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Powerful countries interfering in internal affairs of others

Young generation are duty-bound to safeguard independence and sovereignty

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Jan—*The following is a translation of the message sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe on the occasion of the 59th Anniversary of the Independence Day for 2007.*

On this auspicious occasion of the 59th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar, I would like to extend my greetings to all the national people in the nation, with amity and high esteem.

It has now been 59 years since the independence and sovereignty of the Union of Myanmar was restored, after the entire national people had sacrificed a lot of lives, blood and sweat.

Since prehistoric times, all the national brethren including Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine and Shan who have been safeguarding and defending the motherland risking their lives with Union Spirit, amity, cohesion, nationalistic fervour and patriotic spirit for ensuring perpetual existence

of the Union and sovereignty.

In the course of the history, Myanmar has stood tall as an independent and sovereign nation with own monarchs in the world. Since time immemorial, the national races have been living in the Union in amity through thick and thin.

Throughout the history, Myanmar has been a union where multicultural national races have made their home in unity and harmony since prehistoric times.

The history of the Union of Myanmar is that of the national races as well. The nation was strong when national races were united. That is evidenced by the fact that the First Myanmar Empire was unified in the Bagan Period, the Second Myanmar Empire in the Toungoo Period, and the Third Myanmar Empire in the Konbaung Period due to its strengths of cohesion, economy and defence.

Myanmar nationals are the ones who are splendidly proud of their mother country, monarchs, sovereignty, literature, culture and traditions by lineage, and are well imbued with nationalistic fervour. In addition,

the national people have stood tall and well realized the value and taste of independence throughout the periods.

In the late 19th Century, Myanmar fell under alien subjugation and lost its sovereignty and independence. However, Myanmar people are fully equipped with the spirit of cherishing and valuing their motherland, the people, sovereignty, literature, culture and traditions of their own, the preparedness to make sacrifices for the nation and the people, and patriotic fervour or the spirit of being sensitive about national prestige and integrity. So, all the national brethren bravely drove out the invaders sacrificing lives, blood and sweat, and as a result, the nation regained independence and sovereignty.

Today, certain powerful countries are interfering in the internal affairs of other countries to dominate them in the political, economic and social aspects. That is indeed neo-colonialism.

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A&I Minister inspects water supply tasks in Magway Division

YANGON, 3 Jan—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo on 30 December 2006 morning inspected the construction of dams, reservoirs and lakes for agricultural purpose and greening of Pakokku District, Magway Division.

Accompanied by officials concerned, the minister looked into Tamar Dam Project under implementa-

tion in Seikpyu Township, and heard a report presented by Director of Magway Division Irrigation Department U Nay Daung on work being carried out and future tasks.

In meeting with farmers, the minister gave instructions on durability of dams and canals and boosting the production of crops with the use of irri-

gated water.

Next, the minister and party proceeded to the site of Phoni Dam Project being implemented near Gwaybin Village in Seikpyu Township where Assistant Director of Magway Division ID U Kyaw Kyaw Win reported on progress of work.

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Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspects Tamar Dam in Seikpyu Township. — A & I

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

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 4 January, 2007

Safeguard independence and sovereignty

Today, 4 January 2007, is the 59th Anniversary Independence Day of Myanmar. It was no easy task to restore independence and sovereignty. We regained the independence after driving out the colonialists and sacrificing lives, blood and sweat of the people.

All the citizens have to value and respect the essence of independence that was won by historic struggles. It is the national duty of every citizen to safeguard independence and sovereignty for its perpetuation.

Nowadays, the government is building a new democratic nation with the strength of the State, the people and the Tatmadaw. The National Convention is being held in accord with the seven-step Road Map and fundamental principles and detailed basic principles have been laid down.

In efforts to establish a peaceful modern developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation, Our Three Main National Causes—non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty—are the national policy that we always need to uphold with high regards.

It is the duty of the entire peoples to make concerted efforts for perpetuation of independent sovereign Myanmar forever through the strength of firm unity and high performances, upholding Our Three Main National Causes.

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SCHOOL FAMILY DAY
(6 to 8) January 2007

All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

Peoples' Desire

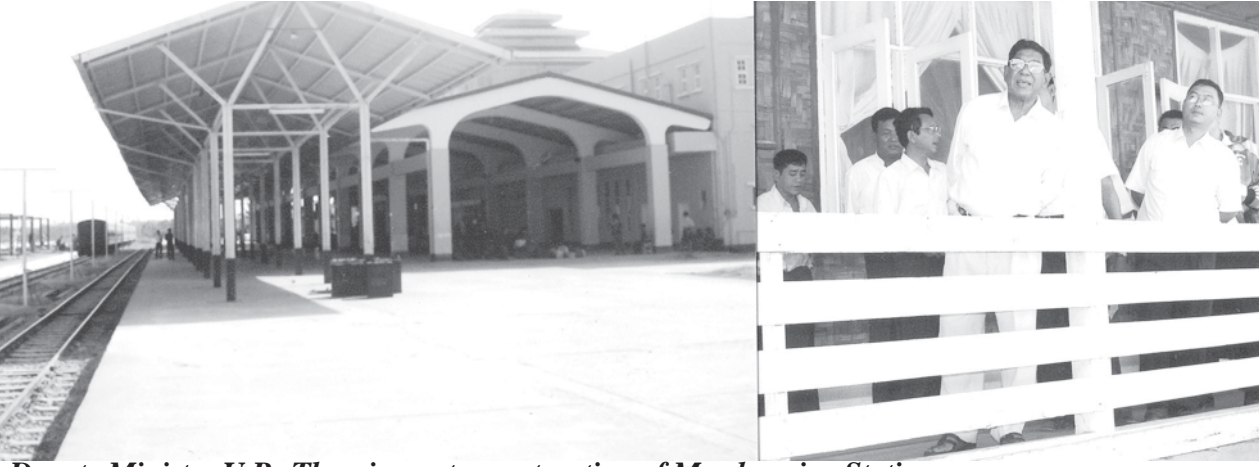
- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements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

USDA CEC member Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung presents one set of computer to the Mayangon Township USDA through Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa on 1 January.

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Deputy Minister inspects construction tasks of Sittoung-DaikU Railroad Project



Deputy Minister U Pe Than inspects construction of Mawlamyine Station. — RAIL TRANSPORTATION

YANGON, 3 Jan — Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Pe Than accompanied by officials inspected the site chosen for construction of the concrete sleeper factory of Myanma Railways and staff quarters on Mottama bank of Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine), and gave necessary instructions on 31 December 2006.

Next, the deputy minister inspected old Mottama station and progress of Mawlamyine station construction project, and attended to the needs. On 1 January, the deputy minister inspected construction tasks of Sittoung-DaikU Railroad Project, and gave necessary instructions. — MNA

Myanmar PGA and MGF President Cup Golf Tournament continues

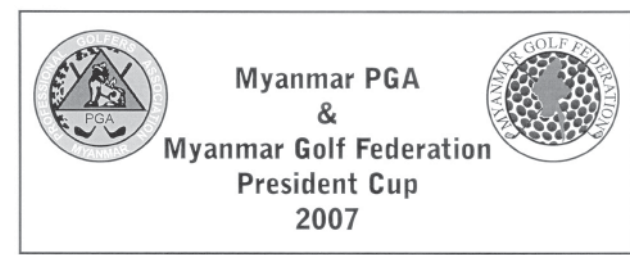
YANGON, 3 Jan — Professional golfer Naing Naing Lin and amateur golfer Bo Bo are taking their leads on the second round of the Myanmar PGA and Myanmar Golf Federation President Cup Golf Tournament held at Hanthawady Golf and Country Club in Bago today.

Although Naing Naing Lin stood at the 12th place of the table with 77 strokes yesterday, he has moved up to the lead in the professional golfers division with 144 strokes in total.

He was kept close by Thein Zaw Myint of KM Golf Centre with 145 strokes, Soe Kyaw Naing (Srixon) and Zaw Zaw Latt (Point) with 147 each.

In the men's amateur golfers division, Bo Bo is staying ahead with 143 strokes in total for two days. Runners-up are Aung Win with 144 and Nay Bala Win Myint with 147.

After the first round of the women's amateur golfers division, Youna Bark is in the lead with 71 strokes kept close by Htay Htay with 72 and So Hyun



Cho with 73.

The third round of the professional and men's amateur golfers divisions and the second round of the women's amateur golfer division continue tomorrow at the same golf course.

The golf tournament is organized by Myanmar PGA and Myanmar Golf Federation and sponsors are KM Golf Centre, Srixon, Point Golf Shop, Yamato Golf Shop, Grand Royal Special Reserve Whisky, Imperial Jade Purified Drinking Water, Golf World Trophy and Golf Accessories and Hanthawaddy Golf and Country Club. — MNA

Romania, Bulgaria celebrate accession to EU

BUCHAREST, 2 Jan—Romania and Bulgaria celebrated their accession to the European Union (EU) on Sunday midnight, with national dances and fireworks displayed in the culmination of the festivities.

“It is an important moment, a moment to demonstrate the will of the Romanian people,” declared Romanian President Traian Basescu at a flag-raising ceremony in the capital Bucharest.

The declaration prompted cheers while the starred blue EU flag was fluttering overhead at the

square in front of the government building.

European Parliament speaker Josep Borrell also attended the ceremony, addressing the reveling crowd in both French and Romanian. “Welcome Romania to the EU. Happy New Year,” he exclaimed.

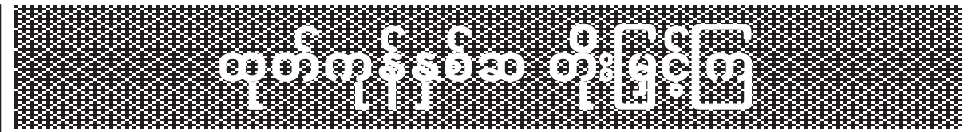
Meanwhile, revelers packed Battenberg Square in the Bulgarian capital Sofia, where the historical midnight was marked by dances, cheers and the thundering of brilliant fireworks in the sky.

President Georgi Parvanov told the nation that 1 January, 2007 would

become one of the most important dates in Bulgaria’s history. Romania and Bulgaria will be the poorest countries in the EU, with their combined GDP representing less than 1 per cent of the new 27-nation bloc.

But the benefits are mutual. Bulgaria and Romania, with their economies growing at 5 to 6 per cent in 2006, more than double that of the EU-25 average growth rate, offer ample investment opportunities for other EU members.

MNA/Xinhua



Wellwishers holding Japanese flags and banners are led by police for a public appearance by Emperor Akihito and members of the imperial family in a New Year celebration at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo on 2 Jan, 2007. —INTERNET

Ninety die and twelve survive in Indonesia jet crash



An undated file photo downloaded on Adam Air company website shows an Adam Air Boeing 737 airliner taking off in Jakarta. —INTERNET

JAKARTA, 1 Jan — Rescuers found the smoldering wreckage Tuesday of an Indonesian jetliner that went missing during a storm. Officials said 90 people were killed but 12 survived in the country’s second disaster in days. Monday’s crash followed on the heels of the sinking of a passenger ferry late Friday in Indonesia’s Java Sea that left 400 people dead or missing.

The Boeing 737 operated by local carrier Adam Air crashed in a

mountainous region of Sulawesi Island in the northeast of the sprawling archipelagic nation, said local police Chief Co Genot Hariyanto.

“The plane is destroyed and many bodies are around there,” he said. Adam Air spokesman Hartonom, who goes by just one name, said 90 people were killed and that there were 12 survivors.

Officials said rescuers were trying to evacuate survivors, but there was no immediate word on their conditions.

The plane was on a domestic flight from Java island to Sulawesi when it disappeared late Monday about an hour before it was due to land amid very bad weather. The captain managed to send out two distress signals, said national aviation chief Ihsan Tatang said on late Monday. Hundreds of people gathered at the airport in Manado seeking information about their missing relatives. —Internet

China’s GDP is expected to grow 10.5% in 2006

BEIJING, 1 Jan— China’s gross domestic product (GDP) is expected to rise by 10.5 in 2006 over the previous year, said Yao Jingyuan, chief economist of the National Bureau of Statistics. China’s economy has maintained a “fast, steady and high quality growth” this year, but efforts needed to be strengthened

as bank loans were still expanding at a rapid pace, fixed assets investment remained high and the trade imbalance lingered, Yao said on Chinese Economist 50 Forum.

In the first nine months the national economy experienced rapid growth, with the GDP up 10.7 per cent, the industrial sector

up 13 per cent, retail sales up 13.5 per cent and the foreign trade volume up 24.3 per cent over the same period last year.

According to Yao, the consumer price index (CPI) rose a moderate 1.3 percent, 0.7 of a percentage point lower than the rise of the same period last year.

MNA/Xinhua

Beijing diners fall sick after eating mushrooms

BEIJING, 1 Jan— Sixteen people in Beijing have fallen ill after eating potentially poisonous mushrooms at a branch of the Dayali Roast Duck Restaurant on Tuesday, according to the *Beijing Times*. One patient slipped into a coma for several

hours and others suffered nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea and dizziness, a spokesman for the Bo’ai Hospital confirmed.

Six patients who are seriously ill have been transferred to the 307 Hospital of the People’s Liberation Army, the

spokesman.

All 16 diners had eaten dishes containing boletus, a type of fungus which is for the most part edible but does include some poisonous species.

While food poisoning has been confirmed as the cause of the sickness outbreak, doctors are still unsure whether or not it is down to fungus poisoning. “If it were confirmed to be fungus poisoning, the situation would be much worse,” the spokesman said.

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A model show off a 28-metre-long wedding dress supported by a team of women as they walk down the streets of Shaoyang, central China’s Hunan Province, on 1 Jan 2007.

INTERNET



“AFP” photographer kidnapped in Gaza

GAZA, 1 Jan—Unknown Palestinian gunmen kidnapped a foreign photographer in Gaza City on Monday afternoon, witnesses and local media reported.

According to witnesses, a group of masked militants forced AFP photographer Jaime

Razuri out of a car and took him in their car and drove away.

Razuri comes from Peru and he came to Gaza almost a week ago. The incident took place near the Agence France-Presse office in Gaza city. No one has claimed responsibility. —MNA/Xinhua

Notifications on conferring titles and medals of commendation issued

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Jan— The State Peace and Development Council issued Notification Nos 1/2007, 2/2007, 3/2007, 4/2007, 5/2007, 6/2007, 7/2007 and 8/2007 on conferring titles and medals today, the 59th Anniversary Independence Day.

Under the Notification No 1/2007, religious titles have been conferred on Sayadaws and nuns and laity. Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Title have been conferred on one Sayadaw; Agga Maha Pandita Titles on 22 Sayadaws; Maha Dhammakahatika Bahujanahitadhara Title on one Sayadaw; Dhammakahatika Bahujanahitadhara Titles on seven Sayadaws; Agga Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Titles on 48 Sayadaws and four nuns; Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Titles on 56 Sayadaws and six nuns; Ganthavacaka Pandita Titles on 21 Sayadaws and 10 nuns; Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Titles on 3 Sayadaws; Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Titles on 40 Sayadaws; Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Titles on 45 Sayadaws, one nun and six laity; Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Titles on 40 Sayadaws, eight nuns and eight laity; Agga Maha Kammathanacariya Titles on eight Sayadaws; Maha Kammathanacariya Titles on 15 Sayadaws and one nun; Kammathanacariya Titles on eight Sayadaws; Agga Maha Thiri Thuddhamma

Manijotadhara Titles on five laity; Thiri Thddhamma Manijotadhara Titles on five laity; Thiha Thddhamma Manijotadhara Titles four laity; Thddhamma Manijotadhara Titles two laity; Agga Maha Thiri Thddhamma Theingi Titles on six laity; Thiri Thddhamma Theingi Titles on 26 laity; Thiha Thddhamma Theingi Titles on 4 laity; and Thddhamma Theingi Titles on 4 laity.

Under the Notification No 2/2007, gallantry medals were awarded to five persons; medal for excellent performance in science (First Class) was presented to one person; medal for excellent performance in arts (First Class) was presented to one person; medals for excellent performance in arts (Second Class) were presented to 11 persons; medal for excellent performance in technology (Second Class) was presented to one person; medal for excellent performance in technology (Third Class) was presented to one person; medals for excellent performance in agricultural field (Third Class) to three persons; medals for excellent performance in industrial field (Second Class) to three persons; medals for excellent performance in industrial field (Third Class) to 14 persons; medals for excellent performance in administrative field (First Class) to 17 persons; medals for excellent performance in

administrative field (Second Class) to 31 persons; medals for excellent performance in administrative field (Third Class) to 130 persons; medals for excellent performance in social field (First Class) to 41 persons; medals for excellent performance in social field (Second Class) to 63 persons; medals for excellent performance in social field (Third Class) to 137 persons; Ye Thura Medal to one person; and Ye Thurein Medal to 4 persons.

Under the Notification No 3/2007, Military Good Service Thingaha Medals were presented to 1016 persons.

Under the Notification No 4/2007, Military Good Service Medals were presented to 3444 persons.

Under the Notification No 5/2007, Good Public Service Medals were presented to 47 retired personnel and 4249 personnel.

Under the Notification No 6/2007, Good Myanmar Police Force Service Medals were presented to 30 personnel.

Under the Notification No 7/2007, MPF Service Medals were presented to 263 personnel.

Under the Notification No 8/2007, Public Service Medals were presented to one retired personnel and 7674 personnel and Law and Order Restoration Medals to 22,829 persons.—MNA

Union of Myanmar State Peace and Development Council Notification No 1/2007 2nd Waning of Pyatho 1368 ME (4 January 2007)

The State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has conferred religious titles on the following Most Venerable Sayadaws, Ganthadhura Pariyatti Lecturer Sayadaws, Vipassanadhura Patipatti Kammathana Instructor Sayadaws, Mobile Dhamma Preachers, national and foreign missionary figures and outstanding donors of the Four Essentials to the Buddhist Sasana.

Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Title

1. Bhaddanta Narada, Maha Thubawdayon Monastery, Sagaing, Sagaing Division
2. Bhaddanta Narindaçara, Taikkyang Pali Tekkatho Monastery, Gyobingauk, Bago Division (West)
3. Bhaddanta Sobhana, Thawbanawatha Monastery, Myatheindan Kyaung Pariyatti Monastery, Pazundaung Township, Yangon Division

Agga Maha Pandita Title

1. Bhaddanta Visarada, Maha Wihara Pariyatti Monastery, Kawbein Village, Kawkareik Township, Kayin State
2. Dr Bhaddanta Panditavarabhivamsa, Sitagu International Buddhist Academy, Sagaing, Sagaing Division
3. Bhaddanta Sihanabhivamsa, Hsandawtwin Kyaung Pariyatti Monastery, Bago, Bago Division
4. Bhaddanta Pandita, Shwenyaungbin Monastery, Ywabe Ward, Pyay, Bago Division (West)
5. Bhaddanta Sethila, Pisshimayon Phayagyi Monastery, Zigon, Bago Division (West)
6. Bhaddanta Vissita, Maha Dhammaikayama Shwegyin Main Building, Ohbo Shwegyin Ward, Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay Division
7. Bhaddanta Obhasabhivamsa, Yenangyoung Kyaung, Mogaung Monastery, East Thirihema, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay Division
8. Bhaddanta Silasara, Pahtamagyaw Dhammaçariya

Taikthit Monastery, Wunzin Ward, Meiktila, Mandalay Division

9. Bhaddanta Sagarabhivamsa, Thayawin Monastery, Myataung Taik, Mahaangmye Township, Mandalay Division
10. Bhaddanta Soma, Maniyadana Pariyatti Monastery, Sittway, Rakhine State
11. Bhaddanta Siddhiya, Ponnya Neinmitayon Shwethuwun Monastery, Kyeepwaryay Ward, Thingangyun Township, Yangon Division
12. Bhaddanta Pandiçça, Thayawady Monastery, Salin Kyaungtaik, Kyimyindine Township, Yangon Division
13. Bhaddanta Satalankara, Zawtikayon Pariyatti Monastery, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division
14. Bhaddanta Jotika, Kainggon Pali Tekkatho Monastery, Kayan Township, Yangon Division
15. Bhaddanta Çandimabhivamsa, Minkyaung Pathamabyan Monastery, Thanlyin Township, Yangon Division
16. Bhaddanta Aggadhamma, Dhammayanggyi Monastery, North Okkalapa Township, Yangon Division
17. Bhaddanta Sumangalabhivamsa, Mongthaung Pahtama Monastery, Nyaungshwe, Shan State
18. Bhaddanta Kodaña, Manhsu Phayagyi Monastery, Lashio, Shan State (North)
19. Bhaddanta Sumana, Setyon Monastery, Kyonmange, Wakema Township, Ayeyawady Division
20. Bhaddanta Kheminda, Pithsimayon Monastery, Pathein, Ayeyawady Division

Title recipient Sayadaws from abroad

21. Ven Udugama Sri Dhammasasse Ratanapala Thero, Asgiriya, Mahavihara, Kandy, Sri Lanka
22. Ven Kotugoda Dhammawasa Thero, Siri Dhammapalarama, Mount Labinia, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Maha Dhammakathika Bahujana Hitadhara Title

1. Bhaddanta Pañnavamsa, Shwe Pariyatti Monastery, Pabedan Ward, Mawlamyine, Mon State
- ### Dhammakathika Bahujana Hitadhara Title
1. Bhaddanta Dhammasara, Dhammasara Monastery, Mingun, Sagaing, Sagaing Division
 2. Bhaddanta Jagara, Saddhamma Alinyaung Monastery, Atwuntaung Koelon, Indagaw Model Village, Bago Township, Bago Division

Certificates of honour presented

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Jan — The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services presented the certificates of honour to 2 military personnel for their brilliant performance in discharging the national defence duties.

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3. Bhaddanta Ñanadhaja, Pyidawaye Monastery, Shanpwe Ward, Pyawbwe, Mandalay Division
 4. Bhaddanta Indaka, Dhamma Mamaka Monastery, Nyaunggan Kyaung, Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay Division
 5. Bhaddanta Çhandadhika, Shwe Parami Tawya, Leikin Ward, Thaton, Mon State
 6. Bhaddanta Pañnananda, Zaya Mingala Monastery, Insein Township, Yangon Division
 7. Bhaddanta Uttara, Mandalayama Pariyatti Monastery, Thanlyin Township, Yangon Division
- ### Agga Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Title
1. Bhaddanta Nagavamsa, Mon Pariyatti Monastery, Hpa-an, Kayin State
 2. Bhaddanta Pañnasiri, Shwetheindaw Monastery, Monywa, Sagaing Division
 3. Bhaddanta Vimala, Ngapayin Monastery, Pale, Sagaing Division
 4. Bhaddanta Kusala, Laydat Monastery, Katha, Sagaing Division
 5. Bhaddanta Pandita, Myoma Shwegu Monastery, Monywa, Sagaing Division
 6. Bhaddanta Pañnavamsa, Dhamma Paragu Monastery, Monywa, Sagaing Division
 7. Bhaddanta Saddhammadhaja, Wizayayanthi Monastery, Kyaswa Corner, Sagaing, Sagaing Division
 8. Bhaddanta Tejivanta, Maha Withoddhayon Monastery, Kalay, Sagaing Division
 9. Bhaddanta Jotika, Bago Pariyatti Monastery, Sagaing, Sagaing Division
 10. Bhaddanta Paññajota, Shwe Aungyway Pariyatti Monastery, Bago, Bago Division
 11. Bhaddanta Aggañana, Kyakhatwaing Monastery, Bago, Bago Division

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12. Bhaddanta Indakabhivamsa, KanU Monastery, Ywabe, Pyay, Bago Division (West)
 13. Bhaddanta Paññobhasa, Maha Htupayon Monastery, Thonze, Bago Division (West)
 14. Bhaddanta Obhasa, Zawtikayon Pali Tekkatho Monastery, Hsandaw Ward, Pyay, Bago Division (West)
 15. Bhaddanta Ketu, Maha Withoddayama Monastery, Salin, Magway Division
 16. Bhaddanta Sobhita, Sasana Wuddanakari Monastery, Pakokku, Magway Division
 17. Bhaddanta VEDIYA, Sasana Wiponlayama Monastery, Pakokku, Magway Division
 18. Bhaddanta Issarabhivamsa, Withoddhayon YeU Monastery, Yindaw Ward, Amarapura Township, Mandalay Division
 19. Bhaddanta Suvanankara, Abbot Training School, Dawnabwa Ward, Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay Division
 20. Bhaddanta Munindagosa, Lekaing East Monastery, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay Division
 21. Bhaddanta Sumana, Pyinnyayamika MyoU Monastery, Aungzayar Ward, Meiktila, Mandalay Division
 22. Bhaddanta Kesara, Myothit Monastery, Madaya, Mandalay Division
 23. Bhaddanta Narindavara, State Pariyatti Sasana University, Dawnabwa Ward, Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay Division
 24. Bhaddanta Vimalabuddhi, Myat Yadana Monastery, Maha Gandayon Monastery, Amarapura Township, Mandalay Division
 25. Bhaddanta Nayaka, East Taiktaw Monastery, Sanmya Yaunggyi Monastery, Dawnabwa Ward, Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay Division
 26. Bhaddanta Jotipala, Thiri Malar Pakokku Monastery, Koehsaung Taik, Myingyan, Mandalay Division
 27. Bhaddanta Niyatsettha, Aungmyanmar Monastery, Gwaygyo Taik, East ThiriHEMA, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay Division
 28. Bhaddanta Ukkattha, Taungbyin Htilin Monastery, Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay Division
 29. Bhaddanta Silananda, Sasana Weponla Monastery, Meiktila, Mandalay Division
 30. Bhaddanta Uttama, State Pariyatti Sasana University, Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay Division
 31. Bhaddanta Issaralankara Bhivamsa, Pariyatti Linkara Monastery, East Hsinde Building, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay Division
 32. Bhaddanta Janiyabhisiri, Yaypan Monastery, East Daewun, Manaungmye Township, Mandalay Division
 33. Bhaddanta Ravika, Sumangalaramika Monastery, Mawkanin Village, Ye Township, Mon State
 34. Bhaddanta Nandasiri, Nandayama Pariyatti Monastery, Sittway, Rakhine State
 35. Bhaddanta Indavamsabhivamsa, Pyinnya Parami Monastery, Ponnagyun, Rakhine State
 36. Bhaddanta Sumana, Dewathagara Theingon Monastery, Dhammakayon Pali Tekkatho Monastery, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon Division
 37. Bhaddanta Kheminda, Okpokyaung Pariyatti Monastery, Thanlyin Township, Yangon Division
 38. Dr Bhaddanta Revatalankara, Paikkyiwe East Monastery, Maha Wizitayama Monastery, Hlegu Township, Yangon Division
 39. Bhaddanta Chandima, Padagyi Pariyatti Monastery, Kyauktan Township, Yangon Division
 40. Bhaddanta Kusala, State Pariyatti Sasana University, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division
 41. Bhaddanta Paññananda, State Pariyatti Sasana University, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division
 42. Bhaddanta Kumara, Withoddaya Chanmye Thayaaye Monastery, Thanlyin Township, Yangon Division
 43. Bhaddanta Paññavamsa, Aungchantha Monastery, Aungban, Shan State
 44. Bhaddanta Sasana, Kyaikhtiyoe Monastery, Labutta, Ayeyawady Division
 45. Bhaddanta Saramati, Ziwakayama Shwegyin Monastery, Pyapon, Ayeyawady Division
 46. Bhaddanta Suriya, Taikthit Building, Dhamma Vinaya Pahtamabyan Monastery, Pyapon, Ayeyawady Division
 47. Bhaddanta Indiñanabhivamsa, Weluwun Pariyatti Monastery, Kyonpyaw, Ayeyawady Division
 48. Bhaddanta Nandavamsa, Ohbo Monastery, Dedaye, Ayeyawady Division
- Nuns**
49. Nun Daw Kančanavati, Maukkha Thalawun Corner, Sagaing, Sagaing Division
 50. Nun Daw Puññakami, Migadawon Corner, Sagaing, Sagaing Division
 51. Nun Daw Puññaçari, Thidar Aye Nunnery, Pakokku, Magway Division
 52. Nun Daw Ñanavati, Ñanavati Nunnery, Tagaung Monastery, Ahneiktaw Ward, Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay Division
- Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita Title**
1. Bhaddanta Ñanadhaja, Maha Tilokayama Pariyatti Monastery, Mogaung, Kachin State
 2. Bhaddanta Paññobhasa, Pyinnya Yaunggyi Monastery, Pyawbwe Village, Mohnyin Township, Kachin State
 3. Bhaddanta Nipaka, Yadanahman Monastery, Shwegun Village, Hlaingbwe Township, Kayin State
 4. Bhaddanta Sumana, Thanbaya Monastery, Kya-in-Seikkyi, Kayin State
 5. Bhaddanta Indavamsa, Hanthagiri Monastery, Sagaing, Sagaing Division
 6. Bhaddanta Chandavara, Yadanathein Monastery, Sagaing, Sagaing Division
 7. Bhaddanta Jatila, Pathama Ganthayon Monastery, Sagaing, Sagaing Division
 8. Bhaddanta Paññasiri, Maha Zedi Monastery, Sagaing, Sagaing Division
 9. Bhaddanta Uttama, Weluwun Taikthit Monastery, Shwebo, Sagaing Division
 10. Bhaddanta Kossala, Madamyia Monastery, Myeik, Taninthayi Division
 11. Bhaddanta Nandiya, Sasanadipa Monastery, Indaingsu Village, Waw Township, Bago Division
 12. Bhaddanta Muninda, Dhammapala Gyardawya Monastery, Nyaunglebin, Bago Division
 13. Bhaddanta Pandiçça, Myoma Monastery, Bago, Bago Division
 14. Bhaddanta Tejaniya, Okthatheingi Monastery, Bago, Bago Division
 15. Bhaddanta Mahinda, Myoma Pariyatti Monastery, Nwecho Ward 1, Paungde, Bago Division (West)
 16. Bhaddanta Kundala, Phyauckseikbin Monastery, Natmauk, Magway Division
 17. Bhaddanta Vijaya, Tayzayama Monastery, Kanbyu Village, Kyaukpadaung Township, Mandalay Division
 18. Bhaddanta Chandavara, Ketumati Toungoo Monastery, Maha Wizitayama Monastery, Pyigyidagun Township, Mandalay Division
 19. Bhaddanta Neminda, Shwein Yeiktha Monastery, Tatkon, Mandalay Division
 20. Bhaddanta Pandava, Pakokku Kyaungthit, Koehsaung Monastery, Myingyan, Mandalay Division
 21. Bhaddanta Nandiya, Zabuaeye Monastery, Moehti Taik, Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay Division
 22. Bhaddanta Dhammodaya, Masoeyein Monastery, Hsinde Taik, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay Division
 23. Bhaddanta Saddhammananda, Pathein Monastery, Dekkhiyama Phayagyi Monastery, Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay Division
 24. Bhaddanta Kançana, Hsinmin Monastery, Dekkhiyama Phayagyi Monastery, Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay Division
 25. Bhaddanta Jotika, Zeyawady Monastery, NyaungU, Mandalay Division
 26. Bhaddanta Kavinda, Aungyadana Monastery, Kyaukdaga Tawya Monastery, Meiktila, Mandalay Division
 27. Bhaddanta Kovidasara, Thirimarlar Monastery, North Chanthagyi Building, Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay Division
 28. Bhaddanta Rajinda, Pantanaw Pariyatti Monastery, Tazungaing Ward, Pyigyidagun Township, Mandalay Division
 29. Bhaddanta Uttamasara, Sitha Monastery, West Khinmagan Taik, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay Division
 30. Bhaddanta Viçitta, Myat Shwegu Monastery, Kyaukpadaung, Mandalay Division
 31. Bhaddanta Vimala, State Pariyatti Sasana University, Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay Division
 32. Bhaddanta Janinda, State Pariyatti Sasana University, Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay Division
 33. Bhaddanta Paññasamibhivamsa, Tawku Monastery, Zaygyi Ward, Mawlamyine, Mon State
 34. Bhaddanta Sujata, Sasana Pariyatti Monastery, Ahtokthe Village, Ponnagyun Township, Rakhine State
 35. Bhaddanta Javana, Zayatbyin Pariyatti Monastery, Zayatpyin Village, Yanbye Township, Rakhine State
 36. Bhaddanta Dhammosadha, Thekkeikyun Maha Vihara Monastery, Thekkeikyun Village, Taungup Township, Rakhine State
 37. Bhaddanta Sunandasiri, Parami Sankyaung Pariyatti Monastery, Kungyangon Township, Yangon Division
 38. Bhaddanta Dhammasiri, Maha Bodi Pariyatti Monastery, Yankin Township, Yangon Division
 39. Bhaddanta Jatila, Okkan Phayagyi Mandaing Pariyatti Monastery, Thongwa Township, Yangon Division
 40. Bhaddanta Pandita, Maniyadana Monastery, Chaukhtetgyi Phayagyi Monastery, Bahan Township, Yangon Division
 41. Bhaddanta Paññasami, Kyaikkasan Shwegyin Taikthit, Thingangyun Township, Yangon Division
 42. Bhaddanta Maniabhivamsa, Sasana Vamsa Pariyatti Monastery, Dawbon Township, Yangon Division
 43. Bhaddanta Subrama, Salin Monastery, Kyimyindine Township, Yangon Division
 44. Bhaddanta Nandasenalanka, State Pariyatti Sasana University, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division
 45. Bhaddanta Chekinda, International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division
 46. Bhaddanta Uttamasara, State Pariyatti Sasana University, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division
 47. Bhaddanta Ñanobhasalankara, Phayathonhsu Pariyatti Monastery, Thingangyun Township, Yangon Division
 48. Bhaddanta Pandita, Sasana Hita Pariyatti Monastery, (See page 6)

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- Hlinethaya Township, Yangon Division
49. Bhaddanta Ñanavamsa, State Pariyatti Sasana University, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division
 50. Bhaddanta Tejavanta, Theindaung Monastery, Taunggyi, Shan State
 51. Bhaddanta Sumanalankara, Namsitlin Monastery, Ward 2, Kyaukme, Shan State (North)
 52. Bhaddanta Indadhamma, Central Hill Missionary, Tachilek, Shan State (East)
 53. Bhaddanta Tejadhammabhivamsa, Shwehintha Tawya Monastery, Nyaungdon, Ayeyawady Division
 54. Bhaddanta Sobhita, Mayancho Monastery, Pathein, Ayeyawady Division
 55. Bhaddanta Kumara, Dekkhinayon Monastery, Ngaputaw, Ayeyawady Division
 56. Bhaddanta Jotika, Theingon Monastery, Nyaungbingayet Village, Maubin Township, Ayeyawady Division
 57. Daw Dhamma Nandi, Yaung Chi Oo Theravada Nunnery, Mashikahtaung Ward, Phakant, Kachin State
 58. Daw Sitavaranani, Mawlamyine Nunnery, E-Myochaung, Sagaing, Sagaing Division
 59. Daw Inzana, Saddhammayanthi Nunnery, Monywa, Sagaing Division
 60. Daw Dhammasari, Yadana Manaung Nunnery, Dawei, Taninthayi Division
 61. Daw Culasari, Ambharama Nunnery, Shwedaung, Bago Division (West)
 62. Daw Kha Maythi, Seiktapalagu Kyaungtaik, Kyaukpadaung, Mandalay Division
- Ganthavaçaka Pandita Title**
1. Bhaddanta Lasana, Thitagu Pariyatti Sarthintaik, Shwebo, Sagaing Division
 2. Bhaddanta Ardicca, Kyaunggyi Sarthintaik, Palaw Taninthayi Division
 3. Bhaddanta Dhammavamsa, Aung Mingala Pariyatti Sarthintaik, Myeik, Taninthayi Division
 4. Bhaddanta Sumana, Dekkhinathakhayama Kyaungtaik, Oktha Myothit Bago, Bago Division
 5. Bhaddanta Sucitta, Maha Gandayon Pariyatti Sarthintaik, Ayemyathaya Myothit Okpo, Bago Division (West)
 6. Bhaddanta Vilasa, Khemathiwon Sarthintaik, Gangaw, Magway Division
 7. Bhaddanta Kodanña, Dhamma Pala Okekyang, Darkaung Village, Myittha Township, Mandalay Division
 8. Bhaddanta Vayama, Sasana Waiponla Kyaungtaik, Meiktila, Mandalay Division
 9. Bhaddanta Indaçariya, Pariyatti Zeyathiri Kyaungtaik, Myingyan, Mandalay Division
 10. Bhaddanta Kavisara, Phayagyi Pariyatti Sarthintaik, Hlinet Model Village, Thazi Township, Mandalay Division
 11. Bhaddanta Inkurañana, Myoleshwesikhin Sarthintaik, PyinOoLwin, Mandalay Division
 12. Bhaddanta Indobasa, Taungzun Pariyatti Sarthintaik, Asin Village, Ye, Mon State
 13. Bhaddanta Pañaboga, Pyinnya Beikman Pariyatti Sarthintaik, Ywathit Ward, Myebon, Rakhine State
 14. Bhaddanta Pandicca, Aungchantha Pariyatti Sarthintaik, Hlegu, Yangon Division
 15. Bhaddanta Wunna, Dhamma Theikpan Sarthintaik, South Okkalapa, Yangon Division
 16. Bhaddanta Khama Lankara, Ashin Ottamasara Sarthintaik, Sangyoung, Yangon Division
 17. Bhaddanta Kavinaçara Mawkyun Pariyatti

- Sarthintaik, North Okkalapa, Yangon Division
18. Bhaddanta Obasa Dekkhinayon Pariyatti Sarthintaik, Dagon, Yangon Division
 19. Bhaddanta Javana, Theintaung Kyaungtaik, Kalaw, Shan State
 20. Bhaddanta Vija Nanda, Kandaunk Kyaungtaik, Pindaya, Shan State
 21. Bhaddanta Jagara, Ponnyakari Kyaungtaik, Mawlamyinegyun, Ayeyawady Division
 22. Daw Silacari Theravada Buddhist Missionary Nunnery, Falam, Chin State
 23. Daw Theri, Sasana Yaungchi Myat Parami Nunnery, Monywa, Sagaing Division
 24. Daw Kancana Theri, Samiddhodaya Dhamma Jotikayon Nunnery, Pyundaza, Nyaunglebin Township, Bago Division
 25. Daw Singavati, Siri Candayun Monastery, Magway, Magway Division
 26. Daw Nanda Siri, Pyay Aye Chaung Monastery, Aungmye Thazan Township, Mandalay Division
 27. Daw Nimala Ñani, Jinodaya Nunnery, Aungmye Thazan Township, Mandalay Division
 28. Daw Panña Medhi, Panña Radhika Pariyatti Nunnery, Kawhmu Township, Yangon Division
 29. Daw Tirana Ñani, Parami Nunnery, Thanlyin Township, Yangon Division
 30. Daw Hsekavati, Chanmye Gunavesi Nunnery, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division
 31. Daw Canda Singi, Samiddhodaya Nunnery, Pyapon, Ayeyawady Division

Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamajotika Title

1. Bhaddanta Nandavamsa, Ywama Pariyatti Monastery, West Ywama Ward, Insein Township, Yangon Division
2. Bhaddanta Narindabhivamsa, Phayabyu Monastery, Ward 10, Pazundaung Township, Yangon Division
3. Bhaddanta Osadhabhivamsa, Punnama Yama Zay Monastery, Ward 4, Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Division

Agga Maha Saddhama Jotikadhaja Title

1. Bhaddanta Kavindhaja, Ywale Kyaunggyi Monastery, Kyakhatchaung Village, Kya-in Seikkyi Township, Kayin State
2. Bhaddanta Jotipala, Koenawin Monastery, Joti Yadana Monastery, Myawady, Kayin State
3. Bhaddanta Garava, Maha Jotika Yama Pali Tekkatho Monastery, Bone Soe Ward, Monywa, Sagaing Division
4. Bhaddanta Maghavamsa, Khayaybin Monastery, Maha Bandoola Ward, Budalin, Sagaing Division
5. Bhaddanta Tejobhasa Bhivamsa, Sampeiyon Monastic Education School, Mindan Village, Myaung Township, Sagaing Division
6. Bhaddanta Kovida, Sitagu International Buddhist Academy, Sotapan Ward, Sagaing, Sagaing Division
7. Bhaddanta Agga Vamsa, Pakokku Monastic Education School, Youth Development Parahita Geha, Myaukywa Ward, Dawei, Taninthayi Division
8. Bhaddanta Nandobhasa, Nandasiri Monastery, Minyat Village, Launglon Township, Taninthayi Division
9. Bhaddanta Dhamma Sara, Shwedagonlay Phaya Monastery, Kyaikpadaing Village, Thanatpin Township, Bago Division
10. Bhaddanta Kundala, Velhuvan Monastery, Minhla, Bago Division (West)
11. Bhaddanta Kovida, Sitayon Monastery, Ywabe Region, Shwehintha Ward, Pyay, Bago Division (West)
12. Bhaddanta Vicitta, Punnavati Monastery, Taungbyin (1), Taungdwingyi, Magway Division
13. Bhaddanta Sirinda, Lewun Monastery, Theingon Ward, Thaton, Mon State
14. Bhaddanta Candima, Pitakat Propagation Monastery, Mya Taung Monastery, West Yadana

- Bonmika Ward, Maha Aungmye Township, Mandalay Division
15. Bhaddanta Panña Sara, Sasana Jotikayon Oakkyaung, Sasana Jotikayon Monastery, Chanmya Thazi Township, Mandalay Division
 16. Bhaddanta Tejaniya, Chanthagyi Monastery, East Than Village, Kyaukse Township, Mandalay Division
 17. Bhaddanta Vicarinda, Hinthada Monastery, Minhla Village, Thazi, Mandalay Division
 18. Bhaddanta Tejaniya, Khemasivam Monastery, Youths Development Parahita Geha and Mogok Dhamma Yeiktha, Nay Pyi Taw, Pyinmana, Mandalay Division
 19. Bhaddanta Candhobhasa, Sasanodaya Monastery, Abhaya Rama Shwegu Monastery, Seinban Ward, Maha Aungmye Township, Mandalay Division
 20. Bhaddanta Jotikabhivamsa, Yadana Beikman Monastery, Southern Chanthagyi Monastery, Aungmye Thazan Township, Mandalay Division
 21. Bhaddanta Mahinda, New Maha Gandhayon Monastery, Ward 1, Monastic Education School, Ward 8, Pyigyidagun Township, Mandalay Division
 22. Bhaddanta Dhamma Palabhivamsa, Yadana Ramsi Maha Shwecedi Monastery, Kyetminhtun Ward, Kyaukse, Mandalay Division
 23. Bhaddanta Labha, Cittapala Gu Monastery, Aungmangalar Ward, Kyaukpadaung, Mandalay Division
 24. Bhaddanta Kheminda, Saddhamma Yaungshein Pariyatti Monastery, Guta Ward, Taungup, Rakhine State
 25. Bhaddanta Panña Sami, Sukhita Rama Monastery, Sittaw Village, Kyaukpyu Township, Rakhine State
 26. Bhaddanta Kavinda, Shwepyithit Monastery, Shwepyithit Village, Kyauktaw Township, Rakhine State
 27. Bhaddanta Catila, Aung Ceti Sasana Beikman Monastery, Sawbwagyigon, Insein Township, Yangon Division
 28. Bhaddanta Ñanavamsa, (Pyay) Saddhama Jotikayon Monastery, Bodhigon Ward, Taikkyi Township, Yangon Division
 29. Bhaddanta Vayama, Shwephonepwin Kyaungtaik, Shwbontha Monastery, U Shwe Gun Street, Pazundaung Township, Yangon Division
 30. Bhaddanta Jinodaya, East Taingtaya Monastery, Ward 21, Dagon Myothit (South) Township, Yangon Division
 31. Bhaddanta Kavindhaja, Ninth Mile Mahasi Sasana Yeiktha, Pyay Road, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division
 32. Bhaddanta Dhamma Lankara, Nibban SeikU Monastic Education School, Yeiktha Ward, Hlegu Township, Yangon Division
 33. Bhaddanta Vimala, Vimala Rama Nat Nhyun Pariyatti Monastery, 3rd Street, Bahan Township, Yangon Division
 34. Bhaddanta Tejavanta, Pobbayon Monastery, Tawnan Ward, Momeik, Shan State (North)
 35. Bhaddanta Ajeya, Dhammodaya Pariyatti Monastery, Ward 3, Airport Street, Myanmarlay Ward, Kengtung, Shan State (East)
 36. Bhaddanta Suriya, Sasana Dhaja Aungmye Theikpan Monastery, Yanmanaing Village, Myaungmya Township, Ayeyawady Division
 37. Bhaddanta Cintaya, Myo Maungtaung Monastery, Sandan Ward, Zalun, Ayeyawady Division
 38. Bhaddanta Cintita Lankara, Picchimayon Monastery, Myoma Ward 9, Mawlamyinegyun, Ayeyawady Division

Title Recipient Sayadaws from abroad

39. Ven Saly Kantasilo Sangha Raja Monk Watpa Nahkunnoi Temple, Vientiane, Laos
40. Bhaddanta Subhana (Susanli), North Manc Sasana Missionary Monastery, Maesai, Thailand

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Gallantry Medals**

The State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has conferred titles and medals of commendation on the following persons.

1. Air/2272 Major Thant Zaw Lin, No 31 Interceptor Squadron
2. BC/41219 Lt Zin Ko Phone, No 567 Light Infantry Regiment
3. No 686095 Sgt Hla Win, No 567 Light Infantry Regiment
4. No 832564 Cpl Naing Min Aung, No 567 Light Infantry Regiment
5. No Ta/152215 L/Cpl Kyaw Soe Lin, No 567 Light Infantry Regiment

Excellent Performance in Science (First Class)

1. U Aung Myint, Member, Civil Service Selection and Training Board

Excellent Performance in Arts (First Class)

1. U Hla Myint Oo, Member, Civil Service Selection and Training Board

Excellent Performance in Arts (Second Class)

1. U Maung Maung Latt, musician and literati, Ministry of Information
2. Wunna Kyawhtin U Sein Mya Maung, musician, Ministry of Information
3. U Sein Hla Myaing, musician, Ministry of Information
4. Daw Tin Tin Mya, musician, Ministry of Information
5. U Khin Aye (Maung Khin Min-Danubyu), Retired Professor of Myanmar, University of Yangon, Ministry of Education
6. U Maung Maung Khin, (Tekkatho Maung Maung Khin), Retired Managing Director, Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise
7. Dr Kyaw Sein, Retired Minister, Ministry of Education
8. U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha), Retired Managing Director, News and Periodicals Enterprise, Ministry of Information
9. U Nyunt Win, movie actor, Ministry of Information
10. U Kyi Soe Tun, film director, Ministry of Information
11. U Nyein Min (a) U Myo Aung, script and film director, Ministry of Information

**Excellent Performance in Technology
(Second Class)**

1. Air/1986 Major Myo Aung Latt, Staff Officer (Grade-II), Commander-in-Chief (Air)'s Office, Ministry of Defence

**Excellent Performance in Technology
(Third Class)**

1. U Tha Sein, technician, Myanmar Sugarcane Enterprise, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation

**Excellent Performance in Agricultural Field
(Third Class)**

1. U Myint Swe, Deputy General Manager, Myanmar Agriculture Service, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation
2. U Kyaw Thein, Manager, Myanmar Agriculture Service, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation
3. U Shwe Mann, farmer, Kyudawwa Village, Pyawbwe Township, Mandalay Division

**Excellent Performance in Mechanical Field
(Second Class)**

1. Navy/3398 Cmdr Thant Zin Lay, Factory

- Manager (Nautical Engineering Branch), Production Section, Naval Dockyard Command, Ministry of Defence
2. Navy/3420 Lt-Commander Khin Maung Htwe, Officiating Commandant (Naval Mechanical Training Depot), Central Naval Ordnance Depot, Ministry of Defence
3. Navy/3557 Lt-Commander Zaw Win, Head of Branch, (Naval Construction Branch), Naval Dockyard Command, Ministry of Defence

**Excellent Performance in Mechanical Field
(Third Class)**

1. BC/20851 Major Soe Min Swe, Officiating Head of Department (Maintenance Department), No 4 Defence Industry, Ministry of Defence
2. BC/22770 Major Nyi Nyi Aung, Head of Department (Maintenance Department), No 4 Defence Industry, Ministry of Defence
3. BC/24887 Major Kyaw San Lwin, Head of Department (Quality Control Department), No 4 Defence Industry, Ministry of Defence
4. No 331564, WOI Ohn Thein, In-charge (Machinery Repair and Servicing), Central Signals Workshop, Ministry of Defence
5. No 586054 WOII Myo Khaing, in-charge mechanic, (Hydraulic Repairing Branch), No 4 Defence Industry, Ministry of Defence
6. Navy No /12727 WO Than Tun, in-charge of the factory, Maintenance Troop, Central Naval Ordnance Depot, Ministry of Defence
7. U Kyaw, Assistance Director, Agricultural Mechanization Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation
8. U Ko Oo, Mechanical Research (Adviser), Agricultural Mechanization Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation
9. U Kyaw Min Aung, Manager, No 2 Agricultural Equipment Factory (malun), Myanmar Agricultural Machinery Industries, Ministry of Industry-2
10. U Myint Than, Lathe Technician-10, Milling Department, Engineering Division, Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading, Ministry of Commerce
11. Daw Win Maw Tun, entrepreneur, Shwe Naga Industry, Yenangyoung Industrial Zone, Yenangyoung, Ministry of Cooperatives
12. U Myint Aung Nyo, Deputy Chief Engineer, Road Transport, Ministry of Rail Transportation
13. U Myo Myint, Assistant Executive Engineer (Mechanical), Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise, Phugyi Main Pipeline Camp, Yangon Division, Ministry of Energy
14. U Maung Maung, Plant Manager, Iron Casting Plant, Monywa Industrial Zone, Sagaing Division

**Excellent Performance in Administration Field
(First Class)**

1. U Kyaw Zan Hla, Director-General, Civil Service Affairs Department, Civil Service Selection and Training Board
2. BC/11429 Maj-Gen Thein Tun, Director, Directorate of Signals, Ministry of Defence
3. BC/13012 Maj-Gen Tin Tun, Director, Directorate of Military Engineers, Ministry of Defence
4. BC/12432 Brig-Gen Kyaw Swa Khaing, Vice-Chief of Defence Industries, Tatmaw Heavy Industry, Office of the Chief of Defence Industries, Ministry of Defence
5. BC/15424 Col Thet Soe, Commandant, No 3 Works Battalion, Ministry of Defence
6. U Myint Thein, Director-General, Survey Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation
7. U Shu Kyein, Director-General, Central Statistics

Organization, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development

8. U Win Myint, Ambassador, Myanmar Embassy, Singapore, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
9. U Htein Win, Ambassador, Myanmar Embassy, Brasilia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
10. U Ye Win, Ambassador, Myanmar Embassy, Bangkok, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
11. U Khin Zaw Win, Ambassador, Myanmar Embassy, Jakarta, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
12. U Myo Lwin, Ambassador, Myanmar Embassy, Seoul, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
13. U Pe Than Oo, Director-General, Consular and Legal Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
14. U Than Tun, Director-General, Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
15. U Than Myint, Director-General, Mining Department, Ministry of Mines
16. U Thein Swe, Managing Director, Myanmar Gems Enterprise, Ministry of Mines
17. U Tin Htwe, Director-General, Directorate of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs

**Excellent Performance in Administration Field
(Second Class)**

1. U Mya Thein, Director, Supreme Court (Nay Pyi Taw)
2. U Soe Thein, Director, (legislation duty), Civil Law Section, Supreme Court (Yangon)
3. U Tin Myint, Deputy Director-General, Attorney-General Branch (Mandalay)
4. U Tun Kyi, Director, Civil Service Affairs Department, Civil Service Selection and Training Board
5. U Sein Hlaing, Pro-Rector, Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi), Civil Service Selection and Training Board
6. U Htay Myint, Pro-Rector, Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar), Civil Service Selection and Training Board
7. BC/14698 Lt-Col Sein Tun Aung, Commanding Officer, No (212) Signals Battalion, Ministry of Defence
8. BC/18800 Lt-Col Tin Tun, Head of Office, Ministry of Defence
9. BC/21486 Major Tin Oo, Company Commander, No 3 Works Unit, Ministry of Defence
10. BC/21497 Major Kyaw Lin, Company Commander, No 1 Works Unit, Ministry of Defence
11. U Hla Myint Swe, Head of Department, Yangon City Development Committee
12. U Tun Myint Naing, Managing Director, Asia World Co Ltd
13. U Te Za, Managing Director, Htoo Trading Co Ltd
14. U Chit Khaing, Managing Director, Eden Group Co Ltd
15. Dr Aung Kyaw Soe, Plant Manager, Paleik Textile and Finishing Plant, Myanmar Textile Industries, Ministry of Industry-1
16. U Hla Thaug, Deputy Director-General, Foreign Economic Relations Department, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development
17. U Myat Thu, Deputy Director-General, Project Appraisal & Progress Reporting Department, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development
18. U Win Aung, Deputy Director-General, Central Equipment Statistics and Inspection Department, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development

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In other words, it is the act that harms the sovereignty of other countries. Therefore, the young generation born as independent citizens who are well convinced of the value and taste of independence, are duty bound to safeguard the independence and sovereignty of the motherland through the might of unity and harmony.

Taking lessons from the past events in which the nation was strong due to consolidated national unity, and the nation was weak and the standard of living of the people was low owing to disunity among the national races and national disintegration in the post-independence period, the government laid down the national policy or Our Three Main National Causes namely non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty and has been making earnest efforts day in, day out to fulfil the requirements of the people for ensuring strong economy of the nation and the people and development of human resources. And it is in the process of pursuing the national goal of building a peaceful, modern and developed democratic country with flourishing discipline.

As the consolidated unity of the Myanmar society, peace and stability and strong national force are the fundamental factors for the accomplishment of building a new nation, the government built trust with national race armed groups through peace talks. So far, 17 national race armed groups have returned to the legal fold. Of them, some exchanged arms for peace and some unconditionally entrusted their arms. The national race leaders of those armed groups are now dedicating themselves to the construction of basic infrastructures hand in hand with the government for regional and national development.

The government has designated the 24-region special development project and is now implementing it for equitable development of all parts of the nation. At the same time, it is putting into action the border areas development projects and rural development tasks.

In the process, it has given priority to the development of border areas that lagged behind in development due to lack of security. It managed to make a significant progress in the sectors of economic infrastructures, transport, agriculture, livestock farming, education and health.

Myanmar being an agro-based nation, the government has been constructing a large number of irrigation facilities and river water pumping stations and distributing advanced agricultural methods. Thus, the cultivation capacity is on the increase and the nation is enjoying economic growth by means of exporting the surplus.

Smooth transportation plays a major role in the drive for national development. So, it is expediting the

building of social and economic infrastructures day in, day out such as village-to-village roads, highways, and river or creek-spanning bridges, extension of railroads, expansion of port development work, and upgrading of airports. It is not only for ensuring national development but also for building social infrastructures to cement amicable relations among the national races of the Union.

The task of building a modern nation should be based on industrial strength. Hence, the government has been providing assistance for establishment of agro-based industries and striving to achieve industrial development. It has set up 18 industrial zones where broader encouragement has been provided for the private industries.

It has been promoting the electricity sector as a means to assist the developing industries and improving the people's standard of living.

Thanks to the application of advanced systems and technologies in the communication sector, the communication services network now cover even the remote border areas of the nation.

The nation has been successfully extending the sector of exploring and producing oil and gas from the nation's valuable energy deposits. Hence the people are now enjoying the fruits derived from the natural resources.

In the nation-building sector, we will be able to successfully build a new nation only if we have adequate qualified human resources.

The government has been implementing the 30-year long-term plan in the education sector for the emergence of human resources, the increase in the number of intellectuals and intelligentsia region-wise, and the promotion of the education level of the entire national races to have the qualifications for positive thinking, constructive efforts and creativity.

There are now 40,548 basic education schools and 156 institutions of higher learning in the nation. The number of students is over 7.8 million in the basic education sector and over 700,000 in the higher education sector. Universities are now running PhD courses to turn out intellectuals of international standard. The entire nation has seen the tangible results from the emergence of schools and institutions of higher learning, as learning opportunities, public education level and subject-wise learning opportunities have been made available.

In the health sector, the government has been building new hospitals and equipping them with advanced facilities and upgrading the existing ones. It has opened 16 universities of medicine, dental medicine, pharmacy, paramedical science and nursing plus primary health university and the traditional medicine university which are producing professionals in the medical field. Life expectancy of the nation has improved thanks to the development of health care services.

The government has been giving priority to fulfilling the basic requirements for rural development including

transport, clean water supply, education, health, agriculture, farming and electricity supply.

As Myanmar has been practising the independent and active foreign policy, she has been freely and energetically taking part in the international affairs, global peoples' affairs and global peace and tranquillity with no strings attached. Based on the Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence, Myanmar has been maintaining relations with all global nations in view of strengthening friendly ties. She has been paying attention to co-existing with her neighbours on friendly and peaceful terms based on good-neighbourly relations and mutual respect and cooperation. She has been actively taking part in the international organizations, ASEAN, BIMSTEC, and Greater Mekong Subregion Cooperation Forum for world peace, security and development.

Myanmar has formed the Union Solidarity and Development Association as a firm national force for the entire people to energetically participate and cooperate in the nation-building undertakings. The association has been carrying out many tasks concerning the national affairs with youths and young persons specially trained and organized for the purpose.

The work of implementing all-round development undertakings amounts to the laying of firm foundation for the new nation.

The government laid down the seven-step Road Map to build a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic state, and has been convening the National Convention. The entire national races will have to strive vigorously with patriotism based on Union Spirit for the success of the Road Map.

The following four national objectives of the 59th Anniversary Independence Day have been laid down to resolutely build a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic state that is our goal.

- All the national people to join hands forever for safeguarding the national independence and sovereignty of the State;
- All the national people to collectively safeguard non-disintegration of the Union and non-disintegration of national solidarity;
- All the national people to make concerted efforts for the emergence of an enduring constitution and building of a new, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation; and
- All the national people to work in concert for the success of the seven-step Road Map of the State with Union Spirit and the patriotic spirit.

On this auspicious 59th Anniversary Independence Day for 2007 of the Union of Myanmar, I would like to urge all national brethren born of the Union to actively and brilliantly strive for the realization of the four national objectives with the force inspired by Union Spirit and patriotism.—MNA

China, Myanmar ink contract on purchase of electrical goods

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Jan — Central China Power Grid International Economic & Trade Co Ltd and Myanma Electric Power Enterprise of the Ministry of Electric Power No 2 signed a contract on purchase of electrical appliances for the Belin-Monywa-Meiktila-Taungdwingyi 230 KV power line and Shweli, Mongsan and Shwesaryan sub-power stations at Shwenantaw Hotel, Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone, here, on 30 December.

It was attended by Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing, Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, Managing Director Dr San Oo of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise, Managing Director U Tin Aung of Electric Power Supply Enterprise, departmental officials, President Mr Xie Ming Liang and officials of Central China Power Grid

Trade Co Ltd.

Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint made a speech and Mr Xie Ming Liang extended greetings. At the second session of the ceremony, Managing Director Dr San Oo and General Manager Mr Bai Shumming of CCPG Co signed the contract and exchanged documents. Later, Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and party had a documentary photo taken together with the Chinese guests.

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Managing Director Dr San Oo of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise and Mr Bai Shumming, General Manager of CCPG Co Ltd, sign contracts of purchasing electrical equipment. — MNA

Foreign Heads of State send...

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From Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Government and the people of the Republic of Indonesia, I wish to convey my warmest greetings and felicitations to Your Excellency and the friendly people of Myanmar on the joyous occasion of the New Year.

I firmly believe that we both have a strong commitment to pursue concrete relations which are beneficial to the peoples of our two countries. Thus, it is my sincere hope that the coming year will usher better friendship and goodwill between our Government and peoples as we work together in promoting bilateral ties for our mutual benefits.

Please accept, Your Excellency my warmest wishes for Your People's continued good health and success and the assurances of my highest esteem and consideration.

From Mr Mahinda Rajapaksa, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

Your Excellency,

The Government and the people of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka join me in extending to Your Excellency, our sincere greetings and warm good wishes on the happy occasion of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

I am confident that the existing ties of friendship and cooperation between Sri Lanka and the Union of Myanmar will be further strengthened in the years ahead.

May I take this opportunity to extend to Your Excellency, my sincere wishes for your good health, happiness and personal well-being.

From Mr Vladimir V Putin, President of the Russian Federation

Please, accept the sincere congratulations on the occasion of the national holiday the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

I am sure that the traditional relations of friendship between Russia and Myanmar will be further developed in the interest of peoples of our countries, and in the interest of peace and security in Asia and in the whole world as well.

I wish, You, Esteemed Mr Chairman, good

health, every success in Your activities, happiness and prosperity to the people of Myanmar.

From Mr Jacques Chirac, President of the French Republic

On the occasion of the National Day of the Union of Myanmar, I have the pleasure to convey my heartfelt wishes to the people of Myanmar.

May the links between our two people further intensify in the future.

From Major General Michael Jeffery (Retd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia:

On the occasion of the Anniversary of the Union of Myanmar's Independence Day on 4 January 2007, I wish to convey to the people of Myanmar my congratulations and those of the Government and the people of Australia.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

From Mr Heinz Fischer, Federal President of the Republic of Austria

On the occasion of the National Day of the Union of Myanmar, I convey my sincere congratulations to your country. I seize this opportunity to extend my best wishes for a happy future of the people of the Union of Myanmar.

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Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win attends prize presentation ceremony of baby show

YANGON, 3 Jan — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Comamnder of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win attended the prize presentation ceremony of baby show to mark the 59th Anniversary Independence Day held at the hall of Yangon Command Headquarters this afternoon.

Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Wai of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee delivered an address at the ceremony.

The commander, the Yangon Division MCWSC chairperson and chairperson Daw Khin May Latt of Yangon Command Maternal and Child Welfare Association presented prizes to the winner babies.

Next, chairperson Daw Khin May Latt accepted cash and kind donated by Gold Power Co Ltd.

After the ceremony, Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Wai presented gifts to the babies.

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Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win presents prize to winner baby. — MNA

Wellwishers invited to donate cash to sinking tubewells

YANGON, 3 Jan — Development Affairs Committees under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs are carrying out tasks to supply drinking water to rural regions of States and Divisions where water is scarce.

As tubewells are being sunk in the rural regions, wellwishers may contribute cash donations towards sinking tubewells — K 250,000 for a 2-inch-diameter and 200-foot-deep tubewell, K 500,000 for a 2-inch-diameter and 400-foot-deep tubewell, and K 500,000 for a 4-inch-diameter and 200-foot-deep tubewell.

Those wishing to donate cash to sinking tubewells may contact the Director-General, Tel: 067-409026; the Deputy Director-General, Tel: 067-409362; the Deputy Director-General (Engineer), Tel: 01-291967; the Director (Finance), Tel: 067-409407; the Director (Sagaing Division DAC), Tel: 071-22760; the Director (Magway Division DAC), Tel: 063-23164; and the Director (Mandalay Division DAC), Tel: 02-54657. — MNA

Lula da Silva sworn in as Brazilian President

BRASILIA, 2 Jan — Brazil's incumbent President Luis Inacio Lula da Silva was sworn in as President Monday before the Congress for a second four year term after winning re-election on 29 October.

The incumbent President, widely known as "Lula" by his Brazilian fellows, was born in 1945 in an impoverished region of Pernambuco State, in northeast Brazil, and

moved southward with his family to Sao Paulo State shortly after his birth.

At the age of 12, he started his career as a shoeshine boy.

After he began to work in an automobile parts factory, he became involved in trade union activities and led several major strikes, for which he was put into jail during the country's military regimen from 1964 to

1984.

Along with intellectuals and union leaders, Lula founded the left-wing PT in 1980, helped found the Central Unica dos Trabalhadores (CUT), a national union association in 1983, and was elected to Brazils House of Representatives in 1986.

Lula ran for presidency three times before being elected. In October

2002, Lula was elected Brazil's President with 61 per cent of votes and assumed office in January 2003.

Since mid-2005, Lula has been blamed for a series of political scandals involving the PT. However, the latest polls indicated that the scandals did not affect the intention of most of voters to reelect Lula.

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Daw Mar Mar Wai presents prize to a winner.

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Indonesian Vice-President sends felicitations to Vice-Senior General Maung Aye

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Jan — *The following is a message of felicitations from Mr Muhammad Jusuf Kalla, Vice-President of the Republic of Indonesia, sent to Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council, on the occasion of the 59th Anniversary Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.*

Your Excellency,

Please allow me to take this opportunity to extend to you my heartfelt felicitations on the celebration of the joyous occasion of the New Year.

I should also like to reassure you of my strong commitment to work closely with you in further solidifying friendly relations between our two countries. I believe that the enhanced bilateral cooperation is not

only benefiting our two countries and peoples, but also contributing to a more peaceful and prosperous world.

Please, accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration, along with my personal best wishes for your continued good health and happiness, as well as for the progress and prosperity of the people of Myanmar.

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Foreign Heads of Government send felicitations to Prime Minister General Soe Win

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Jan — *The following are messages of felicitations from Foreign Heads of Government sent to Prime Minister General Soe Win, on the occasion of the 59th Anniversary Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.*

From Mr Wen Jiabao, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China Excellency,

Upon this auspicious occasion of the 59th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the

Union of Myanmar, I would like to, on behalf of the Government of the People's Republic of China and in my own name, extend to Your Excellency and through you to the Government of Myanmar our warmest congratulations and best wishes.

The past year witnessed the important achievements through the efforts of the Myanmar Government in developing economy, improving people's living standard and actively broadening

external relations, towards which I share the heartfelt happiness.

The further development of the Sino-Myanmar friendly relations with the deepening of exchanges and cooperation in all fields has brought substantive benefits to both peoples. The Chinese Government treasures the Pauk-Phaw friendship between China and Myanmar, and is willing to make joint efforts with the Myanmar side for the consolidation of the traditional friendship, the

enhancement of mutually beneficial cooperation, and the continuous promotion of the relations between China and Myanmar.

May the Union of Myanmar enjoy prosperity and her people well-beings.

From Mr Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan Excellency,

On the 59th anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar, I wish to extend to Your Excellency, on behalf of the Government and people of Japan, my warmest congratulations and best wishes for the prosperity of your country.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

From Mr Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of the Republic of India Excellency,

On the occasion of the National Day of the Union of Myanmar, I have great pleasure in conveying to you, the Government and the people of Myanmar, our warmest felicitations.

The visit of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, President of India to Myanmar in March 2006 and the State visit of His Excellency Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman, State Peace and Development Council to India in October 2004 have generated significant momentum in our bilateral relations. I look forward to the further strengthening and expansion of the traditional ties of friendship between India and Myanmar.

Please accept, Excellency, my best wishes for your health and well-being and the assurances of

my highest consideration.

From Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Government and the people of the Republic of Indonesia, I wish to convey my warmest greetings and felicitations to Your Excellency and the friendly people of Myanmar on the joyous occasion of the New Year.

I firmly believe that we both have a strong commitment to pursue concrete relations which are beneficial to the peoples of our two countries. Thus, it is my sincere hope that the coming year will usher better friendship and goodwill between our Government and peoples as we work together in promoting bilateral ties for our mutual benefits.

Please accept, Your Excellency my warmest wishes for Your People's continued good health and success and the assurances of my highest esteem and consideration.

From Mr Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka, M.P Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Excellency,

I have great pleasure in extending to Your Excellency my warm greetings on the happy occasion of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

I am confident that the close and cordial relations existing between our two countries will be further strengthened for the mutual benefit of our two countries.

Please accept,

Excellency, my best wishes for your good health and happiness.

From Mr Mikhail E Fradkov, Chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation

Please accept my congratulations on the occasion of the national holiday — the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

I am sure that the relations of friendship and cooperation existing between Russia and Myanmar will be further developed on mutually equal and beneficial basis in the interests of our two states, international peace and security as well.

I wish You, Your Excellency, good health and prosperity.

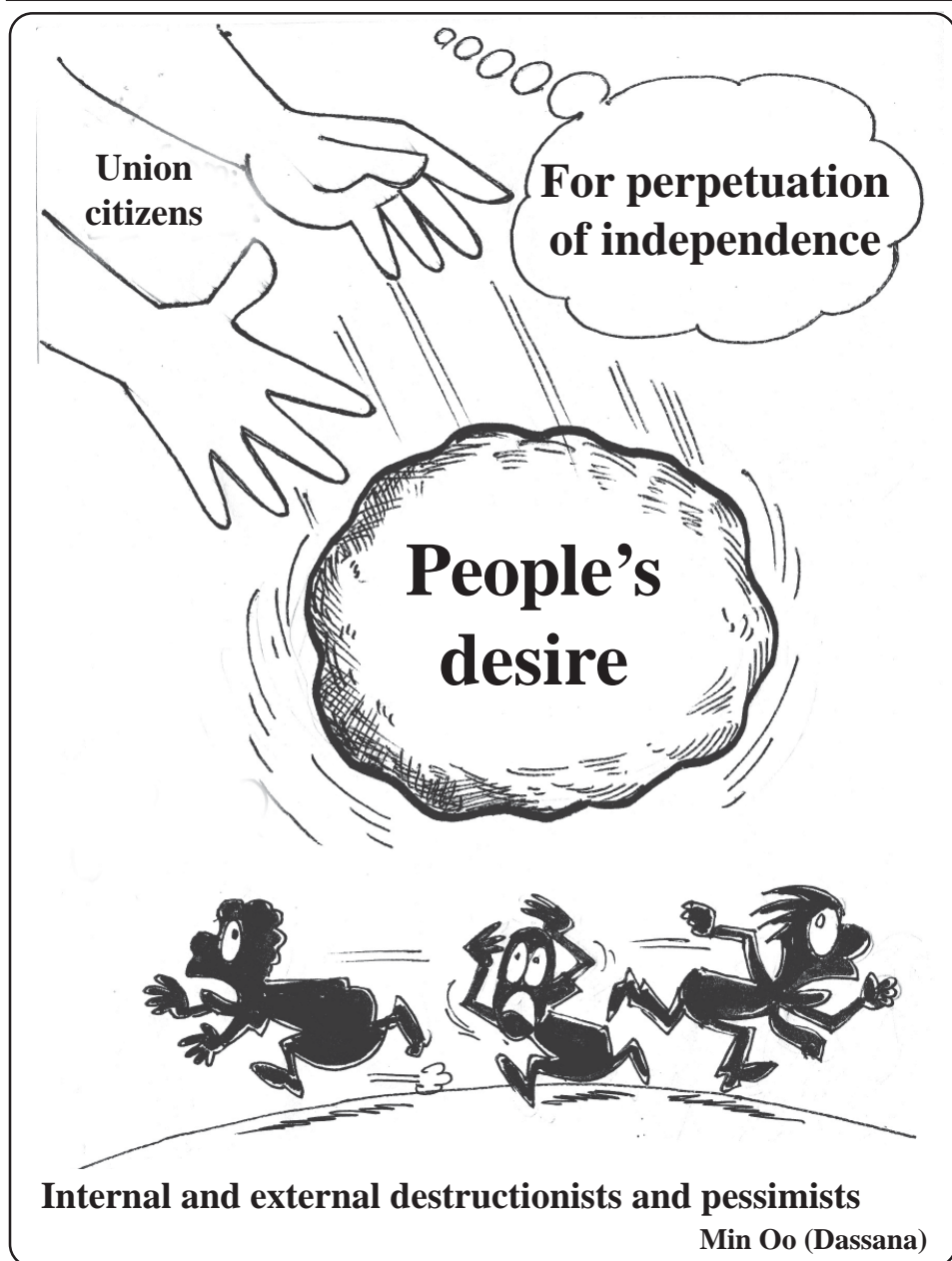
From General Surayud Chulanont (Ret.), Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand Excellency,

On behalf of the Royal Thai Government, I have the honour to extend to Your Excellency our felicitations and best wishes for the sustainable development of the Union of Myanmar and her people on the occasion of the Independence Day.

It is delightful to note that our two countries have always exchanged goodwill and mutual understanding. I, therefore, wish to reaffirm my determination to work closely with Your Excellency to further enhance our friendly relations for our mutual interests in the years to come.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

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19. U Soe Thein, Deputy Director-General, Budget Department, Ministry of Finance and Revenue
 20. U Than Tun, Deputy Director-General, Consular and Legal Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 21. U Soe Win, Deputy Director-General, Protocol Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 22. Daw Than Than Htay, Deputy Director-General, Political Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 23. U Hla Myint, Deputy Director-General, International Organizations and Economic Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 24. U Paw Lwin Sein, Deputy Director-General, Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 25. U Mann Shwe, General Manager, Myanmar Hotels and Tourism Services, Ministry of Hotels and Tourism
 26. U Yan Naing, General Manager, Myanmar Hotels and Tourism Services, Ministry of Hotels and Tourism
 27. U Thaug Zin (Ma 0021), Deputy Director-General, Fire Services Department, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement
 28. Dr Aye Thida, Researcher, Atomic Energy Department, Ministry of Science and Technology
 29. Dr Aye Thein, Adviser, Atomic Energy Department, Ministry of Science and Technology
 30. Dr Le Le Oo, Deputy Director, Atomic Energy Department, Ministry of Science and Technology
 31. Dr Thant Zin Myo, Deputy Director Atomic Energy Department, Ministry of Science and Technology
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 2. BC/16755 Lt-Col Ru San Kyu, Commanding Officer, North-West Command, Ministry of Defence
 3. BC/20864 Major Tun Nay Win, Company Commander, No 2 Advanced Signals Battalion, Ministry of Defence
 4. BC/22751 Major Soe Aung Kyi, Company Commander, No 2 Advanced Signals Battalion, Ministry of Defence
 5. BC/32357 Captain Naing Moe, Assistant Garrison, No 947 Works Company, Ministry of Defence
 6. BC/32396 Captain Aung Min Thu, Platoon Commander, No 3 Works Unit, Ministry of Defence
 7. Professor U Myint San, Head of Department, Sculpture Department, University of Culture, Ministry of Culture
 8. U Kyaw Kyaw Lwin, Assistant Tutor, State School of Fine Arts, University of Culture, Ministry of Culture
 9. U Win Maung, team leader, bronze casting technician group
 10. U Soe Myint, Chairman, USM Co
 11. U Tha Htay, Chairman, Original Group Co Ltd
 12. U Khin Maung Aye, Managing Director, K Construction Co
 13. U Tun Tun Lwin, Managing Director, Ta Gaung Bwa Co Ltd
 14. U Toe Aung Cho, Chairman, Hsaung Hayman Co Ltd
 15. U Myint Thein, Director, Irrigation Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation
 16. U Phone Tin, Assistant Director, Irrigation

- Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation
17. U Aung Kyaw Kyaw, Assistant Director, Agricultural Mechanization Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation
 18. U Hla Min, Deputy Director, Water Resource Utilization Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation
 19. U Khin Maung Ba, Director (Head of Office), Planning Department, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development
 20. Daw Le Le Thein, Director, Planning Department, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development
 21. Daw Win Myint, Director, Planning Department, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development
 22. Daw Nyunt Nyunt Shwe, Director, Project Appraisal & Progress Reporting Department, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development
 23. Daw Win Win Tin, Director, Central Statistical Organization, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development
 24. Daw Myat Myat Soe, Director, Foreign Economic Relations Department, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development
 25. Daw Mya Thuza, Director, Directorate of Investment and Companies Administration, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development
 26. U Myint Lwin, Division Manager (Magway Division), Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading, Ministry of Commerce
 27. U San Htay Maung, Division Manager (Mandalay Division), Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading, Ministry of Commerce
 28. U Soe Lwin, Township Manager (Mingyan), Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading, Ministry of Commerce
 29. U Maung Maung Aye, Director, Planning and Statistics Division, Directorate of Trade, Ministry of Commerce
 30. U Tint Win, Director, International Trade Promotion Division, Directorate of Trade, Ministry of Commerce
 31. U Kyaw Soe Lin, Director, Import Section, Directorate of Trade, Ministry of Commerce
 32. U Aung Soe Thein, Deputy Director, Border Trade Department, Ministry of Commerce
 33. U Aung Myaing, Director, Budget Department, Ministry of Finance and Revenue
 34. Daw Myint Myint Kyi, Director, Budget Department, Ministry of Finance and Revenue
 35. Daw Khin Saw Oo, Deputy Director, Central Bank of Myanmar, Ministry of Finance and Revenue
 36. Daw Myint Myint Than, Assistant Director, Central Bank of Myanmar, Ministry of Finance and Revenue
 37. U Kyaw Thet, Assistant Engineer (Civil), Maei-Kyaukpyu Road Project Special Group, Public Works, Ministry of Construction
 38. U Kyaw Thiha, Assistant Engineer (Civil), Maei-Kyaukpyu Road Project Special Group, Public Works, Ministry of Construction
 39. U Ko Ko Aung, Assistant Engineer (Civil), Maei-Kyaukpyu Road Project Special Group, Public Works, Ministry of Construction
 40. U Tun Naing, Assistant Engineer (Civil), Wunphaik Creek Bridge Construction Project Special Group, Public Works, Ministry of Construction
 41. Lt-Col Kyi Tun, Chairman, Yenangyoung Industrial Zone Supervisory Committee, Magway

- District Peace and Development Council, Magway, Ministry of Cooperatives
42. U Win Lwin, Deputy General Manager, Myanmar Timber Enterprise, Sagaing Division, Monywa, Ministry of Forestry
 43. U Win Maung, General Manager, No 2 Mining Enterprise, Ministry of Mines
 44. U Myo Tun Zaw, Manager, Myanmar Salt and Marine Chemical Enterprise, Ministry of Mines
 45. U Kyaw Lwin, Assistant Manager, Myanmar Salt and Marine Chemical Enterprise, Ministry of Mines
 46. U Kan Myint, Assistant Manager, Myanmar Salt and Marine Chemical Enterprise, Ministry of Mines
 47. U Kyaw Myo Win, Assistant Geologist, Geological Survey and Minerals Exploration Department, Ministry of Mines
 48. U Saw Pe, Junior Engineer (1), Drilling, Geological Survey and Minerals Exploration Department, Ministry of Mines
 49. U Aung Kyin Sein, Junior Engineer (1), Drilling, Geological Survey and Minerals Exploration Department, Ministry of Mines
 50. La 113039, Police Captain Dong Zadal, Supervisor, Myitkyina Anti-Drug (Special) Squad, Ministry of Home Affairs
 51. U Paw Kywe, (Pa/3381), Township Executive Officer, Myothit Township General Administration Department, Ministry of Home Affairs
 52. U Kyaw Swa, (Pa/3238), Township Executive Officer, Sinku Township General Administration Department, Ministry of Home Affairs
 53. U Thein Win, (Pa/3727), Township Executive Officer, Mongpyin Township General Administration Department, Ministry of Home Affairs
 54. U Myo Min Zaw, (Pa/4532), Deputy Head of Department, Mongpyin Township General Administration Department, Ministry of Home Affairs
 55. U Myint Aung, (Pa/2991), Assistant Director, Sagaing Division General Administration Department, Ministry of Home Affairs
 56. U Aung Mon Latt, (Pa/4239), Township Executive Officer, Budalin Township General Administration Department, Ministry of Home Affairs
 57. U Soe Hlaing, (Pa/3644), Township Executive Officer, Yinmabin Township General Administration Department, Ministry of Home Affairs
 58. Daw Khin Win Kyi, Staff Officer (Division), Sagaing Division General Administration Department, Ministry of Home Affairs
 59. U Than Shwe, (Pa/3941), Township Executive Officer, Waingmaw Township General Administration Department, Ministry of Home Affairs
 60. U Myo Than, (Pa/4048), Township Executive Officer, Mahlaing Township General Administration Department, Ministry of Home Affairs
 61. U Chit Ko Ko, (Pa/3574), Township Executive Officer, Mingala Taungnyunt Township General Administration Department, Ministry of Home Affairs
 62. U Khin Thein Maung, (Pa/3771), Township Executive Officer, Hlinethaya Township General Administration Department, Ministry of Home Affairs
 63. U Myat Kyaw, (Pa/3854), Township Executive Officer, Taikkyi Township General Administration Department, Ministry of Home Affairs
 64. U Htay Win, (Pa/3648), Township Executive Officer, Pazundaung Township General Administration Department, Ministry of Home Affairs

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65. U Myo Naing, (Pa/3756), Township Executive Officer, Einme Township General Administration Department, Ministry of Home Affairs
66. U Win Myint, (Pa/3498), Township Executive Officer, Bogale Township General Administration Department, Ministry of Home Affairs
67. U Hsan Bo, (Pa/4439), Township Executive Officer, Labutta Township General Administration Department, Ministry of Home Affairs
68. U Aung Myat Khaing, (Pa/4263), Deputy Head of Department, Wakema Township General Administration Department, Ministry of Home Affairs

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69. U Thein Oo-3, Director, Road Transport, Ministry of Rail Transportation
70. U Kan Nyunt, Director, Road Transport, Ministry of Rail Transportation
71. U Aung Thwin, Director, Road Transport, Ministry of Rail Transportation
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74. U Aye Lwin, Director, Department of Progress of Border Areas and National Races, Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs
75. U Myint Soe, Deputy Director, Department of Progress of Border Areas and National Races, Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs
76. U Than Kyaw Htoo, Director, Development Affairs Department, Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs
77. U Myo Aung, Director (Engineer), Development Affairs Department, Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs
78. U Khant Zaw, Director (Engineer), Development Affairs Department, Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs
79. U Tin Win, Director, Education and Training Department, Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs
80. Daw Nu Nu Yi, Deputy Director, Education and Training Department, Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs
81. U Hla Myint Thein, Director, Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems, Ministry of Transport
82. U Thein Aung, Director, Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems, Ministry of Transport
83. U Aung Kein, Professor (Music), University of Culture (Yangon), Ministry of Culture
84. U Aung Kyi Myint, Head of Department, University of Culture (Mandalay), Ministry of Culture
85. U Kyaw Oo, Director, National Library, Ministry of Culture
86. U Soe Aung, Deputy Director, Department of Cultural Institute, Ministry of Culture
87. U Aye Maung, Director, Department of Archaeology (Upper Myanmar), Ministry of Culture
88. U Kyaw Kyaw, Deputy Director, Department for Conservation of Cultural Heritage (Upper Myanmar), Ministry of Culture
89. U Kham Aung, Assistant General Manager (Head Office), Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs
90. U Zaw Min (Ma 0042), Director, Fire Services Department, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement
91. U Maung Pi (Ma 0043), Director, Fire Services Department, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and

- Resettlement
92. U Kyaw Thura (Ma 0044), Director, Fire Services Department, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement
93. U Kyi Myint (Ma 0205), Assistant Director, Kachin State Fire Services Department, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement
94. Dr Than Shwe, General Manager, Livestock, Feedstuff and Dairy Products Enterprise, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries
95. Daw Khin Khin Nyein, Adviser, Directorate of Livestock and Fisheries, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries
96. Dr Aung Gyi, Director, Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries
97. Dr Kyaw Hsan, Director, Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries
98. Dr Ohn Kyaw, Deputy Director, Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries
99. Dr Ye Myint, Deputy Director, Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries
100. Dr Ba Thein, Deputy Director, Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries
101. Dr Hout Chan, Deputy Director, Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries
102. Dr Daw Amar, Assistant Director, Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries
103. U Khin Maung Oo, Executive Engineer (b) (Machinery), Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise, Yangon Division, Ministry of Energy
104. U Myint Oo, Executive Engineer (b) (exploration), Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise, Dahatpin Oil Field, Magway Division, Ministry of Energy
105. U Tin Maung Swe, Acting Factory Manager, No-1 Fertilizer Plant (Sale), Ministry of Energy
106. U Kyaw Myint, Researcher, Atomic Energy Department, Ministry of Science and Technology
107. Dr Moe Min Htwe, Researcher, Atomic Energy Department, Ministry of Science and Technology
108. Dr Htay Win Oo, Researcher, Atomic Energy Department, Ministry of Science and Technology
109. Dr Nan Soe, Researcher, Atomic Energy Department, Ministry of Science and Technology
110. Dr Su Su Kyaw, Assistant Researcher, Atomic Energy Department, Ministry of Science and Technology
111. Dr Khin Myo Hset, Assistant Researcher, Atomic Energy Department, Ministry of Science and Technology
112. Dr Zaw Win Tun, Assistant Geological Officer, Technical Development and Cooperation Department, Ministry of Science and Technology
113. Daw Le Yin Win, Assistant Professor, Technical Development and Cooperation Department, Ministry of Science and Technology
114. U Zaw Weik, Assistant Chief Engineer, Administration Department, Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise, Ministry of Electric Power No 2
115. Dr Kyaw Hsan, Dentist, Myeik, Ministry of Health
116. U Aung Khin Zan, Deputy Head of Department, Factory and Vehicle Department, Yangon City Development Committee
117. U Soe Lwin, Head of Branch, Engineering Department (Buildings), Yangon City Development Committee
118. U Nay Win, Head of Branch, Engineering Department (Buildings), Yangon City Development Committee
119. Lt-Col Soe Naing, Chairman, Sagaing District Peace and Development Council, Sagaing Division
120. Lt-Col Than Tun, Chairman, Shwebo District Peace and Development Council, Sagaing Division
121. Lt-Col Aung Aung, Chairman, Katha District Peace and Development Council, Sagaing Division

122. Capt Win Naing, Chairman, Tamu Township Peace and Development Council, Sagaing Division
123. U Nyein Aung, Industrial Zone, Sagaing, Sagaing Division
124. U Lwin Maung Maung, Secretary, Township Peace and Development Council, Myeik, Taninthayi Division
125. U Mya Thein, Trader (Organizer, Ward Union Solidarity and Development Association, Latpan, Thanhlyetmaw Ward, Maha Aungmyay Township, Mandalay Division
126. U Khin Maung Yin, Chairman, Theiktukan Model Village Peace and Development Council, Thongwa Township, Yangon Division
127. U Kyaw Myint, Chairman, Ward Peace and Development Council, Ward 10, Hline Township, Yangon Division
128. U Tun Hla Shwe, Secretary, Township Peace and Development Council, Kyauktan, Yangon Division
129. BC-16193, Lt-Col Hla Thwin, Chairman, Patheingyi District Peace and Development Council, Ayeyawaddy Division
130. BC-14302, Lt-Col Kyi Htut Win, Chairman, Myaungmya District Peace and Development Council, Ayeyawady Division

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A&I Minister inspects water supply tasks...

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The minister gave instructions on timely completion of the work, growing of psychic nut plants, shade plants and windy plants in catchment areas and maintenance of fertile top-soil.

After that, the minister and party arrived at Magyithonbin Dam Project where Director of Magway Division ID U Aye Thein reported on construction of the dam after embanking of Htebinyo Creek for greening the region and construction tasks.

After hearing the report, the minister attended to the needs.

On arrival at Gwaycho Dam Project near Gwaycho Village in Yesagy Township, the minister heard a report presented by Director of Irrigation Department U Myint Swe on work being carried and inspected the construction of main embankment and fulfilled the requirements.

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22nd Gems and Jade Sales 2007 of UMEHL scheduled on 30 January

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Jan — The 22nd Gems and Jade sales 2007 of Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Co Ltd will be held at Myanmar Gems Emporium on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road from 30 January to 3 February.

Registration fees are K 10,000 for a local merchant and euro 20 for a foreign merchant.

Entrepreneurs can keep their gem and jade lots to be sold at the emporium from 5 to 19 January, and 0.4 per cent of the value of the gem and jade lots will be charged as service. One percent of foreign currency proceeds and three per cent of local currency proceeds are to be paid to UMEHL.

Everyone can contact Myanmar Ruby Enterprise Co Ltd, No 24/26, Sule Pagoda Road, Kyauktada Township, Yangon (Ph: 371053 and 370561) and Myanma Imperial Jade Co Ltd, No 22, Pyay Road, Mayangon Township, Yangon (Ph: 666218 and 666239).

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907 injured in New Year revelry in Philippines

MANILA, 2 Jan — Victims of firecrackers or stray bullets swelled to 907 during the New Year celebrations in the Philippines, the Department of Health (DOH) reported on Monday.

Health Secretary Francisco Duque III said the number of firecracker-related injuries since 21 December rose by 48 per cent compared to the previous year's figures.

MNA/Xinhua

Hong Kong to issue e-Passport

HONG KONG, 2 Jan—The government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) announced on Monday that its Immigration Department will start accepting applications for HKSAR e-Passport from 5 February. The HKSAR e-Passports will be issued for applications received on that day onwards with a view to enhancing document security, a HKSAR Government spokesman said.

"The application procedures for HKSAR e-Passport will remain unchanged, and the existing version of HKSAR passports will remain valid until their expiry," the spokesman added.

In compliance with the standard of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the HKSAR e-Passport contains digital data including holder's personal data and facial image which will be stored in the contactless chip embedded in the back cover of the e-Passport.

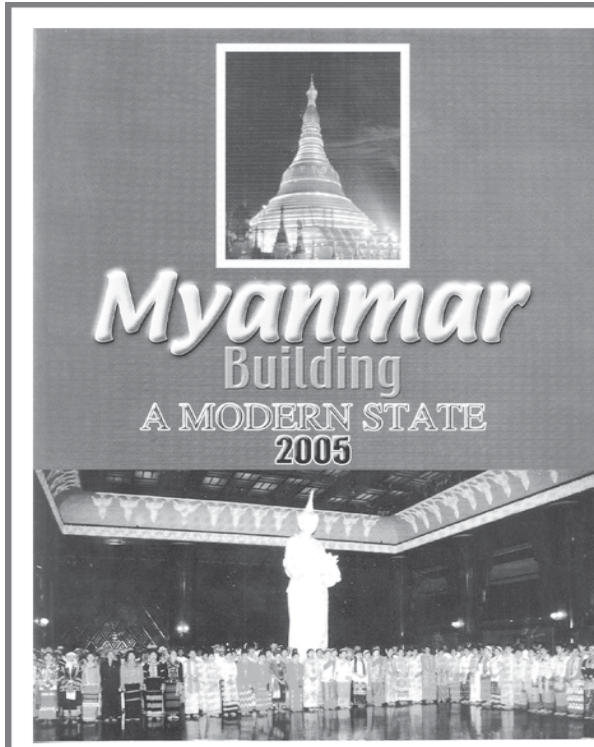
On the artwork design of the bio-data page, the spokesman said Hong Kong's landmarks, the Tsing Ma Bridge and the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, formed the main theme which projects Hong Kong's image as a cosmopolitan city.

For improved security, the holder's personal particulars and photograph will be engraved onto the e-Passport by laser engraving technology.

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Aldo 'Mr Okay' Corrieri, 53, dives into the murky waters of the Tiber River from the 18-metre-high (54 feet) Ponte Cavour bridge, to celebrate the New Year in Rome, on 1 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET



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China launches official website for "Year of China" in Russia

BEIJING, 2 Jan—The official website for the "Year of China" in Russia in 2007, formally opened on Monday. The website, in both Chinese and Russian, will cover all the activities the leaders of China and Russia attend, and exchanges between the two countries in politics, trade, culture, education, health, sports, media, science and technology and military issues during the "Year of China".

The website will contain a dozen programmes including news, important activities, authoritative interviews, news photographs, video programmes, netizen discussions, on-line researches, media comments and overseas feedbacks, according to its operator, the Xinhua news agency and Xinhua website. The website can be accessed at www.2007china.org.

Chinese President Hu Jintao and Russian President Vladimir Putin exchanged New Year's greetings on Sunday, and announced the start of the "Year of

China" in Russia.

Hu said the "Year of China" in Russia will deepen traditional friendship between the two peoples and will play an active role in strengthening relations between the two countries.

In July 2005, Chinese President Hu Jintao and Russian President Vladimir Putin jointly announced that the "Year of Russia" would be held in 2006 in China and the "Year of China" would be held in 2007 in Russia.

The activities represent an important advance in Sino-Russian relations, which will further the development of bilateral relations, said Hu in a New Year message to Putin on 31 December of 2005.

During the Year of Russia in China, which was launched in March 2006, more than 250 events have been held in trade, investment and cultural fields.

MNA/Xinhua

Philippines to keep political stability this year

MANILA, 3 Jan—The Philippine Presidential Palace said on Tuesday the Philippines will keep political stability in the year 2007 although "political pot" will heat up as elections of Congress and local governments are coming in May this year.

The Press Secretary and presidential spokesman Ignacio Bunye said the country has been "through a number of political storms" and "weathered crisis after crisis through a strong leadership and the support of the people".

"The political pot will definitely continue to heat up but this will not pose a threat to the country's political stability, which is

firmly founded on a vibrant democracy and a strong market economy," he said in a statement posted on the website of the Malacanang Presidential Palace.

He said economic and political reforms have already started and cannot be stopped "by any political and media grandstanding that the people have already discounted and learned to ignore". "This administration is focused on the task of completing our economic and political platforms and translating them into benefits that would be fully enjoyed by the people in terms of more jobs, services and law and order," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam Airlines to go public next year

HANOI, 3 Jan—Vietnam will equitize Vietnam Airlines, the country's national flag carrier, in 2008 under a recent government decision, local newspaper Vietnam News reported Tuesday. Vietnam Airlines with registered capital of 5.74 trillion Vietnamese dong (358.75 million US dollars) and its 39 affiliates will operate under the form of holding company.

Also under the decision, Vietnam will equitize 15 state-owned corporations in 2007; 18 others and the Vietnam Textile and Apparel Group in 2008, and 12 corporations in 2009; and restructure six others in 2010.

Vietnam is expected to equitize some 600 state-owned enterprises, including some big corporations, commercial banks, and public utilities this year.

Vietnam's aviation sector served over 4.9 million domestic and foreign passengers and 80,400 tons of cargoes in the first eight months of 2006, registering year-on-year rises of 13.1 per cent and 14.4 per cent respectively, according to the country's General Statistics Office. — MNA/Xinhua

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SPORTS



Nikolay Davydenko from Russia returns the ball to Korea's Hyung-Taik Lee during the second day of Qatar Open in Doha, Qatar on 2 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

Egyptian player to join English Premiership club

CAIRO, 3 Jan— Egypt's defender Ahmed Fathi, who also plays for domestic club Ismaili, is set to join English Premiership side Sheffield United during January for 700,000 pounds (about 7.9 million Egyptian pounds), local soccer news website filgoal.com reported Tuesday. Ismaili vice-president Ibrahim Ashour said the club accepted the English offer because Fathi was keen on moving to Europe.

But Sheffield United did not issue an official statement concerning the move. The 22-year-old right back will appear for the last time with Ismaili in the 7 January game with Cairo-based Al-Ahly, which took the lead of the Egyptian League. Fathi went through a two-week trial period at Sheffield alongside Zamalek's Ibrahim Saied but the latter failed to impress. He will be the third Egyptian player to join the Premiership after Ahmed Hossam "Mido" and Hossam Ghaly, who play for Tottenham Hotspur.—MNA/Xinhua

Chile U-20 team travels to Paraguay

SANTIAGO, 3 Jan— Chile's under-20 soccer squad travelled to Paraguay on Tuesday to take part in the sport's South American Championship, a competition that awards places for 2007's under-20 World Cup and for the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

"While these targets are very important, we are also going with the aim for winning the championship," Arturo Vidal, a defender who plays for Chilean league team Colo Colo, winner of both the Opening and Closing Tournaments, and a finalist in the Copa Sudamericana.

Vidal is one of the team's leading players alongside Colo Colo's Alexis Sanchez, and Coquimbo Unido winger Carlos Carmona. The team is managed by Jose Sulantay.

Sulantay said that Chile's strengths were its spirit and its fit, and experienced players. However, he warned that the team had played 10 friendlies not the typical 21 practice games; and that in many of these the team had been missing players because clubs had been unwilling to release their best players.—MNA/Xinhua

Chelsea stutter to draw 0-0 with Aston Villa

LONDON, 3 Jan— Chelsea stuttered to a scoreless draw at Aston Villa on Tuesday, a result which leaves the champions six points adrift to Manchester United in the English Premiership title race.

The visitors dominated the first half and should have been well ahead by the interval, but both Didier Drogba and Ashley Cole missed gilt-edged chances.

Drogba miscued with a volley, while Cole headed straight at Gabor Kiraly.

Outclassed in that opening period, Villa provided a sterner test for Chelsea after the break and Liam Ridgeway went close with a header.

Chelsea had drawn their previous two league games, allowing leaders Manchester United to move seven points clear ahead of Tuesday's game with Villa.

And this was another stuttering performance as Chelsea struggled to replicate the high standards they have set themselves over the previous two seasons.

In the absence of John Terry, Chelsea's defensive problems have been well documented and the visitors suffered another blow in that department when Khalid Boulahrouz limped off with a knee injury in the opening half.

But it was Chelsea's attack rather than their defence that let them down in an opening half that saw the visitors fail to convert a host of chances from the surfeit of possession they enjoyed.—MNA/Xinhua



Mark Philippoussis of Australia serves to Dmitry Tursunov of Russia during their match at the Hopman Cup Tennis Tournament in Perth, Western Australia, on Saturday, 30 Dec, 2006.—INTERNET

Diego voted best player in German Bundesliga

BERLIN, 3 Jan— Brazilian playmaker Diego was voted the best player during the first half of the German Bundesliga soccer season in a *Kicker* magazine poll.

In the poll of 270 team mates and league rivals, *Kicker* said on Tuesday 49.6 per cent voted Werder Bremen's 21-year-old Diego, well ahead of his team mates Miroslav Klose in second (32.7 per cent) and Torsten Frings (4.1 per cent) who was third.

Klose, a striker, and Hertha Berlin's Marko Pantelic are the league's top scorers with 10 goals each. Diego, an attacking midfielder, is fourth with eight.

Bremen lead the Bundesliga with 47 goals in 17 matches.—MNA/Xinhua

Comeback Henry inspires Arsenal to 4-0 win over Charlton

LONDON, 3 Jan — Arsenal captain Thierry Henry came back from his injury lay-off to inspire the Gunners to a 4-0 win over 10-man Charlton in the English Premiership soccer match on Tuesday.

Henry slotted home the opener from the penalty spot after Osei Sankofa was sent off for fouling Robin van Persie.

Henry then played a fine one-two with Justin Hoyte for the defender to slot past Scott Carson, who had already magnificently saved from Cesc Fabregas.

Van Persie scored another spot-kick after Souleymane Diawara fouled Henry and then chipped in a fine late fourth.

With Henry back after his well-documented 34-day absence, the skipper's team-mates appeared keen to welcome their leader back with a goal glut.

Arsenal poured forward from the first whistle and after Gilberto Silva and

Van Persie went close, Fabregas was denied by a contender for save of the season.

Played into the area, he fired in a shot from 10 yards towards the top corner that Carson somehow stuck out his left hand to



Arsenal's Thierry Henry scores a penalty during their English Premier League soccer match against Charlton at Arsenal's Emirates Stadium, London, on Wednesday.—INTERNET

and tipped over.

As Charlton began to get more of a footing in the game, an encounter with lots of potential was suddenly dead in the water.

A Fabregas shot from 30 yards got a wicked de-

flexion and looped up on to the crossbar and as Van Persie surged towards the ball, Sankofa bundled him over.

The right-back was harshly dismissed by referee Mike Riley on just his seventh Premiership start and Henry nonchalantly sent Carson the wrong way from the spot.

Just before the break, Hoyte got his first Gunners goal with an effort so beautifully crafted any of his illustrious team-mates would have been proud to call it theirs.

Cutting in from the right he played a sumptuous one-two with Henry and ghosted into the box to expertly slot past Carson into the far corner.

MNA/Xinhua



Chicago Blackhawks goaltender Nikolai Khabibulin, of Russia, makes a save on a point-blank shot by St Louis Blues' Dallas Drake in the second period of a hockey game, on 2 Jan, 2007, in St Louis.—INTERNET

Malaysia names veterans in squad for AFF Championship

KUALA LUMPUR, 3 Jan— Malaysia has unveiled the name list of the football squad for the upcoming ASEAN Football Federation (AFF) Championship, calling back several veterans, a report said Tuesday.

Veteran players Hairuddin Omar, Irwan Fadli Idrus and Mohd Nizaruddin Yusof are back in the side and so are wingers Eddy Helmi Manan and Rezal Zambery Yahya, Mohd Shukor Adan and goalkeeper Azizon Kadir, said the report posted on the official website of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC).

MNA/Xinhua

New UNSG urges collective efforts in meeting challenges

UNITED NATIONS, 3 Jan — South Korean Ban Ki-moon, the United Nations' new secretary-general, started his first working day on Tuesday with a call for "collective efforts" to address challenges and issues facing the world body.

Ban, a former South Korean foreign minister, was given a warm welcome by his staff as he arrived at the world body's New York headquarters in the morning, accompanied by his newly appointed chief of staff, Indian Vijay Nambiar.

"I start my duties at a daunting time in international affairs, starting from Darfur to Middle East, Lebanon, Iran, Iraq, North Korea — many

other crises that trouble our world," Ban told reporters after paying a brief tribute to UN personnel who have fallen in the line of duty.

"These challenges and issues need to be addressed collectively, with collective wisdom and collective efforts," he said. "Not a single person, including the secretary-general of the United Nations, not a single country, however strong, powerful, resourceful it may be, can address this."

Responding to a question on the Korean Peninsula nuclear issue, Ban said he will "try to facilitate the smooth progress of the six-party talks," and discuss "this matter very closely with the members of the six parties, as well as with Security Council members."

Asked about the situation in Sudan's Darfur region, the new secretary-general said he has put the issue "very high on my

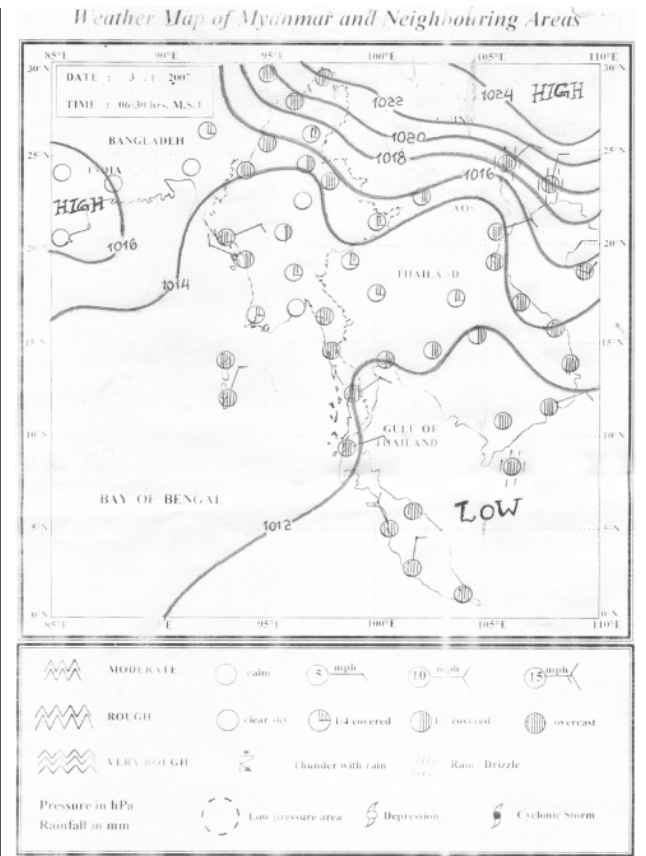
agenda".

He said he is scheduled to meet with his special envoy for Darfur Jan Eliasson, a former General Assembly president, on Wednesday, and to attend the African Union summit meeting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, later this month, where he will consult with the Sudanese President and other African leaders.

Ban voiced hope that the Darfur issue will be resolved peacefully through diplomatic means.

"By engaging myself in the diplomatic process, I hope that we will be able to resolve peacefully, as soon as possible, this very serious issue," he added.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Wednesday, 3 January, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (3°C) below normal in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, (6°C) below normal in Chin State, (5°C) above normal in Kachin State and about normal in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperatures were Haka (-3°C), Pinlaung (2°C) and Heho (3°C).

Maximum temperature on 2-1-2007 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 3-1-2007 was 63°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 3-1-2007 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 2-1-2007 was (4.9) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 3-1-2007 were (nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2007 were (nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from North at (12:00) hours MST on 2-1-2007.

Bay inference: Weather is generally fair in the North Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 4-1-2007: Possibility of isolated rain in Taninthayi Division and weather will be partly cloudy in Rakhine and Mon States, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of decrease of night temperatures in Eastern Myanmar areas.


Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 4-1-2007: Fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 4-1-2007: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 4-1-2007: Fair weather.



Cambodian fishermen on boats catch fishes in Tonle Mekong, opposite the capital Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on Monday, 1 Jan, 2007. Hundreds of fishing boats are catching fishes to sell them at a main market during the moonshine in ending of the fish season. —INTERNET



Thursday, 4 January

View on today

<p>6:45 am</p> <p>1. ၂၀၀၇ ခုနှစ် (၅၉) နှစ်မြောက် လွတ်လပ်ရေးနေ့ နိုင်ငံတော်အလံတင် အခမ်းအနားကျင်းပပုံ တိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှု အစီအစဉ်</p> <p>8:30 am</p> <p>2. (၅၉) နှစ်မြောက် လွတ်လပ်ရေးနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်</p> <p>8:45 am</p> <p>3. International news</p> <p>4:00 pm</p> <p>1. Martial song</p>	<p>4:15 pm</p> <p>2. Song to uphold National Spirit</p> <p>4:30 pm</p> <p>3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ - တတိယနှစ်(မြန်မာစာအထူးပြု) (မြန်မာစာ)</p> <p>4:45 pm</p> <p>4. "ချစ်သောမြေ ချစ်သောရေ" (ရာဇာနေဝင်း၊ နိုင်နင်းဝေ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်နွဲ့နွဲ့)</p> <p>5:00 pm</p> <p>5. Cute little dancers</p> <p>5:15 pm</p> <p>6. "အသက်ကလေးရယ်တဲ့ ရှည်စေလို" (ဦးအောင်လွင်၊ ဦးကြည်စိုး၊ မေထွဋ်ခေါင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ- ကြည်စိုး)</p> <p>5:30 pm</p> <p>7. (၅၉) နှစ်မြောက် လွတ်လပ်ရေးနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြု အစီအစဉ်</p> <p>5:45 pm</p> <p>8. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ</p> <p>6:00 pm</p> <p>9. Evening news</p>	<p>6:30 pm</p> <p>10. Weather report</p> <p>6:35 pm</p> <p>11. သိရှိလေ့လာ</p> <p>7:00 pm</p> <p>12. နိုင်ငံခြား ဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အချစ်ဆိုသည်မှာ" (အပိုင်း- ၁၀)</p> <p>7:45 pm</p> <p>13. အချုပ်အခြာအာဏာ ဖွန့်ရှည်ကြာနိုင်စေမှု ဦးရှေ့ရှု "သမိုင်းမော်ကွန်း ထွန်းသစ်ဝေဖြာ ပြည်မြန်မာ"</p> <p>8:00 pm</p> <p>14. News</p> <p>15. International news</p> <p>16. Weather report</p> <p>17. Myanmar movie "တပြည်သူမရွေးထား" (အပိုင်း-၂) (ကျော်သူ၊ မေသန်းနု) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စင်ရော်မောင်မောင်)</p> <p>18. The next day's programme</p>
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Thursday, 4 January

Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news

8:35 am Music -It's you

8:40 am Perspectives

8:45am Music: -Tarzan boy

8:50 am National news/Slogan

9:00 am Music: -If you only knew

9:05am International news

9:10 am Music: -Little Red Rodeo

1:30 pm News / Slogan

1:40 pm Lunch time music: -Rose garden -Lady -The one you love -Charlire

9:00 pm Radio play for Independence Day

9:10 pm Article

9:20 pm Pourri

9:30 pm Favourite songs chosen by music lovers: -Heart of heart -Evergreen

9:45 pm News / Slogan

10:00 pm PEL

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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Foreign Heads of State send felicitations to Senior General Than Shwe

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Jan —*The following are messages of felicitations from foreign Heads of State sent to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council, on the occasion of the 59th Anniversary Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.*

From Mr Hu Jintao, President of the People's Republic of China Excellency,

Upon this auspicious occasion of the 59th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar, I would like to, on behalf of the Chinese people and in my own name, extend to Your Excellency and through you to the people of Myanmar the warmest congratulations and best wishes.

In the past year, Myanmar has made new progress in maintaining stability, developing economy, forwarding the national reconciliation process and

broadening external relations, towards which we share the heartfelt happiness.

China and Myanmar are good-neighbouring countries linked by common mountains and rivers while the two peoples enjoy profound Pauk-Phaw friendship. Developing all-round mutually beneficial relations is in the interest of two countries and peoples. I am willing to work together with Your Excellency to continuously promote the friendly cooperative relations between China and Myanmar.

May the Union of Myanmar enjoy prosperity and her people well-beings and wish Your Excellency every success!

From King Akihito of Japan

On the occasion of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar, I have great pleasure in sending Your Excellency my heartfelt congratulations and sincere good wishes for Your happiness and for the

prosperity of the people of Your country.

From Mr APJ Abdul Kalam, President of the Republic of India Excellency,

On behalf of the Government and the people of India and on my own behalf, I would like to extend warm greetings and felicitations on the happy occasion of the Independence Day of Myanmar.

I fondly recollect memories of my visit to your beautiful country in March 2006. It is a matter of satisfaction that our bilateral, political and economic ties are in the process of being further strengthened for mutual benefit.

Please, accept, Excellency, my best wishes for your personal well-being and for the continued prosperity of the people of Myanmar.

With assurances of my highest consideration.

(See page 9)

Power stations, electrical engineer offices inspected

YANGON, 3 Jan — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint accompanied by officials arrived at Hlawga Gas Turbine on 31 December, 2006.

Factory Manager U Thein Zaw reported on natural gas, generation of electric power, and consumption of electricity.

Deputy Chief Engineer U Nyo Win of Yangon City Electric Power Supply Board reported on requirements of electricity at No 3 Steel Mill, and Chief

Engineer U Tun Aye on supply of power through 66KV power line from Hlawga Gas Turbine and 33KV power line from Ywama Power Station.

No 3 Steel Mill Manager Col Tin Soe reported on supply of electricity at iron casting. The minister gave necessary instructions.

The minister and party inspected Control Room, operating of machine, gas line, gas Control and Switch Yard.

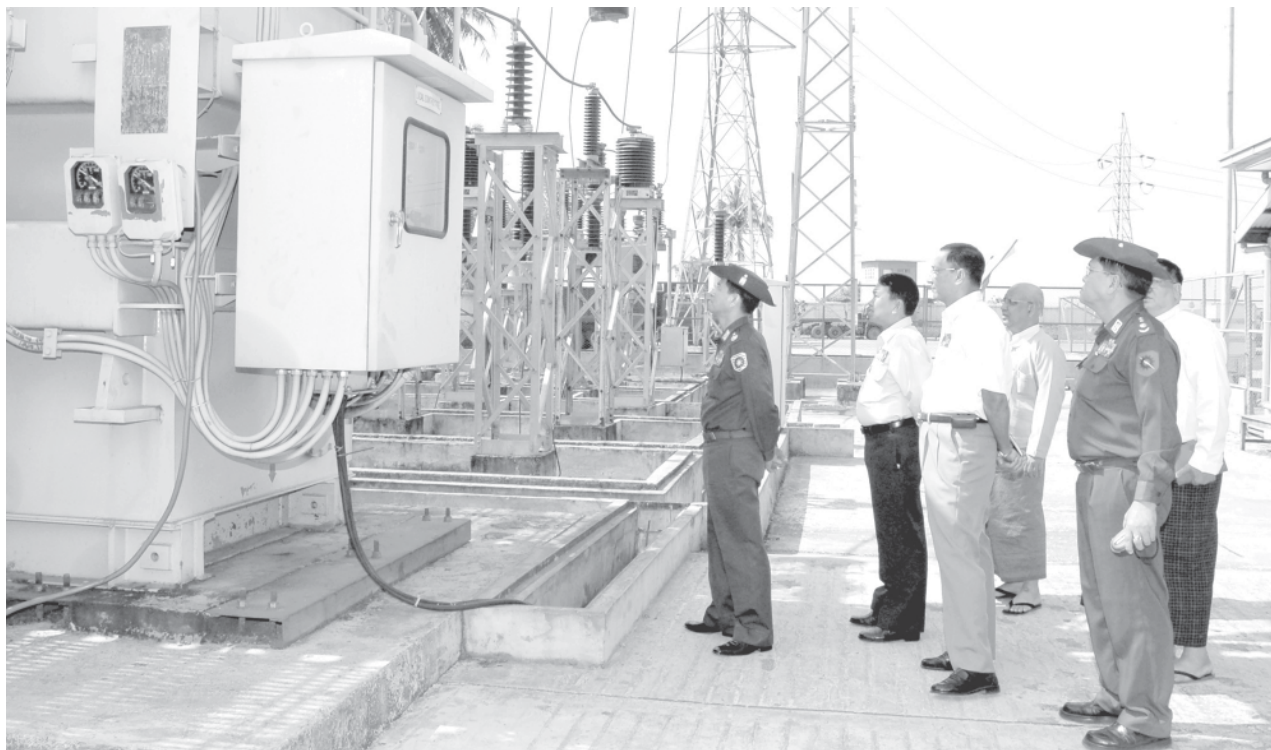
At No 3 Steel Mill, Mill Manager Col Tin Soe

reported on salient points of the mill and consumption of power. The minister gave necessary instructions.

Next, the minister and party inspected the Switch Yard and Control room.

Then, the minister arrived at Kyimyindine-Kamayut townships Electric Engineer's Office. Officials reported on incoming and consumption of electricity. The minister gave necessary instructions and fulfilled the requirements.

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Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspects No 3 Steel Mill. — MNA

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