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Entire national people to do their bit in unison to achieve national goal USDA members are to actively take part in the drive for success of seven-point Road Map



YANGON, 7 Nov — The following is a translation of the speech delivered by Patron of Union Solidarity and Development Association Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe at the Annual General Meeting of USDA held on 7 November 2005:

Firstly, I would like to extend greetings to all the members including you on the occasion of the 12th founding anniversary of the Union Solidarity and Development Association.

The national goal of our nation is to build a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline. This lofty goal is the concern of the entire national people

and this must be unambiguously accepted by every citizen who loves the motherland.

In this regard, the entire national people have to do their bit in unison so as to achieve the national goal.

The Union Solidarity and Development

Association was established as a national force with the aim of organizing the entire people to participate with might and main in the process of building a new nation.

The Association has to remain forever as a national force that is

one with the people. In the period of 12 years, the Association has gained a wide range of experiences and knowledge about organizational measures and cooperation in the tasks for community peace and national development.

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Patron of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Senior General Than Shwe addresses the USDA Annual General Meeting.
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Excerpts from speech of Senior General Than Shwe

- * In the period of 12 years, the Association has conducted a broad range of courses.
- * Courses at central level have trained over 20,000 members and those at state and division level, nearly 10 million.
- * Stability of the State, strong national economic life and development of human resources are imperative for building a nation.
- * In building up a modern and developed nation, the State, the people and the Tatmadaw are to exert in integrated and well-coordinated efforts.
- * The USDA on its part, is to organize the people to enthusiastically take part in it.



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

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Actively take part in national development drive

The government has laid down and is implementing the 12 political, economic and social objectives in accord with the national policy for the emergence of a peaceful modern and developed nation that the entire national people long for.

Nowadays, systematic steps are being taken for the emergence of the national forces capable of shaping the better future of the State.

With the aim of shouldering the national duties, the Union Solidarity and Development Association was formed on 15 September 1993 and the association now turns its 12 years.

At present, there are 17 associations at state and division level, 65 at district level, 320 at township level and 15,308 at ward/village-tract level and USDA member new generation youths are among the people.

The USDA under the leadership of the State is trying its utmost in serving the interest of the State and the people, upholding in the fore Our Three Main National Causes.

The active participation of the association members in serving of the national interests and in implementing the objectives and work programmes of the association has resulted in the increase in the number of the association members.

Training courses are being conducted constantly for physical and spiritual development of the association members. At the central level, the Myanmar Affairs and International Studies Courses, the Public Relations and Knowledge Management Courses, the Leadership Skill Development Diploma Courses and the Basic Journalism Courses are being conducted.

Likewise, the Basic Organization Courses, the Myanma Development Studies Courses, the Management Courses, the National Culture and Moral Courses and others are being conducted at the state and division level.

The USDA members have been endowed with right concept, thought and cognition through the courses.

Therefore, the USDA members are to actively and enthusiastically take part in the drive for national development, making the most of development infrastructures and favourable conditions created by the government.

English Course for law officers opens

YANGON, 7 Nov— Basic English Course No 2 was opened at the Attorney-General's office here this morning with an opening address by Attorney-General U Aye Maung.

A total of 20 trainees are attending the 3-month course.

Also present at the opening ceremony were deputy attorney-generals, high-ranking officials, Professor Emerita Daw Sein Sein Myint of Dagon University and associated professors and lecturers.

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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

Zaw Zaw Latt emerges champion in Air Bagan Myanmar Golf Tour



YANGON, 7 Nov— The fourth and final day events and the prize presentation ceremony of Air Bagan Myanmar Golf Tour organized by Myanmar PGA and Myanmar Golf Federation took place at Yaytagun Taung Golf Resort in Mandalay yesterday.

Executive U Ko Ko Lay of MPGA and MGF presented the first prize in Tiger Putting Challenge to Hla Myint of Yaytagun Taung Golf Resort; General Secretary U Chan Han of MPGA awarded 100 US\$ to Min Naing of Srixon who stood third in Professional Golfers, 200 US\$ to Hla Myo who stood second and 300 US\$ to Zaw Zaw Latt who stood first.

Vice-Chairman U Zaw Min of Air Bagan Ltd presented Daily Best Awards to winners of amateur level and Secretary of Mandalay City Development Committee Lt-Col Maung Pu to winners of professional golfers level.

President of



Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han presents prize to Zaw Zaw Latt who stands first at professional golfer event.—MGF

MPGA and MGF Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd) presented awards to Thein Zaw who stood first in amateur golfers with 283 strokes, Zaw Zin Win who stood second with 285 strokes and Naing Naing Lin who stood third with 295 strokes.

The first prize of professional golfers went to Zaw Zaw Latt of Srixon with 284 strokes, the second to Hla Myo of Srixon with 288 strokes and the third to Min Naing of Srixon with 289 strokes. Chairman of MCDC Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han presented awards to the winners.

Chairman U Te Za of Air Bagan Ltd and U Tu Jar of Kachin golfers group presented K 1.2 million-cheque and K 500,000-cheque to Zaw Zaw Latt who stood first in profession golfers.

Next, Director U Min Thein of Air Bagan Tournament presented a souvenir for Yaytagun Taung Golf Resort through Vice-Chairman Lt-Col Maung Pu of MCDC.

The main sponsor of the golf tour was Air Bagan Ltd and co-sponsors were Myanmar Brewery Ltd, Kachin Golfers Group, Myanmar Treasure Resort, Aureu

Palace Hotel Resort, Kanbawza Bank Ltd, Srixon, Max Myanmar Co Ltd, Jade Land Myanmar Co Ltd, AK Prince Hotel, London and Lucky Drinking Water. The second leg tournament was organized by Han Event Management.

The third leg of Air Bagan Myanmar Golf Tour will be held in Ayethaya Goff Resort in Taunggyi, Shan State (South) from 12 to 15 November.

The highlights of Air Bagan Myanmar Golf Tour may be accessed through www.golfingmyan-mar.com.

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Myanmar, China cooperate on combating human trafficking

YANGON, Nov 7 — As part of an effort to implement the agreements reached at the ministerial level Meeting for Realizing Peace and Tranquility of Border Areas and Combating Transnational Crime, the 1st Myanmar-China official level meeting for anti-human trafficking was held on 3-4 November at Bagan Hotel in Bagan.

At the meeting, the two sides discussed matters on cooperation in combating human trafficking.

A total of 14 Myanmar representatives led by Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi attended the meeting at which 10 Chinese officials participated.

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Rakhine Women's Association to hold respects paying ceremony

YANGON, Nov 7 — Rakhine Women's Association (Yangon) will hold a ceremony to pay respects to elder persons on 12 November at Rakhine State Dhammayon in Bahan Township. The ceremony will be held for the 11th time. — MNA

UMFCCI officials meet Brazilian guest

YANGON, 7 Nov— General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry received Marketing Manager Mr Andre Luiz Verardi of Sao Paulo-based Colombo International Import and Export Co Ltd of Brazil on 3 November. Also present were Joint Secretary-1 of UMFCCI Dr Maung Maung Lay, CEC members U Tun Aung and U Nyein Aung and Executive U Tin Myint. —MNA

Castro meets senior Chinese military official

HAVANA, 6 Nov — Cuban leader Fidel Castro met with Liang Guanglie, Chief of General Staff of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA), here on Friday on bilateral ties and relations between the two Armed Forces.

Castro said the Cuban Armed Forces attaches great importance to developing relations with the Chinese side, and hoped that the two sides will enhance exchanges and co-operation in the future.

Liang, who is also member of China's Central Military Commission, said he was pleased to see the achievements Cuba has made under the leadership of Castro.

Liang said he had

reached broad consensus with Cuba's top military leaders and the PLA is confident of forging friendly and cooperative ties with Cuba's Revolutionary Armed Forces.

Liang arrived here Fri-

day for a three-day visit. He also met with Raul Castro Ruz, vice-president of the Council of State and Minister of Cuba's Revolutionary Armed Forces, on Friday.

MNA/Xinhua

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180 SOEs in Beijing seek investors worldwide

BEIJING, 6 Nov — A total of 180 key Beijing-based state-owned enterprises (SOEs) are publicly opening up their busi-

nesses to both domestic and overseas investors in Shanghai on Friday.

The act is a step to promote the ongoing reform in Beijing's SOEs, said sources with the city's state asset watchdog.

The 180 enterprises register total gross assets of 30 billion yuan (about 3.7 billion US dollars), according to the deal's operator — the Beijing Property Right Trading Agency.

Prior to the Shanghai public show, the SOEs made their debut in Beijing in September, and then were exhibited at overseas trade fairs in the United States, Canada, Germany and Japan, said Xiong Yan, president of the Beijing Property Right Trading Agency.

MNA/Xinhua



Workers and Pakistani soldiers speed up clearance on the Neelum Valley road, which was heavily damaged by the 8 October earthquake north of Muzaffarabad, the capital of Pakistan-administered Kashmir, about 130km (82 miles) north of Islamabad on 5 Nov, 2005. —INTERNET

Blast kills seven militants in Pakistani tribal town

ISLAMABAD, 6 Nov — Seven suspected militants, including some foreigners, were killed on Saturday when they triggered an explosion while making bomb parts in a Pakistani tribal region near the Afghan border, the Pakistan military said.

Military spokesman Major-General Shaukat Sultan said the militants, two of them women, were killed making detonators in a house near Miranshah, capital of the North Waziristan Region.

"Some foreigners were amongst those killed, but we have no information on their origin," Sultan said.

Pakistani forces have been battling al-Qaeda-linked militants in the rugged region since last year and hundreds of militants and Pakistani soldiers have been killed in clashes there. Many al-Qaeda militants and their Taleban allies are thought to have slipped into Pakistan after US-led forces ousted the Taliban government in Afghanistan after the 11 September attacks on the United States in 2001. —MNA/Reuters

One dead, seven wounded as Rio gang shoots up bus

RIO DE JANEIRO (Brazil), 6 Nov — One woman died and seven people were wounded when presumed drug traffickers armed with assault rifles opened fire into a bus on the outskirts of Rio de Janeiro, police said on Friday.

An investigator said the motive for the shooting was not clear as none of the bus passengers had any obvious links to trafficking. Drug gangs have in the past wiped out rivals inside crammed buses, injuring innocent passengers.

The bus came under attack on Thursday night as it passed by the Rebu slum. Police blamed the attack on a criminal group which controls drug trade in the slum and is battling over turf with a rival gang in a nearby slum. The woman who died was travelling with her two small children.

The driver, who was unhurt, drove the bullet-ridden bus straight to a local hospital.

MNA/Reuters

Americas leaders fail to end free-trade stalemate

MAR DEL PLATA (Argentina), 7 Nov — Leaders from around the Americas failed on Saturday to resolve key differences over how to create a hemisphere-wide free trade zone during a regional summit overshadowed by violent anti-US protests.

Talks on creating the US-proposed Free Trade Area of the Americas, or FTAA, have been stalled for the last two years, and the Bush Administration had hoped to jump-start discussions to establish the world's most populous free-trade bloc.

But Chilean President Ricardo Lagos said differing views over how to proceed persisted as the two-day Summit of the Americas ended in this Argentine seaside resort.

"The point of contention is if the conditions are there for us to negotiate. A great majority said 'Yes' but others said 'Let's wait,'" he said. The United States, Mexico and some other countries had been hoping to set an April date to move the trade talks forward, a move opposed by Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay and Venezuela.

The Bush Administration insists a regional free-trade agreement

stretching from Canada to Argentina would give new markets to American businesses and help create jobs and greater prosperity in Latin America.

US officials say 29 of the 34 countries represented in the talks are behind the proposal.

But Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, the region's most ardent free trade critic, has criticized the plan, calling it detrimental to Latin American

workers. He came to the meeting vowing to "bury" efforts to move FTAA forward and rallied 25,000 anti-free trade protesters on Friday.

US National Security Adviser Stephen Hadley told reporters aboard *Air Force One*, travelling with Bush en route to Brazil, that although no accord was reached, progress was still made in the bid to create a free-trade zone.

MNA/Reuters

Blast kills three in Somali capital

MOGADISHU, 7 Nov — Three people were killed and about 20 wounded in an explosion on Sunday in the Somali capital Mogadishu, medical sources and residents said.

The blast occurred close to a convoy of vehicles ferrying Prime Minister Mohammed Ali Gedi from an airstrip to the centre of the city after he arrived at the start of a visit to the lawless capital, they said, adding Gedi was unharmed. It was not immediately known what caused the explosion but militia officials said they sus-

pected it was caused by a landmine planted by the side of the road.

Gedi was on only his second visit to the capital since he was appointed as part of a Transitional Federal Government (TFG) formed a year ago at peace talks in Kenya.

The TFG is the 14th attempt to reinstate central government since the

1991 toppling of Mohamed Siad Barre, but the administration has found it difficult to impose any authority on the warlords who still control much of the country.

Most of the government's ministers work from Jowhar, a provincial town to the north of Mogadishu, arguing that the capital is too dangerous. — MNA/Reuters



An Iraqi Army soldier takes up a security position near a displaced persons compound for the protection of civilians during operation steel curtain in Husaybah in this handout photo released on 6 November, 2005. —INTERNET

Is it Mandate! Just read it

Soe Mya Kyaw

In studying the events of a history, actual facts are to be accepted only through the logical assessment. In other words, the national political life in current Myanmar history did not emerge groundlessly. This was determined by Myanmar history or the national process that cannot be created by any individual or organization with the power or influence.

The national process is the national goal of the State, the seven-point Road Map, being implemented by the State, the people and the Tatmadaw for the emergence of a peaceful modern developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation. At present, the government is holding the National Convention, the first and fundamental stage of the seven-point Road Map, at which over 1,000 delegates are holding discussions and adopting the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles in order to draw a new State constitution.

In reality, the National Convention is the centre of national politics, where delegates of national races, delegates from all walks of life and delegates of political parties are holding discussions for shaping the future of the State. At the National Convention, those who are imbued with nationalistic spirit and Union Spirit are discharging national duties by doing their bit.

However, some western powers and their minions, resorting to various means and ways, are making attempts to jeopardize the National Convention.

Nowadays, internal and external destructive elements and some organizations, ignoring the National Convention, are demanding a dialogue and calling on the UN Security Council to act against Myanmar.

To be exact, some western countries and internal and external destructive elements are jealous of the success of the National Convention and of drawing of the State constitution according to the wishes of the people. It is due to the fact that if the NC is able to draw the State constitution according to the wishes of the people, their attempts to grab State power through the short cut will surely fail.

Hence, ex-president of Czech Republic Vaclav Havel and Desmond Tutu of South Africa issued a report, calling for the UN Security Council to act in Myanmar. Internal and external destructive elements also issued a statement to the effect that they supported the report.

In the meantime, the National League for Democracy issued a statement titled "Declaration" dated 28-10-2005 and another one titled "A special request on Myanmar affairs to UN Security Council member nations". This reflects the NLD's ulterior motive. It is obvious that in the course of the national political trend, the NLD relying on external elements and advocating democracy and human rights is practically attempting to seize the State power through short cut and destroying the fundamental rights of Myanmar people.

In this regard, I will have to mention some excerpts from the letters dated 28-10-2005 issued by the NLD. It was stated in the letters that economic, social, education and health deprivation in Myanmar was due to political stalemate; that to address political stalemate, the NLD, which claimed to have been granted mandate by the people, invited the State Peace and Development Council to talks as the first phase under the national reconciliation work programme.

It is like the guilty person accusing the innocent. It was nothing but the NLD that called for ostracizing Myanmar politically, economically and socially through imposing economic sanctions on it. The NLD in collusion with internal and external destructive elements also called for international community not to provide loans and assistance and not to invest in Myanmar.

However, the State, the people and the Tatmadaw were able to overcome those sanctions, pressures and obstacles and make progress in all the sectors including economic, social, education and health sectors. As a result, the entire national people are now enjoying the fruits of unprecedented development in all aspects.

Speaking frankly, those who are now encountering political crisis are the NLD and neo-colonialists including expatriates and fugitives. Their wicked scheme to seize power without the State constitution and to establish a nation under the influence of colonialists has been on the verge of meeting its end, following protests from the people. That is why they are crying for help.

In the same way, advocating democracy and human rights by issuing the propaganda letters by the NLD is a laughing matter. Actually, the State Peace and Development Council is taking steps for national reconsolidation pragmatically. Although the NLD is launching a campaign for talks and national reconciliation throughout its political trend, practically it is resorting to the course of confrontation. I would like to mention some of the NLD's deceitful acts. The NLD turned down the Declaration No 1/90, which called for drawing of the State constitution in line with the clarification of the government to the effect that the State power will be handed over to a government that emerged in accord with the new State constitution after the election, and the declaration on attitude of the government, inviting all the political parties to participate in the tasks for the emergence of a new democratic nation in accord with laws.

The government welcomed the participation of all the political parties in nation-building endeavours through unity, which is the essence of democracy. At the same time, it has been able to make peace with 17 national race armed groups. Moreover, it issued the Notification No 11/92 on 24 April 1992 and granted an amnesty for prisoners who are not harmful to the State security. It halted military offensives in the country on 28 April 1992. The Head of State himself met those from the NLD time and again and explained the attitude and endeavours of the government, and made the arrangements for the NLD to observe the nation-building tasks. When the National Convention resumed, the government bearing no personal grudge against the NLD invited it to attend the meeting for shaping the future of the State. This is the practical tasks of the government for ensuring national consolidation.

Nevertheless, the NLD that came into being amidst anarchy stuck to the course of confrontation with the government. Nine NLD members including Chairman Sein Win of the National Democracy Party, which is a branch party to the NLD, made contacts with some insurgent groups and formed a government in exile under the name of NCGUB on 18 December 1990. The NLD on 28 November 1995 walked out of the National Convention which started on 9 January 1993. The delegates of the NLD attended the National Convention and held discussions but their comments were utterly contrary to the objectives and procedures of the National Convention.

In the meantime, the woman who is the head of the NLD challenged the government through the course of confrontation, disclosing "dialogue or utter devastation". The NLD illegally held roadside meetings on the weekend and spoke ill of the State and the Tatmadaw.

Besides, they met with diplomats and members of parliaments of some big nations many times; it is obvious that they are relying too much on big nations. They brazenly proposed foreign nations to interfere in the internal affairs of Myanmar like East Timor incident, and to militarily intrude into the nation like the invasion of Kosovo region by colonialist military bloc, and threatened the nation with the intention of seizing the State power after breaking up the motherland.

Similarly, diplomats of some big nations are interfering in the internal affairs of Myanmar variously such as entering the office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar and intimidating the staff not to disturb NLD, distributing documents on the meeting minutes and pamphlets on propaganda of NLD to other nations exploiting the diplomatic privileges, and intruding into restricted areas designated for the purpose of the State security.

In total disregard of laws, NLD formed a so-called Hluttaw-representing committee without Hluttaw (legislative body). It put the nation onto the path leading to anarchy by deciding provisions of the laws prescribed by the State to be approved or not to be approved as though it were the parallel government. The government invited it to the National Convention that was adjourned temporarily. But, it failed to attend the National Convention clinging on to the two demands that the government could not satisfy due to the situation even though the government acceded to some of its demands. So, it was obvious that NLD gives the top priority to its self interests in the fore rather than to that of the nation. Here I would like to remind NLD about a noteworthy fact that it should have reviewed its acts to know which policy it is practising — the policy of national reconciliation or that of disintegration of national solidarity.

It once said that it was an organization to which the people had given mandate. In fact, it was baseless and meaningless to say with reference to previous and prevailing situations of the nation and the political norms of NLD.

The words of NLD totally lacked honesty. Indeed, it deceived the people saying it was given mandate.

The NLD's victory in the 1990 election was due to the fact that the National Unity Party, which derived from the Myanmar Socialist Programme Party, lost the trust of the public, and the so-called leader of NLD was the daughter of Bogyoke Aung San. Moreover, to cast votes, the people had an attitude that they would vote for any parties except the National Unity Party. So, the National League for Democracy won the election. Late veteran politician Widuya Chit Maung made a remark that the election was not like an election but just like a demonstration.

The National League for Democracy won 31 per cent of the population who cast votes in the 1990 election. At that time, Myanmar's population stood at 40 million. It won 7934622 votes, accounting for the minority of the nation's population. However, it exaggerated its victory, saying that the entire people supported it.

Later, the people came to realize that the policy of anarchy such as rising and confrontation against the government and the policy of relying on external elements the National League for Democracy is exercising are far from the path heading for democracy. As a result, the people expressed their attitude to NLD by holding protest rallies at some

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states and divisions calling for dissolution of the party and at respective constituencies revoking of representatives-elect of NLD. In addition, its members resigned from the party and its representatives-elect relinquished their status as representatives-elect. That depicted baseless propaganda of NLD claiming to win the support of the entire national people.

The NLD has been committing destructive acts with the intention of disrupting national interests and making the people in dire straits such as dissuading international community from making investments, providing assistance and loans, conducting trade and international relations, and visiting the nation. After suffering much from these consequences, the national people began to realize its policy of seeking self-interest of an individual and making the nation and the people fall under alien subjugation.

Thus, in respective constituencies across the nation, larger number of local people than those who had voted for the NLD in the election held mass rallies to denounce the party.

In other words, the power-mad NLD has lost itself in the thought of coming into power in disregard of the fact that the ideas, conceptions and views of the people in 1990 were quite different from those in 2005. NLD's disregarding nature of the impermanence of everything has accumulated its greed, delu-

sion and anger, as well as misconceptions.

Therefore, concealing its political image, the National League for Democracy deceived the public by saying that it was given mandate. It sticks to a misconception that winning once in the election will last for ever. The elected term of any nations in the world is about four years, and so is that of Myanmar. However, NLD presumes that its representatives-elect are still valid despite the fact that the election was held over 15 years ago. So, its disease of power hunger is incurable at all.

In reality, 1990 mandate to which NLD clings on is absolutely meaningless. And the 1990 election results are no longer valid according to international election laws.

It is found that the NLD's pamphlet "Special request on Myanmar affairs to members of UN Security Council" is just to advocated the exaggerated report of Vaclav Havel and Desmond Tutu calling for

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interference in the internal affairs of Myanmar to the liking of neo-colonialists, as well as the act of relying on external elements and betraying the nation.

Now, NLD has been opposed and shunned in the political and organizational sectors by the people. It has lost such a unity and its membership has been on such a sharp decrease that it is no longer in a position to form even township organizing committees. So, it is shouting for help from foreign countries.

Being a party under the domination of neo-colonialists relying on external elements, NLD is praising the two men, the agents of neo-colonialists, as world-wide esteemed persons. In fact, NLD and the two men are playing hand in glove.

Successive press conferences and columnists have clarified that the report of the two men is absolutely baseless designed to invite the aliens to interfere in the internal affairs of Myanmar to the liking of neo-colonialists.

NLD's political movements are just destructive acts disrupting democratic transition. In consequence, NLD has been shunned by the people, and the majority of its members have left it, thereby losing its organizational power. NLD is going to meet its tragic end in the very near future while practising the policy of helping the nation's enemies and relying on neo-colonialists. It is indeed the evil consequences of the misdeeds it has committed.

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OUTSTANDING YOUTH AWARDED



U Htay Oo presents a gift to Mg Aung Naing Win of Kayah State stood the first in matriculation exam
— MNA



U Htay Oo presents a gift to Mg Than Myat Soe of University of Culture (Yangon) who won 7 gold in performing arts competitions. — MNA



U Htay Oo presents a gift to an outstanding staff member of Sagaing Auxiliary Fire Brigade. — MNA



U Htay Oo presents a gift to Myanmar youth football team which won the gold in under-20 ASEAN youth soccer tourney to captain Mg Hla Aye Htwe. — MNA



U Htay Oo presents a gift to Ma Naw L Se Htee who won the gold in Asia swimming championship. — MNA



U Htay Oo presents a gift to Mg Khant Swe Thet who won the gold in the third Asia Wushu championship. — MNA

OUTSTANDING YOUTH AWARDED



USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo presents a gift to Ma Phyo Phyo May of Kamayut Township No 2 BEHS who stood second in matriculation exam in the entire Myanmar. — MNA



USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo presents a gift to Ma Thandar Lin of Pabedan Township No 2 BEHS who stood third in matriculation exam in the entire Myanmar. — MNA



USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo presents a gift to Ma The Mo Mo Myint Oo of Aungmyaythazan Township No 4 BEHS who stood fourth in matriculation exam in the entire Myanmar. — MNA



USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo presents a gift to Maung Aung Myint Lwin of Aungmyaythazan Township No 11 BEHS who stood fourth in matriculation exam in the entire Myanmar. — MNA



USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo presents a gift to Maung Aung Phone Myint of Tamwe Township No 5 BEHS who stood sixth in matriculation exam in the entire Myanmar. — MNA



USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo presents a gift to Maung Thet Aung Nyein of Patheingyi Township No 1 BEHS who stood sixth in matriculation exam in the entire Myanmar. — MNA



USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo presents a gift to Ma Hnin Wai Hlaing of Kyonpyaw No 1 BEHS who stood second in matriculation exam in the entire Myanmar. — MNA



USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo presents a gift to Ma Zin Mar Kyaw of Myebon Township Red Cross Society. — MNA



USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo presents a gift to Maung Pyai Phyo Min of Maubin Township No 1 BEHS who stood first in matriculation exam in Ayeyawady Division. — MNA

Education sector witnesses sustained progress

Development of higher education in the time of Tatmadaw Government

Number of teachers in the higher education sector

In the Union of Myanmar, educational programmes have been laid down and are being implemented for emergence of an education system that is not below the standard of developed South East Asian countries and turning out brilliant students who can face the challenges of the 21st century.

To realize the objective, teachers are being trained to possess high calibre. In the time of the Tatmadaw government, the number of students has increased and thus teachers are trained to get proper student-teacher ratio.

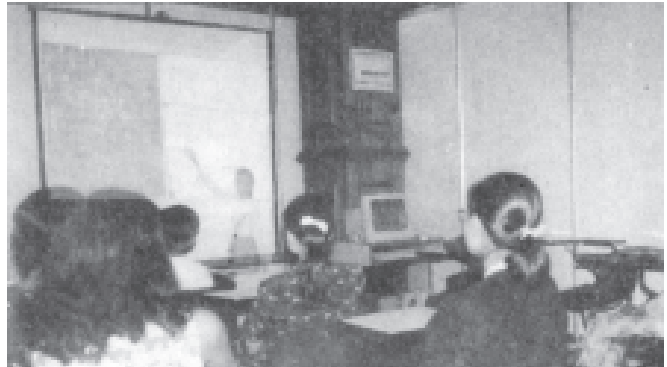
In order to establish an education system that ensures good opportunities, the Tatmadaw government is changing educational organization into new ones and fulfilling requirements in the education sector. In doing so, tasks are being carried out to fulfil the needs in universities, degree colleges and colleges.

As a result, the role of teachers in the higher education sector becomes high. They pay their attention to teaching and nurturing their students to possess know-

how that can keep pace with that of the international community.

Although Myanmar's education is linked to the process of globalization, teachers are placing emphasis on promoting Union Spirit and enhancing national values.

Teachers of the higher education sector in states and divisions are discharging their duties to develop human resources with high efficiency that can build a peaceful, modern and developed nation. The table shows increase in the number of faculty members who are participating in the national education promotion programmes in the time of the Tatmadaw government.



Students learning lessons with Data Broadcasting at a Learning Centre.

Teachers are being trained to teach Multi Media at Rosource Centres.



Teachers at a chemical lab.



The number of faculty members in states and divisions

Sr	State and Division	1988	2005	Progress
1	Kachin	86	353	267
2	Kayah	1	84	84
3	Kayin	47	195	148
4	Chin	-	151	151
5	Sagaing	150	741	591
6	Taninthayi	46	334	288
7	Bago (East)	84	376	292
8	Bago (West)	85	282	193
9	Magway	240	584	344
10	Mandalay	1115	1743	628
11	Mon	317	386	69
12	Rakhine	94	220	126
13	Yangon	2927	3525	598
14	Shan (South)	115	352	237
15	Shan (North)	55	137	82
16	Shan (East)	-	117	117
17	Ayeyawady	277	674	397
	Total	5638	10254	4616

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The Association has gained maturity and cohesion with the improvement of its members in quality and quantity.

The five objectives of the Association always flourish as they are national objectives upholding national interests.

Now, youth members are playing an active role in the implementation of such sound and correct objectives, so the Association will cer-

more than 22.8 million.

In the period of 12 years, the Association has conducted a broad range of courses such as course on Myanmar Affairs and International Studies, advanced management course for executives, and international relations course. Of them, courses at central level have trained over 20,000 members and those at state and division level, nearly 10 million.

Thanks to the courses, the member

character you have possessed a sense of national duty all the more.

Such a fine sense of national duty is indeed the noble spirit that each and every citizen is to be imbued. Only the citizens possessing a fine sense of national duty, and physical and mental qualities can defend and safeguard the State. And they will be able to contribute to the emergence of a discipline-flourishing peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation.

The government has laid down and is implementing the seven-point Road Map stage by stage while making relentless efforts day in, day out for the emergence of a peaceful, modern developed and democratic nation. Therefore, the USDA members are to actively take part in the drive for success of the seven-point Road Map by doing their bit.

Stability of the State, strong national economic life and development of human resources are imperative for building a nation. A peaceful modern developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation can be established only through political, economic, social and defence might.

In building up a modern and developed nation, the State, the people and the Tatmadaw are to exert integrated and well-coordinated efforts.

In this regard, the USDA on its part, is to organize the people to enthusiastically take part in it.

Since its assumption of the responsibilities of the State, the

Tatmadaw government has been giving priority to peace and stability and national solidarity, while laying down and is implementing projects for development of all the sectors. The discord and dissension among national races, which emerged due to evil legacy of colonialists, led to lack of peace and stability in the nation. The nation lagged behind in development in the absence of peace and stability.

The government is building national solidarity out of goodwill under correct national policy. Hence, altogether 17 national race armed groups have returned to the legal fold and are now joining hands with the government and local people in national development tasks.

Out of members of the armed groups who exchanged arms for peace some have unconditionally exchanged their arms for peace.

There was no significant progress in ensuring national solidarity and bringing about peace and stability progress although successive governments made efforts. But unprecedented progress has been made in all aspects only now. With peace and tranquility, national development tasks can be carried out all the more.

The 24 special development zones projects, development of border areas and rural development tasks have been laid down and are being implemented to bring about equitable development in all parts of the nation. At the same time, tasks for development of agriculture as the base and all-round

Health Sector

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development of other sectors of the economy as well are being carried out.

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tainly have a brighter future.

Since its birth, different levels of the Association have been formed and organizational measures and public welfare service carried out, while constantly nurturing its youth members to sharpen their physical and intellectual abilities. Today, the membership of the Association has reached

trainees will realize the value of the Union, solidarity, peace and sovereignty, and they will be able to value the Myanmar society fully.

As much as youth members have been equipped with the conceptions on political, economic, organizational and management outlooks, preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national

Transport Sector

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Myitnge Bridge in Singaing Township on Yangon-Mandalay Highway. — MNA



200-bed specialist hospital in Loilem District, Shan State (South). — MNA

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In the education sector, there are 40,525 basic education schools as new 6,778 schools have been opened in the nation. A total of 5545 post-primary schools, non-existent in the past, are among them. The number of basic education students has increased from 5.2 million to 7.7 million. There are now 156 universities and colleges nationwide, up from 32, with more than 700,000 students learning there. With the opportunities of learning education in hand, literacy rate has jumped to 94 per cent from 79 and many post-

graduates and graduates emerged in the country.

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To improve the living standards of rural people who represent more than 70 percent of the nation's population is of utmost importance. That is why rural development works is being done with added momentum by laying down five rural development tasks.

The association is actively participating in building village-to-village roads and village-to-town roads and digging small dams and lakes and sinking tube-wells. Over 40,000 villages in the nation have been provided with drinking water. It also contributes to the renovation and construction of schools, provides cash assistance for school-age children and donates exercise books and text books. Members of the association have done their best to take measures for sanitation and immunization for rural health. They have donated blood and rendered help to needy patients.

As the basic economy of rural people is agriculture, members of the association are co-operating with departmental officials in agricultural and livestock breeding tasks with the aid of modern methods using quality strains and mixed-cropping. Model vegetable patches and model livestock breeding methods were demonstrated to the public. With the boosting of agriculture and livestock breeding, the economy of rural people will surely improve.

Alongside the rural development work is the task for rural power supply on a manageable scale. And that will add to the improvement of rural health, education, agriculture and basic industry. For rural power supply, technical methods such as hydro-electric, bio-gas power, paddy husk-fired power, wind power and solar power are being employed in place of petroleum. That is why members of the association are urged to disseminate those methods to different parts of their

regions.

Today is the knowledge age so the entire Myanmar society should be a constant learning one. Only then, can the people build a modern developed country to keep abreast of other nations. It has been known to you all that the State is undertaking long- and short-term projects for national education. Self-reliant village libraries are being opened one after another to help enhance the knowledge of rural people, the majority of the nation's population.

It is necessary to nurture rural leaders equipped with good leadership for the development of rural regions. Measures for the development of education are taken for producing and nurturing the knowledgeable and qualified rural leadership. Only when such rural leaders are being nurtured, will they be able to carry out development tasks with their own initiatives. Therefore, you the members of the association are required to go down to the grass-root level for rural progress.

Since yore, the Union of Myanmar has been a nation with various national races residing in the country together in unity and amity. Throughout the history, all national races have had mutual sympathy and understanding, loving-kindness and relationships between each other. True patriotism means national people are to have Union Spirit no matter which part of the country they live in. The Union Spirit, the fundamental of Our Three Main National Causes, is the all-important thing to be maintained perpetually by all national races.

In paying emphasis on ensuring non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national

solidarity and perpetuation of national sovereignty, Union Spirit needs to flourish forever.

This year, the Union Solidarity and Development Association held work coordination meetings on implementing State objectives, mass rallies to hail and honour the

meeting and youth seminar held in Bagan archaeological region, USDA youth members unanimously announced the following five oaths:

- We shall uphold Our Three Main National Causes as a national duty.
- We shall strive our utmost for the building of a peaceful, modern and developed State with firm resolve.
- We shall always safeguard our State and people in our lifetime.
- We shall organize the people to inculcate Union Spirit into them.
- We shall strive for the emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic State.

It is found that all members of the association are discussing and implementing future work programmes by holding USDA annual general meetings. This year also

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Union Day and National Convention and mass rallies on guarding against the dangers of internal and external destructive elements through the united strength of the people. Those mass rallies unveiled the attitudes and wishes of the people. They echoed with people's chanting of slogans — to safeguard national interest, to build up the State and to crush all those attempting to harm Our Three Main National Causes.

People's strong desires are indeed an ideal vehicle for shaping a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic country.

I have learnt that youth members of the association from states and divisions actively took part in the study exchange programmes and experience-sharing programmes in May this year. At the youth mass

sees the association discussing various sectors by laying down seven objectives. That is why all the members are urged to adopt future work programmes for the next year and actively participate in nation-building tasks in accord with the objectives of the association.

I would like to draw a conclusion that as good citizens who serve the national duty, you all are actively to do more in the interests of the State and the people upholding Our Three Main National Causes. You all are to maintain and safeguard national consolidation and peace and stability of the State with true Union Spirit. You all are to lend yourselves to the success of the State's seven-point Road Map and emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

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Competitions, artistes, vocalists, chairmen of social and economic organizations and officials who were welcoming him.

Also present at the dinner were members of the Panel of USDA Patrons Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice Senior General Maung Aye, Member of SPDC General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Prime Minister General Soe Win, Secretary-1 of SPDC Lt-Gen Thein Sein, the SPDC members, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), the chairman of Yangon Division PDC commander of Yangon Command, ministers, the chief justice, the attorney-general, the auditor-general, the chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the secretary-general, the joint secretary-general, secretariat members and central executive committee members of USDA, members of National Convention Convening Commission, senior military officers, deputy ministers, directors-general of SPDC Office, President Office, Government Office, and Pyithu Hluttaw Office, heads of departments and enterprises, the chairmen and members of Central Committee to Hold the AGM and subcommittees, secretaries of state and division USDAs, regional coordinators, organizers, delegates to the AGM, outstanding youths, outstanding students, media persons, chairmen of social



Senior General Than Shwe greets USDA members at the annual general meeting 2005.— MNA

and economic organizations and officials, artistes, vocalists and guests.

Before the dinner, artistes of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon and Myanmar Music Asiayon sang songs to the accompaniment of Myanmar Radio modern music band, and during and after the dinner, artistes of Fine Arts Department of Ministry of Culture staged dance programmes. — MNA



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Executive Daw Myat Hsu Mon of Dimawhso Township USDA as joint master of ceremonies. The master of ceremonies announced the agenda for the fourth day. Patron of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe delivered an address. (Reported separately).

Secretary-General of USDA U Htay Oo presented prizes to outstanding students who stood first to tenth with science combination in the 2005 matriculation examination.

Outstanding students included Maung Zin Oo Maung of No 1 Basic Education High School, Dagon Township who was not only first in the entire Myanmar but in Yangon Division; Maung Shine Zaw Aung of Institute of Education Practising School, Kamayut Township who was not only first in the entire Myanmar but first in Yangon Division; Ma Phy Phy May of No 2 BEHS, Kamayut Township who was second in the entire Myanmar; Ma Thanda Lin of No 2 BEHS, Pabedan Township and Maung Khine Lin of No 5 BEHS, Botahtaung Township who were third in the entire Myanmar; Ma Sanda Cho of No 8 BEHS, Mawlamyine who was not only fourth in the entire Myanmar but first in Mon State; Ma The Mo Mo Myint Oo of No 4 BEHS, Aungmyethazan Township and Maung Aung Myint Lwin of No 11 BEHS, Aungmyethazan Township who were not only fourth in the entire Myanmar but

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USDA Secretary General U Htay Oo presents a gift to Maung Bwe Lyan Hsan who stood first in matriculation exam in Chin State— MNA

Patron of USDA Senior General Than Shwe...

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for USDA annual general meeting (2005) and various sub-committees and members, journalists, chairmen and delegates of Myanmar War Veterans Organization, Myanmar Red Cross Society, Myanmar Women's Affairs Association, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Myanmar Women's Sports Federation, Myanmar Women's Entrepreneurs Association, Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, Myanmar Thabin Asiayon, Myanmar Music Asiayon, Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon, Myanmar Artists and Artisans Asiayon, Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs, the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Myanmar Construction Entrepreneurs Association, Myanmar Hoteliers Association and Myanmar Fisheries Federation, secretaries of State and Division USDAs, delegates of State, Division, District and Township USDAs, outstanding youths for 2005 and guests.

Executive Daw Moe Moe Khaing of Bago Township USDA acted as master of ceremonies and Ex-



USDA Secretary General U Htay Oo presents a gift to Ma Zar Gyi Min who stood first in matriculation exam in Shan State (East)— MNA



USDA Secretary General U Htay Oo presents a gift to Maung Soe Min Tun of Myotaung village in Taungup who stood first in matriculation exam in Rakhine State.—MNA

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first in Mandalay Division; Maung Aung Myo Min of No 2 BEHS, Lanmadaw Township who was fourth in the entire Myanmar; Maung Aung Ko Ko of N 14 BEHS, Chanayethazan Township who was fifth in the entire Myanmar; Ma Yuzana Maung of No 16 BEHS, Mandalay, Ma May Paing Zin and Ma Aye Mon Oo of Yangon Institute of Education Practising School, Kamayut Township, Ma K Thi Lwin of No 2 BEHS, Lamadaw Township and Maung Aung Phone Myint of No 5 BEHS, Tamway Township who were sixth in the entire Myanmar; Maung Thet Zin Maung of No 1 BEHS, Thayawady who not only seventh in the entire Myanmar but first in Bago Division (West); Ma Nwe Mon Ei of No 8 BEHS, Mawlamyine, Maung Htin Kyaw of No 16 BEHS, Mandalay, Maung Kaung Myat Min Soe and Ma Khin Thin Su of Yangon Institute of Education Practising School, Kamayut Township, Ma Thet Hta of No 5 BEHS, Bohataung Township and Maung Zeya Lin of No 1 BEHS, Dagon Township who were seventh in the entire Myanmar; Ma Mya Myitzu of No 8 BEHS, Mawlamyine, who was eighth in the entire Myanmar; Ma Thet Phu Win of No 4 BEHS, Toungoo who was not only ninth in the entire Myanmar but first in Bago Division (East); Maung Ye Zarni of No 16 BEHS, Mandalay, Maung Myo Thura Kyaw of No 1 BEHS, Insein, Ma Ngu Waso of No 2 BEHS, Lanmadaw, Ma Khin Thu Thu Kyaw of No 2 BEHS, Latha; Ma Hsu Yi Mon of No 1 BEHS, Dagon Township and Ma Thet Wai Phyo of No 2 BEHS, Bahan Township who were ninth in the entire Myanmar; Maung Thauung Htaik Hsaung of No 1 BEHS, Pyay, Maung Aung Phyo San of No 3 BEHS, PyinOoLwin, Ma Shwe May Kyaw of No 1 BEHS, Insein Township, Maung Thet Paing Soe Zaw of No 5 BEHS, Kamayut Township, Ma Su Hlaing Hnin and Ma Khin Moh Moh Win of No 2 BEHS, Latha and Ma Hnin Hay Mar and Ma Ei Shwe Zin Mon of No 1 BEHS, Dagon Township who were tenth in the entire Myanmar.

Next, Secretary-General of USDA U Htay Oo presented prizes to outstanding students who stood first to ten with arts combination in the 2005 matriculation examination.

Outstanding students included Ma Thanda Aung of No 4 BEHS Myaungmya Township who was not only first in the entire Myanmar but first

in Ayeyawady Division; Ma Hnin Wai Hlaing of No 1 BEHS, Kyonpyaw who was second in the entire Myanmar; Maung Soe Wai Kyaw of No 1 BEHS, Mawlamyinegyun who was third in the entire Myanmar; Maung Soe Thu of BEHS, Bogale who was fourth in the entire Myanmar; Maung Teza Win of No 1 BEHS, South Okkalapa Township who was fifth not only in the entire Myanmar but first in Yangon Division; Maung Thet Aung Nyein of Shwemyintin BEHS, Pathein who was sixth in the entire Myanmar; Ma Nang Rosie Win of Kyonpyaw BEHS who was seventh in the entire Myanmar; Ma Mon Maing of Mogaung who was not only eighth in the entire Myanmar but first in Kachin State, Maung Htin Lin Oo of Einmegeyi BEHS who was ninth in the entire Myanmar, Ma Nan Yin Yin Tun of Wegyi Village BEHS, Kayin State who was not only tenth in the entire Myanmar but first in Kayin State and Maung Sai Win Win Tun of Katha BEHS, Homalin Township who was not only tenth in the entire Myanmar but first in Sagaing Division.

Next, Secretary-General U Htay Oo presented prizes to the outstanding students who stood of science combination in 2005 matriculation examination.



USDA Secretary General U Htay Oo presents a gift to Ma Kyin Yu of Myeik BEHS No1 stood first in matriculation exam in Taninthayi Division.—MNA

Outstanding students included Maung Malut Saing Aung of No 3 Basic Education High School of Myitkyina Township, Kachin State, Maung Pyi Phyo Kyaw of No 1 BEHS of Loikaw, Kayah State, Ma Khine Lwin Mon of No 1 BEHS of Hpa-an, Kayin State, Maung Bwe Lyan Hsan of No 2 BEHS of Haka, Chin State, Maung Htain Lin Aung of No 1 BEHS of Shwebo, Sagaing Division, Maung Phyo Kyaw and Maung Kaung Myat of No 3 BEHS of Monywa, Sagaing Division, Ma Aye Yu Yu Mon of No 1 BEHS of Myeik, Taninthayi Division, Ma Aye Mya Tun of No 1 BEHS of Taungdwingyi, Magway Division, Maung Myat Zaw Hein of No 2 BEHS of Sittway, Rakhine Division, Maung Ye Min Hein of No 4 BEHS of Taunggyi, Shan State (South), Maung Hein Win Phyo of No 1 BEHS of Lashio, Shan State (North), Maung Htoo Htoo Zaw of No 1 BEHS of Kengtung, Shan State (East) and Maung Pyi Phyo Min of No 1 BEHS of MaU Bin, Ayeyawady Division.

He presented prizes to the outstanding students who stood first with arts combination in State and Division in 2005 matriculation examination.

Outstanding students included Maung Aung Naing Win of Loikaw, Kayah State, Maung Htan Hsaung Paung of No 1 BEHS of Tiddim, Chin State, Ma Kyin Yu of No 1 BEHS of Myeik,

Taninthayi Division, Saw Dollar Nan Soe Hein of Sitkwin BEHS of Minhla and Maung Thet Paing Oo of No 5 BEHS of Pyay Township, Bago Division (West), Ma Hta Hta Lwin of Ma Dauk BEHS, Bago Division (East), Ma Aye Myint Win of Kyaukchet Affiliated BEHS of Sinbaungwe Township, Magway Division, Ma Swe Zin Htay of Ngan Myar Gyi BEHS of Ngazun Township, Magway Division, Maung Nyo Win of Taung Zun BEHS, Mon State, Maung Min Min Aung of No 5 BEHS of Taunggyi, Shan State (South), Maung Win Zaw of No 6 BEHS of Lashio, Shan State (North) and Ma Zarchi Min of Mongsat BEHS, Shan State (East).

Secretary-General U Htay Oo presented prizes to the students who are gold medalists in Asian level Sports Meets.

They are Sai Pyisone Hein, Ma Chit Su Yi, Maung Soe Win Thein, Maung Khant Swe Thet, Maung Wai Phyo Aung, Ma Naw Al Say Htee, Maung Pyi Phyo Oo and Maung Hla Aye Htwe. The secretary-general presented prizes to outstanding Red Cross Members for 2005. They are Maung Win Naing Shein of Shwegu Township, Kachin State and Ma Zin Mar Kyaw of Myebon Township, Rakhine State.

Secretary-General U Htay Oo also awarded U Maung Maung Aye of Sagaing Auxiliary Fire Brigade and Daw Khin San Lwin of Thaketa Township Auxiliary Fire Brigade for their outstanding performance in 2005 and Maung Myat Thura of Bago Division (East) who stood first in Extempore Talks organized by USDA to hail the 60th Armed Forces Day.

Afterwards, U Htay Oo awarded the outstanding students who won five gold medals and above at Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competitions. They are Maung Pyai Phyo Maw, eight gold medalist, of No 1 BEHS, Mandalay, Maung Than Myat Soe, seven gold medalist, of University of Culture (Yangon), Maung Aung, six gold medalist, of No 2 BEHS, Thaketa, five gold medalists Maung Aung Kyi Soe of Myitkyina University, Maung Myo Thiha Kyaw (a) Paing Paing of Education College, Mandalay, Maung Zeya Min of University of Culture, Ma Eint Thura of No 2 BEHS, Kamayut Township, Ma Su Yi Ko Ko of No 1 BEHS, Dagon Township, Ma Thae Myat Soe of University of Culture (Yangon) and Maung Thet Lwin Aung Tun of No 1 BEHS, Thanlyin.

Afterwards, morning session of the meeting adjourned and Senior General Than Shwe cordially greeted representatives of state/division/district/ township USDAs.—MNA



USDA Secretary General U Htay Oo presents a gift to Ma Aye Myint Win of Kyaukchet Affiliated BEHS in Sinbaungwe township who stood first in matriculation exam in Magway Division.—MNA

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Malaysia issues visas upon arrival for Nepali workers

KATHMANDU, 6 Nov—As per the new regulation issued by the Malaysian Government, Nepali workers seeking employment in Malaysia have started flying to the country without getting visas from the Malaysian Embassy based in Kathmandu, leader of Nepal Association of Foreign Employment Agencies said Saturday.

"In a bid to expedite the recruitment process of workers, the Malaysian Government had earlier enforced a new directive, which allowed Nepali workers to enter the country based on calling visa issued by the concerned Malaysian authority," Keshav Thapa, leader of Nepal Association of Foreign Employment Agencies, told reporters.

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2. Tender documents are available at Procurement Committee, 228, Theinbyu Street, Yangon. Closing date of bid will be on 25th November, 2005 at 16:30 hrs.
3. Further details can be inquired at the office of Ministry of Information 228, Theinbyu Street.

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Indian Foreign Minister rules out resignation

NEW DELHI, 6 Nov— Rubbishing the Volcker report which names him and the Congress Party as beneficiaries from Iraq's oil-for-food deal, Indian External Affairs Minister K Natwar Singh Saturday asserted that there was no question of his resigning over these "outrageous" allegations.

"There is no question of my resigning as the Foreign Minister of India. I have complete support of Prime Minister (Manmohan Singh) and party president Sonia Gandhi," New Delhi TV (NDTV) quoted Natwar as saying in an interview.

"The BJP would not get to decide who India's Foreign Minister will be," retorted an angry Singh, when asked about the BJP's demand for his resignation over his alleged involvement in the 1996-2003 programme that allegedly involved underhand payments to then Iraqi president Saddam Hussein.

Natwar Singh categorically denied having bought any oil from Saddam Hussein.

Natwar Singh and the

Congress had been described as "non-contractual beneficiaries" in the fifth and final report of the Independent Inquiry Committee appointed by UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan to probe the Iraqi oil-for-food scandal. Both deny they were informed or sent any notices regarding the allegations.

A beleaguered Singh also denied any business links with a company reportedly owned by a friend of his son Jagat Singh that has been linked to the Iraqi scam.

Natwar Singh said that India's Ambassador to the United Nations Nirupam Sen, had been asked to seek clarifications from UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan on the report.

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Report says global warming could help salmon in Norway

OSLO, 6 Nov— Global warming may benefit salmon in Norwegian rivers by causing more rainfall that dilutes industrial acids blown from other parts of Europe, scientists said on Friday.

In the past, a spring thaw used to wash out large amounts of poisonous nitrates accumulated in winter snows, according to a long-term study of rain, snow and river acidification by the Norwegian Institute for Water Research (NIVA).
But climate change in the past 20-30 years means

that more precipitation falls as rain, washing nitrates more evenly around the year into rivers and curbing a spring surge when salmon smolt are most vulnerable to poisoning.

A smolt is a young salmon at the stage when it migrates from fresh water to the sea.

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ADB to help Sri Lanka reconstruct highway network

COLOMBO, 6 Nov— The Sri Lankan Government has decided to reconstruct highway network in the country with the financial assistance of the Asian Development Bank (ADB), *Daily News* reported on Saturday.

With an estimated cost of 208 million US dollars, the project, which aims at rehabilitating a number of Grade A and B roads in western, central and eastern provinces, will receive the assistance from the ADB, Highways Ministry Secretary S. Amarasekera was quoted as saying.

"The DB will provide 150 million dollars of the estimated cost of the project including the expenses regarding land acquisition. This is the first time that a donor has agreed to provide funds for

land acquisition," he said.

Among the highways to be reconstructed under the project are the Puttalam-Anuradhapura, Udakanda-Mahiyanganaya, Nuwara Eliya-Badulla and the Hatton-Nuwara Eliya highways.

The Sri Lankan Government and the ADB finalized negotiations on the implementation of the project on Wednesday, Amarasekera said.

"We are hopeful that the reconstruction could be commenced early next year," he added.—MNA/Xinhua

China launches first experimental arsenic sucking plant project

BEIJING, 6 Nov— Chinese scientists have launched the world's first experimental plant project for sucking poisonous arsenic from soil.

Chen Tongbin, a senior researcher with the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) Institute of Geographic Science and Resources, said here Saturday in an interview with *Xinhua* that he led to build three experimental sites in Hunan, Zhejiang and Guangdong provinces, for tryouts in removing heavy metal elements from soil.

The one-hectare experimental site in Chenzhou, central Hunan Province, are planted with 30 tons of a kind of arsenic-sucking plant, with a scientific name of *Pteris vittata* L. The plant could remove 10 per cent of arsenic from the soil in one year, Chen said.

Soil recovery technology depends on poison-accumulating plants, widely regarded as "hyper-accumulators" in academic circles. The heavy metals accumulated by those plants are to be recycled. The primary targets of the technology are arsenic, copper and zinc.

A global leader in technology for collecting arsenic from soil, Chen's team, which is sponsored by the state hi-

tech development programme, proved that *Pteris vittata* L, a brake fern widely found in southern China, has a strong ability to draw arsenic from the soil.

After *Pteris vittata* L, Chen's team found another dozen of hyper-accumulators, which could be used in the future for soil cleaning.

His team have applied for more than 20 patents, with two invention patented and one design patent being granted.

Since the 1980s, global scientists have blazed a new way in cleaning polluted soil with hyper-accumulators. Decontamination by plants and recycling technologies would make heavy industries less environmentally damaging.

Statistics showed that 20 per cent of China's farmland was polluted by heavy metals, which caused 10 million tons of crop losses annually.

It is estimated that soil recovery technologies through plants might have a market worth two billion US dollars in the coming two years. — MNA/Xinhua

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Japan to launch quake warning system next year

TOKYO, 6 Nov — Japan, one of the world's most earthquake-prone nations, plans to launch a seismic alert system next year to capture early quake movements and issue warnings of more damaging tremours, officials said on Saturday.

A test version of the system, operating in the northern prefecture of Miyagi since February, was able to sound a warning that a big earthquake would strike the city of Sendai 15 seconds before a 7.2 quake jolted the area on 16 August, the daily *Asahi Shimbun* said.

An official at the Japanese Meteorological Agency said sensitive seismic sensors would be installed at 203 places around the country by March 2006 before the system starts operating.

“While it's true that the time between the warning and a large earthquake striking is quite short, this would allow people to turn off gas stoves or get under a table, while train companies could halt trains,” the Meteorological Agency official told *Reuters*.

The sensors detect extremely small earthquake waves, analyse them to predict whether more damaging movements will follow later as well as how big the quakes might be, and then automatically issue a warning. Although the warnings will at first go

only to certain organizations such as train and gas companies, the agency hopes eventually to alert ordinary citizens.

The official said problems still remained, most importantly the difficulty of getting accurate information out quickly. “Our fastest predictions may still be a bit rough, so there might be differences between the strength of the quakes we predict and the ones that actually hit. This is something we have to refine,” he said.

MNA/Reuters

World's largest brain research centre inaugurated

WASHINGTON, 6 Nov— The world's largest neuroscience research centre, the McGovern Institute for Brain Research (MIBR), formally opened Friday at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), reports reaching here said.

The centre is founded with an aim of exploring human learning and communication through interdisciplinary research, it was reported.

“I am hopeful that the scientific research done at the McGovern Institute for Brain Research can make significant contributions to advancing human

learning and communication within the next 20 years,” said Patrick McGovern Jr, founder and chairman of the International Data Group.

In 2000, he and his wife, entrepreneur Lore Harp McGovern, pledged 350 million US dollars over 20 years for the creation of the new institute and its operation.—MNA/Xinhua

Pulse pressure predicts stroke recurrence

NEW YORK, 6 Nov— An increase in 24-hour pulse pressure in patients who have undergone a first stroke indicates an increased risk of experiencing another within a year, Greek researchers report.

As investigator Dr. Kostas Spengos told *Reuters Health*, “the findings of our study suggest that elevated 24-hour pulse pressure levels are independently associated with increased long-term recurrence”.

Spengos and colleagues at the University of Athens followed 339 consecutive patients who underwent 24-hour blood pressure monitoring within a day of their first stroke. The findings are published in the October issue of the *Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery and Psychiatry*. At one year, the stroke recurrence rate was 9.2 per cent. The only significant predictors of another stroke were age, diabetes and 24-hour pulse pressure. — MNA/Reuters

China launches huge seawater desalination project

HANGZHOU, 6 Nov— China's largest seawater desalination project, brought into operation in Zhejiang Province recently, is expected to provide sufficient freshwater for a local power plant.

The 200 million yuan (24.7 million US dollars)

project, located in the power plant in Yuhuan County, has a daily production capacity of 35,000 tons based on a desalination system that produces 1,440 tons of freshwater per hour.

The project in the drought-prone coastal county uses seawater from the East China Sea to produce freshwater to generate electricity.

China has announced more seawater desalination projects to combat water shortages in coastal areas.

According to the State Development and Reform Commission and some other state-level agencies, desalinated seawater is expected to contribute 16 to 24 per cent of the water supply in coastal areas by 2010, with a daily capacity of up to 3 million cubic metres in 2020.

MNA/Xinhua



A view of Venus' surface released by NASA. If all goes well, at 0333 GMT on Wednesday, a Russian rocket will blast off from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan, taking aloft the first dedicated mission to Earth's closest neighbour in more than a decade.

INTERNET

Hospitals in Kathmandu Valley unable to handle in major quake

KATHMANDU, 7 Nov — Hospitals in Nepal's Kathmandu Valley will not be able to handle the casualties if a major earthquake hits the valley, an official said here on Sunday.

“We have found 80 per cent of the hospitals in Kathmandu Valley do not

meet even the basic earthquake resistant standard,” Amod Dixit, executive director of the National Society for Earthquake Technology, a non-government organization of Nepal, told reporters.

Kathmandu Valley is the capital of Nepal, which consists of three districts of Kathmandu, Lalitpur and Bhaktapur.

Nepal is prone to earthquakes as it has witnessed an earthquake of about seven on the Richter Scale hits Nepal

and surroundings every eight years, Dixit said, adding, “But the level of awareness among the Nepali people is dismal.” “We are in a very vulnerable position, but we are still not taking concrete measures to mitigate the effects in case of a major quake,” Dixit said. “We might have strong infrastructure, but if the exits in any building cannot handle a large number of people in rush, the strong building alone will not minimize the number of deaths,” he added.

MNA/Xinhua

Egyptian Culture Week opens in Shanghai

SHANGHAI, 6 Nov— The Egyptian Culture Week opened here Friday evening with a fabulous performance by the Cairo Symphony Orchestra together with the famous Chinese pianist Kong Xiangdong.

They performed together Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 5 Emperor. The Egyptian Culture Week constitutes an important part of the on-going 7th Shanghai International Arts Festival.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Egypt and so the Egyptian Culture Week was held for celebrations, said Chen Shenglai, president of the Arts Festival Centre.

Chen said that the Egyptian Culture Week will bring a brand-new impression of Egypt to Chinese viewers: a blend of classical, eternal, modern and ancient things. The festival will mainly include photo exhibitions, symphony, ballet and folk dances.

“Join us to unveil the mystery of this ancient nation, get closer to the nation and experience its charm,” Chen told Chinese audience at the opening ceremony.—MNA/Xinhua



Two women walk past a bank electronic board showing the Hong Kong share index in Hong Kong on 7 Nov, 2005. —INTERNET

SPORTS

United end Chelsea unbeaten run with 1-0 win

LONDON, 7 Nov—Manchester United beat Chelsea 1-0 on Sunday to end the champions' 40-match unbeaten run in the Premier League and cut their lead at the top of the standings to six points.

Midfielder Darren Fletcher scored the only goal of a good match at Old Trafford, across the city from the ground where Chelsea were last



Man Utd 1-0 Chelsea: Darren Fletcher's looping header gives United a dramatic victory against the Premiership champions.—INTERNET

beaten in the league last season by Manchester City on 16 October, 2004.

Just past the half hour, Cristiano Ronaldo crossed to the far post from outside the box on the left and Fletcher ghosted in behind the defence and to plant a looping header over keeper Petr Cech and John Terry and just inside the other post.

In an earlier match, James Beattie's 16th-minute goal gave Everton a 1-0 win over Middlesbrough, their first home league victory of the season. Everton climbed two places to 16th, five points and three spots behind Middlesbrough.

MNA/Reuters

CSKA beat Dynamo 2-1 to clinch Russian title

MOSCOW, 7 Nov—CSKA beat Dynamo 2-1 in a heated Moscow derby on Sunday to clinch their second Russian Premier League title in three years with a game to spare.

CSKA defender Alexei Berezutsky opened the scoring from close range in the 55th minute and Brazilian playmaker Daniel Carvalho added the second 18 minutes later. Defender Denis Kolodin pulled one back for Dynamo in the seventh minute of added time but it was too little too late to prevent the Army side from celebrating a deserved victory.

The win gave UEFA Cup holders CSKA an insurmountable four-point lead over last year's champions Lokomotiv and their Moscow rivals Spartak with just one round of matches remaining.

Lokomotiv crushed already relegated Terek Grozny 3-0 while Spartak captain Yegor Titov scored midway through the second half to give his side a 1-0 win over Saturn Ramenskoye.

Spartak and Lokomotiv, who each have 55 points from 29 matches, meet in the season's finale on November 19 to decide second place which also guarantees a spot in Champions League qualifiers next year.

Denneboom goal gives NEC shock win over Ajax

AMSTERDAM, 7 Nov—NEC Nijmegen striker Romano Denneboom struck directly after the break to give his side a stunning 1-0 win over Ajax Amsterdam on Sunday.

Despite four Champions League goals last Wednesday at Thun, the Amsterdam side face serious problems in attack and have not scored in the First Division for 373 minutes. They have earned only two points from their last four matches. PSV Eindhoven remain on top with 28 points following a comfortable 3-0 win over Sparta Rotterdam on Saturday.

Second-placed AZ Alkmaar dropped two points after a 2-2 draw against Heracles Almelo and are three points adrift. Heracles keeper Martin Piekenhagen salvaged a point with an injury time header.

Feyenoord, also on 25 points, failed to leapfrog Alkmaar as they were held to a goalless draw by Vitesse Arnhem. It was the Rotterdam side's first draw in 26 matches. Ajax remain sixth on 15 points, level with Heerenveen, Utrecht, NEC and NAC Breda.

MNA/Reuters

Real scrape 1-0 win at home to Zaragoza

MADRID, 7 Nov—A depleted Real Madrid scraped a 1-0 win at home to Real Zaragoza on Sunday thanks to a late penalty from Roberto Carlos that pushed them up into second place in the Primera Liga.

The Brazilian fullback fired home from the spot 12 minutes from time after Robinho was adjudged to have been fouled by Zaragoza defender Leonardo Ponzio. Minutes earlier, Robinho had wasted a chance to put Real ahead when he fluffed a controversial penalty awarded after he went down under pressure from keeper Cesar and defender Alvaro.

Real were on the ropes for much of the second half, but high-quality keeping from Iker Casillas allowed them to hang on for a vital home win.

Surprise package Osasuna top the table with 24 points from 11 games after inflicting a first home defeat of the season on Real Sociedad with a 2-1 win at Anoeta on Saturday.

Real Madrid lie second on 21 points,

one ahead of Celta Vigo who notched a 2-1 victory at home to struggling Alaves earlier on Sunday.

However, champions Barcelona will have a chance to reclaim second spot when they take on high-flying Getafe on the other side of the Spanish capital in Sunday's late match.

Real Betis, who claimed a shock 1-0 victory over Chelsea in the Champions League in midweek, were brought back down to earth when they were held to a 1-1 draw at Racing Santander.

Malaga and Deportivo Coruna also shared the points with a 1-1 draw at La Rosaleda, while Sevilla and Atletico Madrid were unable to find the net in an entertaining 0-0 draw at the Sanchez Pizjuan.—MNA/Reuters

Hamburg lose ground with draw

FRANKFURT, 7 Nov—Hamburg SV lost further ground in the Bundesliga title race with a goalless draw away to Borussia Moenchengladbach on Sunday.

Hamburg, short of inspiration without the suspended Rafael van der Vaart, had few chances and might easily have slipped to defeat with Gladbach finishing strongly.

A draw leaves Hamburg in third place, six points behind leaders Bayern Munich. Bayern, last season's champions, strengthened their position at the top with a 3-1 win at home to Werder Bremen on Saturday.

With 12 games played, Bayern lead with 31 points, followed by Bremen on 26 and Hamburg on 25.

VfB Stuttgart clinched a much needed 1-0 win away to bottom club Nuremberg in Sunday's

other game.

Christian Tiffert got the only goal in the 10th minute to give Stuttgart only their third league win of the season and ease the pressure on Italian coach Giovanni Trapattoni.

Stuttgart climb to eighth with 16 points, while Nuremberg, who sacked coach Wolfgang Wolf on Monday and have yet to appoint a successor, stay three points adrift at the foot of the table.

MNA/Reuters

Bryant leads Tour Championship by three

WASHINGTON, 7 Nov—Bart Bryant stayed on course for a third PGA Tour title after firing a four-under-par 66 in the Tour Championship third round at the East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta on Saturday.

The 42-year-old American finished on 14-under 196, three strokes ahead of defending champion Retief Goosen from South Africa who returned a 69.

Goosen, who shared the overnight lead with Bryant, got his day off to a flying start with birdies at the first two holes and another at the sixth but could not match Bryant over the tough closing stretch.

MNA/Xinhua

JEF win J-League Cup in shootout

TOKYO, 7 Nov—JEF United Chiba won their first title as a J-League club by defeating Gamba Osaka 5-4 on penalties in the Japanese League Cup final on Saturday.

The two sides scrapped hard in normal time and 30 minutes of extra time before the match, watched by 45,039 fans at Tokyo's National Stadium, ended 0-0.

Seiichiro Maki stroked home JEF's final penalty to clinch victory after Gamba's Japan midfielder Yasuhito Endo had his effort turned away by goalkeeper Yosuke Fujigaya, who was voted man of the match.

"There's always luck involved in winning a cup competition," JEF man-

ager Ivica Osim, a former Yugoslavia coach, told reporters.

MNA/Reuters



Japan's 250cc rider Hiroshi Aoyama speeds his Honda through a curve during the Comunitat Valenciana Motorcycling Grand Prix at Ricardo Tormo race track in the Spanish eastern town of Cheste, near Valencia, on 6 Nov, 2005. The 124,000 fans who packed the Ricardo Tormo circuit were given something to cheer about with a Spanish one-two in the 250cc race with world champion Dani Pedrosa holding off Jorge Lorenzo to win on his final appearance in the category.—INTERNET

Panama angry over US weapons left along canal

ESCOBAL(Panama), 6 Nov—When the US military handed over control of the Panama Canal in 1999, it left behind thousands of unexploded weapons strewn across jungle firing ranges that are still killing people.

Many Panamanians accuse the United States of ignoring the dangers and President George W Bush will face protests over the controversy during a visit starting on Sunday night.

Washington controlled the inter-oceanic waterway and a five-mile (eight-

kilometre) strip either side of the canal for almost all of the 20th century, and used some of the land for firing ranges.

It gave control of the canal to Panama at the end of 1999, but handover treaties only obliged it to clear up unexploded munitions as far as was "practicable".

Around 30,000 acres were cleaned but 8,000 acres are still scattered with live mortars, grenades, bombs, rockets and Agent Orange residue. Outside the canal zone, seven mustard gas bombs weighing between 500 pounds and 1,000 pounds were abandoned on Panama's uninhabited

Pacific island of San Jose.

Officially, 21 people have been killed in the firing ranges over the years, although some believe the true figure is more than double that.

Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld declared the issue closed when he visited Panama last year, and US officials say Panama simply needs to keep people away from the former ranges.

John Lindsay-Poland, an author who wrote *Emperors in the Jungle* about the US military in Panama, says many areas are easy to clean and that even zones of heavy vegetation could be made safe if Washington spent the time and money to do it. He said the US Government should set a better example, especially in cleaning up the mustard gas bombs.

MNA/Reuters

FM refuses NZ companies' UN corruption reports

WELLINGTON, 6 Nov—New Zealand Foreign Minister Winston Peters said on Friday there is no evidence that New Zealand companies were involved in bribes related to the corrupt UN oil-for-food programme to Iraq.

Peters said New Zealand famous dairy export firm Fonterra and two small New Zealand

companies that exported to Iraq are being investigated, after being named in an independent report into the discredited UN programme.

But Peters said it appeared all the New Zealand companies had acted properly and there needed to be "significant further information" to pursue a prosecution

under bribery laws.

"An extensive file search by Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade officials has found that the two New Zealand companies referred to in the Volcker report acted in accordance with UN and New Zealand rules," said Peters.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Monday, 7 November, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Mon and Rakhine States, Mandalay, Mgway, Bago and Taninthayi Division, scattered in Shan, Kayah State, and widespread in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Chin State and Bago, Yangon Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin, Shan and Kayah States, Mandalay and Magway, Taninthayi Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Payay (1.38) inches, Pyarpon (1.02) inches, Thandwe (0.98) inch, Loikaw (0.71) inch, Yamethin (0.28) inch.

Maximum temperature on 6-11-2005 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 7-11-2005 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 7-11-2005 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 6-11-2005 was nil.

Rainfalls on 7-11-2005 were nil at Mingaladon (0.39) inch, Kaba-Aye (0.39) inch at central Yangon (0.43) inch. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (101.89) inches at Mingaladon, (101.10) inches at Kaba-Aye and (106.22) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Northwest at (15:00) hours MST on 6-11-2005.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (06:30) hours MST today, yesterday's low pressure area over Andaman Sea has become unimportant. Weather is cloudy in West Central Bay and Southwest Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.


Forecast valid until evening of 8-11-2005: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin State and Sagaing Division and rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Yangon, Ayeyarwady and Taninthayi Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of rain or thundershowers in Low Myanmar areas.


Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 8-11-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the afternoon or evening. Degree of certainty is 60%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 8-11-2005: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 40%.



Tuesday, 8 November
View on today

<p>7:00 am</p> <p>1. Recitation of Partittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara</p> <p>7:25 am</p> <p>2. To be healthy exercise</p> <p>7:30 am</p> <p>3. Morning news</p> <p>7:40 am</p> <p>4. Nice and sweet song</p> <p>7:50 am</p> <p>5. ကဗျာဝန်ဥယျာဉ်</p> <p>8:00 am</p> <p>6. အတိ-ပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:05 am</p> <p>7. Song of yesteryears</p> <p>8:15 am</p> <p>8. အတပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:20 am</p> <p>6. ရွှေလောင်းတံတား</p> <p>8:30 am</p> <p>8. International news</p>	<p>8:45 am</p> <p>9. Let's Go</p> <p>4:00 pm</p> <p>1. Martial song</p> <p>4:15 pm</p> <p>2. Song to uphold National Spirit</p> <p>4:30 pm</p> <p>3. English for Everyday use</p> <p>4:45 pm</p> <p>4. Musical programme</p> <p>5:00 pm</p> <p>5. အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့လုပ်ညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ် (ရှုပေးအထူးပြု) (ရှုပေး)</p> <p>5:15 pm</p> <p>6. Dance of national races</p> <p>5:30 pm</p> <p>7. ခံစားနားဆင်ထားစာတင်ဝင်</p> <p>5:40 pm</p> <p>8. သားငါးဖွံ့ဖြိုး ပြည်အကျိုး</p> <p>5:15 pm</p> <p>9. ဆိုဗီယက် ယူဂိုစလား</p> <p>6:15 pm</p> <p>10. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရယ်ရယ်အော့ဖြိုးပုဂ္ဂိုလ်" (အပိုင်း-၃၇)</p> <p>6:30 pm</p> <p>11. Evening news.</p>	<p>7:00 pm</p> <p>12. Weather report</p> <p>7:15 pm</p> <p>13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အရပ်ရေကားထစ်လေးများ" (အပိုင်း-၁၁)</p> <p>7:35 pm</p> <p>14. (၂၃)ပြည်မြောက် အရှေ့ဘောင် အာရှ အားကစား ဖြိုင်ပွဲဝင်ပညာ ပြန်စာ အားကစားအဖွဲ့များ၏ ကြိုတင် ပြင်ဆင်မှုများ (ကားပေး)</p> <p>7:45 pm</p> <p>15. The mirror image of musical oldies</p> <p>8:00 pm</p> <p>16. News.</p> <p>17. International news.</p> <p>18. Weather report</p> <p>19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်း "ချစ်သူလက်ဆောင်" (အပိုင်း-၈)</p> <p>20. မင်းကွန်ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး ဦးစိစိဇွဲ သာဓကတီဝံသ၏ အရပ်ရယ်မျက်နှာ မေတ္တာ ဘဝနာ ဝမ်းမြားခြင်း တရားတော်</p> <p>22. The next day's programme.</p>
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Tuesday, 8 November

Tune in today

8.30 am Brief news

8.35 am Music:
-Take your chance

8.40 am Perspectiv

8.45 am Music:
-Obsession

8.50 am National news & Slogan

9:00 am Music:
Queen of your fardasy

9:05 am International news

9:10 am Music
-Base of love

1:30 pm News/Slogan

1:40 pm Lunch time music
-Let's get it on
-I'm still in love
-Just the way you are
-One day in your life

9.00 pm English speaking course leve III Unit (17)

9.15 pm Article music

9.25 pm Weekly sport reel

9.35 pm Music for your listening pleasure
-Shown me with your love
-I'll never fall in love

9.45 pm News/Slogan

10.00 pm PEL

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

Senior General Than Shwe hosts dinner in honour of USDA AGM delegates and outstanding youths



Patron of Union Solidarity and Development Association Senior General Than Shwe cordially greets USDA members at the dinner hosted in honour of the delegates of the annual general meeting and outstanding youths. — MNA

YANGON, 7 Nov — Patron of Union Solidarity and Development Association Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe hosted dinner in honour of delegates to the USDA Annual General Meeting and outstanding youths at Zeyathiri Beikman here this evening.

Senior General Than Shwe arrived at the venue of the dinner at 6.45 pm, and greeted secretaries of state and division USDAs, regional coordinators of the USDA headquarters, delegates to the AGM, students who stood first to ten in the whole nation in the matriculation examination, students of states and divisions who passed the matriculation examination with

distinctions, students who won gold medals in Asian level sports events, outstanding Red Cross members, outstanding members of auxiliary fire brigades, winners in Armed Forces Day extempore talks competitions, contestants who won at least five gold medals in Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts
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Patron of USDA Senior General Than Shwe addresses AGM of USDA (2005)

YANGON, 7 Nov — Patron of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe delivered an address at the fourth day of annual general meeting of USDA (2005) held at the Pyidaungsu hall of the USDA central training school in Hmawby Township this morning.

Also present on the occasion were members of the central panel of patrons Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-

in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Prime Minister General Soe Win, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of the State Peace and Development Council, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command, the ministers, the chief justice, the attorney-general, the auditor-gen-

eral, the chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, USDA CEC members, members of the National Convention Convening Commission, senior military officers, the deputy ministers, the directors-general of the State Peace and Development Council Office, the President's Office, the Government's Office and the Pyithu Hluttaw Office, the rector of Central Institute of Civil Service (Lower Myanmar), directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises, chairmen of central committee
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