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## Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to King of Bahrain

YANGON, 16 Dec— Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Majesty Hamad Bin Essa Al-Khalifa, King of Bahrain, on the occasion of the National Day of the Kingdom of Bahrain, which falls on 16 December 2005. —MNA

The Government constructed on a grand scale for respective universities and colleges and provided necessary modern teaching aids for higher learning institutions.

## System of learning has been established not only in major towns but in all regions of Union



Senior General Than Shwe inspects Government Technological College (Myitkyina) in Myitkyina. — MNA

Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, ministers, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental officials, arrived in Myitkyina by Tatmadaw helicopter at 1 pm on 12 December.

They were welcomed by Deputy Commander of Northern Command Brig-Gen San Tun, Commander of Myitkyina Airbase Brig-Gen Zaw Tun, senior military officers and departmental officials.

At 2.15 pm, the Senior General and party proceeded to Government Technological College

(Myitkyina) in Myitkyina where they were welcomed by Principal Dr Daw Win Sanda of Government Technological College (Myitkyina), Principal Dr Daw Hnin Hnin Oo of Government Computer College (Myitkyina) and faculty members, students and Managing Director U Than Shwe of Ever Green Construction.

At the briefing hall, the principal of GTC (Myitkyina) reported on the history of the college, conducting of training courses, strength of staff and employees, number

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YANGON, 15 Dec — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, accompanied by Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern



Progress in construction of buildings at Government Technological College (Myitkyina). — MNA

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

## PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 16 December, 2005

### Strive for human resources development in all regions

During their tour of Kachin State, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and members visited Bhamo Degree College, Government Computer College (Bhamo) and Government Technological College (Bhamo) and met with responsible personnel.

In his meeting with responsible officials, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe said that the whole Union would become modern and developed only with the development of all regions across it and that it was necessary to have more intellectuals and intelligentsia for the development of all sectors.

Now is the time when the government is trying to strengthen the national pillars of peace and stability, development, national unity and national economy. Therefore, it is implementing the national education promotion plan for the development of human resources and science and technologies that can contribute to that of the nation in the long run.

Human resources play the most important role in building a nation and, in the same way, development of human resources are the sine qua non for the development of the nation. For development of human resources that can spell sustained progress of the nation, the government is building education infrastructure in various regions, especially in the 24 special development regions where universities and colleges are being built to turn out the educated intellectuals.

In Kachin State, Myitkyina and Bhamo have been designated as development regions and measures are being taken for human resources development. Moreover, more colleges have been opened in Mohayin which is one of the most populous regions in Kachin State.

It is the duty of teachers to systematically train their students in order that they will become highly educated people who can build the nation into a modern and developed democracy. Therefore, we would like to call on teachers to bear in mind the guidance given by the Head of State and strive for human resources development in all regions of the Union.

### New waterway under Chindwin River Bridge (Monywa)

YANGON, 15 Dec — Waterways under Chindwin River Bridge (Monywa) on Chindwin River will be changed as from 18 December, 2005.

A new waterway will be between piers No 6 and No 7 for vessels sailing upstream and downstream. The clearance of the waterway will be 300 ft in width and 40 ft in height. A triangle sign in green colour illuminated with green at night will be fixed at the entrance to the waterway. The no-entry sign will be a red-coloured cross and will be lighted with red bulb at night. The parallel running of two vessels is to be avoided and priority must be given to the vessels sailing downstream while passing the bridge. — 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

### 58th Anniversary Independence Day ceremony to highlight national characters, nationalistic spirit



Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe speaking at second meeting for organizing State flag-hoisting and saluting ceremony to mark 58th Anniversary Independence Day.— MNA

YANGON, 15 Dec — A sub-committee for organizing State flag-hoisting and saluting ceremony to mark the 58th Anniversary Independence Day held its 2nd work coordination meeting yesterday at Phithu Hluttaw Building here.

At the meeting, Chairman of the sub-committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe stressed the need for officials to

take systematic measures for the successful realization of the four national objectives of the Independence Day and make concerted efforts to be able to hold the ceremony highlighting national characters, nationalistic spirit and Union Spirit.

Officials of work groups under the sub-committee reported on tasks already undertaken, and the meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe.— MNA

### Deputy Minister attends spud-in ceremony of Shwe Nilar-1 Exploration Well



Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay launches spud-in of Shwe Nilar-1 Exploration Well.

ENERGY

YANGON, 15 Dec — Accompanied by officials concerned, Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay went on an inspection tour of Rakhine Offshore region block A-1 this morning and attended the spud-in ceremony to start exploration of natural gas at well No Shwe Nilar-1.

Daewoo Company discovered the vast natural gas deposit from Exploration Well Shwe-1 to Shwe- 8 at Block A-1 and managed to exploit natural gas on commercial scale.

On arrival at Galaxy Driller, Director (Exploration) of Daewoo E&P Myanmar Mr Heung-Bum Yi briefed the deputy minister on matters related to Exploration Well Shwe Nilar-1 and the deputy minister discussed exploration tasks with the director and officials, adding that officials concerned were to take measures for timely completion of exploration tasks as scheduled and to ensure worksite safety. The deputy minister presented souvenirs to the man-

ager and representative of MOGE.

Next, the deputy minister pressed the button of Galaxy Driller to set out the spud-in and viewed round Galaxy Driller. Arrangements have been made for exploration of natural gas at six wells by two Galaxy Drillers starting December 2005. Exploration Well Shwe Nilar-1 has favorable conditions to discover more natural gas.

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### MTEA to hold AGM

YANGON, 15 Dec — The 12th Annual General Meeting of the Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs' Association will be held on 31st December at Forestry Department in West Gyogon.

Members of MTEA may send proposals and suggestions to MTEA not later than 23 December. MTEA also announced that all members are to participate in the meeting without fail. — MNA

# European watchdog slams US over CIA secret prisons

PARIS, 14 Dec — A European human rights watchdog criticized the United States on Tuesday for failing to come clean over allegations that the CIA ran a network of secret prisons in Europe.

Dick Marty, who heads up a Council of Europe investigation into the scandal, added that European states faced accusations of a serious breach of their human rights obligations if they had cooperated with the underground network.

The United States had never formally denied the

allegations, Marty said in a statement handed to reporters, and US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice had failed to rebut them during a recent trip to Europe.

"The rapporteur... deplores the fact that no information or explanation had been provided on this point by

Ms Rice during her visit to Europe," said Marty, the Swiss rapporteur of the Council of Europe investigation.

"While it was still too early to assert that there had been any involvement or complicity of member states in illegal actions, the seriousness of the allegations and the

consistency of the information gathered to date justified the continuation of an in-depth inquiry," he said.

"If the allegations proved correct the member states would stand accused of having seriously breached their human rights obligations to the Council of Europe."

He said his investigation to date had "reinforced the credibility of the allegations concerning the transfer and temporary detention of individuals, without any judicial involvement in European countries".



Municipal workers assemble a symbolical Christmas tree at the Moscow Red Square, on 14 Dec, 2005.—INTERNET

## "MIG-21" crashes in N-E India, pilot safe

NEW DELHI, 14 Dec— A MIG-21 aircraft of the Indian Air Force (IAF) crashed in Assam in northeast India on Tuesday but the pilot managed to eject safely, Indian officials said.

An IAF spokesman said the aircraft crashed on the outskirts of Salonibari airbase near Tezpur Town, about 185 kilometres from the state's main city Guwahati.

"The MIG-21 with a Squadron Leader in command was returning from a routine training mission when it lost control

and crashed," *Indo-Asian News Service* quoted IAF spokesman as saying.

The pilot ejected safely although the aircraft was completely damaged, the spokesman said.

The wreckage of the jet was located near a paddy field close to the airbase. "There were no civilian casualties or damage to any properties," he said.

The IAF has ordered a court of inquiry to ascertain the cause of the crash.

The crashed MIG-21 was a Type 77 jet, which is in the process of being

phased out from the IAF as it is nearing the end of its service life.

MNA/Xinhua

MNA/Reuters

## Pentagon may be spying on US anti-war activists

WASHINGTON, 14 Dec — The Pentagon has a secret database that indicates the US military may be collecting information on Americans who oppose the Iraq war and may be also monitoring peace demonstrations, NBC reported on Tuesday.

The database, obtained by the network, lists 1,500 "suspicious incidents" across the United States over a 10-month period and includes four dozen anti-war meetings or

protests, some aimed at military recruiting, NBC's Nightly News said.

The network said the document was the first inside look at how the Pentagon has stepped up intelligence collection in the United States since the 11 September, 2001, attacks.

The report quoted what it said was a secret briefing document as concluding: "We have noted increased communication between protest groups using the Internet," but not a "significant connection" between incidents.

Americans have been wary of any monitoring of

anti-war activities since the Vietnam era when it was learned that the Pentagon spied on anti-war and civil rights groups and individuals. Congress held hearings in the 1970s and recommended strict limits on military spying inside the United States.

A Pentagon spokesman declined to comment on the NBC report about the database. However, he said: "The Department of Defence uses counterintelligence and law enforcement information properly collected by law enforcement agencies.

"The use of this information is subject to strict limitations, particularly the information must be related to missions relating to protection of DoD installations, interests and personnel," he added.

The Pentagon has already acknowledged the existence of a counterintelligence programme known as the "Threat and Local Observation Notice" (TALON) reporting system. This system, the Pentagon said, is designed to gather "non-validated threat information and security anomalies indicative of possible terrorist pre-attack activity". —MNA/Reuters



An Iraqi soldier checks the identity of a motorist near a US soldier with a drawn pistol at a checkpoint near a polling centre in Baghdad's Sadr City, on 14 Dec, 2005.—INTERNET

## Ex-IA official admits CIA flights activities over Poland

WARSAW, 14 Dec— A former chief of Polish Intelligence Agency (IA) said on Tuesday that he had been informed of several — less than 10 — flights of CIA airplanes over Poland, but never heard of secret CIA prisons in the country.

Zbigniew Siemiatkowski told Radio Zet that CIA flights may also take place beyond his knowledge because there were other institutions and officials monitoring the activities such as the Agency of Internal Security and its staff. Siemiatkowski said that

head of the IA was obliged to inform Polish President and Premier about CIA flights with detained al-Qaeda suspects on board, because such incidents were important to state security.

Asked if there was possibility that CIA prisoners were tortured on

Polish territory, Siemiatkowski said, "It is difficult to imagine that I knew everything that happened in the big domain I supervised, but it is also difficult to think that such things could happen without knowledge of IA leadership." —MNA/Xinhua

## Spanish experts called Iraq war illegal

MADRID, 14 Dec— Spanish legal experts had described the Iraq war as illegal 16 days before it was launched in 2003 and warned the government against joining it, the *El Pais* paper reported on Tuesday.

Without a clear authorization from the United Nations, the war against Iraq would be illegal, said experts with the Foreign Ministry's International Judicial Consultancy, citing that UN resolutions on Iraq dating from 1999 and 2002 did not automatically authorize a war. —MNA/Xinhua

## British soldier killed, three hurt in Cyprus crash

NICOSIA, 14 Dec— A British soldier stationed in Cyprus was killed on Tuesday and three others injured when their military vehicle hit a tree and overturned, police said.

The incident occurred in the southeast of the island between the Dhakelia garrison and a communications hub run by the British military which monitors the Middle East.

The victims were not identified. Three of the soldiers belonged to the Second Battalion, Royal Regiment of Fusiliers which arrived for a tour of duty in Cyprus in early December, a British military spokesman said. —MNA/Reuters

# Transport sector witnesses sustained progress

## Development of transport in the time of the Tatmadaw government

### Developing transport network in states and divisions

The Union of Myanmar is made up of 14 states and divisions. Various national races live in different parts of the Union in unity and

amity. The government has been building transport infrastructures for the national brethren to have close contacts among them.

The government, enlisting the strength of the entire national people, has been building roads and bridges for the development of transport sec-

tor. Thanks to concerted efforts of the Tatmadaw, service personnel and local authorities, remarkable progress has been made in this regard.

New roads and bridges are being built and the old ones renovated across the nation. In this connection, renovation of roads is being carried out

### Increasing number of roads in states and divisions

Sr	state and division	1988	2005	Progress
1	Kachin	1471	1629	158
2	Kayah	396	581	185
3	Kayin	554	771	217
4	Chin	695	1062	367
5	Mon	424	431	7
6	Rakhine	448	897	449
7	Shan	4077	4530	453
8	Sagaing	1332	2132	800
9	Taninthayi	397	689	292
10	Bago	815	1016	201
11	Magway	1308	1742	434
12	Mandalay	1035	1285	250
13	Yangon	243	543	300
14	Ayeyawady	440	1332	892



An aerial view of 34 miles long Thitsa road linking Hpa-an and Myainggyingu region in Kayin State.

section-wise.

In 1988, there were 461 major roads with a length of 13,635 miles. At present, there are 621 major roads stretching 18,640 miles with an increase of 160 roads stretching 5005 miles.

Nowadays, construction of roads is under way the length and breadth of the nation while the old ones are being upgraded.

Old roads are be-

ing renovated in states and divisions. Altogether 21 roads were renovated in Kayin State, 22 in Mon State, 20 in Rakhine State, 25 in Shan State, 38 in Bago Division and 12 in Magway Division.

The table shows the increasing number of roads in states and divisions in the time of the Tatmadaw government for secure and smooth transport.

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### Greece approves purchase of 30 US "F-16" aircraft

ATHENS, 14 Dec— The Greek Government Council for Foreign Affairs and Defence (KYSEA) on Tuesday unanimously approved the purchase of 30 F-16 Block 52+ fighter aircraft from the United States through a bilateral agreement.

Defence Minister Spilios Spiliotopoulos said that the total cost of the programme will amount to 1.625 billion euros (1.95 billion US dollars) and also cover support needs of 60 aircraft of the same type purchased under a contract signed in 2000.

The minister stressed

that the new procurement will meet the defence capability needs of Greece, adding that the agreement ensures full transparency and that the new buy is based on Hellenic and US legal procedures for defence acquisitions.

The new aircraft will be delivered in 2009 and

immediately enter full operational use and be equipped with a self-protection system.

Spiliotopoulos said that the cost per aircraft under the current programme was 36.7 million euros (44.1 million US dollars).

MNA/Xinhua

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# Matters concerning detailed basic principles to be laid down for legislation of Region or State Hluttaws clarified

## Plenary Session of National Convention continues at Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township

YANGON, 15 Dec — The Plenary Session of the National Convention continued at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township at 9 am today.

It was attended by Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Commission members, Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe and Work Committee members, Chairman of the National Convention Convening Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and Management Committee members, chairmen and officials of the respective sub-committees, delegates of Kokang Democracy and Unity Party, National Unity Party, Union Kayin League, Union Pa-O National Organization, Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, Lahu National Development Party, and Wa National Development Party, representatives-elect of National Unity Party and Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, independent representatives-elect, del-

the Supreme Court, the Attorney-General's Office, the Auditor-General's Office, the Multi-party Democracy General Election Commission Office, the Office of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon City Development Committee, the Mandalay City Development Committee, and ministries concerned, other invited delegates, delegates of national race groups that have returned to the legal fold and exchanged arms for peace.

Before the Plenary Session of the National Convention at 7.30 am, Chairman of the NCCC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Commission members, NCC Work Committee Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe and Work Committee members, NCC Management Committee Chairman Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and Management Committee members, chairmen of sub-committees, officials, delegates of political parties, representatives-elect, delegates of national races, delegates of peasants, delegates of workers, delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia, delegates of State service personnel, and other invited delegates signed in the attendance books



NCCC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presiding over plenary session of National Convention at Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township.— MNA



legates of national races from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan State (South), Shan State(North), and Shan State (East), Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of peasants from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan State (South), Shan State(North), and Shan State (East), Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia and delegates of workers from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan State (South), Shan State(North), and Shan State (East), Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of State service personnel from the State Peace and Development Council Office, the President's Office, the Pyithu Hluttaw Office, the Government Office,

at the Pyidaungsu Hall and recreation hall for the delegates.

Chairman of the NCCC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presided over the Plenary Session of the National Convention, and Secretary of the Commission Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan acted as Master of Ceremonies.

The MC announced the validity of the meeting as 1,064 delegates out of 1,080 were present, accounting for 98.52 per cent.

NCC Work Committee Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe clarified matters concerning detailed basic principles to be laid down for legislation of Region or State Hluttaws to be included in judicial sector in writing the State Constitution.

*(The clarification of NCC Work Committee Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe will be reported.)*

Next, NCC Work Committee Vice-Chairman Attorney-General U Aye Maung read out the clarification made by the NCC Work Committee Chairman on matters relating to detailed basic principles to be laid down for legislation of Region or State Hluttaws to be included in judicial sector in writing the State Constitution.

*(The presentation of NCC Work Committee Vice-Chairman Attorney-General U Aye Maung will be reported.)*

NCC Work Committee Secretary U Thaung Nyunt read out the clarification made by the NCC

Work Committee Chairman on matters relating to detailed basic principles to be laid down for legislation of Region or State Hluttaws to be included in judicial sector in writing the State Constitution. The Plenary Session of the National Convention went into recess.

*(The presentation of NCC Work Committee Secretary U Thaung Nyunt will be reported.)*

When the Plenary Session of the National Convention resumed NCCC member Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein read out the clarification made by the NCC Work Committee Chairman on matters relating to detailed basic principles to be laid down for legislation of Region or State Hluttaws to be included in judicial sector in writing the State Constitution.

*(The presentation of NCCC Member Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein will be reported.)*

Next, NCCC Member Supreme Court Judge Dr Tin Aung Aye read out the clarification made by the NCC Work Committee Chairman on matters relating to detailed basic principles to be laid down for legislation of Region or State Hluttaws to be included in judicial sector in writing the State Constitution.

The Plenary Session of the National Convention was adjourned at 11.40 am.

*(The presentation of NCCC Member Supreme Court Judge Dr Tin Aung Aye will be reported.)*

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### Presentations at NC to be published

YANGON, 15 Dec — Presentations made today by National Convention Convening Work Committee Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Vice-Chairman Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Secretary U Thaung Nyunt, National Convention Convening Commission members Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein and Supreme Court Judge Dr Tin Aung Aye will be published.

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## If there arises disagreement between the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw concerning a bill, the bill shall be discussed and approved in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

YANGON, 15 Dec—*The following is the presentation on clarifications of National Convention Convening Work Committee Chairman on adoption of detailed basic principles for legislation of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to be included in judicial sector for formulating State Constitution by Member of the National Convention Convening Commission U Thein Sein at the plenary session held on 13 December at Nyaungnnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division.*

The main task of the parliaments is the legislation. Thus, I will explain the submission and approval of the bills at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

A study of the practices of world nations shows that governments as well as individual MPs have the right to submit a bill. In some countries the organization assigned by the constitution also have the right to submit a bill.

I will present the matter concerning the submission of the bill by individual MPs in explaining the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw. In the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw sector, I will explain the submission of the bill to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw by organizations at Union level.

The section 86 of the 1947 Constitution stated, "As soon as possible after the presentation to this Chamber of Deputies under Chapter VII of the estimates of receipts and estimates of expenditure of the Union for any financial year, the Chamber shall consider the estimates. Save in so far as may be provided by specific enactment in each case, the legislation required to give effect to the financial resolutions of each year shall be enacted within that year. The Chamber of Deputies shall not pass any vote of resolution, and no law shall be enacted, for the appropriation of revenue or other public moneys, unless the purpose of the appropriation shall have been recommended for the Chamber by the Union Government."

The section 125 of the Constitution also stated, "The Government shall prepare estimates of receipts and estimates of expenditure of the Union for each financial year, and shall present them to the Chamber of Deputies for consideration. The procedure to be adopted in the Chambers of Parliament with respect to the submission of estimates of expenditure, the appropriation of the revenues of the Union and all matters connected therewith shall, in so far as provision is not made in that behalf by this Constitution, be regulated in accordance with law."

The rules to the procedures of the Chamber of Deputies formed a chapter "Financial Procedures" in accord with the section 125. The chapter stated in detail the matters including the budget, additional budget, expenditure demand.

In addition to the bill concerning the financial sector, rule 97 (1) under the heading "Submission of the Bill" of the chapter 16 of the rules to the procedure stated that as soon as the government sent the letter to submit a bill to the Secretary, the ministry concerned should announce it in the gazette. The Rule 98 also said that the responsible MP could submit the request to present the bill to the parliament after five days from the day the announcement appeared in the gazette. The heading "Bill Submission" of the Chamber of Nationalities had similar prescriptions.

Concerning the organizations that have the right to present bills, the Article 89 of the 1974 Constitution stated, "The Council of Ministers shall be solely responsible for the submission of the bills on economic plan, bills on budget and bills on taxation to the Pyithu Hluttaw through the Council of State for enactment into law: The para (b) of the Article 204 stated, "The Council of Ministers shall have the right to submit to the Pyithu Hluttaw draft legislation on matters mentioned in the Article 89 as well as other matters. The

para (a) also stated, "Members of the Pyithu Hluttaw, the Council of State, the Council of People's Justices, the Council of People's Attorneys and the Council of People's Inspectors shall have the right to submit to the Pyithu Hluttaw draft legislation on matters other than those mentioned in Article 89.

In laying down detailed basic principles for the new constitution, concerning the submission of bills, the Union level organizations including the Union cabinet and Union High Court, formed according to the new constitution, should have the right to present bills for their administration in accord with the principles. The detailed basic principle concerning the Financial Commission headed by the President has already been laid down to present the budget bill and bill on additional budget to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, to give financial advice and to enact a law to set up a firm monetary system.

Bill on annual budget and bill on taxation, the Union government has drawn with the support and advice of the Financial Commission as the base, concern the Union's financial sector. Moreover, they need swift decision. Thus, a detailed basic principle should be laid down to discuss and decide the bills at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

If the Union government presents long-term and short-term plans concerning the entire nation, making of a decision for the plans requires consideration for the whole Union. Moreover, the financial allotment for them must be drawn from the Union budget. The plans that concern the entire nation should be discussed and decided at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. A law should be enacted to draw and present national plans, the Union budget, and the bill on taxation.

Concerning the right of the Union level organizations to submit bills, the delegates should discuss whether the following detailed basic principle should be adopted:

**(a) Of the matters included in the Union legislative list, the Union level organizations formed under the Constitution, shall have the right to submit bills on matters under their management, to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in accord with the prescribed procedures.**

**(b) Bills on national plans, annual budgets and taxation, which are to be submitted exclusively by the Union government shall be presented to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in accordance with the prescribed provisions for decision.**

Now I will deal with the presentation of other bills. I have already explained that the detailed basic principles "The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall have the right to make laws for the whole or any part of the Union concerning the matters stated in the Union Legislative List. If a bill is approved by the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw, it should be regarded as a bill approved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw" should be laid down.

I would like to suggest that of the bills to be submitted by the Union level organizations formed according to the constitution, other bills, except from the bills that are designated to discuss and approve exclusively at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, should be discussed and approved at the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw.

In the majority of nations which have two chambers the task of presenting and approving a bill is carried out at the two chambers. The Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw should also have the same rights. Thus, law and rules and regulations should be prescribed.

The detailed basic principles "The okkahta (speaker) and deputy okkahta (deputy speaker) of

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Amyotha (National) Hluttaw shall serve also as the nayaka (speaker) and deputy nayaka (deputy speaker) of Pyidaungsu (Union) Hluttaw from the day the tenure of office the Pyithu (People's) Hluttaw commences up to the end of 30 months. The okkahta (speaker) and deputy okkahta (deputy speaker) of Pyithu (People's) Hluttaw shall serve also as nayaka (speaker) and deputy nayaka (deputy speaker) of Pyidaungsu (Union) Hluttaw for the remaining tenure of office" have already been laid down.

The person serving as the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw after weighing up the discussions and functions in session at the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw should present the bills submitted by the Union level organizations formed according to the constitution to the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw.

Concerning the matter, the delegates should discuss whether the detailed basic principle "Except the bills that are prescribed by the Constitution to be initiated exclusively in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the bills initiated by the Union level organizations formed under the Constitution, in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall be discussed initially at the Pyithu Hluttaw or the Amyotha Hluttaw according to the prescribed provisions."

Now I will explain the procedures to study in detail in connection with the bills that should be approved exclusively at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, before they are being discussed at the hluttaw session if there arises the requirement to do so.

I have already given a suggestion to lay down the detailed basic principle "Bills on national plans, annual budgets and taxation, which can be submitted exclusively by the Union government shall be presented to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw." An organization such as Bill Committee may be required if the bills prescribed by the constitution to be discussed exclusively at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw need thorough scrutiny before they are being discussed at the meeting.

In laying down the detailed basic principles concerning the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw of the legislative sector, a detailed basic principle saying that the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw constitutes the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw; and that bill committees shall be formed at the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw. Thus the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw should have the power to authorize the bill committees of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw forming as a joint committee to cooperate each other in scrutinizing the bill that needs to do so before being discussed at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, and to present the bill together with the committee's comments. And the means to present the bill together with the joint committee's comments should be promulgated in Pyidaungsu Hluttaw law.

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## If there arises disagreement between the People's Hluttaw...

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Hence concerning the matter, the delegates should discuss whether the following detailed basic principle should be laid down:

**"If a need arises to scrutinize the bills, that are to be discussed and approved exclusively at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, they are to be scrutinized jointly by the bill committee of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the bill committee of the Amyotha Hluttaw, and the bills together with the findings and comments of the joint committee can be submitted to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in accordance with prescribed provisions."**

The Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw may reach an agreement or may disagree in approving a bill. The section 109 of the 1947 Constitution stated, "If one Chamber passes any other Bill, and the other Chamber rejects or fails to pass it, or passes it with amendments to which the Chamber where the Bill originated will not agree, the President shall convene a joint sitting of the two Chambers. The members present at the joint sitting may deliberate and shall vote together upon the Bill as last passed by the Chamber where the Bill originated and upon amendments, if any, which have been made therein by the other Chamber, and if the Bill with the amendments, if any, is passed by a majority of the total number of members of both Chambers present and voting, it shall be deemed to have been passed by both Chambers."

There may be different opinions between the People's Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw concerning a bill. If there is disagreement between the two hluttaws, the bill should be presented to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for approval. As the matter needs the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's approval, it should be presented to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting if it is in session or to the nearest hluttaw meeting if the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is not in session. If the bill concerns the public interest and earliest approval, a special or an emergency meeting should be called to approve it.

Concerning the matter, the delegates should discuss whether the detailed basic principle **"If there arises disagreement between the People's Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw concerning a bill, the bill shall be discussed and approved in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw."**

I will now explain the matter concerning the presentation of a bill to the President for signature to be able to promulgate it as a law.

The Work Committee after studying the constitutions of the world nations came to know the time limit for enactment of a bill into law, the power of the Head of State to send back the bill to the legislative Hluttaw if he presumes that the legislative Hluttaw should review it, and a provision saying that if the Bill is neither signed by the President nor sent back to legislative hluttaw within the fixed time, a bill shall become an Act in like manner as if he had signed it on the last day of the fixed time.

The sub sections 2 and 3 of the section 111 of the

1947 Constitution stated, "Save as otherwise provided by this Constitution, every Bill so presented to the President shall be signed by him not later than seven days after the date of presentation. If the Bill is not signed by the President within seven days after the date of presentation, the same shall become an Act in like manner as if he had signed it on the last of the said seven days."

Bills issued by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, and the bills that are approved in like manner as if the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw had approved them after being approved by the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw should be signed by the President to enact them into laws. In my view, the President needs an appropriate length of time to make a decision concerning the matter. A study of constitutions of other nations shows that the time limit for the matter is from 10 days to 30 days depending on the situation of the country concerned. As for Myanmar, 14 days may be appropriate.

The President has the power to send back the bill to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw together with his opinion and remarks within the limited time. Moreover, if the bill is not signed by the President within the permitted time the same shall become an Act in like manner as if he had signed it. Only then will there be mutual control between the President's executive power and the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's legislative power.

Hence, concerning the matter, delegations should suggest whether the following detailed basic principles should be laid down:

**"(a) Within 14 days after the date the President receives the bills sent to him by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw after approving them and the bills in like manner as if the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw have approved them, he shall sign the bills and shall promulgate them into law."**

**"(b) The President shall send a bill back to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw together with his comments within the fixed time to sign and promulgate it into an Act."**

**"(c) Although the President does not send a bill back to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw together with his comments within the fixed time, if the Bill is not signed by the President within 14 days after the date of presentation, the same shall become an Act in like manner as if he had signed it on the last of the said 14 days."**

Now I will explain the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's part of functions when the President sent back a bill together with his comments. The bill can be the one approved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw or the one which as if approved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw as it has already been approved by the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw. If it is a Pyidaungsu Hluttaw-approved bill, the comments of the President will be discussed at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. But if the bill is approved by the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw, the comments can be discussed separately at the two hluttaws. But there can be a delay in approving the bill as it will be discussed at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

if there arises any disagreement between the two subordinate hluttaws concerning the matter. Time can be saved if the President's comments on the bill that have already been discussed at the two hluttaws are approved at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. Arrangements will have to be made to submit the bills sent back by the President to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting in session, or at the nearest Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting if it is not in session, or at a special meeting or emergency meeting of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw if the matter needs prompt action for public interest.

When the Work Committee studied the constitutions of other nations, it found that the head of state has the power to send back the entire bill prepared by the legislative chamber or some facts contained in the bill to the chamber concerned together with his opinion and remarks, and the chamber concerned also has the power to consider whether it should accept the opinion and remarks after studying them. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw also should have the power to do so.

If the hluttaw concerned decided to amend the bill after agreeing to the President's comments, it will have to present the bill so amended in accord with the President's comments to the President to sign and enact the bill as an Act. If the hluttaw concerned does not agree to the President's comments and approved the original bill, the hluttaw should submit the bill to the President together with its approval for signature and promulgation of the bill as an Act.

As the President has already studied the bill since it was first submitted to him, he should sign and enact it into an Act in a short time. In my view, it will be appropriate if the time frame for the matter is fixed at seven days. A basic principle saying that if the Bill is not signed by the President within the limited time, the same shall become an Act in like manner as if he had signed it on the last date of the said time limit should be stated in the constitution.

Concerning the above mentioned matters, the delegates should consider whether the following paras should be laid down as basic principles:

**(a) If the President sends back the bill to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw together with his comments within the fixed time, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw after studying the President's comments can accept his comments or can decide to amend the bill, or shall make a decision to approve the bill in its original state if it does not agree the President's comments.**

**(b) The President shall sign the bill and enact it into an Act on the last of the said seven days if the bill so amended according to his comments or his comments are not accepted and the bill approved in its original state is sent back to him with the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's decision.**

**(c) If the bill sent back to the President by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is not signed by the President within the fixed time, the same shall become an Act in like manner as if he had signed it on the last date of the said time limit. — MNA**

## Relief aid donated to fire victims

YANGON, 15 Dec — A donation ceremony to assist relief aid for fire victims of 13 Ward, Hline Township was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, here this morning.

It was attended by Officer on Special Duty Brig-Gen Thura Sein Thuang, Deputy Director-General U Aung Tun Khaing of Social Welfare Department, Director U Maung Maung Khin and officials of Relief and Resettlement Department, President Mr Man Young Kin and members of Korean Association (Myanmar). Donor Mr Man Young Kin explained the purpose of donation and presented clothes, foodstuff and kitchen utensils valued at K16.7 million to the fire victims through Brig-Gen Thura Sein Thuang.

Officer on Special Duty Brig-Gen Thura Sein

Thuang presented a certificate of honour and spoke words of thanks. — MNA



Mr Man Young Kin presents the donations to Brig-Gen Thura Sein Thuang. — MNA

## Malaysia leads Putra Cup-2005



YANGON, 15 Dec — The 45th South-East Asia Amateur Golf Team Championship (Putra Cup-2005) continued for the second day at Punhlaing Golf Club, here, this morning.

After the second round, Malaysian team enlarged its leading role by firing 420 strokes in the team scratch event. Thai team put its position behind the leader by shooting 433 and host Myanmar 438 in the third position. In the individual scratch event, Ben Leong of Malaysia led with a five-under-par 136. His compatriot Mohd Sukree Othman scored a one-under-par 141, Jay Bayron of the Philippines a three-under-par 143 and Zaw Zin Win of Myanmar a two-under-par 143.

The championship continues tomorrow. — MNA



The qualified faculty members are to give lectures meeting international standard curricula to students applying modern teaching aids to be able to produce qualified outstanding students.

The Government, on its part, constructed buildings on a grand scale for respective universities and colleges and provided necessary modern teaching aids for these higher learning institutions. Furthermore, the Government is making arrangements for enabling faculty members to attend various kinds of post-graduate courses including the doctorate course at home and abroad. In addition, encouragement is being given for improvement of curricula in conformity with the present time. With the aims of increasing educated persons and outstanding human resources who can perform regional development tasks and improvement of the State, faculty members are to try their best in nurturing their students.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe cordially

briefed the Senior General on the history of the GTI, training courses, number of students, academic and management matters.

Minister for Science and Technology U Thuang gave a supplementary report.

Principal of Mohnyin Degree College U Than Nyunt reported to the Senior General on subjects being conducted at the degree college, number of students from respective townships, strength of employees and yearly increasing number of students.

Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein gave a supplementary report. Next, Chairman of Mohnyin District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Aung Din reported on economic, social and regional developments, production of monsoon and summer paddy and sufficiency of rice, cultivation of ten major crops, edible oil crops, rubber and jatropha curcas and per capital income.

Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint also reported



Senior General Than Shwe gives guidance to officers, other ranks and their families and departmental officials at Tanai Station. — MNA

## Faculty members of universities and colleges are to produce quality and quantitative educated human resources who can serve the interest of the nation

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of students, and graduates produced from the college, the principal of GCC (Myitkyina) on the history of her college, strength of faculty members and students, and matters related to the training courses and producing of graduates.

Minister for Science and Technology U Thuang gave a supplementary report on nurturing of human resources.

Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein briefed them on matters concerning Myitkyina University.

After hearing the reports, Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance, saying that universities and colleges have been opened with a view to ensuring the emergence of human resources in respective regions and the development of the regions. Hence, faculty members of universities and colleges are to produce qualitative and quantitative educated human resources who can serve the interest of the nation.

**With the aims of increasing educated persons and outstanding human resources who can perform regional development tasks and improvement of the State, faculty members are to try their best in nurturing their students.**

greeted faculty members of GTC (Myitkyina) and GCC (Myitkyina).

Afterwards, the Senior General oversaw development of Myitkyina by car.

On 13 December morning, the Senior General and party flew to Mohnyin from Myitkyina by Tatmadaw helicopter.

At Government Technical Institute in Mohnyin near Aungthabyay Ward, Principal U Min Min Tun and teachers welcomed them.

At the briefing hall, Principal U Min Min Tun

on development of Mohnyin District.

In his guidance, Senior General Than Shwe said the government is trying to possess efficient human resources in building a developed nation. He said it is found that the countries that possess human resources development are in the fore front. If a country wants to develop and prosper, it must build human resources development. He spoke of the need to transform old system of building human resources based on some major cities. This is why the system

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An aerial view of Phakant, Kachin State. — MNA



## Faculty members of universities and colleges...

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of learning not only in big cities such as Yangon and Mandalay but in all major regions of the Union has been established. The emergence of universities and colleges one after another in the 24 special regions is a fruit of the new higher education system.

He said arrangements are thus made for learning of higher education in a region like Mohnyin. By doing so, educated persons can be produced in the region. The government has reformed the system of building human resource development and the universities and colleges can nurture and produce well-qualified human resources that serve the interest of the State and the regions. The teaching methods are to be modernized in conformity

and provide facilities and teaching aids as much as possible. Arrangements are made to upgrade degree colleges and colleges to universities and technical institutes to colleges step by step.

As the government provides necessary assistance, both teachers and students are to enhance their qualifications, Senior General Than Shwe said.

Whatever social system the nation practises, there needs to bring about fundamental factors — community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order, economic development and human resource development. Without these factors, however fine system the nation exercises, it cannot expect any progress in the pragmatic world. Only with the development of



Senior General Than Shwe welcomes teachers and students of Government Technical Institute in Mohnyin.—MNA

That is why the government is doing its utmost to fulfil such important factors to shape the brighter future of the motherland with a view to enabling it to stand as an everlasting democratic one. Only when various parts of the Union are developed, will the entire Union be prosperous for the development. So, Mohnyin region is urged

as growing paddy wherever paddy thrives and rubber wherever rubber thrives, pilot planting of jatropha curcas as a cash crop.

Next, the Senior General inspected the main building of Mohnyin Government Technical Institute and cordially greeted the faculty members. Upon arrival at Mohnyin Degree

They inspected the progress of the region by car. Along the route, they were accorded a rousing welcome by local people, staff, and members of social organisations.

Next, they helicoptered to Tanai, where Brig-Gen Khin Maung Aye and senior military officers welcomed them. They also inspected the regional progress. Along

In his meeting with officers and other ranks and their family members, and departmental personnel at the hall of Tanai Station, the Senior General gave guidance on the importance of community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order, national solidarity, and regional economic development.

Next, he cordially



Senior General Than Shwe inspects the main building of Government Technical Institute in Mohnyin. — MNA

with changing and developing technology so that the education of the country becomes complete with form and essence, he added.

The government on its part will promote the qualification of teachers

human resources capable of constructing and safeguarding the nation, will it be possible to restore community peace and stability, to ensure prevalence of law and order and economic development.

to make efforts to be economically strong, while effectively exploiting its terrestrial and aquatic resources in abundance. The region should also put earnest endeavours into such programmes for economic development

College, the Senior General viewed the progress.

At 1 pm, the Senior General and party arrived at Phakant, where they were welcomed by Lt-Col Hsan Nyunt Oo of Hpa-kant Station, local authorities and residents.

the route, they received a warm welcome from members of USDA, Women's Affairs Organizations, maternal and child welfare associations and social organizations, students and country folks.

greeted those present. They left Tanai by helicopter in the evening.

USDA Secretary-General Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Secretariat Member Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, CEC Members Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe and Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, who accompanied the Senior General, met with secretaries, organizers and members of USDA, entrepreneurs and townsenders at Bhamo District USDA in Bhamo on 11 December evening, and at Kachin State USDA in Myitkyina on 12 December. At the meetings, the Secretary-General urged those present to play an active role in the drives for successful implementation of the objectives of the Association, and the tasks for regional and national development. —MNA



Mohnyin Government Technical Institute. — MNA

## Prime Minister General Soe Win attends...

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Myanmar Ambassador to Malaysia U Myint Aung, Myanmar Ambassador to the Philippines U Thaung Tun, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, Ministers for Foreign Affairs, Ministers for Economy, senior officers and officials of the Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam.

Before the summit, Prime Ministers of Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam posed for documentary photos.

Next, the 2nd Cambodia-Laos-Myanmar-Vietnam Summit followed.

They took part in the discussions on the Joint Statement of the Second CLMV Summit, and the Plan of Action to Implement the Vientiane Declaration on Enhancing Economic Cooperation and Integration Among Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and

Vietnam issued on 28 November 2004. After the discussions, they declared the joint statement, and the plan of action.

Exchange of visits among Heads of State of CLMV for promotion of friendly relations, implementation of integrated plans/joint plans between the two countries for realizing the Vientiane Declaration, and setting up of task forces were included in the joint statement.

The short- and long-term plans are to be laid down and implemented for development of the trade and investment sector, the human resources sector, the energy sector, the transport sector, the agricultural sector, the industrial development sector, the enhancement of tourism industry sector, and the information and communication technology sector in the economic cooperation and integrated future task of CLMV countries. Further-



Heads of State/Government of Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam pose for documentary photo at 2nd CLMV Summit. — MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win views Myanmar booth at East Asia Business Exhibition 2005 in Kuala Lumpur. — MNA

more, each of the CLMV countries is to lead two sectors. In this regard, Myanmar will lead in the agriculture sector and the industrial development sector.

After the summit, the Prime Minister and party viewed round the booth of Myanmar at the East Asia Business Exhibition 2005 on the ground floor of Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. In-charge of the booth Deputy Director U Ko Ko Lay of the Ministry of Commerce, CEC member of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Tun Aung and U Kyaw Thein and officials explained display of the booth at the exhibition to the Prime Minister and party.

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## Prime Minister General Soe Win attends Informal Working Dinner of ASEAN

YANGON, 15 Dec — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win on 11 December attended the Informal Working Dinner of the leaders of ASEAN nations at Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Also present at the dinner were Bruneian King Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Muizzadin Waddaulah, Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun Sen, Indonesian President Mr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bounnhang Vorachith, Malaysian Prime Minister Dato' Seri Abdullah bin Haji Ahmad Badawi, Philippine President Mrs Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, Singaporean Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsein Loong, Thai Prime Minister Dr Thaksin Shinawatra and Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Phan Van Khai.

Minister for Foreign Affairs of Myanmar U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Myanmar Ambassador to the Philippines U Thaung Tun, Director-General of the ASEAN Affairs Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Aung Bwa, foreign and economic ministers and high-ranking officials of ASEAN nations and ASEAN Secretary-General Mr Ong Keng Yong also attended the dinner.

First, Malaysian Prime Minister Dato' Seri Abdullah bin Haji Ahmad Badawi extended greetings.

At the dinner, Mr Ong Keng Yong briefed on tasks of ASEAN had carried out in a year. Prime Minister General Soe Win briefed on reconvening of National Convention and developments in Myanmar.

Leaders from the 10 member states of ASEAN also discussed matters on drafting the charter of ASEAN and greater cooperation among the members.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win attends informal working dinner of Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries at Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Kuala Lumpur.— MNA

# Prime Minister General Soe Win meets his Singaporean counterpart

YANGON, 15 Dec — Prime Minister General Soe Win met Singaporean Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong at Ballroom-1 of Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre in Malaysia at 2:30 pm on 11 December and exchanged the views on cooperation between the two countries.

Also present were Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Deputy Minister Col Thurein Zaw, Myanmar

Ambassador to Malaysia U Myint Aung, Myanmar Ambassador to the Philippines U Thaug Tun, Director-General of State Peace and Development Council Office Col Kyaw Kyaw Win, Director-General of Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Thura U Aung Htet, Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw of the Ministry of Defence, Singaporean Foreign Minister Mr George Yeo, Permanent Secretary Mr Peter Ho of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and high ranking official.

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*Prime Minister General Soe Win greets Singaporean Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong at Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre in Kuala Lumpur.*

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## Myanmar extends relations with international communities Prime Minister arrives Kuala Lumpur



Prime Minister General Soe Win takes the salute of Guard of Honour at Kuala Lumpur International Airport in Malaysia. — MNA

YANGON, 15 Dec — At the invitation of Malaysian Prime Minister Dato Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Prime Minister General Soe Win, together with Civil Service Selection and Training Board Chairman Dr Than Nyun, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Col Thurein Zaw, Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Col Kyaw Kyaw Win and departmental heads, arrived at Kuala Lumpur International Airport at 5:30 pm local time on 10 December to attend the 11th ASEAN Summit, the 2nd Cambodia-Laos-Myanmar-Vietnam Summit, other related summits, and the 1st East Asia Summit to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The Prime Minister and party were welcomed at the airport by Minister for National Planning and

Economic Development U Soe Tha who arrived there in advance, Myanmar Ambassador to Malaysia U Myint Aung, Deputy Head Datin Paduka Halimah Abdulah of Protocol Department, Malaysian Foreign Affairs Ministry, Malaysian Health Minister YB Dato Dr Chua Soi Lek. Afterwards, they took the salute of the Guard of Honour. Next, a girl from Myanmar Embassy presented bouquet to the Prime Minister. Wife of the

Myanmar Ambassador Daw Aye Aye Maw, Military Attache Brig-Gen Soe Htay and wife Daw Aye Aye Thin, embassy staff and their families paid respect to the Prime Minister.

After taking a rest at the special lounge at the airport, the Prime Minister and party proceeded to Mandarin Oriental Hotel. At the hotel, the Prime Minister and party were welcomed by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Myanmar merchants

and the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry President U Win Myint and CEC members who arrived there in advance to attend the ASEAN Investment meeting, East Asia Economic Fair and meetings to be held in Kuala Lumpur.

The Prime Minister and party went to the residence of Myanmar Ambassador to Malaysia at 8 pm and met with the ambassador and wife, the

military attache and wife, embassy staff and their families. The Prime Minister gave a speech and in his speech, he said that efforts are being made for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation under the leadership of Head of the State Senior General Than Shwe.

As a result of good leadership and implementations, taking measures with goodwill, the improvement of skills in the respective tasks, the active cooperation of NGOs and the entire people, momentum gained for the development of the country together with the emergence of the infrastructures sector-wise including State's security, stability, education, health and economy.

Myanmar, on its own part, is to carry on work continuously to reach the goal in accord with the State's Seven-Point Road

Map, the Prime Minister said.

In the international spheres, Myanmar's relation with world countries as well as countries in the region has improved. Based on the prestige and sovereignty of the nation, relations with international communities have been extended. Embassy staff are the ones serving the interests of the nation together with the government and thus staff are to discharge their duties with the spirit of taking pride in the nation and cherishing the motherland while steadfastly holding the objectives of the State. Next, the Prime Minister presented gifts to the ambassador and military attache for the staff of the embassy and the military attache's office and their families. Later, the Prime Minister and party had a dinner hosted by the ambassador and wife and left there. — MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win gives instructions to staff and family of Embassy and Military Attaché's Office at the residence of Myanmar Ambassador to Malaysia. — MNA



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## Microsoft warns of "critical" Windows security flaw

**SAN FRANCISCO, 14 Dec**—Microsoft Corp on Tuesday warned users of its Windows operating system of a "critical" security flaw in its software that could allow attackers to take complete control of a computer.

The world's largest software maker issued a patch to fix the problem as part of its monthly security bulletin. The problem mainly affects the Windows operating system and Microsoft's Internet Explorer Web browser. Computer security experts and Microsoft urged users to download and install the patch available at [www.microsoft.com/](http://www.microsoft.com/)

security. Microsoft said the vulnerability exists in its Internet Explorer Web browser, which an attacker could exploit to take over a PC by running software code after luring users to malicious Web pages. Microsoft also issued one other security warning titled at its second-highest level of "important". A vulnerability defined as "important" is

one where an outsider could break into a machine and gain access to confidential data but not replicate itself to other computers, Microsoft said. Microsoft defines a flaw as "critical" when the vulnerability could allow a damaging Internet worm to replicate without the user doing anything to the machine. The "critical" flaw affects Internet Explorer

which is a part of Windows while the "important" flaw is a vulnerability in the fundamental code that the higher level functions of Windows are all based on. For more than three years, Microsoft has been working to improve the security and reliability of its software as more and more malicious software targets weaknesses in Windows and other Microsoft software. More than 90 per cent of the world's personal computers run on the Windows operating system. —MNA/Reuters



Tourists enjoy sunrise at Moscow's Red Square on 14 Dec, 2005. A silhouette of the St Basil's cathedral is at left.—INTERNET

### Beijing launches Olympic Supplier Programme

**BEIJING, 14 Dec**—Beijing Olympic organizers on Monday launched their Supplier Programme, the third tier of the 2008 Olympics Sponsorship Programme.

The Supplier Programme includes selections of "exclusive suppliers" and "suppliers", according to the Beijing Organizing Committee for the 2008 Olympic Games (BOCOG). Exclusive suppliers will enjoy exclusive corresponding marketing rights and benefits in their own fields, while suppliers have to share the rights with other suppliers in the same fields. "It is the first time suppliers can share rights in the same field," said Yuan Bin, director of BOCOG's marketing department. Yuan named ticketing service, office equipment, stationery, furniture, sports facilities, candy, wine and tyre as the fields and categories that potential Olympic suppliers come from.

The Marketing Programme of the 2008 Olympics consists of three tiers: partners, sponsors and suppliers. Up till now, 10 partners have been signed up, namely Bank of China, China Network, Sinopec, CNPC, China Mobile, Volkswagen, Adidas, Johnson & Johnson, Air China and PICC P&C. The seven contracted sponsors are UPS, Haier, Sohu, Yili Dairy Group, Tsingtao Beer, Yanjing Beer and BHP Billiton. BOCOG's marketing campaign has been so successful that the International Olympic Committee (IOC) predicts that Beijing 2008 is likely to break the record set in Los Angeles in 1984 for the most profitable Games in history. —MNA/Xinhua

### Land Rover Motor to recall 104 Discovery 3 from China market

**BEIJING, 14 Dec**—Land Rover Motor Co will recall 104 Discovery 3 from the China market because of defective gasoline tank, said sources with the carmaker's China branch. Land Rover has delivered a report to the Chinese General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine on the recall. The recall will begin on 16 December, affecting a total of 104 imported Discovery 3 cross-country cars produced between 1 July, 2004 and 30 April, 2005, the company said. Land Rover said the car may work improperly when starting the engine due to a defective ventilate pipe in the gasoline tank. The company will change gasoline tank for all recalled cars free of charge. —MNA/Xinhua

### Healthy diet, regular exercise prevent children from diabetes

**BEIJING, 14 Dec**—A healthy diet and regular exercise can help prevent children from getting diabetes, the director of the Beijing diabetes prevention office said here on Tuesday.

Yang Jinkui was speaking at a public awareness programme on diabetes prevention sponsored by NovoNordisk China group, Beijing's diabetes prevention office and Beijing No1 Normal School. Type two diabetes is usually found among the elderly, but nowadays many young people are contracting the disease because of unhealthy lifestyles, Yang said. Although diabetes can be inherited, unhealthy lifestyle and obesity are also important factors for children contracting the disease and they need to be encouraged to eat right and do exercise more. With improving living standards many children prefer sweet food, fried food and fast food, Yang said. Today's children also watch too much television or spend too time playing electronic games, thus causing them to put on extra pounds, Yang added. The Ministry of Education reported in 2004 that almost 16 per cent of urban children aged between seven and 22 were considered obese. —MNA/Xinhua

### Peru's "Little Mermaid" in good condition after surgery

**LIMA, 14 Dec**—Peru's "Little Mermaid," a baby girl who was born with her legs joined together, is making good progress after being operated six months ago, her doctors said on Tuesday.

The 19-month-old Milagros Cerron, who had a rare congenital defect known as sirenomelia, or "mermaid syndrome," was presented to the news media on Tuesday six months after undergoing two operations to part her knees and thighs. Dressed in tiny jeans and a white vest, Milagros, whose names means miracles in Spanish, played vivaciously, giggling and blowing kisses to photographers. Milagros, who was

born in April 2004 in the Andean town of Huancayo, captured the interest of the world for her successful operation. "Milagros' condition is stable, but she'll need continued treatment and surgery for the next 10 to 15 years," said Dr Luis Rubio, who has cared for Milagros since her birth. Rubio said he was pleased with the progress Milagros had made, but cautioned that she still needed operations before she could lead a normal

life. Her genital reconstruction, for instance, will probably wait until adolescence, Rubio said. Milagros has been attempting to stand up, but is unable to maintain stability because she has no sockets for her hip bones, said Rubio. The lack of sockets is one of the biggest challenges for the doctors, who hope their operations could help the girl stand up one day, Rubio said. —MNA/Xinhua



Birds are silhouetted by the moon in Shanghai, China, on 14 Dec, 2005. INTERNET

## SPORTS



Manchester United's Wayne Rooney, left, runs for the ball with Wigan Athletic's Pascal Chimbonda during their English Premier League soccer match at Old Trafford Stadium, Manchester, England, on 14 Dec, 2005. —INTERNET

## Manchester United rout Wigan 4-0

LONDON, 15 Dec— Wayne Rooney scored twice as Manchester United eased the pressure on their manager Alex Ferguson with an overwhelming 4-0 win over Wigan at the Old Trafford on Wednesday.

Rio Ferdinand headed his first-ever goal for the club on the half hour from Ryan Giggs' accurate corner. Rooney doubled the lead with a low shot, then he hit the bar before making it 3-0 with a delicate chip over Wigan keeper Mike Pollitt. Ruud van Nistelrooy scored a penalty on 70 minutes to send Wigan crashing to their fifth successive league defeat.

The win put United second in the table, nine points behind Chelsea, and made it five wins in six Premiership matches for Ferguson.

Pollitt's brilliance seemed to be making the

home fans nervous — but they were soon put at ease with a goal from the unlikely of sources just before the half-hour.

Ferdinand's first goal for United came in his 140th appearance, and it was a simple one as he rose to head in Giggs' corner.

Wigan's keeper was still kept busy as he came out quickly to save from Rooney after the striker was set up by Giggs.

But Rooney was soon on the scoresheet with some style.

The England international appeared to have lost control when he slipped inside the area, allowing Matt Jackson to make a challenge.

But he quickly regained his footing — and the ball — before stepping inside Leighton Baines and rifling a low left-foot shot into the net.

Wigan's chances were limited, although Alan Mahon forced an excellent diving save from Edwin van der Sar with a low drive.

MNA/Xinhua

## Bolton into UEFA Cup final 32 after drawing with Sevilla

LONDON, 15 Dec— Bolton reached the last 32 of the UEFA Cup when they drew 1-1 at home to Spanish side Sevilla.

Sam Allardyce's side took the lead after the break when substitute Bruno N'Gotty blasted in from six yards at the 65th minute.

But Sevilla drew level when Adriano raced through and coolly finished past goalkeeper Ian Walker.

Luis Fabiano saw a stunning half-volley rebound off the post for the visitors while El-Hadji Diouf and Radhi Jaidi both went close for Bolton.

The Spaniards looked neat and tidy from the start but Bolton, playing Diouf, Kevin Davies and Hidetoshi Nakata in a three-pronged attack, had their chances in a lively opening spell.

Sevilla, already assured of their place in the knockout stage, were on level terms with ten minutes when substitute Adriano got on the end of a pacy attack and finished neatly across Walker.

Adriano then saw another effort go wide after a mistake by Nicky Hunt and Bolton could have won it when Ricardo Vaz Te exchanged passes with Nakata but was thwarted by keeper Antonio Notario.

MNA/Xinhua

## Nepal to hold international elephant race competition

KATHMANDU, 15 Dec— An international elephant race competition will be held in central Nepal on December 26, Radio Nepal reported Wednesday.

The competition will be held at Sauraha, the entry point to the Royal Chitawan National Park in Chitawan District, some 200 kilometres west of Kathmandu, the state-owned radio said.

Foreign tourists will also take part in the two-day competition organized by the Regional Hotel Association Nepal, it said.

The competition has been organized with the objective of attracting domestic and foreign tourists to the park enlisted in the World Heritage List.

Chitawan is the third important tourist destination in Nepal with religious and historical sites like the Devghat, Bikrambaba, Valmiki Ashram, Tharu Cultural Museum, Natural History Museum, the Bishajari Lake and the like.

Every year some 120,000 foreign and domestic tourists visit Chitawan.

Sauraha, Chitawan also plays host to the annual International Elephant Polo Competition, the radio added.

MNA/Xinhua

## Perez seeks right coach for Real

MADRID, 15 Dec — Real Madrid president Florentino Perez has said a right coach for the Spanish club need know how to make the talented individuals in his squad play together.

"The person who coaches Real Madrid needs to be disciplined, rigorous and professional," said Perez in an interview with Telemadrid on Monday.

"Coaching a collection of talented players isn't easy as they have a lot of personality and it is an art to make them play together," he added.

As many as five coaches have come and go since Vicente del Bosque was discarded two and a half years ago. The latest coach is former reserve team coach Juan Ramon Lopez Caro who took charge on a caretaker basis last week following the sacking of former Brazilian Vanderlei Luxemburgo. The club will discuss Lopez Caro's future at the end of the year.

Perez said that there are not many coaches who could manage such a collection of talented players as Real Madrid. "I will continue looking for a suitable coach until I find one," he said.—MNA/Xinhua



Hungary's Zoltan Balog (2) battles for possession against Mexico's Gerardo Torrado (6) during the second half of soccer action on 14 Dec, 2005 at Chase Field in Phoenix. The exhibition is part of the Mexican National Team's five game US Tour in preparation for the 2006 FIFA World Cup in Germany. Mexico won 2-0. —INTERNET

## Roma beat Basel 3-1 to progress in UEFA Cup

ROME, 15 Dec — AS Roma booked their place in the last 32 of the UEFA Cup with a 3-1 victory over Basel at Rome's Olympic Stadium in their final Group E match on Wednesday.

Roma had to beat the Swiss team to guarantee their progress into the knockout stages and took the lead in the 12th minute when Rodrigo Taddei volleyed past keeper Pascal Zuberbuehler.

Basel twice went close to equalizing in the first half when Gianluca Curci tipped Ivan Ergic's header on to the crossbar and then Matias Delgado curled a shot against the post from outside the area.

The match remained evenly-balanced until just before halftime when Simone Perrotta pumped a long ball over the top of Basel's static defence for Francesco Totti to go through one-on-one against Zuberbuehler and extend the home side's lead.

Basel's defence was caught out by an almost identical move four minutes after the restart, allowing Shabani Nonda a clear run on goal to grab Roma's third.

Striker Mladen Petric's goal for the visitors arrived too late to really threaten Roma, though Basel also progressed into the knockout phase of the competition.

MNA/Reuters

## Boca beat Olimpo to win Argentine championship

BUENOS AIRES, 15 Dec — Boca Juniors came from behind to beat mid-table Olimpo 2-1 away on Wednesday and win the Argentine Apertura Championship.

Boca, coached by former Argentina trainer Alfio Basile, finished three points ahead of Gimnasia-La Plata, who were held to a 1-1 draw at Banfield.

Gimnasia, who have never won the title, led the race before last weekend but were overtaken when they drew 0-0 with Newell's Old Boys and Boca beat Independiente on Sunday.

Boca, who claim to be Argentina's most popular club, took a one-point lead to Bahia Blanca but were stunned in the seventh minute when striker Ismael Blanco fired Olimpo in front from just inside the penalty area.

Boca replied within two minutes when defender Christian Diaz outjumped the Olimpo defence at the near post to head the equalizer from a corner.

Federico Insua, who has been an inspiration throughout the championship, put Boca ahead in the 41st minute when he scored direct from a free kick which wrong-footed former international goalkeeper Carlos Roa.

The halftime interval lasted nearly half an hour as police tried to persuade Boca fans to climb down from the fences around the pitch.

MNA/Reuters

# Betel quid chewing increases pharyngeal cancer risk

**NEW YORK, 15 Dec** — Betel quid chewing is a strong independent risk factor for pharyngeal cancer (cancer of the back of the throat), but not laryngeal cancer (cancer of the voice box), according to findings published in the *International Journal of Cancer*.

Chewing betel quid, which consists of betel leaf from the Piper betel vine, is popular in many parts of Asia. Betel quid is chewed for its stimulant effects, to satisfy hunger and as a social and cultural practice.

“The risks of betel quid chewing with or without tobacco, alcohol drinking and cigarette smoking have been well explored in the oral cavity but not in the pharynx and larynx,” Dr Ying-Chin Ko, of National Health Research Institutes, Taiwan, and colleagues write.

The investigators therefore examined 148 men with pharyngeal cancer, 128 men with laryngeal cancer, and 255 men without either cancer who served as “controls.”

Betel quid chewing was significantly and independently associated with the risk of pharyngeal cancer, increasing the risk by nearly eight-fold. However, no significant

association was observed between betel quid chewing and laryngeal cancer.

Those who consumed more than 20 quid a day or swallowed the betel quid juice had an even high risk — the investigators observed a synergistic

effect of these risk factors for both pharyngeal and laryngeal cancer.

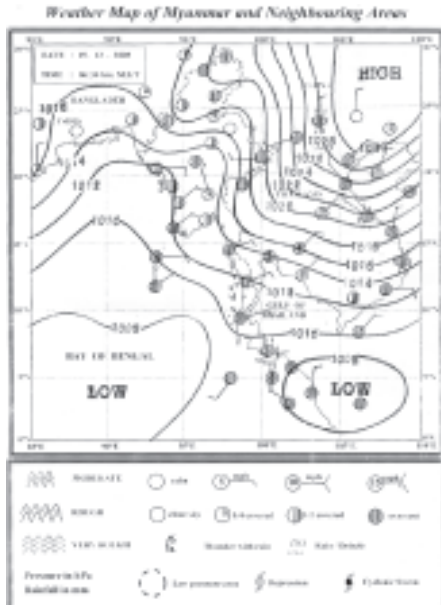
The quantity of exposure and the direct contact of the carcinogen to the mucus membrane appear to enhance the carcinogenic process, Ko and colleagues suggest.

“Further studies to explore the associations between betel quid chewing and cancers of other sites of the digestive tract, for example, the esophagus and stomach, and the effects on other systems of humans are necessary.”

MNA/Reuters



A security guard walks past models of Chinese space rockets at a space technology exhibition on Thursday, 15 Dec, 2005 in Shanghai, China. China will begin an effort to send astronauts to the moon by around 2017, official media said on Wednesday, citing the comments of a senior official of the country's lunar probe programme. — INTERNET



## WEATHER

Thursday, 15 December, 2005

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, light rain has been isolated in Taninthayi Division, weather has been generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (5°C) below normal in Kachin State, (3°C) below normal in Chin State and upper Sagaing Division, (5°C) above normal in Rakhine State, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Shan, Kayah and Mon States, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Putao (4°C) and Haka (5°C).

Maximum temperature on 14-12-2005 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 15-12-2005 was 61°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 15-12-2005 was 83%. Total sunshine hours on 14-12-2005 was (8.4) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 15-12-2005 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (103.62) inches at Mingaladon, (102.87) inches at Kaba-Aye and (107.44) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from East at (12:30) hours MST on 14-12-2005.

**Bay inference:** Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Southwest Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.


**Forecast valid until evening of 16-12-2005:** Isolated light rain are likely in Taninthayi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Shan, Rakhine and Mon States, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions, Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Generally fair weather in the whole country.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 16-12-2005:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 16-12-2005:** Generally fair weather.



**Friday, 16 December**  
**View on today**

**7:00 am**  
1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Oattamathara.

**7:15 am**  
2. တိပိဋကဓမ္မာပဒေသနာတော်အပေါ် အလှူအတန်း (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော် မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသဒ္ဓါပိဋကော်

**7:25 am**  
3. To be healthy exercise

**7:30 am**  
4. Morning news

**7:40 am**  
5. Nice and sweet song

**7:50 am**  
6. အတူပြိုင်ပွဲ

**7:55 am**  
7. ရိုးရာကျေးလက်တေးဂီတ

**8:05 am**  
8. အတူပြိုင်ပွဲ

**8:10 am**  
9. The mirror images of the musical oldies

**8:20 am**  
10. နတ်သားတောရေလှောင်တစ်

**8:30 am**  
11. International news

**8:45 am**  
12. English for Everyday Use

**4:00 pm**  
1. Martial song

**4:15 pm**  
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit

**4:30 pm**  
3. Practice in Reading

**4:45 pm**  
4. Musical programme

**5:00 pm**  
5. အဝေးသင်တန်းသို့လိပ်ညွှန်းစာ ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ - ဝတ်ယုန် (ဓာတုဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)

**5:15 pm**  
6. အတူပြိုင်ပွဲ

**5:20 pm**  
7. Song of national races

**5:30 pm**  
8. “ဒီအိုတီအို” ဖွဲ့စည်းချုပ်ချုပ် နိုင်သော် ကြွကြွကြွကြွ (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သိန်းတန်)

**5:40 pm**  
9. အချေပြိုင်ပွဲ

**5:45 pm**  
10. Musical programme

**6:00 pm**  
11. သူတစ်ပါးနှင့် ရွှေညွှတ်ခွင့်

**6:30 pm**  
12. Evening news

**7:00 pm**  
13. Weather report

**7:05 pm**  
14. Musical programme

**7:20 pm**  
15. အတူပြိုင်ပွဲ

**7:35 pm**  
16. Song of national races


**8:00 pm**  
17. News

**8:10 pm**  
18. International news

**8:20 pm**  
19. Weather report

**8:30 pm**  
20. နိုင်ငံခြား ဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မရီအထူး” (အပိုင်း-၃၈)

**8:40 pm**  
21. The next day's programme



**Friday, 16 December**  
**Tune in today**

**8:30 am** Brief news  
**8:35 am** Music: -Milk & honey Perspectives

**8:40 am** Music:  
**8:45 am** -Put your arms around me  
National news/Slogan

**9:00 am** Music: I can see it in your eyes

**9:05 am** International news

**9:10 am** Music -Where have all the cowboys gone?  
News / Slogan  
Lunch time music  
-Am I the only one  
-I miss you all over

**9:00 pm** World of music -Israel, Hungary, France, Italy, Belgium  
Article Request  
-Something tells me  
-Radio heart  
-That's how love goes

**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

## Vice-Senior General Maung Aye welcomes back Prime Minister General Soe Win on return from ASEAN Summits

YANGON, 15 Dec — The Myanmar delegation led by Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win arrived back here by special flight at 4.15 pm today after attending the 11th ASEAN Summit, the Summit of 2nd Cambodia-Laos-Myanmar-Vietnam, the ASEAN+3 Summit, the Summits of ASEAN Heads of State/Government and Heads of State/Government of the People's Republic of China, Japan and the Republic of Korea, the ASEAN-India Summit, the ASEAN-Russia Summit, and the 1st East Asia Summit, held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 11 to 14 December 2005 at the invitation of Dato' Seri Abdullah bin Haji Ahmad Badawi, Prime Minister of Malaysia.

The Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar and party were welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by 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 Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the ministers, the deputy minister for Foreign Affairs, Charge d' Affaires of the Malaysian Embassy Mr Rizany Irwan Bin Muhamad Mazlan and embassy officials, departmental heads and officials.

Members of the delegation Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Chair-



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye welcomes back Prime Minister General Soe Win at Yangon International Airport.— MNA

man of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Col Thurein Zaw, Director-General of the State Peace and Development Coun-

cil Office Col Kyaw Kyaw Win, Director-General of the Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and departmental heads also arrived back on the same flight.— MNA

## Prime Minister General Soe Win attends 2nd Cambodia-Laos-Myanmar-Vietnam Summit

YANGON, 15 Dec — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win attended the 2nd Cambodia-Laos-Myanmar-Vietnam Summit that commenced at Room Nos 302-303 on the third floor of Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre in Kuala Lumpur of Ma-

laysia at 3.50 pm on 11 December.

Also present at the summit were Prime Minister of Cambodia Mr Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Bounnhang Vorachith, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of

Vietnam Mr Phan Van Khai, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Deputy Minister Col Thurein Zaw, (See page 10)



Prime Minister General Soe Win attends Second Cambodia-Laos-Myanmar-Vietnam Summit at Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre in Kuala Lumpur.— MNA