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Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to King of Bhutan

YANGON, 17 Dec — On the occasion of the National Day of Bhutan which falls on 17 December 2005, 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 Jigme Singye Wangchuck, King of Bhutan. — MNA

Be enthusiastic in nurturing the union spirit yourself, while steadfastly ensuring it among the national brethren of every region where you are assigned to and have the duty to assist and protect them by all means.

Military might has emerged from military science which has originated in self-defence, and then in defence of own families, friends, communities and motherland

Efforts have to be exerted continually to make armies stronger, more efficient and modernized



Senior General Than Shwe addresses graduation parade of 48th Intake of Defence Services Academy.— MNA

YANGON, 16 Dec—The following is a translation of the speech delivered by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe at the graduation parade of the 48th Intake of Defence Services Academy held at the parade ground of DSA in PyinOoLwin today.

Comrades,

Today on the occasion of the graduation ceremony of the 48th Intake of Defence Services Academy I would like to impart to you what you should know as you are about to be commissioned as junior leaders in the Tatmadaw.

Comrades,

Our Tatmadaw is indeed a patriotic Tatmadaw. Genuine spirit of patriotism for our citizens, in other way, is the spirit of unionism. From time immemorial more than one hundred national races have been living through weal and woe

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Quality overwhelms quantity in making an army stronger. I would solemnly say that there cannot be enough strength as long as quality is absent. Therefore I would like to urge you all to constantly strive for making yourselves and the troops under your command better qualified.

Senior General Than Shwe delivers address at graduation parade of 48th Intake of DSA

YANGON, 16 Dec — The graduation parade of the 48th Intake of Defence Services Academy was held at the parade ground of DSA in PyinOoLwin, at 9 am today, with an address by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe.

Also present on the occasion were Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, (See page 10)

Senior General Than Shwe inspects a graduation battalion of 48th Intake of Defence Services Academy.— MNA



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

PERSPECTIVES

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Nurture highly qualified human resources

Since its assumption of the State responsibilities, the government has been striving day in, day out for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

In the process, priority is being given to development of highly qualified human resources capable of building a modern nation.

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe on 13 December 2005 toured Kachin State and met with officials at the hall of Government Technical Institute in Mohnyin.

Senior General Than Shwe in his meeting with officials concerned said that 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 resources development. Without these factors, however fine system the nation exercises, it cannot expect any progress in pragmatic world, he said. Only with the development of human resources capable of building and safeguarding the nation, will it be possible to restore community peace and tranquillity and ensure prevalence of law and order and economic development, he added.

In the present world, countries with highly qualified human resources are in the forefront. Therefore, efforts are to be made for development of human resources, a prerequisite for national development. In this regard, old system of building human resources based on some major cities is to be transformed. Hence, the system 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 24 special development regions is the fruit of the new higher education system.

At a time when the government is forming the system of building human resources, it is incumbent upon universities and colleges to nurture and produce highly qualified human resources that serve the interest of the nation and the people. The government is fulfilling all the necessary requirements in the process of transition to democracy. Only when different parts of the Union develop and prosper, will the entire Union be strong.

Therefore, the faculty members are to train and nurture highly qualified human resources capable of serving the national interest, and the local people are to strive for economic development, making better use of infrastructures created by the government.

People's Desire

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

MYANMAR GAZETTE

YANGON, 16 Dec — The State Peace and Development Council has confirmed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on expiry of the one-year probationary period.

Name	Appointment
(a) U Soe Thein	Managing-Director Myanma Hotels and Tourism Services Ministry of Hotels and Tourism
(b) U Soe Win Hlaing	Director-General Forest Department Ministry of Forestry

The State Peace and Development Council has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
(a) U Aung Kyi Director Myanma Industrial Construction Services Ministry of Industry-2	Managing Director Myanma Industrial Construction Services Ministry of Industry-2
(b) Dr U Win Pro-rector Yangon East University Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) Ministry of Education	Rector Yangon East University Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) Ministry of Education

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Construction of Mahasi Dhammayon commences

YANGON, 15 Dec— The project for construction of Mahasi Dhammayon was launched in the compound of Mahasi Medication Centre on Sasana Yeiktha Street in Bahan Township here this morning.

Daw Khin Than

Nwe, wife of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Daw Marlar Tint, wife of Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, main wellwisher Agga Maha Siri Sudhamma Singi Daw Khin Nwe Yee and wellwishers and

officials drove stakes.

Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko laid the casket of jewellery at the centre of foundation and covered it with a stone plaque.

Officials laid cornerstones at the designated places. — MNA



Daw Khin Than Nwe, wife of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, drives a stake for construction of Dhammayon of Mahasi Sasana Yeiktha.— MNA

Japanese Ambassador calls on Home Affairs Minister

YANGON, 15 Dec — Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo this afternoon received Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Nobutake Odano at the ministry here.

Also present were Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi, Director-General of Bureau of Special Investigation U Aung Sw Win, Director-General of Prisons Department U Zaw Win, Deputy Director-General of the General Administration Department Col Khin Maung Thein Head of Transnational Crime Department Police Col Sit Aye and Head of Office U Kyaw San.

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Progress in construction of Government Technological College (Myitkyina). (News reported) — MNA



A Citizen employee unveils the world's first flexible digital clock which is as thin as camera film and can be bent around the curve of a wall.—INTERNET

Iran, Pakistan strengthen bilateral ties

ISLAMABAD, 15 Dec— Pakistani and Iranian foreign ministers on Wednesday held detailed talks on Pakistan-Iran bilateral relations, regional and international developments, trade and economic cooperation as well as the Iran-Pakistan-India gas pipeline project.

Pakistani Foreign Minister Khurshid M. Kasuri and his Iranian counterpart Manouchehr Mottaki noted with satisfaction the steady growth of the bilateral relations, according to a Pakistani Foreign Office statement issued at the end of their talks.

The statement quoted Mottaki as saying that Iran attached highest priority to relations with Pakistan.

Pakistan's exports to Iran raised by 59 per cent during 2004-05 fiscal year, an encouraging sign for early achievement of the target of one billion US dollars in two-way trade. Both sides agreed to maintain the upswing, taking specific measures.

Both the foreign ministers agreed that the one-billion-dollar trade target fixed recently was easily

achievable, the statement said. Kasuri explained Pakistan's increasing energy needs due to the country's high economic growth rate. He reiterated Pakistan's interest in early implementation of the gas pipeline project.

Both sides noted that the progress of the Pakistan-Iran Joint Working Group which held its 4th round of talks in Teheran last month. The Pakistan-India Joint Working Group would be meeting in New Delhi on Friday and Saturday. The Iranian side was informed that Pakistan joined Energy Charter Treaty on 9 December.

The Pakistani Foreign Minister expressed sincere thanks for Iran's prompt and generous response to the earthquake that struck Pakistan on October 8. He appreciated, in particular,

the efficient functioning of Iran's field and mobile hospitals, the swift supply of over 10,000 tents and Iran's pledge of 200-million-dollar worth of credit for reconstruction.

MNA/Xinhua

Russia, China to boost cooperation on toxic spill

Moscow, 15 Dec— Russia said on Tuesday it would work with China to contain a river-borne toxic slick caused by an explosion at a Chinese chemical plant that is expected to hit Russian territory this week.

President Vladimir Putin said he and Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao agreed to boost cooperation after the explosion on 13 November poured 100 tons of cancer-causing benzene compounds into the Songhua River.

The Songhua, known as Sungari in Russia, flows

into the Amur River, which forms a natural border between the two countries and then flows into Russian territory.

"We agreed to work jointly to fix the consequences of this catastrophe and on further cooperation in protecting the environment," Russian news agen-

cies quoted Putin as saying on the fringes of an Asian summit in Kuala Lumpur.

The RIA Novosti news agency quoted the head of Russia's far eastern meteorological service as saying that the slick would reach Russian territory by 15 December and the city of Khabarovsk by 21 December.

The authorities in Khabarovsk are preparing for the arrival of the slick and have bought special filters to prevent benzene getting into the city's water system. Russian experts say that by the time the slick reaches Russian territory, it may be significantly less toxic than it was upstream.

"China feels genuinely upset about what had happened," Russian news agencies quoted a Kremlin source as saying after the Putin-Wen meeting.

MNA/Reuters

Oil depot still burning near London

LONDON, 15 Dec— Three of the tanks in an oil depot north of London that was rocked by explosions Monday are still burning, but police are "relatively confident" that the fire will be put out Tuesday.

Police in Hertfordshire, where the oil depot is located, said they are "confident in finding out what caused the original explosion".

Authorities said hours after the explosions that they were likely to be caused by accident.

More than 100 firefighters have been working around the clock to put out the blaze, believed to be the biggest in peacetime Europe.—MNA/Xinhua

Pentagon erred in domestic security database

WASHINGTON, 15 Dec—The Pentagon has built a massive security database to help protect US military bases and troops that includes unwarranted information on Iraq war opponents and peace activists in the United States, a defence official said on Wednesday.

The official said the database included police reports and law enforcement tips in a legitimate domestic security effort, but that it had mistakenly swept up and kept information on people who were not threats to launch terror attacks.

"We held onto things that should have been expunged because they weren't a threat," the official, who asked not to be identified, told Reuters.

Defence Undersecretary for Intelligence Stephen Cambone planned to send a letter to Congress explaining the error and promising to clean up the database and protect the privacy of innocent persons, the official added. NBC

television reported on Tuesday that it had obtained a database that indicated the military might be collecting information on Americans who oppose the war and may be also monitoring peace demonstrations.

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.—MNA/Reuters

EU Parliament to form committee to probe alleged CIA prisons

BRUSSELS, 15 Dec—Leaders of party groups of the European Parliament agreed on Wednesday to set up a temporary ad hoc committee to look into the allegations of the Central Intelligence Agency's secret jails and illegal transport of terrorist suspects in Europe.

"The Conference of Presidents of the political groups this afternoon have taken a decision in principle to set up a temporary ad hoc committee on the alleged use by the CIA of European countries for the illegal transport and detention of prisoners," the Parliament said in a statement.

The draft mandate and the composition of this committee will be determined by the Conference of Presidents at its first meeting in 2006 and

will be put to the vote at the Parliament's plenary session in January, it said.

The Council of Europe, a major human rights watchdog, last month opened a probe into reports that the United States secretly held terrorist suspects in Europe and used European soil to transfer the detainees.

Italy, Spain and Germany also have launched judicial inquiries into whether their national airports were used in CIA

"renditions" of terrorist suspects, or extra-judicial abductions. Poland announced this weekend that it would investigate whether it had been the European centre of a secret CIA prison network.

Following the Washington Post revelations last month of CIA covert prisons in Eastern Europe, a human rights group named Poland and Romania as the countries involved. But both countries have denied the charges.—MNA/Xinhua



Two Iraqi men look through a hole caused by a mortar shell that hit a house in Al-Sadr city east of Baghdad, Iraq, on 15 Dec, 2005. —INTERNET

25 die of encephalitis in Bihar

NEW DELHI, 15 Dec— At least 25 people including three children have died due to suspected encephalitis in Bihar in India, Indo-Asian News Service reported Tuesday.

These deaths in

Bagaha District have triggered panic among the local people.

However, the district civil surgeon Arundhati Roy put the death toll at 12. It is reported that local government is yet to send

a medical team to study the cause of spread of the disease.

Encephalitis is characterized by inflammation of the brain caused by a virus.

MNA/Xinhua

Transport sector witnesses sustained progress

Development of transport in the time of the Tatmadaw government

Emerging bridges across the nation

A network of roads and bridges have emerged in the Union of Myanmar. Together with newly emerging roads, bridges large and small have also been built on these roads.

In the past, there were only 198 bridges with the length of 180 feet and above but now 209 new bridges have emerged and the number has reached up to 407, increasing two times that of the past. Among the newly emerged bridges, the Tatmadaw has built 11 bridges, Myanmar Railways seven, and two by the Ministry of Electric Power.

On 26 November 2005, the Ministry of Construction commissioned 707 feet long Thanthamache

Bridge on Taungup-Maei-Kyaukpyu road in Yanbye Township, Kyaukpyu District in Rakhine State into service. Therefore, the ministry has built 189 bridges including Thanthamache Bridge.

These 189 bridges were built at a cost of over 130,000 million kyat plus US\$ 170 million. The government with goodwill has spent a huge sum of money on building bridges, and people are now enjoying invaluable benefits resulting from these endeavours.

With the emergence of bridges large and small the length and breadth of the nation, economy, education, health and social standards of people living in the respective regions have improved markedly. Moreover, these facilities link one region and another and

thus the spirit of national solidarity and Union Spirit have flourished among national brethren who are actively taking part in regional and national development undertakings.

The table shows newly emerged 180 feet and above bridges in the time of the Tatmadaw government.

Emerging bridges

Sr	Subject	1988	2005	Progress
1	180 feet and above bridge	198	407	209
	- Construction			
	- bridges completed	198	387	189
	- bridges under construction	-	31	31
	- bridges to be built	-	15	15
	- Tatmadaw Engineering	-	11	11
2	- Myanmar Railways	-	7	7
	- Electric Power	-	2	2
	Under 180 feet bridges	3305	5113	1808



Chindwin Bridge (Monywa) in Sagaing Division.

Chinese university sets up Nuclear Science, Technology school

HARBIN, 15 Dec— A Chinese university has set up a nuclear science and technology school in this capital of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province.

The Nuclear Science and Technology Institute was recently formed under the Harbin Engineering University. Sun Yufa, an academician with the Chinese Research and Development Centre of Nuclear Power, was named as honorary head of the school. The Harbin Engineering University was the former Military Engineering Institute of the People's Liberation Army, which was founded in 1953. The university has been a major base for nuclear science

and a training centre for the industry. The school has opened bachelor degree majors in nuclear reactor engineering, nuclear chemical and fuel engineering, nuclear technology application, nuclear radiation protection and environmental engineering as well as nuclear physics. The school is expected to take ten years to become an internationally respected higher-learning institute for its technological innovation power in nuclear science, and in supplying elite talents to the country's nuclear industry.

MNA/Xinhua

Bangladesh seizes rare wild birds from market

DHAKA, 15 Dec—Bangladesh forest officials seized more than 100 rare and protected wild birds from a market in the capital Dhaka on Tuesday, a forest official said.

"The avians mostly of Asian species were seized to discourage traders from procuring and selling wild birds, most of which are on the verge of extinction," said Forest Conservator Abdul Latif Meah.

The birds will be freed early on Wednesday, he said, adding that the drive against bird poachers will continue.

Hunting wild birds is a punishable offence in Bangladesh. — MNA/Reuters

Delegates groups of National Convention hold discussions

YANGON, 16 Dec — Delegates groups of National Convention—Delegates Group of Political Parties, Delegates Group of Representative-elect, Delegates Group of National Races, Delegates Group of Peasants, Delegates Group of Workers, Delegates Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsias, Delegates group of State Service Personnel and Other Invited Persons held discussions at designated halls of Nyaungnabin Camp in Hmawby Township this morning.

egates attended the meeting. The meeting chairman delivered an introductory speech. Next, those present took part in the discussions on fixing the time for the compilation of proposals and the date for submitting the proposals of delegates regarding the detailed basic principles for legislative functions of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw and Region or State Hluttaw that should be adopted and included in the legislative sector in drafting the State Consti-

acted as masters of ceremonies.

The emcee announced the start of the meeting with the permission of the chairman as there were cent per cent of delegates present. The meeting chairman delivered an introductory speech. Next, those present took part in the discussions on fixing the time for the compilation of proposals and the date for submitting the proposals of delegates regarding the detailed basic principles for the legislative functions of



U Saw Philip (a) U Philip Hsam speaking at the meeting of delegates group of political parties.— MNA



U Yaw Aye Hla of Lahu National Development Party makes a speech at the meeting of delegates group of representatives-elect. — MNA

Delegates Group of Political Parties

Delegates Group of Political Parties held group discussions at the meeting hall No 1 at 9 am today. U Saw Philip (a) U Philip Hsam of Wa National Development Party presided over the meeting. U Tun Yin Law of National Unity Party acted as members of panel of chairmen. Deputy Director U Khin Maung Phyu of National Convention Convening Work Committee Group 3 emceed it together with Assistant Director U Khin Sein. The emcee announced the start of the meeting with the permission of the chairman as 96.43 per cent of del-

tation, clarified by the NCCWC chairman. The meeting concluded with the closing remarks by the meeting chairman.

Delegates Group of Representatives-elect

Delegates Group of Representatives-elect held group discussions at the meeting hall No 2 at 9 am today. U Yaw Aye Hla of Lahu National Development Party chaired the meeting together with U Mang Kyi of Union Pa-O National Organization and U Law Hsin Kwam of Kokang Democracy and Unity Party. Deputy Director U Maung Maung Phyu Tint and Assistant Director Daw Mi Mi Shein of group 4 of NCCWC

concluded with the closing remarks by the meeting chairman.

Delegates Group of National Races

Delegates Group of National Races held group discussions at Pyidaungsu hall at 9 am today and U Mahn Ohn Maung of Kayin State presided over the meeting together with U Kyaw Din (a) U Htay Rai of Kayah State and U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of Taninthayi Division. Deputy Director U Than

State Hluttaw that should be adopted and included in the legislative sector in drafting the State Constitution, clarified by the NCCWC chairman.

The meeting concluded with the closing remarks by the meeting chairman.

Delegates Group of Peasants

Delegates Group of Peasants held group discussions at the meeting hall 4 at 9 am today and U Kan Nyunt of Sagaing Division pre-

grouped with its delegates — U Haung Kyon of Kachin State, U Tun Aye Han of Kayah State, U Kyaw Aye of Kayin State, U Mar Bun of Chin State, U Than Maung of Sagaing Division, U In Shein of Taninthayi Division, U Saw Linn Aung of Bago Division, U Aye Kyu of Magway Division, U Myint Kyaw of Mandalay Division, U Kyaw Myint of Mon State, U Thein Maung of Rakhine State, U Tun Oo of



U Mahn Ohn Maung gives a speech at the meeting of delegates group of national races. — MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw and Region or State Hluttaw that should be adopted and included in the legislative sector in drafting the State Constitution, clarified by the NCCWC chairman. The meeting

Tun and Assistant Director U Tin Maung Oo of group 5 of NCCWC acted as masters of ceremonies.

The emcee announced the start of the meeting with the permission of the chairman as there were 99.07 per cent of delegates present. The meeting chairman delivered an introductory speech. Group leader U Soe Myint of Taninthayi Division, deputy leader U Aung Zan Wai of Rakhine State and secretary U Tha Win of Yangon Division read out the proposals regarding the detailed basic principles for the legislative functions of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw and Region or

presided over the meeting together with U Tin Maung Kyaw of Magway Division and U Kyi Tint of Ayewadaya Division. Deputy Director U Myint Kyaing and Assistant Director Daw Myint Sein of group 6 of NCCWC acted as masters of ceremonies.

First, the emcee announced the start of the meeting with the permission of the chairman as there were cent per cent of delegates attended the meeting. Afterwards, the meeting chairman delivered a speech.

Regarding the detailed basic principles for legislative functions, the proposal compilation group of the delegates group of peasants was

Yangon Division, U Sai Nu of Shan State and U Khin Thaug of Ayeyawady Division.

After the meeting, members of the panel of chairmen held discussion with the proposal compilation group.

Delegates group of workers

The delegate group of workers held its meeting at the meeting hall-5 at 9 am today. Dr Myo Thant Tin of Yangon Division presided over the meeting together with U Kyaw Myo Win of Bago Division and U Bo Thein of Shan State (East). Deputy Director U Zaw Win of the work group-7 of the NCCWC and Assistant Director (See page 7)



U Kan Nyunt of Sagaing Division speaking at the meeting of delegates group of peasants.— MNA

Myanmar opposes any...

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of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, and ASEAN Secretary-General Mr Ong Keng Yong.

At 8.15 am, Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries including Myanmar arrived at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre where the 11th ASEAN Summit would be held, Malaysian Prime Minister Dato' Seri Abdullah bin Haji Ahmad Badawi welcomed them.

Before the Summit, Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries had documentary photo taken.

combating terrorist problem, prevention against avian influenza, peaceful resolution of the Korean Peninsula, sufficiency of energy sector, realization of the vision of Iraq and Palestine, and emergence of an international trade system.

The Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar delivered an address, saying that Myanmar opposes any type of terrorism, and will join hands with international communities as well as regional countries to combat the terrorism.

He invited those wishing to put investment

mit exchanged views on setting up the ASEAN youth Friendship Association, flow of more investment into ASEAN region, efforts to be made for practising of the open sky system in the transport sector of ASEAN region, and cooperation in combating and solving problem of terrorism, outbreak of avian flu epidemics, and sufficiency of energy. The summit went to recess.

At 9.30 am, officials of the ASEAN Business and Advisory Council submitted matters related to economic conditions of ASEAN countries to Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries at Conference



Prime Minister General Soe Win signs the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on the Establishment of the ASEAN Charter. — MNA

A ceremony to sign the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on the Establishment of the ASEAN Charter was held at the Plenary Theatre on the

third floor of the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. The Malaysian Prime Minister handed over the documents on the declaration to the ASEAN Secretary-General Prime Minister General Soe Win and Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries signed the declaration.

At 1 pm, ASEAN Heads of State/Government and Heads of State/Government of the People's Republic of China, Japan and the Republic of Korea attended a working luncheon at Room 304-305 on the third floor.

After the working luncheon, the 9th ASEAN+3 Summit was

held at Conference Hall-2. It was attended by ASEAN Heads of State/Government, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China Mr Wen Jiabao, Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, President of the Republic of Korea Mr Roh Moo Hyun and ASEAN Secretary-General Mr Ong Keng Yong. First, they posed for documentary photos. Afterwards, the summit launched.

All the participants exchanged views on cooperation of ASEAN with China, Japan and Korea in solving international terrorist problems, the ASEAN+3 to become (See page 7)



Heads of state/government of ASEAN countries, the People's Republic of China, Japan, and the Republic of Korea pose at the 9th ASEAN Plus Three Summit on 12-12-2005. — MNA

The Summit commenced at 8.30 am. The Malaysian Prime Minister presided over the Summit. In his speech, the Malaysian Prime Minister said that it will be a landmark to draw the ASEAN Charter. He stressed the need to implement the ASEAN Vision 2020 for successful establishment of the ASEAN society. He explained his views on

for sufficiency of the energy sector as Myanmar is rich in natural energy resources. He said that it is necessary to cooperate with investors in the tasks concerning production of substitute fuel, use of more CNG vehicles, transfer of ICT technology, and prevention against natural disasters.

Afterwards, the participants of the Sum-

Hall-2. Officials of the ASEAN Civil Society also briefed them on social situation of the ASEAN countries.

Next, the Summit resumed. Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries discussed and approved matters concerning the Asia Bond Market, the Vientiane Action Programme, and drawing of the ASEAN Charter.



Prime Minister General Soe Win seen at the signing ceremony together with Heads of state/government of ASEAN countries, China, Japan, and Korea. — MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win and Heads of state/government of ASEAN countries, pose at a ceremony to sign the Kuala Lumpur Declaration. — MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win attends the 9th ASEAN Plus Three Summit together with Heads of state/government of ASEAN countries, China, Japan, and ROK. — MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win poses for photo together with heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries and China. — MNA

and ASEAN Secretary-General Mr Ong Keng Yong. In his discussion, Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao said that China has fixed an allocation of 10 billion US dollars for ASEAN-China cooperation in energy, transport, culture, public health care and tourism sectors, more investment of Chinese entrepreneurs in ASEAN region, and giving special privileges for purchasing Chinese exports on credit to developing countries, apart from the ongoing five sectors. And one-third of it will go to ASEAN nations, he said.

Next, heads of state/government of ASEAN countries exchanged views about the proposal for the offer of the establishment of China-ASEAN Super Highway ICT, and passed a resolution to hold a summit to mark the 15th Anniversary of ASEAN-China ties.

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Col Thurein Zaw, Myanmar Ambassador to Malaysia U Myint Aung, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of the State Peace and Development Council Office, ministers, deputy ministers and senior officers of ASEAN countries, the People's Republic of China, Japan and the Republic of Korea observed convening of the summit from Conference Hall 3 and Plenary Hall 1 on the third floor. — MNA

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the main strength for the emergence of East Asian Organization, narrowing of the gap in the region, extension of cooperation sector, flow of investment into ASEAN countries, prevention against natural disasters, combating trans-national crimes, security of energy sector, flourishing of Asia Bond Market, transfer of technology, and establishment of East Asian Organization. The Summit was adjourned at 4.20 pm.

A ceremony to sign the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on the ASEAN+3 Summit was held at Plenary Theatre on the third floor of Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. ASEAN Heads of State/Government and Heads of State/Government of the People's Republic of China, Japan and the Republic of Korea signed the declaration. The Malaysian Prime Minister handed over the documents on the declaration to the ASEAN Secretary-General. Next, they posed for the documentary photo.

Next, the 9th Summit of ASEAN Heads of State/Government and the Premier of State Council of the People's Republic of China followed at the Conference Hall 2 at 5 pm. It was attended by Heads of State/Government and Premier Mr Wen Jiabao of State Council of the People's Republic of China,

Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win attends the 11th ASEAN Summit.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win attends ASEAN Charter establishment commemorative dinner

YANGON, 16 Dec — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win attended the dinner to mark the Establishment of ASEAN Charter at Room No 304-305 on the third floor of Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre in Malaysia at 8.30 pm on 12 December.

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, Ministers, Deputy Ministers and high-ranking officials of Myanmar and ASEAN nations and ASEAN Secretary-General Mr Ong Keng Yong.

During the dinner, heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries exchanged views on basic principles to be formulated for drawing an ASEAN Charter with the help of the eminent persons from ASEAN countries assigned duties to give guidance.

Chairman of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun appointed to Eminent Persons Group also presented the Myanmar's stance and views. At 10.30 pm, Prime Minister General Soe Win arrived back at the hotel where he was lodging. — MNA

Delegates groups of ...

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U Aung Win acted as masters of ceremonies.

U Kyaw Win Tun of Mandalay Division, U Khin Maung Aye of Sagaing Division and U Kyaw Myo Win of Bago Division presented com-

pilation concerning detailed basic principles clarified by the chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee to be included in the judicial sector of the constitution.

Delegates group of intellectuals and intelligentsia

The delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia held its meeting at the meeting hall-6 this morning. Film Director U Khin Zaw presided over the meeting together with (See page 13)



Dr Myo Thant Tin speaking at the meeting of delegates group of workers.

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 in our nation. As they migrated freely within the motherland in search of greener pastures, various national brethren can be seen living together harmoniously in every region. However, due to the act of sowing seeds of disintegration among the national races by the expansionists, armed struggle against fellow nationalities followed once after the independence,

Senior General Than Shwe takes the salute of the graduate cadet battalion. — MNA

which is the main culprit of being lagged behind in all round development.

When our Tatmadaw, unavoidably took over the responsibilities of the State, by upholding the Three Main National Causes of non-disintegration of the union, non-disintegration of the national solidarity, and the perpetuation of sov-

ereignty with an ultimate aim, the Twelve National Objectives have been laid down. Among these objectives, the Four Political Objectives has been laid down with the following guidelines: stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order, national reconsolidation, emergence of a new enduring State Constitution and building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new

State Constitution. In view of these guiding principles, it is obvious that the sincere goodwill of the Tatmadaw towards the State and its citizens is evident.

In the course of time, unity among the fellow nationalities has been seriously hurt and damaged and because of the consequences of the armed struggle, reviving the objectives of the stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity and

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Good planning can have progress and good leadership can achieve victory.



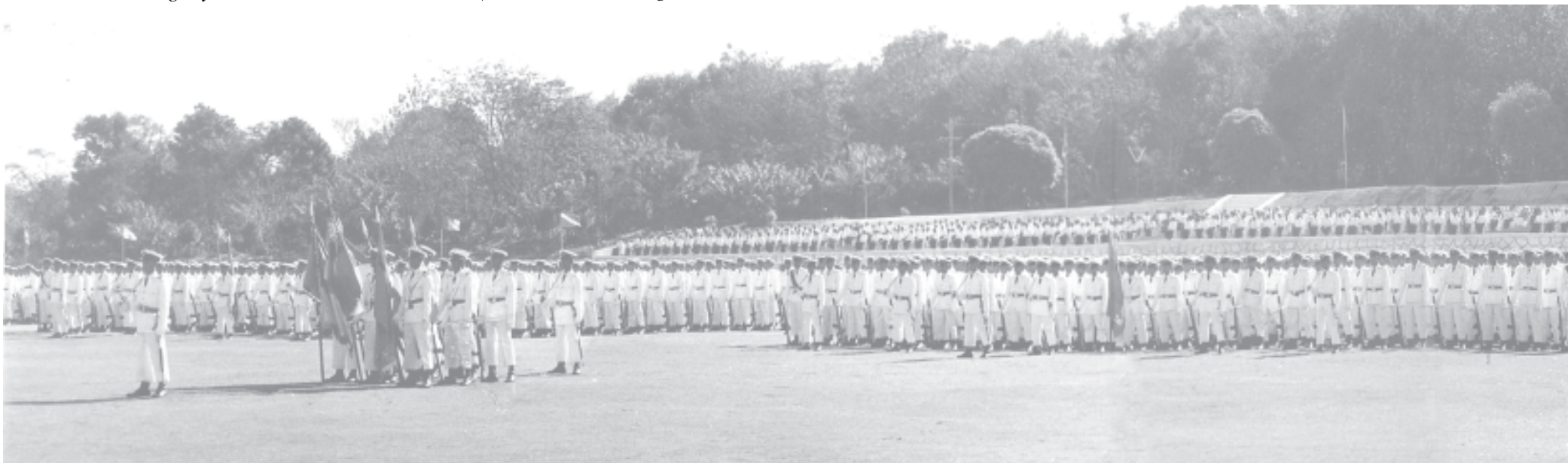
Senior General Than Shwe presents the outstanding training award to cadet Aung Kyi Thein.—MNA



Senior General Than Shwe presents the literary award (computer science) to cadet Paing Soe Ko Ko.—MNA



Senior General Than Shwe presents the literary award (science) to cadet Wai Min Htet.—MNA





Senior General Than Shwe presents Best Cadet Award to Cadet Ye Kyaw Swa.— MNA

Military might has emerged ...

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prevalence of law and order has become main priority of national reconsolidation. Now with an unrelenting effort, the internal peace desired by our people has been implemented and law and order has been prevailing almost throughout the country. The national brethren who returned to the legal fold were warmly welcomed and were able to work together in regional development projects. In doing so, the whole nation encompassing the whole border areas is witnessing peace and tranquillity and allround development have been achieved, due to genuine patriotism,

Quality overwhelms quantity in making an army stronger. I would solemnly say that there cannot be enough strength as long as quality is absent.

in other words, true national spirit of the Tatmadaw and our national brethren.

In this regard, you have to be enthusiastic in nurturing the Union Spirit yourself, while steadfastly ensuring it among the national brethren of every region where you are assigned to and have the duty to assist and protect them by all means. Today while our fellow nationals and Tatmadaw are endeavouring to fulfil the political, economic and social objectives, we are simultaneously, at the advent of becoming a new modern nation as National Convention has been successfully held for the emergence of enduring State Constitution.

Comrades,

Tatmadaw of today is taking over the responsibilities of the State, in building up with great momentum, the political strength, economic strength and defence strength of the State. You, the junior military leaders, are to be mainly assigned with the defence duties.

The military might has emerged from the mili-

tary science which has originated in self-defence, and then in the defence of our own families, friends, communities and motherland. This is the reason why all independent nations have essentially established armies since prehistorical period. In addition, efforts have to be exerted continually to make armies stronger, more efficient and modernized. That is why, we have set our objective of turning our army into **a stronger, more efficient, modern and patriotic army.** The graduation ceremony of today marks the production of human resources for the future Tatmadaw.

Comrades,

Quality overwhelms quantity in making an army stronger. I would solemnly say that there cannot be enough strength as long as quality is absent. Therefore I would like to urge you all to constantly strive for making yourselves and the troops under your command better qualified. If our Tatmadawmen who have already possessed patriotism are equipped with five basic qualities in addition to the ten-point strength



General Thura Shwe Mann and party attend the graduation parade of 48th Intake of DSA.— MNA



Those present at the graduation parade of 48th Intake of DSA.— MNA

of Tatmadaw, they will be efficient.

If the efficient and capable Tatmadaw can be equipped with increasingly sophisticated weapons and supplemented with modern military doctrine, our Tatmadaw can be turned into a modernized army. Provision of sophisticated weapons will be in proportion to the increased wealth of the nation, whereas your duties will be invariably studied to the modern military philosophy.

Comrades,

Our Tatmadawmen must not only be qualified but also exemplary in obedience to discipline. Since its inception, our Tatmadaw has military law and disciplinary rules prescribed. Moreover Tatmadawmen are the offspring of indigenous people, and this has also made them abide by the civilian laws. As our Tatmadaw is noble-minded and well-disciplined, it can stand as an army which has possessed twelve noble traditions. I would like to urge you all to turn yourselves to become new generations who will preserve these twelve noble traditions.

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Cadet companies seen at the graduation parade of 48th Intake of Defence Services Academy.— MNA



Senior General Than Shwe meets with four outstanding cadets and their parents at the hall of DSA Headquarters.— MNA

Military might has emerged from ...

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Comrades,

You, comrades the younger generations are required to preserve and promote national prestige and national pride. Our Myanmar indigenous races are both physically and mentally able and are ready to sacrifice lives and limbs in the cause of patriotism. This symbolises our national integrity and national pride, and

are to fulfil the defence duty, training duty and contribution of labour for the benefit of the people. With regard to the defence duty of the nation, while providing security of the lives and properties of all citizens, you, comrades must show your courage in facing the enemy with the motto 'Charge gallantly, Attack gallantly, Crush gallantly' When training



Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party attend the graduation parade of 48th Intake of DSA.— MNA



Military Attachés attend the graduation parade of 48th Intake of DSA.— MNA

you the Triumphant Elite of the Future are to preserve this with nationalistic Spirit. As you have given pledge to sacrifice your life for the nation and its Citizens, you are now totally belong to the State. The State not only possesses the whole life of individual but also the entire life of Tatmadaw. Therefore, the Three Main Tasks of Tatmadaw

duty is conducted to have effectiveness of three capabilities in fulfilling the training skills according to the Myanmar saying 'A Good Sword Needs To Be Sharpened, A Good Horse Needs To Be Fed.' When contribution of labour for the benefit of the people duty is performed, as an offspring of the national races, you must serve the interests

of the people up to the satisfaction in accord with the ten codes of conduct in dealing with people living in the region where you are assigned and regard them as your own parents. I would like to say that our Tatmadaw which is Patriotic must have original root of good soldiers in accordance with the proverb 'Genuine

Ivory Cannot Be Easily Worm-eaten'. To become good soldier, the codes of conduct must be steadfastly practised like the Myanmar saying 'Sarong never let loose'. If you really practise and strictly follow the codes of conduct, you will become a true noble gentleman.

mand and control to accomplish the mission assigned to them by combating harmoniously with duty conscious subordinates.

Comrades,

Military planning is coupled with military leadership. Nowadays, the art of planning is emphasized in every sector and

in every field. It is found that the methods of planning is interchangeable or adaptable from one field to another. Here I would like to say that good planning can have progress and good leadership can achieve victory.

Comrades,

In conclusion, I would like to stress the

If you really practise and strictly follow the codes of conduct, you will become a true noble gentleman.

needs that as effective human resources, you must uphold in high esteem Our Three Main National Causes, the Union Spirit and the Twelve Noble Traditions of the Tatmadaw with Defence, Political, Economic and Administrative Visions.

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Four outstanding cadets and their parents.— MNA

Senior General Than Shwe delivers ...

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Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Ministers Maj-Gen Htay Oo, U Aung Thauang, Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Col Thein Nyunt, Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Brig-Gen Lun Thi, U Thauang, Dr Chan Nyein, Dr Kyaw Myint and Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Military Appointment-General Maj-Gen Hsan Hsint of the Ministry of Defence, Defence Services Inspector-General Maj-Gen Thein Htaik, Maj-Gen Kyi Win of the Ministry of Defence, Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Aung Kyi, Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, Di-

rectors Maj-Gen Mya Win, Maj-Gen Tin Soe, Maj-Gen Thein Tun, Maj-Gen Khin Maung Tint, Maj-Gen Than Aung, Maj-Gen Tin Tun, Maj-Gen Sein Lin, Maj-Gen Aye Myint, PyinOoLwin Station Commander Brig-Gen Nyi Tun and senior military officers, military attachés of foreign missions to Myanmar, Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, departmental officials, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, Red Cross and Auxiliary Fire Brigades, parents and relatives of the cadets and guests.

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe took the salute of the cadet battalions. Next, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services inspected the graduate cadet battalions.

Afterwards, the graduate cadet battalion marched

past the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.

The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services presented Best Cadet Award to Cadet Ye Kyaw Swa, Excellence in Training Award to Cadet Aung Kyi Thein, Excellence in Study Award (Computer Science) to Cadet Paing Soe Ko Ko, and Excellence in Study Award (Science) to Cadet Wai Min Htet.

Next, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe delivered an address at the graduation parade. (*The speech of the Senior General was reported separately.*)

The Senior General took the salute of the cadet battalions and left there.

After the graduation parade, Senior General Than Shwe met with four outstanding cadets and their parents at the hall of the DSA Headquarters. — MNA

The Acts signed by the President and the Acts deemed to have been signed by the President shall be promulgated in the gazette. The Act shall come into force on the date of such promulgation unless the contrary intention is expressed.

YANGON, 16 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 Supreme Court Judge Dr Tin Aung Aye at the plenary session held on 13 December at Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division.*

I will now present a clarification for the people to know and observe the laws signed by the President or those deemed to have been signed by the President.

It is required to make the people know and observe the laws signed by the President and or those deemed to have been signed by the President. Thus, the laws should be promulgated in the gazette. The section 112 of the 1947 Constitution stated, "Every such Act shall be promulgated by the President by publication under his direction in the official gazette."

The issuance of the President-signed Acts includes the laws the President has signed within seven days after they were sent back to him for the second time with the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's approval, in addition to the Acts signed by the President within 14 days since they were first submitted to the President. The bills signed by the President within seven days are the ones that are sent back to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw by President for reconsideration at the Hluttaw.

The Acts deemed to have been signed by the President include the bills that become laws in the like manner as if signed by the President at the end of 14-day time frame, and the bills deemed to have been signed by the President as he does not sign them till the end of the seven-day time limit.

The legislative authorities after approving and enacting an Act promulgated it in the gazette and dailies. In addition to acknowledging the public, an Act needs to have the effect of a law for public observance. Thus, the wording "Every Act shall come into force on the date of such promulgation" is usually stated. There may arise legal disputes if the wording is not mentioned. Insertion of the wording in the constitution can avoid causing disputes.

The sub section 2 of the section 112 of the 1947 Constitution stated, "Every Act shall come into force on the date of such promulgation unless the contrary intention is expressed." The provision is also contained in the constitutions of some other nations. Thus, a detailed basic principle "An Act promulgated in the gazette shall come into force on the date of such promulgation" should be included in the constitution.

Concerning the above-mentioned matter, the delegates should discuss whether the following detailed basic principle should be laid down.

"The Acts signed by the President and the Acts deemed to have been signed by the President shall be promulgated in the gazette. The Act shall come into force on the date of such promulgation unless the contrary intention is expressed."

I have already explained that the Union level organizations formed according to the constitution have the power to submit bills to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. Moreover they will have to present the matters, which the constitution has stated to act in accord with the decision, approval and confirmation, to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. Concerning the matter, the members of the Union level organizations representing their bodies should have the power to attend the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw sessions and to explain and discuss at the sessions.

According to the already-laid-down detailed basic principles, the President, the Vice-Presidents, the

Union Ministers, the Union Attorney-General, the Union Auditor-General, the Union Chief Justice, and the judges of the Union Supreme Court shall not be a member of any hluttaw and if he is a member of any Hluttaw, he should resign from membership. However, the Union ministers should have the right to attend the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meetings and present or explain the bills in connection with the national plans, the Union budget bills and bills on taxation which according to the detailed basic principles should be presented solely by the Union government. In presenting the bills on judicial affairs, the Union Attorney-General and the Union Chief Justice should also have the right to attend the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and explain the bills. The Union ministers and the Union Attorney-General should have the right to make a clarification and discussions at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in connection with the executive matters when necessary. The Union Auditor-General should have the right to explain the budgets of all State organizations at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw when necessary. As all the said members of the organizations and the said persons are not the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw members, they should attend the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw only with the permission of the Speaker.

Concerning the above-mentioned matters, the delegates should discuss whether the following detailed basic principle should be laid down.

"Members of the organizations representing the Union level organizations formed under the Constitution while attending the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw with the permission of the Speaker have right to explain the bills and other matters in connection with their respective organizations."

Now I would like to explain the powers and functions of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker. The heads of hluttaw when the hluttaw meetings are in session, should supervise and control them in accord with the law and bylaw of the respective hluttaws. Thus detailed basic principles should be laid down for the Speaker to discharge the duty of supervising and controlling the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meetings systematically. The power to do so should be promulgated by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw law and the bylaw.

If the President, who is the Head of State and who represents the State, communicates the Speaker expressing the desire to address the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Speaker should have the responsibility to invite the President without fail. Thus, a detailed basic principle saying that, if the President informs the Speaker about his wish to address the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Speaker shall invite the President, should be laid down.

At the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, there will be a lot of discussions regarding the legislation, the implementations on the policy of the Union government, or the general situation of the State. Of the matters still in session at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, many of them concern the task of the Union level organizations formed according to the constitution. In such situation, the Speaker should have the power to invite the members or respective officials of the Union level organizations if the Speaker assumes that it will be beneficial for the people if the bodies representing the Union level organizations and the persons concerned with the matters included in the ongoing discussions will be permitted to present clarifications at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

There are some powers and functions of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker included in the sectors on Pyidaungsu Hluttaw sessions and bill presentation and ratification, I have already explained. Detailed provisions will also be included in the law and the bylaw of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. Thus, a detailed

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sion
Judge Dr
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Supreme
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basic principle "The Speaker shall implement his other powers and functions designated by the constitution or any law" should be laid down.

Concerning powers and functions of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker, the delegates should discuss whether the following detailed basic principles should be laid down:

- The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker shall —**
- (a) **supervise the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw sessions**
 - (b) **invite the President, if the President informs him of his desire to address the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw**
 - (c) **have the power to invite organization and persons representing any Union level organizations formed under the Constitution to attend and give clarifications on one of the matters of the ongoing discussions of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session if necessary**
 - (d) **implement his other duties and functions designated by the constitution or any law**

I wish to explain the laying down of the detailed basic principles for the Union level organizations formed according to the constitution to submit to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw the necessary matters concerning their situation. If any of the constitutional Union level organizations have an opinion on submission of any one of the State's general conditions regarding the security, administrative, economic and social sectors to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in which the people's representatives are members the organization concerned should have the right to do so.

But the constitutional Union level organizations should ask permission from the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker in advance after consulting with him to systematically submit the matter to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

In connection with the matter, the delegates should discuss whether the following detailed basic principle should be laid down.

"The Union level organizations formed under the constitution shall submit their general condition, necessary to be presented to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, with the permission of the Speaker."

In the constitutions of some global nations, the powers and functions of the parliaments, the rights and privileges of the MPs are promulgated in them. In some other countries they are promulgated in laws and bylaws in detail. I have already explained that the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw sessions should permit the right to present motions, discussions and questions. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw members should freely exercise the said rights to present motions, discussions and questions.

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UNICEF calls for stronger efforts to improve children's life

HANOI, 15 Dec — UNICEF has appealed for increasing access of children and their families to basic social services, building the foundations of a child-friendly society, and giving special attention to the most vulnerable children.

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) puts forth the three strategic areas for worldwide action in its annual publication, the State of the World's Children Report 2006 with the theme "Excluded and Invisible" launched here on Wednesday.

The UNICEF calls upon governments to concentrate on reforming

their legal system in line with the international commitments to children, spending more state budget on children, improving capacity of government staff working for children, developing good service to children in remote areas and removing barriers that hamper them from access to basic social and protection services,

officer-in-charge of UNICEF Vietnam, Christian Salazar, said at the launching ceremony.

In the developing world, 50 million children, or 55 per cent of all births, excluding China, are not registered, more than 143 million children are orphans, one in every three girls marries before 18, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

15 east European sailors freed in Nigeria

LAGOS, 15 Dec—Fifteen east European sailors, including 12 Russians, on Wednesday were freed by a Nigerian court two years after they were arrested on charges of oil smuggling.

Justice Gloria Okeke of the Lagos high court said in the judgement that the sailors were found guilty of smuggling oil and sentenced to six months imprisonment. Taking into account the time they

have already spent in detention, the judgement means they have been released and could leave the West African country now.

The sailors, also including two Romanians

and a Georgian, were the crew of a Greek oil tanker, the *African Pride*, which was sailing under a Panamanian flag when it was detained near the Nigerian coast on 8 October, 2003.—MNA/Xinhua

France privatizes motorways for 14.8 billion euros

PARIS, 15 Dec— The French Government concluded on Wednesday a privatization deal with motorway companies for a whole value of 14.8 billion euros (about 18.0 billion US dollars).

The French group Vinci will take 50.37-per cent control of the Autoroutes du Sud de la France (ASF) with the share price of 50 euros, the Spanish group Abertis will acquire the Societe des Autoroutes du Nord et de l'Est de la France (Sanef) at 58 euros per share for a total value of 4 billion euros, and the Franco-Australian Eiffage-Macquarie will take over the Autoroutes Paris-Rhin-Rhone (APRR) at 61 euros per share for a total value of 4.84 billion euros.

"This process has allowed us to get the best value out of our public assets, in excellent conditions," the French Finance Ministry said in a statement.

"The buyers chosen were those whose offers appeared the strongest based on a multi-criteria analysis in line with our specifications," it said.

The privatization project launched in June by French Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin has aroused intense controversy in the country which has 8,000-kilometre-long motorway network, the largest in the European Union.—MNA/Xinhua

The Acts signed by the President and the Acts...

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Sub section 1 of the section 68, the 1947 Constitution, stated, "Subject to the provisions of this Constitution and to the rules and standing orders regulating the procedure of the Parliament, there shall be freedom of speech in the Parliament." The fifth bylaw of the chapter 1 said that if the bylaws of the joint sittings of the two chambers of the constitution have no further promulgation, the bylaws of the Nationalities Chamber should be concerned with the joint sittings of the two chambers. The chapter XIII concerns the questions, the chapter XIV the important discussion for the people resulting from the answers to the questions, the chapter XV the rules for presenting motions.

Concerning the discussions and functions of the hluttaws, action can be taken against a hluttaw member only in accord with the laws of the hluttaw. He can be free from being charged under other laws.

The sub section 2 of the section 68, the 1947 Constitution said, "In other respects, the privileges of members of either Chamber of Parliament shall be such as may, from time to time, be defined by an Act of the Parliament." The clause 1 of the Act 3 concerning the sharing of MP's rights and privileges said that an MP should be absolutely privileged for the motions, questions, bill or other matters he wishes to ask or present to the Parliament or the Committee. According to the section 2 the parliament means the two chambers of the parliament or the two chambers holding a joint sitting.

The Article 60 of the 1974 Constitution stated, "All deliberations and actions in sessions of the Pyithu Hluttaw or of the Organs of the Pyithu Hluttaw are absolutely privileged. No member shall be liable or

punishable therefor, except under the laws, rules and regulations of the Pyithu Hluttaw."

According to my clarifications, a detailed basic principle "Subject to the provisions contained in the constitution and the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw law, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw members should have freedom of submission and speech and voting in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw". Another detailed basic principle "The discussions and the presentations in session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw are absolutely privileged, except under the laws, of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw" also be laid down.

When the Bill Committees of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw forming as a Joint Committee jointly study a bill to be discussed and approved at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, subject to the laws contained in the constitution and prescriptions of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw law, the members of the joint body should have freedom of speech, discussion and voting at the joint committee meeting. The Joint Committee should be absolutely privileged, except under the laws, of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

I have already explained that the constitutional Union level organizations have the right to explain the matters concerning the bills submitted by them or a matter under session at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw that concerns them. I have already explained that members of the Union level organizations representing any one of the their organizations formed in accord with the Constitution when attend the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw with the permission of the Speaker shall explain the bills and other matters in connection with their respective organizations. The persons who have the right to attend and who are invited to attend the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session should also be absolutely privileged like the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw members. But they should stay away from committing physical assaults in hon-

our of the hluttaw's dignity. Physical assaults will be met with action according to the law.

Concerning the above-mentioned matters, the delegates should discuss whether the following detailed basic principle should be laid down.

- “(a) Subject to the provisions contained in the constitution, and the provisions stipulated in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw law, members of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall have freedom of speech and voting at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Committee. Concerning the discussions and functions of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and the Joint Committee, a Pyidaungsu Hluttaw member shall be absolutely privileged, except under the laws of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
- “(b) Subject to the provisions contained in the constitution, and the provisions stipulated in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw law, members of organizations or persons representing any one of the Union level organizations invited to attend the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw have the freedom of speech. No action shall be taken against such persons for their speeches except under the laws of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
- “(c) However, if the persons mentioned in the above para (a) and para (b) commit physical assaults, they shall be liable to punishment according to the existing law.”— MNA

Delegates groups of ...

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Dr U Thein Oo Pho Saw and Dr Thein Nyunt. Deputy Director U Than

Amyotha Hluttaw and region or state Hluttaw in drafting the State Constitution.

Convention Convening Work Committee and Assistant Director U Htain Min acted as masters of ceremonies.

Out of 109 del-

matters on compilation of proposals of the group.

Other invited persons

The meeting of the other invited persons kicked off at 9 am at the meeting hall-8. Vice-Chairman of Myanmar History Commission U Sai Aung Tun presided over the meeting together with Dr Ma Nann Tu Jar of Kachin State Special Region-2 and U Aung Kham Hti of Shan State (South) Special Region-6.

Deputy Director U Aung Kyi of the work group-10 of the National Convention Convening Work Committee and Assistant Director U Win Myint acted as masters of ceremonies.

Out of 89 persons of the group, 83 participated in the meeting.

At the meeting, members of the group discussed matters on compilation of proposals for detailed basic principles to be included in the judicial sector of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw and region or state Hluttaw in drafting the State Constitution.

Next, proposals compilation group was set up and the meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by the meeting chairman.

MNA

Malaysia team still leads Putra Cup



YANGON, 16 Dec — The third round of the 45th South East Asia Amateur Golf Team Championship- Putra Cup 2005 was held at Punhlaing Golf Club, here, this morning.

In the team scratch event, Malaysian team was standing in the first position by shooting 643 strokes in total after the third round. Defending champion Thai team put its position behind the leader by firing 647, the Philippines team in the

third place by scoring 652, and host Myanmar stood fourth with 657.

In the individual scratch event, Ben Leong of Malaysia shot a third-round 74 for a 6-under-par total of 210. Anujit Hirunratanakorn of Thai team scored a 3-under-par total of 213 and his compatriot Nakarintra Rantanakul 216.

The fourth round of championship continues tomorrow at the same venue. — MNA



Alternate Chairman film director U Khin Zaw chairs the meeting of the delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia. — MNA

Win of work group-8 of the National Convention Convening Work Committee and Assistant Director U Nyein Myint acted as masters of ceremonies.

There were 52 delegates out of 56 listed accounting for 92.86 per cent.

At the meeting, members of the delegate group presented the compilation of proposals of the group for the detailed basic principles to be included in the judicial sectors of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw,

The meeting came to an end at 9.40.

Delegates group of State service personnel

The meeting of the delegate group of State service personnel took place at the meeting hall-7 at 9 am. Maj-Gen Aung Thein of the Ministry of Defence presided over the meeting together with U Ant Maung of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and U Myat Ko of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Deputy Director U Htay Win of the work group-9 of the National

egates, 105 participated in the meeting.

At the meeting, U Ant Maung presented the compilation of proposals for detailed basic principles clarified by the chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee to be included in the judicial sector of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw and region or state Hluttaw in drafting the State Constitution.

Next, those present at the meeting discussed

Blair faces EU showdown on rebate

BRUSSELS, 16 Dec — British Prime Minister Tony Blair faced a tough fight on Thursday to preserve London's rebate from the European Union budget, while hosting a summit of EU leaders who want him to pay more of the costs of enlargement.

The closing summit of Britain's EU presidency promised a bruising clash between London and Paris, at odds over subsidies to farmers, and between London and all other EU capitals over the rebate, which even Blair calls an anomaly.

Like all EU summits that hinge on money, the

two-day meeting is expected to stretch well into the night on Friday — following the example of an acrimonious clash in June, when EU leaders angrily broke up in the small hours after failing to agree a deal on the bloc's long-term budget.

MNA/Reuters

SPORTS



Tarik Sektioui of AZ, left, in a duel for the ball with Kim Jaggy of Grasshopper during the UEFA Cup group E soccer match between AZ and Grasshopper in Alkmaar, the Netherlands, on 15 Dec, 2005.—INTERNET

Lopez Caro faces first league game as Real Madrid manager

MADRID, 16 Dec — Juan Lopez Caro, Real Madrid soccer club's new manager, will face the challenge of Pamplona's Osasuna on Sunday, his first league match as manager which he hopes will pull Madrid closer to the top of the league, local media reported on Thursday.

The game is the 16th day of Spanish league play. Osasuna is in second place in the league, with the same number of points as league leader Barcelona, which is in first place based on a better goal difference.

It seems likely that Lopez Caro and Javier Aguirre, Osasuna's Mexican manager, will send out the same lineup as last time the two teams played. The only expected change is that England international David Beckham will substitute for French international Zinedine Zidane.

Barcelona might have most to gain from the game between its two rivals. If they draw and Barca wins its game they would consolidate their lead at the top with two points over Osasuna and eight points more than the Real Madrid. — MNA/Xinhua

Barquisimeto becomes 9th host for soccer's Copa America

CARACAS, 16 Dec — The committee organizing the 2007 Copa America has chosen Barquisimeto, 350 kilometres from Venezuela's capital Caracas, as the ninth and last site for the coming soccer competition, Eduardo Alvarez, secretary-general of the committee, told local Press on Thursday.

"We have been considering the idea of a ninth site for some time, and we got the opportunity to choose today," Alvarez said. "Barquisimeto is a sporting city par excellence, and it has the experience of having carried out other projects."

The city now has to build a stadium which meets the South American Football Federation (CSF) requirements. It already has an international airport, good ground transport links, and luxury hotels.

The other cities that will take part in the competition are Caracas, San Cristobal, Maracaibo, Puerto Ordaz, Merida, Puerto La Cruz, Barinas and Maturin. Copa America officials are expect to visit Venezuela's stadiums in March.

MNA/Xinhua

Portugal to host 2006 European under-21 soccer

LISBON, 16 Dec — The executive council of European soccer managing body UEFA has given Portugal the green light to host the 2006 European Under-21 soccer cup competition, the Portuguese Football Federation (FPF) said in a statement published on its website on Thursday.

The FPF said the event would begin on 21 May and end on 4 June. The organizing committee will be based in Oporto, and so all the games will take place a maximum of 100 kilometres from there, so that moving between games will be easy and practical.

The cities where games are being planned are: Barcelos, Braga, Guimaraes, Oporto, Aveiro and Agueda.

Portugal, Italy, Germany, Denmark, France, the Netherlands, Serbia-Montenegro and Ukraine are the eight teams taking part in the competition. Portugal organized the Under-17 football cup in 2003, the Eurocup in 2004 and the UEFA Cup Final this year.

MNA/Xinhua

Lens snatch UEFA Cup knockout berth

LONDON, 16 Dec— Substitute Issam Jemaa scored two minutes into stoppage time to hand RC Lens a 2-1 Group C win over Sampdoria on Thursday and a place in the knockout phase of the UEFA Cup.

Palermo also ensured they went into Friday's draw for the round of 32, winning Group B with a 3-0 home victory over Brondby.

The last remaining berths were filled after matches in groups A to D, with 24 teams from the eight sections joining eight sides eliminated from the Champions League group stage.

Monaco and Hamburg SV won their final Group A games and Slavia Prague, beaten 2-0 in Hamburg, also went through in third place.

Group D had already been settled two weeks ago. On Thursday, Middlesbrough secured top spot with a 2-0 home victory over third-placed Litex Lovech of Bulgaria while Dutch side AZ Alkmaar, in second place, beat Grasshoppers Zurich 1-0.

Holdes CSKA Moscow were knocked out on Wednesday when groups E to H were decided.

Lens, facing elimination in fourth place in their group before Thursday's matches, started well and opened the scoring on 10 minutes, striker Olivier Thomert flicking the ball over Sampdoria keeper Luca Castellazzi with plenty of cool.

The visitors re-

sponded with a beautiful volley from striker Francesco Flachi in the 24th but Lens kept pushing forward and were rewarded with Jemaa's last-gasp winner.

Monaco and Lens join Olympique Marseille and Racing Strasbourg in the last 32. Of the five French clubs involved, only Stade Rennes failed to survive the group phase.

Palermo, who join fellow Italians AS Roma and Udinese in Friday's draw, cruised through against a Brondby team which played with 10 men for half the game and finished out of the reckoning in fourth place.

The Sicilian team took the lead midway through the first half when striker Stephen Makinwa burst on to Mario Santana's defence-splitting pass,

rounded the keeper and slotted the ball into an empty net.

The visitors's chances of fighting their way back were ended by a double blow before halftime.

First Palermo extended their advantage, with Leandro Rinaudo forcing the ball over the line in a goalmouth scramble.

The Danes were then reduced to 10 men when defender Thomas Rytter was red-carded for a second bookable offence.

Two minutes from the end, Rinaudo grabbed Palermo's third by heading Eugenio Corini's free kick into the top corner.

In Hamburg, striker Emile Mpenza missed a penalty but made up for it by grabbing the home side's second goal in a comfortable win.

MNA/Reuters

Slavia join Monaco, Hamburg in last 32

LONDON 16 Dec— Monaco and Hamburg SV both won their final Group A games on Thursday to progress to the knockout phase of the UEFA Cup.

Slavia Prague, beaten 2-0 at Hamburg, also went through to the last 32 in third place. The Czech side finished equal on points with Viking Stavanger, who had already played their four games, but stayed above them on goal difference and one point ahead of CSKA Sofia.

Norwegians Viking and Bulgaria's CSKA, who went down 2-1 at Monaco, finished in the last two places of the five-team group and were eliminated.

Hamburg striker Emile Mpenza missed a penalty but made up for it by grabbing their second goal in a comfortable win.

Sergei Barbarez headed in a Stefan Beinlich cross to put them ahead in the ninth minute.

Slavia keeper Matus Kozacik was sent off for bringing down Mpenza on his way to goal on the half hour. The Belgian missed the spot kick but Hamburg stayed in control and Mpenza lifted the ball over substitute keeper Aleksander Seliga for the second goal in the 57th minute.

Monaco went in front four minutes after the interval through striker Olivier Kapo and France defender Sebastien Squillaci doubled their lead with 16 minutes to go. Velizar Dimitrov pulled one back for the Bulgarian side.

Holdes CSKA Moscow were eliminated on Wednesday when groups E to G were settled.

MNA/Reuters



Espanyol goalkeeper Gorka Iraizoz Moreno, from Spain, right, stop the ball in front of Maccabi Petach-Tikva player Stanislav Dubrovin, from Russia, during their UEFA Cup, Group B soccer match in Barcelona, Spain, on 15 Dec, 2005. —INTERNET

China to finish all unmanned lunar probing around 2017

BELING, 16 Dec — China will finish all its unmanned lunar probing activities around 2017 and will then start a programme to send astronauts to the moon, Ouyang Ziyuan, chief scientist of China's lunar probe programme, has said.

Ouyang, an academician of Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), was quoted by Wednesday's *Beijing Morning Post* as saying that the first lunar satellite, *Chang'e-1*, will be launched at the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in southwest China's Sichuan Province in 2007.

Delivering a speech at elite Beijing University

on Tuesday evening, Ouyang said, "The programme is now well under way as planned, and we have successfully finished prototypes for most instruments."

The lunar probe programme will be accomplished in three steps, namely lunar orbiting from 2004 to 2007, lunar landing from 2007 to 2012 and return from the moon from

2012 to 2017, according to Xu Dazhe, deputy general manager of China Aerospace Science and Technology Group Ltd.

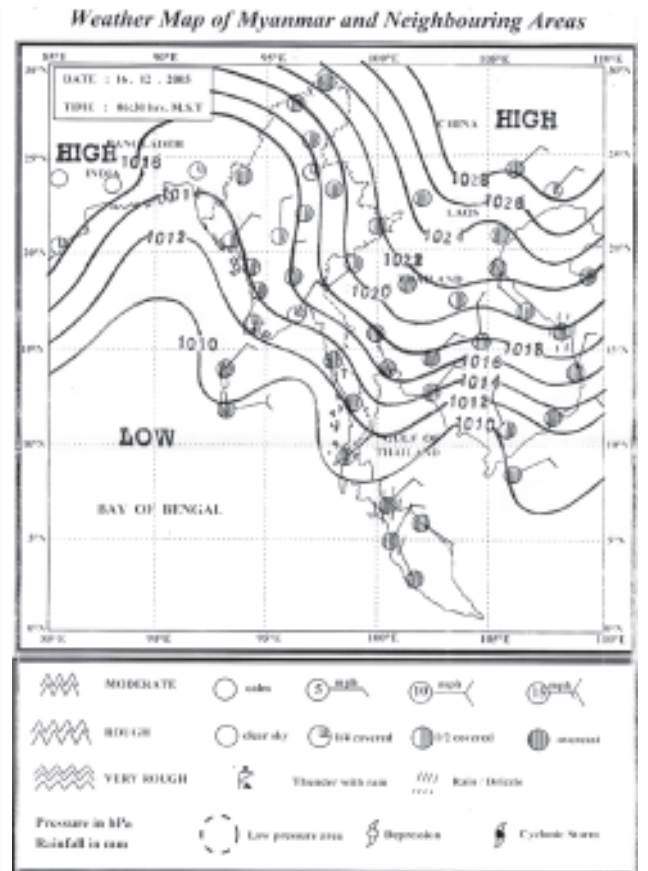
The total cost for the first stage will be 1.4 billion yuan (about 175 million US dollars).

The State Council, China's central government, approved the country's first lunar probe programme in 2004. A lunar probe

engineering centre was set up in Beijing in August this year by the Commission of Science, Technology and Industry for National Defence.

China's first lunar satellite was designed to obtain three-dimensional images of the lunar surface, analyze the content of useful elements and materials, and probe the depth of lunar soil and the space environment between the earth and the moon.

According to the design, the satellite system consists of a satellite platform and payload, which will be based on China's *Dongfanghong-3* satellite systems and other mature satellite technology. The satellite will be 2,350 kilos in weight with 130 kilos of payload, and will orbit the moon for one year. — *MNA/Xinhua*



WEATHER

Friday, 16 December, 2005

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

Maximum temperature on 15-12-2005 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 16-12-2005 was 61°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 16-12-2005 was 79%. Total sunshine hours on 15-12-2005 was (8.5) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 16-12-2005 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 (4) mph from East at (12:20) hours MST on 15-12-2005.

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 17-12-2005: Isolated light rain are likely in Taninthayi Division and weather will be partly cloudy in Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Strong easterly wind with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in strong wind may reach (35) mph. Seas will be slight to moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 17-12-2005: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 17-12-2005: Generally fair weather.

Weather outlook for third weekend of December 2005: Generally fair weather in Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.



A white tiger yawns in an enclosure in New Delhi zoo, 15 Dec, 2005. Picture taken on 15 December, 2005.

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Saturday, 17 December
View on today

<p>7:00 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာတိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော် <p>7:15 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိန္ဒာဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသဒ္ဓိ ပါဠိတော် <p>7:25 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. To be healthy exercise <p>7:30 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Morning news <p>7:40 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Nice and sweet song 	<p>7:50 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ <p>8:00 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Musical programme <p>8:10 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ <p>8:20 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. ကချင်ပြည်နယ် မိုးကောင်းတံတား <p>8:30 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. International news <p>8:45 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Grammar Made Easy <p>11:00 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Martial song <p>11:05 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Round up of the week's TV local news <p>12:05 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နေပြည်တော်ခွေး" (အပိုင်း-၁၄) <p>2:50 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ၂၀၀၅ ခုနှစ် (၄၄)ကြိမ်မြောက် တပ်မတော်ကာကွယ်ရေးဦးစီးချုပ် ဖလား၊ တပ်မတော် (ကြည်း၊ ရေလေ)ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ တိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (ပထမအကြိမ်လှည့်) <p>4:45 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Song to uphold National Spirit <p>5:00 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ် (သင်္ချာအထူးပြု) (သင်္ချာ)
<p>5:15 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ <p>5:20 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား <p>5:35 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ <p>5:45 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Games for children <p>6:00 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Musical programme <p>6:30 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Evening news <p>7:00 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Weather report <p>7:05 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "စိမ်းလဲ့ မေတ္တာကန်သာယာ" (အပိုင်း-၃၂) <p>7:35 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ <p>7:45 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Musical programme <p>8:00 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 14. News <p>8:15 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 15. International news. <p>8:30 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 16. Weather report. <p>8:45 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်မိပြီဆိုရင်" (အပိုင်း-၅) <p>9:00 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 18. The next day's programme 	

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

Myanmar opposes any type of terrorism, will join hands with international communities as well as regional countries to combat terrorists

YANGON, 16 Dec — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win attended the 11th ASEAN Summit, the 9th 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, and the 9th Summit of ASEAN Heads of State/Government and the Premier of the State Council of the People’s Republic

of China at Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 12 December, and signed the declarations of Kuala Lumpur.

Also present at the 11th ASEAN Summit and other summits were Brunei King Sultan Haji Hassanah Bolkihah Muizzadin Waddaulah, Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun Sen of Cambodia, President Mr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono of Indonesia,

Prime Minister Mr Bounnhang Vorachith of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Prime Minister Dato’ Seri Abdullah bin Haji Ahmad Badawi of Malaysia, President Mrs Gloria Macapagal Arroyo of the Philippines, Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsein Loong of Singapore, Thai Prime Minister Dr Thaksin Shinawatra, and Prime Minister Mr Phan Van Khai

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Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries pose for documentary photo at 11th ASEAN Summit.— MNA

Prime Minister General Soe Win meets Malaysian counterpart

YANGON, 16 DEC — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win met Malaysian Prime Minister Dato’ Seri Abdullah bin Haji Ahmad Badawi at Board Room on the third floor of Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre in Malaysia at 6.50 pm on 12 December and held cordial discussions on mutual interest between the two countries.

Also present at the meeting were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Myanmar Ambassador to Malaysia U Myint Aung, Myanmar Amba-

sador to the Philippines U Thaug Tun, Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of Protocol Department, Director-General U Aung Bwa of ASEAN Affairs Department and Director-General U Nyan Linn of Political Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysian Foreign Affairs Minister Dato’ Seri Syed Hamid Bin Syed Jaafar Albar, Secretary-General Tan Sri Ahmad Fuzi, Deputy Secretary-General Datuk Rastam Mohd Isd, Malaysian Ambassador-designate to Myanmar Mr Shaharudin Maf Som and high ranking officials.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win greets Malaysian Prime Minister Dato’ Seri Abdullah bin Haji Ahmad Badawi at Board Room on the third floor of Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre.

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