Lake Basins for their Sustainable Use: Global Experience and African Issues. — MNA/Xinhua



## Myanmar U-23 emerge champion in Grand Royal '05 Challenge Cup

YANGON, 2 Nov — Chairman of the Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint enjoyed the final match of Grand Royal '05 Challenge Cup at the Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna) at 4 pm today.

In the final match, Myanmar U-23 Team secured championship by winning a 2-1 over the selected team of Bangladesh Football Federation.

After the match, Man of the Match Award went to Aung Kyaw Moe of Myanmar team. Managing Director U Kyi Lwin of Max soft drink presented US\$ 200 to Aung Kyaw Moe. General Secretary of MOC Director-General U Thaung Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department gave away gifts to four referees who

discharged duties in the final match. Next, Managing Director U Kyi Lwin of Max soft drink presented Golden Boot Award and US\$ 1,000 to Yan Paing who scored six goals in the cup. Managing Director U Aung Moe Kyaw of IBTC also gave away the trophy and US\$ 1,000 to Yan

Paing who won the best player award.

Myanmar Football Federation President U Zaw Zaw presented individual prizes and US\$ 8,000 to second prize winning Bangladeshi team. Next, the second prize winning team presented a souvenir to the MFF President.

MOC Vice-Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin awarded prizes to footballers from Champion Myanmar team individually.

Later, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presented the Championship Cup and US\$ 15,000 to Champion Myanmar team. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presents the trophy to Myanmar team. — NLM

## Poppy cultivation and production fell due to the government's efforts on self-reliance basis Opium Poppy Survey of Myanmar for 2005 clarified

YANGON, 2 Nov — The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in Yangon presented a clarification on Opium Poppy Survey of Myanmar for 2005 jointly conducted by Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control (CCDAC) and UNODC at the Sedona Hotel yesterday.

In connection with the survey, Secretary of CCDAC Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi delivered a speech. He said Myanmar has been consistently combating anti-drug control projects at successive periods. Myanmar laid down strategies and tactics in the time of the Tatmadaw government and is implementing drug elimination project with greater momentum as a national task, he said.

He said effective measures could not be undertaken as major poppy-growing areas were under the control of insurgents in those days. National races armed groups returned to the legal fold and exchanged arms for peace in the time of the Tatmadaw government. They participated in national development tasks hand in hand with the government. The government also implemented the tasks for development of national races and border areas where poppy was grown, he added.

The government launched the 15-year Drug Elimination Project in 1999. The first five year project was successfully undertaken and the first year of the second five-year plan is now under implementation. As a result, poppy cultivation in Myanmar falls annually.

These facts and figures were announced according to the opium yield survey in Myanmar conducted ten times by Counter Narcotics Centre (CNC) of the US beginning 1993 and results of illicit opium yield survey carried out by UNODC starting from 2002, he underscored.

The US Administration announced that poppy cultivation fell by 81 percent and poppy production by 88 percent according to the ten times surveyed from 1993 to 2004. The UNODC stated that poppy cultivation decreased by 29 percent and poppy production by 54 percent in 2004 comparing with those of 2002.

The poppy cultivation and production fell due to the government's efforts on self-reliance basis. Efforts are being made in supply reduction and drug control sectors with seriousness. Myanmar launched anti-drug activities based on her own strength without any foreign assistance. However, the government is cooperating with international organizations in drug control sector. Some national race organizations declared the respective regions as drug free zones and Wa region will be declared as opium free zone soon, he said.

Next, Regional Illicit Crop Monitoring Expert of UNDOC Mr Xavier Bouan of UNDOC explained about opium poppy survey of Myanmar for 2005.

Joint Secretary of CCDAC Police Col Kham Aung and Mr Xavier Bouan replied to the questions raised by journalists. — MNA



## Indian goodwill delegation tours Yangon



The visiting Indian goodwill delegation at Shwedagon Pagoda. — MNA

YANGON, 2 Nov — The Indian goodwill delegation led by Indian Chief of the Army Staff General JJ Singh PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC and wife Mrs Anupama Singh this morning visited Htaukkyant Commonwealth military cemetery in Mingaladon Township and laid a wreath at the cemetery.

Afterwards, the goodwill delegation visited Shwedagon Pagoda and made cash donation at the pagoda.

They also went to the Defence Services Museum on Shwedagon Pagoda Road where Lt-Col Zaw Win and officers conducted them around the museum.

The delegation also visited the National Defence College. During the tour, the delegation was accompanied by Maj-Gen Than Htay of the Ministry of Defence and his wife, and officials. — MNA

## Taninthayi Division WAO, MCWA disseminate knowledge on health to local residents in Kanmaw Village, Myeik

YANGON, 2 Nov — With the aim of disseminating general knowledge on education, health and social affairs, Taninthayi Division Women's Affairs Organization and the division Maternal and Child Welfare Association on 6 October held round-table discussions with local residents in Kanmaw Village in Myeik Township and provided free medical treatment to them.

Over 3,000 school girls and members of the women's affairs organization from villages in Kanmaw Village-tract participated in the discussions. Members of Taninthayi Division WAO and MCWA gave educative talks on education, health and social affairs in seven groups.

Before the round-table discussions, Wife of the commander of Coastal Region Command Patron of the division WAO Chairperson of the division MCWA Daw Tin Tin Nwe donated books to Kanmaw Village Library, exercise books and pencils to students and medicated mosquito nets to local residents.

Moreover, a medical team comprising specialists and party also gave free medical treatment to 196 local people and donated spectacles and medicines to the patients. — MNA

MPF Director-General Brig-Gen Khin Yi makes clarification at the ceremony.

MNA

## SPORTS

## Sub Cruz gives Inter win over Porto

MILAN, 2 Nov— Argentine substitute Julio Ricardo Cruz scored twice to give Inter Milan a 2-1 win over Porto on Tuesday and put them four points clear at the top of Champions League Group H.

Inter trailed to a spectacular 30-metre free kick in the 16th minute from Porto's Huga Almeida and had been struggling to find a way back into the game until Cruz replaced the disappointing Brazilian Adriano in attack.

The Argentine brought Inter level with a penalty in the 75th minute and headed the winner seven minutes later from a corner by Serbian Sinisa Mihajlovic.

## Schalke revived by 2-0 win over Fenerbahce

GELSENKIRCHEN (Germany), 2 Nov— Schalke 04 beat Fenerbahce 2-0 with goals from Kevin Kuranyi and Ebbe Sand to revive their Champions League Group E campaign on Tuesday.

Fenerbahce ended the game with nine men after Brazilians Fabio Luciano and Marco Aurelio were sent off either side of halftime to leave the Turkish side in deep trouble.

Kuranyi converted a Lincoln cross to put Schalke ahead in the 32nd minute and despite their numerical advantage they had a few nervous moments before Danish substitute Sand rose to double the lead in the first minute of added time.

The Germans, bottom of the group at start of play, now have five points with games to come at home to new leaders PSV Eindhoven (seven points) and away to AC Milan (five).

Fenerbahce are bottom with four points but can also still qualify from a tight group. Schalke goalkeeper Frank Rost cleared the ball upfield and Kuranyi flicked a header out left to Lincoln before racing forward into the area.

Lincoln swung a cross into the middle and the German international striker outjumped the defence again to head into the top left-hand corner.

Lincoln looked set to double the lead when he burst through to collect a long through ball but Fabiano stepped across to bring him down and Spanish referee Luis Medina Cantalejo produced a red card.—MNA/Reuters



Japan's Sugano Sosei plays soft tennis during competition for the 4th East Asian Games held in Macau, China, on 1 Nov 2005.—INTERNET

Inter's victory gives them a clear lead at the top of the group with nine points from four games after Artmedia Bratislava drew 2-2 at home to Rangers.

The match was played behind closed doors because Inter were serving the third of a four-match ban on supporters imposed by UEFA following crowd trouble at last season's quarter-final tie against AC Milan. Porto went ahead in the 16th minute with an explosive goal, Almeida unleashing a thundering free kick from over 30 metres, which rocketed into the top right-hand corner of Julio Cesar's goal.

Porto, who were eliminated from the competition at the knock-out stage against Inter last season, looked comfortable in possession and were rarely troubled by an Italian side that has struggled for form of late in Serie A.

Inter finally put Porto under sustained pressure before the break with Nigerian striker Obafemi Martins bringing Porto keeper Vitor Baia into action with a header from a Luis Figo cross in the 32nd minute.—MNA/Reuters

## Inspired Betis inflict first defeat on Chelsea

SEVILLE (Spain), 2 Nov— Real Betis ended Chelsea's unbeaten record in this season's Champions League with a 1-0 home victory over the runaway Premier League leaders on Tuesday.

Substitute Dani scored the winner in the 28th minute, steering a shot past Chelsea goalkeeper Petr Cech just three minutes after replacing the injured striker Ricardo Oliveira.

Chelsea came within a whisker of grabbing an equalizer when midfielder Michael Essien's close-range shot cannoned off both posts 20 minutes from time, but Betis produced an inspired performance in defence to keep the English champions at bay.

The victory kept alive Betis' hopes of making the knockout stage in their debut Champions League campaign and allowed them some measure of revenge for their crushing 4-0 defeat at Stamford Bridge two weeks ago.

The Andalucians made an ambitious start at the Ruiz de Lopera Stadium, but suffered a double setback when first defender Nano and then Brazilian striker Oliveira had to leave the pitch because of injury.

Betis remained unflustered, however,

## Real Madrid qualify by beating Rosenborg 2-0

TRONDHEIM (Norway), 2 Nov— Real Madrid qualified for the knockout stage of the Champions League on Tuesday by beating Rosenborg Trondheim 2-0 in Norway.

An own goal and a strike by Guti gave Real Madrid victory and a tally of nine points from four games in Group F, three behind Olympique Lyon who beat Olympiakos Piraeus 4-1 away on Tuesday to qualify as well.

Rosenborg are third with three points but cannot overtake Real with two games left. The Primera Liga side went ahead in the 26th minute when Rosenborg defender Mikael Dorsin netted an own goal from close range as he ran back trying to intercept a cross by Robinho.

Spain midfielder Guti made it 2-0 in the 41st minute with a shot from about 15 metres, latching on to a loose ball after Robinho was tackled inside the area.

With a two-goal cushion, Real Madrid eased off in the second half against a side they beat 4-1 last month in Madrid.

Real were much the better side despite being without the likes of Ronaldo and Zinedine Zidane because of injury. Defender Ivan Helguera was also out after sustaining an injury in training in Norway. As well as scoring, Guti was instrumental in the first goal, opening up the defence with a pass to Robinho down the left wing.



Real Madrid's Robinho (L) fights for the ball with Rosenborg's goalkeeper Espen Johnsen (R) during their Champions League football match in Trondheim.

Madrid won 2-0.—INTERNET

Robinho's cross was deflected away from Raul by goalkeeper Espen Johnsen but went in off Dorsin's thigh as the Swedish defender ran back to cover.

England midfielder David Beckham helped set up Real's second goal with his pass to Robinho cutting open the defence before Guti pounced.

MNA/Reuters



Betis's Dani (top) celebrates on the shoulders of Joaquin Sanchez after scoring against Chelsea during their Champion League group G football match at the Ruiz de Lopera Stadium in Seville. Betis won 1-0.—INTERNET

and continued to make life uncomfortable for the visitors as they deprived them of possession and stroked the ball

around in midfield.

They were rewarded for their hard work when Dani became the first player to score against Chelsea in this season's competition.

The pint-sized striker turned inside fullback William Gallas before squeezing a sharp left-foot shot inside the post after Brazilian forward Edu had let a low pass from Capi run across his path in the area.

Betis went close to stretching their lead before the break, Dani forcing a fine save from Cech with a snap shot and then shaving the post after the Chelsea keeper had beaten an Edu drive into his path.

Despite their lack of possession, Chelsea remained dangerous on the break with Joe Cole and then Arjen Robben both having good efforts saved by the alert Pedro Contreras.

Eidur Gudjohnsen was then put clear, but the Icelandic striker wasted the great chance when he lifted his shot over the bar as he was pressured by centre back Juanito.—MNA/Reuters

## Mourinho launches personal attack on Wenger

LONDON, 1 Nov— Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho has launched an astonishing personal attack on Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger saying he is a voyeur with an unhealthy obsession with the English champions.

Wenger had suggested Chelsea might have lost their "big belief" in themselves after drawing with Everton and then losing on penalties to Charlton Athletic in the League Cup last Wednesday.

Mourinho let fly after Chelsea beat Blackburn Rovers 4-2 at Stamford Bridge on Saturday to move nine points clear at the top of the Premier League and 14 points ahead of Arsenal, who could only manage a 1-1 draw at Tottenham Hotspur.

"I think Wenger has a real problem with us, I think he is one of these — how

do you call it in English — voyeurs," Mourinho said.

"He is someone who likes to watch other people.

"I don't know what is happening to him, but I think he is in love with Chelsea, he loves us. Maybe he wants to leave Arsenal and come here and take my job.

"There are some guys who, when they are at home they have this big telescope to see what happens in other families.

MNA/Reuters

## Braga defeat Belenenses to extend lead

LISBON, 1 Nov— Braga increased their lead at the top of the Portuguese Premier League to five points with a 2-0 home win over struggling Belenenses on Monday.

The league's only unbeaten team have 23 points, with Porto and Nacional Madeira both on 18.

Porto were held to a goalless draw by Vitoria Setubal and Nacional were 2-0 winners at Estrela Amadora over the weekend. Champions Benfica drew 1-1 at Naval on Saturday to stay fourth, one point behind Porto and Nacional.

MNA/Reuters





# Vice-Senior General Maung Aye sees off Indian Chief of the Army Staff

YANGON, 2 Nov— Indian goodwill delegation led by Indian Chief of the Army Staff General JJ Singh, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC and wife Mrs Anupama Singh left here for home this afternoon and Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Deputy Commander-in- Chief of Defence Services Commander-in Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San saw off the delegation at Yangon International Airport.



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye sees off Indian Chief of the Army Staff General JJ Singh, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC at Yangon International Airport.—MNA

Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in - Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and their wives, Chief of Military Affairs Security Lt-Gen (See page 8)

## Traditional medicine practitioners today are in golden age created by strong forces of unity and encouragement of the government and the people

YANGON, 2 Nov — The opening ceremony of the 6th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference was held at the hall of Institute of Nursing (Yangon) on Bogyoke Aung San Street, here, this morning.

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe sent a message to the conference.

Chairman of National Health Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an opening address.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Mayor, the deputy ministers, members of NHC, the President of Myanmar Women's Affair Federation, the President of Myanmar Maternal and

Child Welfare Association, the director-general of the State Peace and Development Council office and departmental heads, ambassadors and charges d'affaires of foreign missions in Yangon, resident representatives and officials of UN agencies, directors-general of departments under the Ministry of Health, members of Myanmar Traditional Medicine Council, officials of Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Association, delegates to the conference, members of Traditional Medicine Inspection Central Committee, officials of MRCS, Myanmar Medical Association, (See page 9)



NHC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers an opening address at 6th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference.— MNA

**Grand Royal '05 Challenge Cup  
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Myanmar beat Bangladesh 2-1**

