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Senior General Than Shwe's message to Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference

Public confidence in traditional medicines is growing day by day All Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners to harmoniously strive for further improving standard of Myanmar traditional medical science, potency of traditional medicines

YANGON, 28 Nov — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe has sent a message to the eighth Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference. The following is a translation of the full text of the message:

It is the eighth Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference. Since 2000, the Conference has been held with the lofty aim of fostering unity among Myanmar traditional practitioners and

developing Myanmar traditional medicine in accord with its standard.

At this conference in which Myanmar traditional Medicine practitioners gather to share knowledge with one another in accord with fine traditions, I wish you all to strive for the progress and promotion of your profession with unity ever flourishing in your hearts.

The advancement of sound foundations of development in the Myanmar traditional medicine world including the emergence of the consolidated Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Association are the results of the collective and firm efforts of the practitioners during the short span of time beginning from the date the first conference was held.

Based on nature-provided native herbal plants, land-and water-resources and animal products, Myanmar traditional medicine has evolved into a sophisticated branch of medical science. (See page 8)

Government implementing national health plans to uplift the people's health and fitness that is a blessing not only for an individual but for the nation

YANGON, 28 Nov-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe sent a message to the 8th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference held at the University of Nursing Bogyoke Aung on San Street in Lanmadaw Township, here, this morning. Chairman of National Health Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo delivered an address at the conference.

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tioners Conference has been held annually and this is the eighth time with

the noble aim of improving the Myanmar traditional medical science and enhancing the unity of Myanmar traditional (See page 8)



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo delivers an address at the 8th Myanmar Traditional

In his address, Secre-

Medicine Practitioners Conference. — MNA

and tranquillity, prevalence of law and orderdevelopment of other sectors of the economy as wellthe entire nation* National reconsolidationProper evolution of the market-oriented economic systemUplift of national prestige and integ- rity and preservation and safeguard- ing of cultural heritage and national character* Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State ConstitutionThe initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoplesUplift of health, fitness and education

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

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Maintain bridges in long-term interest of people

The 208-foot new Mongpun Bridge spanning Pun Creek between Loilem and Taunggyi Districts in Shan State (South) was inaugurated recently.

The inauguration of the bridge contributes towards smooth flow of commodities among cities in Shan State (South) and (East), improving socio-economic life of the local people and forging further national unity.

Meiktila-Kengtung-Tachilek Road, the Union Highway, Namtain Bridge on Namtain Creek, Nammaung Bridge on Nammaung Creek and Namkat Bridge on Leikha-Mongnaung-Mongshu Road are under construction for ensuring smooth and secure transport. In Shan State 13 bridges which are 180 feet and above and a lot of small bridges have been built.

Peace and stability, better transport and flow of commodities contribute towards the socio-economic progress of a region. A large number of roads and bridges are being built nationwide. Now 5,560 miles of roads have been built along with 229 bridges including Mongpun Bridge which are 180 feet and above long.

It is the duty of local people to help maintain the bridges in all parts of the country that can enhance national development and promote socio-economic life of national brethren. People's Desire

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

Newly-built North Yama Supporting Dam inaugurated in Pale Township

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Nov — The opening ceremony of newly-built North Yama Supporting Dam built by Construction Group-4 of Irrigation Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation was held at the pandal of the dam in Pale Township, Monywa District, Sagaing Division this morning.

Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Myint Soe made a speech on the occasion, saying that the newly-built dam can generate 250 kilowatts contributing towards the tasks for agriculture and greening as well as supplying electric power. It is the 205th ones built in the time of the Tatmadaw Government. It is the 23rd dam in Sagaing Division. It will benefit 385,444 acres of farmland and supply irrigation water to cultivate edible oil crops and beans and pulses in addition to paddy all the year round. In addition, it can also provide the



Commander Brig-Gen Myint Soe and Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo formally open North Yama Supporting Dam in Pale Township.—MNA

farmers to generate more income.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo delivered an address on the occasion, saying that the newly built dam has emerged with the assistance of the Government in order to fulfill the requirements of the farmers from Yinmabin and Pale Townships of Sagaing Division. The ministry is constantly placing emphasis on development of the agricultural sector with the pur-

pose of raising socioeconomic life of the rural people. Local farmers on their part are to make efforts to improve agricultural sector with the use of irrigation water. Sagaing Division is the reliable region in the cultivation and production of paddy and edible oil crops.

Director U Victor of Construction Group-4 of Irrigation Department presented reports on building the dam to the commander and the minister and Deputy Director-General U Tin Maung Ohn gave a supplementary report.

Afterwards, on behalf of the locals, U Tint Swe spoke words of thanks. After cordially greeting those present, the commander and the minister formally unveiled the stone plaque of the dam and sprinkled scented water on it.

After that the commander, the minister, guests and engineers posed for documentary photo.



North Yama Supporting Dam in Pale Township seen after opening ceremony of the dam.—MNA

China warship docks in Tokyo



The Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA)'s navy missile destroyer "Shenzhen" enters the Tokyo Bay for a 4-day goodwill visit to Japan, on 28 Nov, 2007. It's the first time for PLA vessels to visit Japan. —XINHUA

Токуо, 28 Nov — A Chinese warship arrived in Tokyo on Wednesday for the first such port call since World War II, in the latest sign of warming ties between the Asian neighbours and former foes.

The two countries had agreed to reciprocal warship visits in 2000, planned port call in 2002 after then Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi visited Yasukuni Shrine, seen in China as a symbol of Japan's past militarism.

The missile destroyer Shenzhen, named after the booming southern Chinese city, docked at Harumi pier, near Tokyo's upscale Ginza shopping but China cancelled a district, greeted by

voters ahead of Sunday's

vote, according to the

survey by Caracas com-

pany Hinterlaces, an

recent survey by an

independent pollster

showed Chavez has lost

an early lead in a vote for

a constitutional overhaul

that also declares the

OPEC nation socialist and

allows him to censure

The poll comes after a

opposition supporter.

hundreds of Chinese residents in Japan waving small Chinese and Japanese flags.

The residents performed a traditional Chinese lion dance while a Japanese Navy brass band played, both under the tight watch of uniformed and plainclothes police officers at the port.

MNA/Reuters

Report finds US capital has severe HIV epidemic

Washington, DC, has the highest rate of AIDS in the United States, and more babies are born with the AIDS virus in Washington than in other US cities, according to a report released on Monday.

People living in Washington also are not getting tested for HIV and show up with advanced infections that progress quickly to AIDS, the report by city health officials found.

WASHINGTON, 28 Nov — | with a population of around 600,000 people, has a rate of 128 AIDS cases per 100,000 people in 2006, compared with a national rate of 14 cases per 100,000. The city accounted for 9 per cent of all pediatric AIDS cases in the United States during 2005.

> "The District's rate for newly reported AIDS cases is higher than rates in Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York City, Detroit and Chicago," the report

The report found that Washington, | said.— MNA/Reuters

NTERNATIONAL NEWS S Korean submarine joins military exercise near Australia

SEOUL, 27 Nov- The South Korean Navy announced Monday that it has dispatched a 1,200ton submarine to an international submarine rescue exercise held off the coast of Australia.

"The 1,200-ton Lee Eok-gi Ham is taking part in the exercise that kicks off on Monday for a 12day run," said a Navy spokesman.

Forty-six per cent of

"The training is to promote cooperation and interoperability in the field of submarine rescue," the spokesman said. According to the Navy, the exercise, named as "Pacific Reach 2007", will be composed of nine countries including the United States, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, Australia

and other countries in the region. The exercise was started in 1999 and has been held on an irregular basis. Its venue rotates among the participating nations. South Korea hosted the submarine drills in 2004 in the waters near the country's southern resort island of Jeju.

MNA/Xinhua



A man carves a statue made from clay at an art training centre in Samawa, 270 km (160 miles) south of Baghdad on 27 Nov, 2007.—INTERNET

Poll shows Chavez in tight Venezuela referendum fight

CARACAS, 28 Nov-President Hugo Chavez faces his first ballot box defeat with Venezuelans increasingly turning against a constitutional overhaul that would scrap term limits for his presidency, a new poll showed on Monday.

Pointing to a swing against Chavez, the "Yes" and "No" camps are in a technical tie among likely

Quake measuring 4.3 hits New Delhi area

media in emergencies.

Chavez, who refuses to scrap term limits for other officials, would have to leave office in 2013 without the law change.

But pollsters say Chavez remains popular and could still win by activating a state-backed get-out-the-vote machinery that in the past has helped secure resounding election wins.

Venezuelans who said they will vote on Sunday plan to vote "No" while 45 per cent will vote "Yes," a three-point swing since a poll earlier this month, Hinterlaces said. The result fell within the margin of error of 4 per-centage points and was based on 1,333 telephone interviews from 20-24 November. MNA/Reuters

> MANILA, 28 Nov-Typhoon "Mitag" has killed twelve people as it is on its way to exit the Philippines

New Delhi, 27 Nov—An earthquake measuring 4.3 hit the Indian capital and its surrounding areas at dawn on Monday, shaking high-rise buildings, the weather office and Reuters witnesses said.

The epicentre of the tremor, felt at 2313 GMT, was near the border of New Delhi and the neighbouring state of Haryana, which surrounds the capital on its north, west and south. The US Geological Survey put the time of the earthquake at 2317 GMT and said it measured 4.6, and was at a depth of 10 kilometres (6.2 miles).

One local TV channel said there were some cracks in buildings near the epicentre but the report could not be independently confirmed. There were no reports of any major damage elsewhere across the city of 14 million people.—MNA/Reuters



Villagers salvage what is left of their houses on 28 Nov, 2007, along the coast in Zamboanga city in southern Philippines, after big waves spawned by Typhoon Mitag slammed coastal villages overnight leaving hundreds of families homeless and sending more than 5,000 people fleeing, some falsely thinking there was a tsunami, officials said Wednesday. –INTERNET

the national disaster relief agency said Tuesday.

The National Disaster Coordinating Council said in a report that at least four others remain missing while one was injured by typhoon-triggered calamities.

"Mitag" affected at least 100,588 families or 443,109 people from 899 villages from 121 towns in 19 provinces in Luzon Island in North Philippines and central Visayas region.

About 45,000 families or 201,329 people have been brought to 668 evacuation centres to avoid greater loss, the report said. The Agriculture Department, meanwhile, estimated 6,075 hectares of crops worth 109.648 million pesos (2.55 million US dollars) were damaged, including 2,671 hectares of rice and 1,973 hectares of corn.-MNA/Xinhua

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Typhoon "Mitag' death toll in Philippines rises to 12

Sri Lankans charged in Iraq for illegal entry

Соломво, 27 Nov — The Sri Lankan Government said Sunday that 21 Sri Lankan nationals who were arrested and later released in Iraq have now been charged with illegal entry to the country.

Hussain Bhaila, the

Deputy Foreign Minister

said "they have been

charged for illegal entry to

Iraq".

security company, were arrested on 20 November in connection with a shooting incident in Baghdad and released three days later without any charges.

However, the Sri Lankan Government was informed on Saturday that they were being charged for immigration offense, said Bhaila. He said these

working for a private | people have defied a Sri Lankan Government order not to visit Iraq.

> "Still as they are Sri Lankan citizens our Foreign Ministry will assist them," Bhaila said.

The Sri Lankan Government advised its nationals not to take up employment in Iraq with the breakout of the United States-led war in Iraq in 2003. — MNA/Xinhua

The 21 Sri Lankans,

Indonesian President renews anti-graft campaign

Jakarta, 28 Nov — Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono said Tuesday that the fight against corruption will continue as long as he is still in command of the country.

"Corruption eradication remains a priority," said Susilo, who promised to personally lead the antigraft campaign when he took office in 2004.

He called on law enforcement officials to target those who embezzled state money during the massive bailout of ailing Indonesian banks that cost the country a disastrous loss of about 600 trillion rupiah (64 billion US dollars) in the

An artist makes final touch to a mural painting in a coal mine in Huaibei city, east China's Anhui Province, on 27 Nov, 2007. —XINHUA

financial crisis.

"The fugitives, who fled abroad bringing Indonesian money and assets, must be captured and forced to return their ill-gotten money," the President said.

Susilo made the remarks in a ceremony to inaugurate the new compound of the anti-

wake of the 1997/98 money laundering agency PPATK here.

> He called on the police, the prosecutors and the PPATK to immediately take decisive actions once there is a corruption case or suspected money laundering. "We must win the battle early on," said the President.

MNA/Xinhua



Performance by Turkish folk dancers at the Celsius Library in the ancient Ephesus ruins near Turkey's west coastal city of Izmir, on 27 Nov, 2007. INTERNET

3,000 fishermen feared killed by cyclone in Bangladesh

Dhaka, 27 Nov— A fishermen association Sunday claimed that some 3,000 fishermen were killed and 700 others went missing in Dublar Char in Bangladesh's southwest following cyclone Sidr

that battered the country's coastal belt on 15 November.

Dublar Char, which consists of six small islands, is situated on the southern tip of Bangladesh and it was the first point hit by cyclone Sidr.

It is part of the country's southwestern Sundarbans, the world's largest mangrove forest covering nearly 6,000 square metres.

Major (rtd) Zia Uddin, president of the Dublarchar Fishermen Group, made the remarks at a Press conference in the southern Bagerhat District Sunday, 10 days after the cyclone disaster amidst general belief that the

actual death toll must be higher than that of the official figure.

Zia said some 30,000 people, most of them fishermen, came to cyclone shelters at Dublar Char on the fateful night, but due to lack of accommodation, some 10,000 to 12,000 people were shifted to different channels inside the Sundarbans mangrove forest.

He said most of those people were killed by the storm.

The government food and disaster ministry put the overall death toll at 3,061 while the Armed Forces division at 3,199 so far.

MNA/Xinhua

Gunmen kill 11 relatives of Iraqi journalist

BAGHDAD, 27 Nov — Gunmen killed 11 relatives of Iragi anti-American journalist in northeastern Baghdad, the journalist's website reported on Monday. "Some five unknown gunmen, in a four-wheel drive vehicle, stormed the house of two sisters of Diaa al-Kawwaz in the Shaab neighbourhood at 7:30 am (0430 GMT) on Sunday, killing the two sisters, their husbands and their seven children," Kawwaz's Internet website said. Diaa al-Kawwaz is the Editor-in-Chief of the Shabakat Akhbar al-Iraq (Network of Iraqi News) based in Germany where he has lived for the past 20 years. The website, known with its opposition to the USled occupations of Iraq, also said that gunmen blew up the house after committed their crime and fled the scene.- MNA/Xinhua



Two killed, 26 injured in strong

quakes in Indonesia

Jakarta, 27 Nov— Two toddlers were killed and 26 others injured, and many buildings collapsed after two strong quakes of 6.7 and 6.8 magnitude hit West Nusa Tenggara Province on Sunday night and Monday morning, the Indonesian Disaster Management Agency said on Monday. Spokesman of the

agency in the province Nyoman Cinra said that two toddlers, five and 10, died because of the quake in Dompu regency. "Two toddlers were dead and some buildings collapsed and were damaged," he told Xinhua on phone from the regency. An official of the agency in Jakarta, Adam Malik said that currently

26 people suffered serious 6.8-magnitude tremor that was potential for injuries.

The main shock of 6.7 tsunami followed the main shock, the agency magnitude struck at 23:02 Jakarta Time (1602 GMT said. Sunday) with epicentre at Twenty-three people 50 kilometres southwest were killed and thousands of buildings were destru-Raba Town of the province and at 50 kilometres cted in September after a in depth, the Indonesian 7.9-magnitude quake hit Meteorology and Geo-Bengkulu Province in physics Agency said. Sumatra Island of Indo-Three hours later, the nesia. —MNA/Xinhua

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China, France sign 8-bln-euro nuclear energy deal

BEIJING, 27 Nov—China Guangdong Nuclear Power Group (CGNPG) and Areva of France signed an eight-billion-Euro civil nuclear energy cooperation deal on Monday, according to which the French company will help build two reactors in Taishan city in the southern Guangdong Province.

Qian Zhimin, Chairman of the CGNPG, and Anne Lauvergeon, Chairman and CEO of Areva, signed the milestone contract at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing during the signing ceremony for various commercial contracts between the two countries, in the presence of Chinese President Hu Jintao and visiting French

In this image released by ABC, 'Dancing with the Stars" contestants Julianne Hough, left, and Helio Castroneves compete on the 12 Nov, 2007, episode in Los Angeles. Hough and Castroneves won the season finale on 27 Nov.—INTERNET

BEIJING, 27 Nov—China | President Nicolas Saruangdong Nuclear | kozy.

> "This is the largest commercial contract signed in the French nuclear energy industry history and opened a new chapter of nuclear cooperation between the two countries," said Anne Lauvergeon.

Areva will cooperate with the CGNPG to establish two European pressurized-water reactors (EPRs) in Taishan and Areva, the world's largest nuclear engineering firm, will provide all the needed materials and technology support, according to the signed deal dubbed "Taishan EPR 1&2 Contract".

The two sides also planned to set up a joint venture soon, in an effort to conduct research and development of nuclear reactors engineering technologies, said the contract.

MNA/Xinhua



EU proposes suspending import duties on most cereals

BRUSSELS, 28 Nov—The European Commission Monday proposed suspending import duties on most cereals in response to the exceptionally tight situation in the European market and record-high prices.

Under the proposal, import duties on all cereals except oats will be suspended for the current marketing year, which ends on 30 June, 2008.

"Ihope this proposal will help facilitate cereal imports from outside the European Union (EU) and reduce tensions on European grain markets," said Mariann Fischer Boel, the EU Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development. The EU still applies import duties to certain types of grains in order to balance the market. However, the European cereals markets has seen a spectacular upsurge in prices since the start of the current marketing year due to a poor harvest and tight conditions on the world market. In 2007, unfavourable weather conditions reduced the harvest and overall EU production is estimated at 256 million tons, a drop of 10 million tons or 3.5 per cent from the already modest harvest in the previous marketing year.- MNA/Xinhua

Thai tourism revenue to rise 10% in 2007

BANGKOK, 27 Nov—Thailand will earn about 500 billion baht (14.7 billion US dollars) from tourism revenue, an increase of 10 per cent from last year, according to a recent report issued by Kasikorn Research Centre (KRC).

Some 14.2 million foreign tourists are expected to visit Thailand in 2007, up 3 per cent from 2006, the report said. The leading think tank's report said Thailand's tourism had begun to improve during the second half of 2007 due to several positive factors. The positive developments are rooted in the increased transparency in the political sector, with a general election to be held on 23 December, activities to celebrate the King's 80th birthday on 5 December, and the annual Loy Krathong festival which is being celebrated by Thais nationwide on 24 November. The research centre projected that during the second half of 2007, 7.2 million foreigners will have visited Thailand.



Visitors view a Chinese architectural model in the three-day 2007 Beijing International Gift, Promotional Gift and Daily-use Articles Purchasing Fair at the China International Trade Center in Beijing, China, on 27 Nov, 2007. XINHUA

ECONOMIC NEWS Japan in talks with Hungary to buy CO2 credits

Токуо, 27 Nov—Japan is in talks with Hungary, Poland, the Czech Republic and other former communist states to buy their surplus allowances for greenhouse gas emissions under the Kyoto Protocol, a government official said on Monday. Japan aims to clinch the

first deal with Hungary using a United Nationsapproved new trading mechanism termed the green investment scheme (GIS), the official said. GIS, to be launched in January 2008, will allow countries well within their emission limits under the Kyoto Protocol to sell surpluses to other countries and invest the revenues in projects to reduce gas emissions.

Countries that have been breaking their emission caps, such as Japan, can then count other countries' cuts as their own. Most former communist states, whose heavy industries collapsed along with the Soviet Union, emit less pollutants than in 1990, the baseline year for a number of gases included in the protocol. Those states are becoming a battleground

for industrialized countries struggling to meet their commitments and seeking to offset their emissions at a relatively low cost. "We hope to have a bigger range of choices (in emissioncutting projects), but competition is fierce with many European countries also approaching them," said a Japanese Government official, who asked not to be identified. Under Kyoto, signatories can raise the cap on their carbon dioxide emissions by investing in measures to reduce emissions in other countries, such as CO2-reducing projects in developing countries.

MNA/Reuters



MNA/Xinhua

Labourers work at the construction site of a new office building in Beijing's central business district on 28 Nov, 2007. —Internet

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A superjumbo Airbus A380, foreground, taxies at Minneapolis-St Paul International Airport as a smaller Northwest Airlines jet, right, taxies to takeoff on 27 Nov, 2007 in Minneapolis where Northwest Airlines executives

had a chance to look over the plane.—INTERNET

Cancer centre saves Zambian Govt \$325m

LUSAKA, 27 Nov-The Zambian Government has saved more than 300 million US dollars since its first national Cancer Diseases Hospital (CDH) began clinical operation in Lusaka in April, 2007, Zambia Times reported on Sunday.Health Ministry spokesman was quoted as saying that the constructing of the CDH is a dream-come-true to many cancer patients because treatment abroad is too expensive and the majority of people could not afford it.

"Previously, 90 per cent of all those sent abroad for treatment were cancer patients and each one of them cost the nation about 12,500 dollars" he said.

MNA/Xinhua

US scientists create cancer-resistant mouse

WASHINGTON, 27 Nov- A mouse resistant to cancer, even highly-ag gressive types, has been created by a team of researchers at the University of Kentucky, the university announced on Tuesday.

The research team found a tumor-suppressor gene called Par-4 in the prostate. They discovered that this gene kills cancer cells, but not normal cells. There are very few molecules that specifically fight against cancer cells, giving it a potentially therapeutic application.

The team led by professor of radiation medicine Vivek Rangnekar introduced it into the egg of a mouse. That egg was then planted into a surrogate mother. Mice born with this gene are not developing tumors. The mice grow normally and have no defects. In fact, the mice possessing Par-4 actually live a few months longer than the control animals, indicating that they have no toxic side effects.

"The mouse itself does not express a large number of copies of this gene, but the pups do and then their pups start expressing the gene," Rangnekar said.

"So, we've been able

of normal cells", said Rangnekar.—Internet to transfer this activity Indonesia, Ecuador to boost

energy cooperation

Jakarta, 27 Nov— Indonesia's stated-owned oil and gas company Pertamina Inc, would began oil and gas exploration in Ecuador next year, president of the

company Ari Sumarno said here Monday.

The president told reporters after he accompanied Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyoo's meeting with his Ecuador-ean counterpart Rafael Vincente Correa Delgado at the State Palace that the exploration would be conducted in three onshore blocks of Lagio Agrio, Dunete and

Dureno. After the meeting, it was signed an agreement on the cooperation on gas and oil cooperation of both countries.

Malaysia's elderly population to double by 2020

KUALA LUMPUR, 27 Nov- Malaysia's elderly population is expected to double by 2020 and the country could not be spared from this worldwide phenomenon, an official said here Monday.

"The proportion of Malaysians aged above 60 is expected to be more than doubled from 7 per cent of the total population in 2000 to 16 per cent in 2020," said Zamani Abdul Ghani, deputy governor of Malysia's central bank Negara Malaysia.

By 2040, one-fifth of Malaysia's population is expected to be more than 60 years old, while the World Bank predicted that

to generations in the

The implications for

humans could be that

through bone marrow

transplantation, the Par-4

molecule could potentially

be used to fight cancer cells

in patients without the toxic

and damaging side effects

of chemotherapy and

radiation therapy. "Before

this animal study, we

published a lot of work

indicating that in cell

culture, there's no killing

mouse."

the number of the elderly in the world will surpass the number of children by that time, Zamani told the Fourth Asian Conference on Pensions and Retirement Planning.

He called for reformulating retirement strategies, reforming pension schemes, designing an appropriate tax mechanism for pension system, while urging the public to raise their

awareness on planning for retirement. The structure of mandatory pension schemes, many of which were based on a full-time employment model, had to be modified according to the changing work patterns, Zamani said.

The increasing number of part-time workers, the self-employed and temporary workers had been seen in recent decades, he said.— MNA/Xinhua



An injured quake victim gets medical treatment at a hospital in the district of Dompu, in Nusa Tenggara Barat, on 26 Nov, 2007, after a strong earthquake of 6.7-magnitude struck off Sumbawa island in southeastern Indonesia. The quake killed at least three and injured 45, the health ministry said, as aftershocks frayed residents' nerves.

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Singapore to set up research centre for energy solutions

Singapore, 27 Nov — Singapore will establish a 38.5-million- Singaporedollar(about 26.5-million-US-dollar) centre, which will be a national testbedding and research and development infrastructure for sustainable energy solutions, a senior official announced here Monday. The centre named the Singapore Initiatives in New Energy Technologies (SINERGY Centre), is established by the Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR), governmental organization dedicated to charting the course for Singapore's Science and Technology.

energy and microgrid systems and technologies, an area of great interest to the energy and power industry, and transform research and cost effective solutions to the market place, Lee Yi Shyan, Singapore's Minister of State for Trade and Industry, said at the UK-



MNA/Xinhua

Australian actress Nicole Kidman poses for photographers at the world premiere of "The Golden Compass" in Leicester Square, London, on 27 Nov, 2007. INTERNET

The centre initial focus will be on distributed Singapore workshop on energy technology.

The outcomes of the IEDS will complement the work at the new centre. Eight million Singapore dollars (about 5.5 million US dollars) have been awarded to 10 projects of the IEDS, including in the critical areas of information and communications security in energy systems, according to Lee. MNA/Xinhua

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Journalism Course No 1/2007 concludes

YANGON, 28 Nov — Journalism is a demanding task as it covers every sectors and field, and also a race against time, said Managing Director U Soe Win of News and Periodicals Enterprise at the closing of a journalism course at the New Light of Myanmar Daily in Botahtaung Township today.

Correctness, speed and ethics are also important in the profession, the NPE head also said at the closing ceremony of Journalism Course No 1/2007 organized by News and Periodicals Enterprise of Ministry of Information.

He expressed belief that trainees have already understood the scope of journalism, urging them to strive to become efficient media persons.

Journalism will continue to develop together with the advancement of ICT, he noted, saying that the course will produce efficient media persons who will always stand by the nation and the people and serve their interest.

Altogether 50 trainees — 30 from Ministry of Information, 18 from Ministry of Education and two from Myawady TV attended the six-week course. During the course, trainees had received skills for news gathering, news reporting, editing, interviewing, perspective, articles, poem writing and taking news photos and photo editing.

After delivering the

speech, U Soe Win presented prizes to outstanding trainees and certificates to trainees, and honoured course instructors.

Lecturer Daw Nu Nu Thein of University of Economics stood first, Assistant Lecturer Daw Aung Aung Lay of Yangon University second, Lecturer U Wai Ti University of of Economics third, Daw Khin Wah Wah Myint of Myawady TV fourth and Daw Khin Khin Nyein of News and Periodicals Enterprise fifth.

After the closing ceremony, Managing Director U Soe Win, journalists and guests viewed newspapers published by trainees during the course. —*MNA*



Managing Director U Soe Win views newspapers published by trainees of journalism course. — MNA

UMFCCI opens Korean language course

YANGON, 28 Nov — A ceremony to open the Korean language course No 1, organized by Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry in collaboration with Chonnam National

Republic of Korea, was held on the ground floor of UMFCCI office tower on Minye Kyawswa Road in Lanmadaw Township, here, yesterday.

At the ceremony, Vice-President of UMFCCI U Aung Lwin speech and Chairman of Educational Affairs Committee, General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing explained matters that related to the course. Altogether 50 trainees are attending the three-month course.

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Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football continues

YANGON, 28 Nov — The first round matches of the 46th Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Shield Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament continued at the designated places this afternoon. In the competitions, No 66 LID blanked out No 22 LID at South-East Command Zone (Mawlamyine) 5-2; South-West Command edged out North-East Command 3-1 at South-West Command Zone (Pathein); Triangle Region Command beat No 33 LID 1-0 at North-West

Command Zone (Monywa); Eastern Command whitewashed No 101 LID 14-1 at Central Command Zone (Mandalay); and No 11 LID hammered No 88 LID 11-1 at Southern Command Zone (Toungoo).

MNA

Inter-Ministry Men's Volleyball Tournament continues



Ministry of Rail Transportation Team plays against Ministry of Hotels and Tourism Team. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Nov — The First Inter-Ministry Men's Volleyball T o u r n a m e n t - 2007 continued for the third day at Nay Pyi Taw Volleyball Ground today.

At Group-D, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries beat Ministry of Transport 3-0. At Group-F, Nay Pyi Taw Development

"Promise of Development" talks

YANGON, 28 NOV-With the arrangements of the Myanmar Fisheries Federation and the Myanmar Shrimp Association and sponsorship of Zartiman Fish and Prawn Enterprise, Writer Kyaw Win will give talks of "Promise of Development" at the Myanmar Fisheries Federation on Bayintnaung Street in Insein Township, here, at 2 pm on 1 December (Saturday). Any interested persons may attend the talks.-MNA

Committee defeated Ministry of Mines 3-0. Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement suppressed CivilServiceSelection and

Training Board with 3-0 at Group-B. Likewise, Ministry of Rail Transportation beat Ministry of Hotels and Tourism 3-0 at Group-H. — *MNA*

33 members of Mingaladon Township NLD quit

YANGON, 28 Nov — A ceremony to present letters of resignation of 33 members of National League for Democracy in Mingaladon Township, Yangon Division, was held at the hall at No 8 on Nyaungbin Street in Thingangyungyi Ward, Mingaladon Township, on 21 November morning.

Ward/Village Organizer U Maung (a) U Kyi Maung explained matters related to their resignation and presented resignation letters to Chairman of Mingaladon Township Multi-party Democracy General Election Subcommission U Myo Naung.

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Vice-President of UMFCCI U Aung Lwin delivers an address at opening of Korean Language Course. —UMFCCI

Those 33 persons who resigned from the NLD at the ceremony were: U Maung (a) U Kyi Maung, U Tun Myint, U Myint Maung, U Myint Naing, Daw Thi Thi Khaing, U Tin Kyaing, U Win Than, Daw Hlaing Hlaing Oo, Daw Than Than Swe, U Ange Lay, U Aung Myo Htaik, Daw San San, U Mya Thein, Daw Ma Soe, U Tin Aung, Daw Yin Shwe, Daw Mya Mu, Daw Sandar Htway, Daw Kyu Kyu Lwin, Daw Nyein Than, Daw Khin Khin Mya, Daw Tin Nilar Win, Daw Aye Su Kyi, Daw Sein Aye, Nang Kham Aye, U Ko Oo, U Tin Zaw, U Win Paing Soe, U Kyaw Gyi, Daw Naw, Daw Htay, Daw Aye Cho and Daw Waing Sein. — *MNA*

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Senior General Than Shwe's message to Myanmar...

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Hence, it is our heritage and a branch of knowledge providing health care for us to become healthy, fit and intelligent people throughout the generations since the time of our forefathers.

Thanks to her favourable topographical and climatic conditions and rich land and water recourses, potent herbal plants and land, water and animal-based products with high medical potency serve as inexhaustible sources and opportunities for practitioners imbued with comprehensive medical knowledge.

The present era sees global countries striving to restore their traditional medicines and disseminating them internationally. At the same time public confidence in traditional medicines is growing day by day.

Thus, the time has arrived for all Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners to harmoniously strive for further improving the standard of Myanmar traditional medical science and potency of traditional medicines, enabling Myanmar traditional medicine to penetrate global market and promoting public health care through traditional medicine.

In this regard, the endeavour for long-term development of Myanmar traditional medicine is not enough only with potent drugs and effective medical science. It also needs the cooperative and harmonious force of Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners.

Treatment is conducted through the combination of the potency of traditional drugs and the morality, virtue and ethics of a practitioner. Myanmar traditional medicine has been enjoying long-term development because of the high morality, virtue and ethics of practitioners. So, practitioners should preserve and promote this fine tradition.

As Myanmar traditional medicine is a profound and delicate knowledge, all practitioners are required to harmoniously strive for further raising its standard. In addition, they should rediscover and restore the vanishing methods and medicines.

Myanmar possesses valuable herbal plants, rare plant species and priceless traditional medicine. Thus, it is the duty of all practitioners to protect and preserve them from depletion and extinction and to ensure their perpetual existence.

Traditional medicine by nature is potent and has less side effects. So, it is flourishing globally and many countries are conducting research on it. In this regard, Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners should take part in the research projects the government is conducting in all seriousness and should address health problems through their profession.

Naturally, Myanmar traditional medicine is an effective science of national virtue. In this regard, I urge all traditional medicine practitioners to harmoniously strive with might and main to create a more comprehensive traditional medicine whose fame reaches the international level by upgrading it with the help of advanced techniques and standardization methods after systematically collecting data on the core parts of the profession that is full of essence.

I wish the conference a success in accord with its lofty aims and all to strive with unity for further development of Myanmar traditional medicine, a national heritage and dignity, till it flourishes globally.—*MNA*



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo greets traditional medicine practioners at opening of 8th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference. — MNA

Government implementing national health plans to...

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medicine practitioners. In eight years, all Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners worked hard in unity to implement the work programmes the conferences adopted, and as a result, the Myanmar traditional medical science has improved considerably today. As you know, good health is the greatest blessing for each human being, and good health and fitness of the people brings dignity to the nation concerned.

Now, the government is implementing national health plans to uplift the people's health and fitness that is a blessing not only for an individual but also for the nation. It is heartening to note that in the process, the government has set up a chapter to provide better health care to the people through the traditional medical science and Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners are participating actively in this task. Actually, Myanmar traditional medicines are compounded of herbal plants growing well in Myanmar, along with pure biological and zoological ingredients. So, it is fair to say that Myanmar traditional medical science is the most effective and most suitable for Myanmar people. The government is encouraging and promoting the Myanmar traditional medicine constantly to modernize and improve it systematically, and to provide better health care to the people through Myanmar traditional medical science. As a result, now, Myanmar traditional medical science stands

tall and secures its deserving niche.

Regarding the goal the government has set up for sustainable progress and propagation of the Myanmar traditional medical science and making it globally popular, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe in his message to the Seventh Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference (2006) said:

"Myanmar traditional medicine is a broad, deep and delicate branch of science covering various basic medical knowledge, different treatises, a diverse array of therapies and potent medicines. So, systematic preservation, protection and promotion are required for its perpetuation, propagation and flourishing.

"All will have to make collective efforts to integrate the different branches of traditional medicine into a comprehensive traditional medical science in essence through advanced standardization processes."

The Head of State has occasionally laid down policies and methods to create basic foundations necessary for emergence of a comprehensive national traditional medical science and its sustainable progress. In accordance with the guidance, the government is taking measures systematically and giving encouragement constantly for:

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Good health is the greatest blessing for each human being, and good health and fitness of the people brings dignity to the nation concerned.

Minister Prof Dr Kyaw Myint reads message sent by Senior General Than Shwe.— MNA

Secretary-1 hosts dinner in honour of participants of 8th **Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference**

YANGON, 28 Nov — Chairman of National Health Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo hosted a dinner in honour of state/ division representative traditional medicine practitioners who attended the 8th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference, at Mya Yeik Nyo Royal Hotel in Bahan Township, here, this evening

Also present on the occasion were Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, ministers, the chairman of Yangon City Development Committee mayor, deputy ministers, NHC members, officials from SPDC Office, departmental heads, directors-general of departments under the Ministry of Health, medical superintendents, members of Traditional Medicine Council, officials from Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Association, members of Traditional Medicine Inspection Central Committee, and delegates to the 8th MTMPC.

During the dinner, A-1 Soe Myint Band entertained the guests with sweet songs. - MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo greets representatives of 8th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference at the dinner. — MNA

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(from page 8) resurgence of various branches of Myanmar traditional medical sciences, potent medicines, herbal plants and resurgence of practitioners who are well-versed in traditional medical treatises and science, -revitalizing traditional

medical science sys-

tematically, providing health care to the people extensively through traditional medical science, carrying out scientific

research to record the status of potent traditional medicines and therapies, and producing modern equipment and processes.

As a result, now, the Head of State's guidance and guidelines have come to fruition. So, many fruitful results have been achieved in the drive for promoting and propagating of the traditional medical science such as holding seminars on traditional medical science and Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners conferences, emergence of a consolidated and strong Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practi-

tioners Association, and establishment of the international level Traditional Medicine University that prescribes modern science subjects along with subjects based on traditional medical science and medical treatises.

In order to expedite providing health care to the people through traditional medical science, the government has opened traditional medicine hospitals and township level traditional health care centres across the nation. In addition, it is conducting educative talks on traditional medicines and distributing emergency traditional medicine kits for rural people extensively.

It is an important task to find out and record the potency of traditional medicines with the use of

success in doing research on traditional medicines and producing modern traditional medicines in a bid to win international recognition with the use of scientific methods without sacrificing delicacy and potency of Myanmar traditional medicines.

tional market, it is required to systematically use compounding methods, pure ingredients and advanced manufacturing processes and to exactly state indications, quality, and number or net weight of the medicines in order that the exported medicines

Today, many Asian countries are successfully penetrating the international market, applying their traditional medical science as a commercial industry.

Today, Myanmar traditional medicines have won greater trust and reliance of the people. So, it is needed to place emphasis on taking quality control measures such as use of pure ingredients of tradi-

have stable potency in penetrating the international market.

Today, many Asian countries are successfully penetrating the international market, applying their traditional medical

23rd pearl sales commence YANGON, 28 Nov Myanma Gem Mart in Pearl

-Myanma Enterprise under the Ministry of Mines held the 23rd pearl sales at be sold through tender to

Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, here, this morning. Lots of pearls will

local gem merchants up to 4 pm on 30 November. This morning, 102 local gem merchants viewed 373 pearl lots. — MNA



advanced methods for preventing Myanmar traditional medical science from being ignored and its sustainable progress. Research on traditional medicines is necessary for recording the potency of Myanmar traditional medicines in a scientific way and for penetrating the international market. Moreover, it is required to take necessary measures first to achieve

tional medicines, potency, and standards, and to guarantee effectiveness.

If it is planned to manufacture and export traditional medicines to make profits, it is needed to ensure pure and potent traditional medicines so as to enhance the image of Myanmar traditional medical science.

In particular, for traditional medicines to gain a foothold in the interna-

science as a commercial industry.

It should emulate the success of these countries trying to improve the image of their traditional medicines through various means including movies, ΤV series and infotainment featuring that their traditional medical science has a magnificent historical background and cultural heritage, and (See page 10)

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through tourism industry in addition to the use of genuine traditional medical science and potency of their traditional medicines.

Myanmar traditional medical science is of high standard with a wide sphere, potent medicines and effective therapies. Without doubt, Myanmar traditional medical science will gain a foothold in the international market if necessary measures are taken to win international recognition as a scientific traditional medical science based on pure biological and zoological ingredients and use of attractive designs and quality control of medicines.

Now, basic foundations have been laid for improvement of Myanmar traditional medical science in accord with the guidance of the Head of State, effective encouragement of the government, and collaborative efforts of Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners. So, I would like to urge Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners to continue to work hard in unity to help Myanmar traditional medical science have a global reputation and gain a foothold in the international market, and to provide better health care to the people through Myanmar traditional medical science. In conclusion, I wish you, Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners, a success:

- in making efforts to ensure emergence of a consolidated Myanmar traditional medical science by using different therapies of Myanmar traditional medical science, potent traditional medicines in combination and revitalizing the essence of the treatises on traditional medical science in accordance with the guidance of the Head of State,
- in harmoniously improving research on traditional medical science with the use of modern equipment, and processes of manufacturing international standard traditional medicines to help Myanmar traditional medical science have international reputation and penetrate the international market.

Then, Minister for Health Prof Dr Kyaw Myint read out the message sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe to the conference.

(The message of the Senior General is reported separately.)

Also present at the conference were Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, ministers, the chairman of Yangon City Development Committee the mayor, deputy ministers, officials from SPDC Office, departmental heads, diplomats of foreign missions in Yangon, resident representatives of UN agencies, directors-general of departments under the Ministry of It is an important task to find out and record the potency of traditional medicines with the use of advanced methods for preventing Myanmar traditional medical science from being ignored and its sustainable progress.

Health, members of Traditional Medicine Council, officials from Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Association, members of Traditional Medicine Inspection Central Committee, and representatives to attend 8th MTMPC.

Chairman of National Health Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and party greeted those who attended the conference.

The Secretary-1 and party inspected the booths displayed by traditional medicine producers.

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Cornerstones laid for construction of...

(from page 16) In conclusion, Lt-Gen Myint Swe thanked the wellwishers for their donations.

Lt-Gen Myint r Swe, the commander, the f minister, the mayor and b the deputy minister accepted K 226,670,000 do- t

nated by 67 wellwishers for construction of the building, and presented certificates of honour to them.

The extended three-storey building will be 250 feet long and 50 feet wide, and it will comprise modern operation theatres, patient wards and other modern machines.



U Wunna Maung Lwin presents Credentials to UN

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Nov—U Wunna Maung Lwin, Permanent Representative of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations, Geneva, presented his Credentials to the Director-General of the United Nations His Excellency Mr Sergei Ordzhonikidze at Geneva on 7 November 2007. —*MNA*

Toilet equipment presented

YANGON, 28 Nov — A ceremony to present equipment for fly-proof toilets organized by Dagon Myothit (East) Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association was held at Kanaung Hall in Dagon Myothit (East) Township on 26 November.

Chairperson of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Mar Mar Wai spoke on the occasion. She presented toilet equipment to Ward MCWAs.

Daw Mar Mar Wai and party inspected construction of fly-proof toilets.—*MNA*



Lt-Gen Myint Swe accepts cash donation from a wellwisher. — MNA

Fires break out in Monywa, Chaungzon townships

YANGON, 28 Nov —A fire destroyed a house and left nine persons homeless in Monywa Township on 23 November.

The fire started in the house in Seinpanni Street in Myothit ward of the township due to high votage of a booster.

In Chaungzon Township, a fire started in the | the fire victims.— MNA

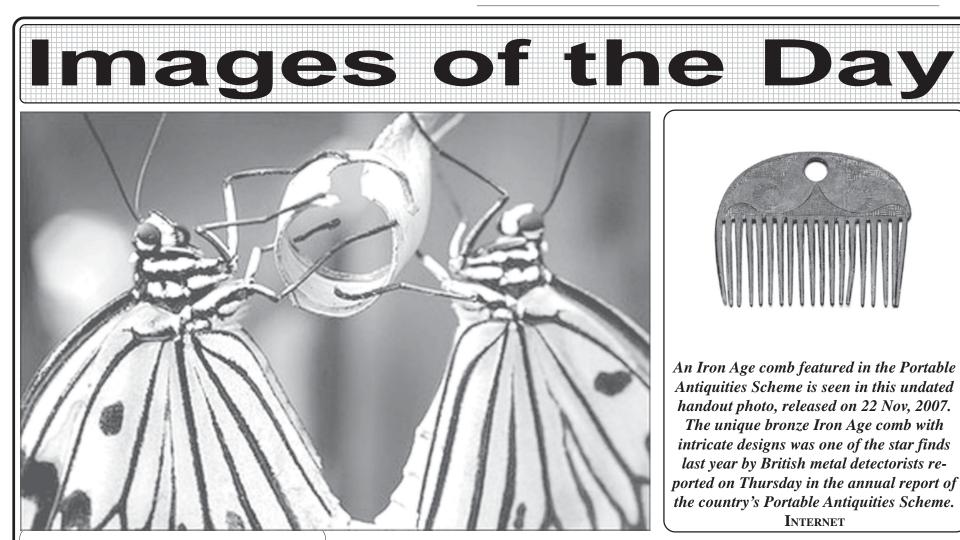
kitchen of a hut on 24 November and destroyed 36 make-shift tents and 16 wooden houses.

The fire left 280 people from 52 households homeless. The fire victims were accommodated at a temporary relief centre at Nathmaw Monastery.

Local authorities provided 14 bags of rice to fire victims.— MNA

Vice-Chairman of Fund Raising Committee of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association Dr Tin Tun Oo accepts K 100,000 and other donations worth K 400,000 that are presented on behalf of Palmist U San Tin Aung (Shwebo) for doyen literati. — MWJA

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White Tree Nymph butterflies at a tropical garden. A winning bid of almost 40,800 dollars bought the right to name a newly discovered rare owl butterly species after a grandmother of five who died 35 years ago. INTERNET

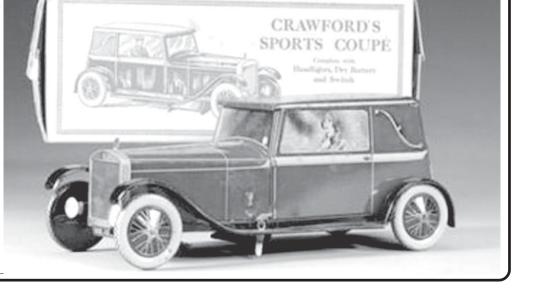




The latest addition to the Solstice collection of artisanal homes is this ski-in ski-out chalet in Verbier, Switzerland. The architect's use of mixed materials creates a unique balance of traditional rustic materials complemented by a sleek modern interior. —INTERNET

A sports coupe car-shaped cookie

An employee of Yamazaki Educational Systems Co. holds two "My Baby 2" robotic babies at the International Robot Exhibition in Tokyo, on 28 Nov, 2007. The robotic babies are designed to teach parenting skills and require feeding, diaper changes, burping and sleeping and also record data on how their human parents treat them. INTERNET tin in an undated handout photo, released on 21 Nov, 2007. A rare 1920s cookie tin and its original contents were auctioned for 15,600 pounds (\$32,000) in London on Wednesday. INTERNET



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Lagos, 27 Nov— Nigeria will shift focus from subsistence to commercial and market oriented agriculture in 2008, according to local media reports reaching here on Monday.

Salisu Ingawa, director of Project Coordinating Unit (PCU) under Nigeria's Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources, said on Monday in the federal capital Abuja that the project would be financed by the World Bank.

Speaking at a preappraisal meeting with states, including Cross | sector. River, Enugu, Kaduna, Kano and Lagos, on the project in Abuja, Ingawa urged them to meet the criteria for its takeoff in 2008.

"The level of compliance and fulfillment of these criteria by each state, just before or at appraisal of the project, will form the basis to determine the states that will start the implementation of the project," Ingawa said.

He said the project was designed to support and boost the operation of small and medium scale representatives of five | commercial farmers in the

It is learnt that operators of aquaculture farms with investment of between 500,000 to five million naira and poultry farmers with bird population of 500 to 10,000 will also benefit, while livestock farmers with at least 20 heads of cattle would not be excluded from the project.

According to Ingawa, the project is aimed at strengthening, expanding and increasing agricultural production, capacity and market output of products in Nigeria.

MNA/Xinhua

German express giant builds new cargo hub in Shanghai

Shanghai, 27 Nov— DHL, the world's leading express and logistics company, inked a deal with the Shanghai Airport Authority on Monday to invest 175 million US dollars on a new north Asia cargo hub at the Shanghai Pudong International

cargo transportation," said Wu Nianzu, board chairman of the Shanghai Airport Authority.

"After both hubs go into operation, the Pudong Airport might become the world's top three in terms of cargo transportation," he said.

where it has 50 ports and gateways. The first stage of the project is due to be finished by 2010, when an express service centre covering 88,000 square metres will come into use.—MNA/Xinhua

People use boats on a

Chinese food companies pledge to improve

quality control

BEIJING, 27 Nov—Representatives from nearly 130 Chinese food enterprises, which are here for an international food security forum scheduled for 26-27 November, vowed on Sunday to improve quality control.

In a written pledge, they promised to strengthen monitoring throughout the production process, resist using substandard raw materials, improve management and share quality-assurance experience and technology.

Another 300 or so domestic food companies joined the pledge by fax or e-mail.

China has about 448,000 food production and processing companies, which generated total output value of 1.28 trillion yuan (173 billion US dollars) in the first half of this year, up 29.9 per cent year-on-year.

The producers' pledge followed government efforts to improve quality standards, which cover seafood, eggs, vegetables, toothpaste and toys.

In recent months, Chinese industries have been the focus of numerous reports about substandard products, especially food. The scandals have included vegetables containing pesticide residue, fish contaminated with suspected carcinogens and eggs tainted with the industrial dye Sudan Red.

In response to the reported scandals, the Chinese Government introduced a new recall system this past summer, began a four-month national product quality campaign and issued a measure that requires labelling of all food exports with an inspection and quarantine symbol.—MNA/Xinhua

statement, the first of its kind issued between China and another country, China and France both reiterated their commitments to the aims, principles and provisions of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol.

regard.

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Dated: 29 November 2007

China, France sign

joint statement on

climate change

cooperation

Beijing, 27 Nov-

Chinese President Hu

Jintao and French Pre-

sident Nicolas Sarkozy

announced after their talks

on Monday the releasing

of a China-France joint

statement on responding

to climate change and the

establishment of a

partnership between the

two countries in this

According to the joint

Airport.

The move followed the announcement UPS to establish an international cargo hub at the airport on April 12 this year. Pudong Airport is to be the first airport in the world with two international cargo hubs, said sources with the airport.

"The investment of DHL signals that Shanghai has become an international centre for

Freight volume handled at the airport stood at 2.16 million tons last year, making the airport world's sixth biggest cargo transporter, according to an earlier report by China News Service.

The north Asia cargo hub increased DHL's total investment in the Asia-Pacific region to 2.2 billion US dollars, and would improve DHL's network in the region,

street to move to higher areas during flooding in the north of Jakarta, on 27 Nov, 2007. Indonesia has patched up sea defences after flooding linked to high tides caused chaos in parts of Jakarta and cut a key road to the capital's international airport, a police officer said on Tuesday. —XINHUA



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Lunar probe opens new chapter for China

Beijing, 27 Nov— Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao asserted in a passionate and inspiring speech on Monday that China has joined the select group of world powers with the capabilities to engage in deep-space exploration.

After unveiling the first picture of the moon surface taken by Chang'e-1, China's first lunar probe, Wen said that the dream of the Chinese people for more than 1,000 years of flying to the Moon had begun to materialize.

Wen said that lunar

probe was the third milestone in China's space exploration following the successes of manmade satellites and manned space flights.

The success, he said not only manifested China's rising national strength and technical innovation capability but also elevated the country's international status and cemented national cohesion.

"It showcases eloquently that the Chinese people have the will, the ambition and the capability to compose more shining new

chapters while ascending the science and technology summit," he said.

Citing a letter from an overseas Chinese, Wen said that the farther the China-made satellite flew. the higher would the overseas Chinese hold their heads.

Chang'e-1, named after a mythical Chinese goddess who according to legend flew to the moon, blasted off on a Long March 3A carrier rocket on 24 October shortly after Japan launched its first lunar probe, Kaguya, in mid-September.



Vancouver 2010 Olympic Mascots, Quatchi (C), a sasquatch, Miga (L), a sea bear and Sumi, an animal spirit are unveiled in Surrey, British Columbia, on 27 Nov, 2007.—INTERNET

WB says female migration increases, spurs development

WASHINGTON, 28 Nov

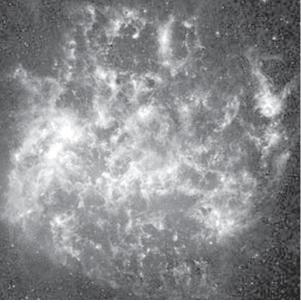
MNA/Xinhua Women make up

Scientists find 27 proto-galaxies similar to Milky Way

Beijing, 28 Nov -UK scientists find 27proto-galaxies similar to the Milky Way for the first time, which providefurther evidence that galaxies like the Milky Way were created by the clumping of smaller clouds of gas and dust, media reported Wednes-day. The small proto-galaxies discovered are extremely distant and date from a time when the universe was only two billion years old.

Billions of years ago the universe was filled

by an extremely thin and almost uniform gas, which then started to



This vibrant image from NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope released by NASA, shows the Large Magellanic Cloud, a satellite galaxy to our own Milky Way galaxy.—INTERNET

clump together to form faint proto-galaxies, scientists believe.

Over the eons, these components came together — through mergers or collisions - to form fully fledged galaxies.

"We think that galaxies build up by the merging of smaller lumps.

We had seen already the lumps that form bigger galaxies but this is the first time we have seen lumps that are small enough to amalga-mate into something like our galaxy," said Martin Haehnelt of Cambridge

British survey supports zero alcohol before driving

LONDON, 28 Nov — | drinking before driving to | the law allows, 40 per cent | ignorant of the potency Britain should ban all enduncertainty about what

of motorists who drink alcohol said in a poll on Tuesday.

and effects of a large glass of wine.

Direct Line said the confusion over how much alcohol is "safe" to drink before driving, arises from the fact that alcohol intake is measured in units, while the drink/drive limit is measured by alcohol content within the blood. The blood alcohol level can be affected by such factors as an individual's size, weight and metabolism, meaning there is no uniform

almost half the migrant population in the world and their numbers are increasing, said a new World Bank report released on Monday.

Between 1960 and 2005, the percentage of international migrants who are women increased by almost 3 percentage points from 46.7 per cent to 49.6 per cent, to a total number of approximately 95 million women, said the report, titled The International Migration of Women.

"The fact that women now account for almost half the total migrant population is having enormous effects on development," says Andrew Morrison, lead economist at the World Bank's Gender Group.

Women migrants working in the United States, who hail from the Caribbean, East Asia, Europe, and Sub-Saharan Africa, have higher labour force participation than those from South Asia, the Middle East and North Africa.

Among women migrants educated in their home countries, those from Ireland, Australia and the Britain make the most money.

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University.—Internet



China's economic growth is expected to exceed 11 percent for 2007 and growth in the consumer price index (CPI), the main measure for inflation, will be around 4.5 percent year-on-year, the central bank said recently.—INTERNET

Forty-five per cent admitted having driven after drinking alcohol and 4 per cent had done so frequently.

The survey for Direct Line Car Insurance also showed that one third of motorists do not know how many units of alcohol are in an average strength pint of beer or how that may affect their blood alcohol level.

Almost half were measure.—*MNA/Reuters*

Portrait of Ms Jenny, a 1939 oil painting by Xu Beihong, one of the most famous modern Chinese artists, was sold for 22 million yuan (2.7 million US dollars) to an unnamed buyer on 6 Nov at the autumn auction of Poly International Auction Co Ltd.—INTERNET

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PSV stay alive with Moscow win

Moscow, 28 Nov - PSV Eindhoven beat CSKA Moscow 1-0 in their penultimate Champions League Group G match on Tuesday to keep alive their chances of reaching the knockout round.

Jefferson Farfan scored the winner in the 39th minute, heading into an empty net following a botched clearance by CSKA captain Sergei Ignashevich.

The win gave the Dutch champions seven points from five games as they remained in third place, two points behind leaders Inter Milan and a point adrift of Fenerbahce, who were meeting later on Tuesday.

The defeat was CSKA's sixth in their last seven Champions League matches and meant they can no longer secure a spot in the UEFA Cup via a thirdplaced finish.

"We came here with the sole purpose of winning and staying in contention for the next round," PSV coach Jan Wouters told a news conference. "We got what we wanted, so obviously we're quite satisfied."

Wouters, whose side are guaranteed at least a UEFA Cup slot, told Dutch network NOS-TV: "I am satisfied with this Champions League away win because it guarantees us playing in Europe after the winter break. MNA/Reuters



In this image released by the Association of Surfing Professionals, ASP No. 1 Stephanie Gilmore, of Australia, cuts back on a wave during her round 2 heat in the Roxy Pro surfing tournament at Sunset Beach, Hawaii, on 27 Nov, 2007, Gilmore kept her ASP World Title hopes alive by defeating Rochelle Ballard, of Hawaii, and Jacqueline Silva, of Brazil.—INTERNET

Villarreal agree deal with **Riquelme over move**

MADRID, 27 Nov-Villarreal have reached an agreement with Argentina midfielder Juan Roman Riquelme for him to join

He inspired them to victory in the Libertadores Cup but returned to Villarreal after a possible move to Atletico Madrid Boca Juniors, the Primera Liga | fell through in August, and has not played for the Primera Liga side this season. Despite not playing in Spain he has produced some inspired performances for Argentina in their World Cup qualifiers, and scored four goals. MNA/Reuters

Roma thrash Dynamo Kiev to reach knockout stage

KIEV, 28 Nov — Roma crushed Dynamo Kiev 4-1 to reach the Champions League knockout stage helped by two goals from Mirko Vucinic in frosty conditions on Tuesday.

The win clinched second place for the Italians, who have 10 points from five matches behind Group F winners Manchester United, who beat Sporting 2-1 for a maximum

> Four British isles teams agree tournament without England

LONDON, 27 Nov - Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales have agreed to set up a series of three biennial tournaments from 2009, officials said on Monday.

However, there was no mention of any involvement for England in the joint announcement made on the Football Association of Ireland (FAI) Web site.

The statement said the four associations had agreed "in principle" to set up the tournaments to be played on a league basis.

"The first tournament will commence in 2009 with home and away games being rotated from one tournament to the next and each team playing three matches per tournament," the statement said .-- MNA/Reuters

Venezuela coach Paez quits over jeers

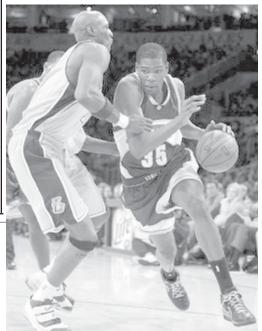
CARACAS, 27 Nov — Venezuela coach Richard Paez quit on Monday after six-anda-half years in charge during which he transformed the team's fortunes, but had become subject to recent criticism by fans.

His resignation, announced at a news conference by Venezuelan Football Federation (FVF) president Rafael Esquivel, came less than one week after the side came from behind three times to beat Bolivia 5-3 in a World Cup qualifier.

The result left the Red Wine team, socalled because of the colour of their strip, fifth in the 10-team South American group with six points from four games.

During the game in San Cristobal, the crowd called for Paez's resignation, insulted him, and demanded he substitute his midfielder son Ricardo.

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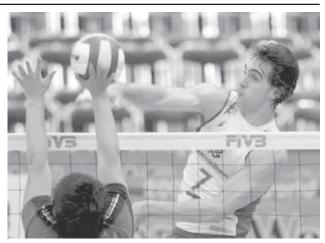


15 points. Montenegro forward Vucinic continued the excellent form he has shown since replacing injured captain Francesco Totti by scoring in the 36th and 78th minutes to wrap up the victory, either side of a goal for Dynamo by Ismael Bangoura.

Christian Panucci had opened the scoring after just four minutes before French forward Ludovic Giuly took advantage of a break from the halfway line to round goalkeeper Olexandr Rybka and slot home to put the visitors 2-0 ahead and in control after 33 minutes.

A woeful Dynamo were caught out again just three minutes later as Vucinic latched on to a through ball and coolly beat Rybka.

MNA/Reuters



Brazil's Gilberto Godoy Filho spikes the ball against South Korea during the third phase match of FIVB Men's Volleyball World Cup 2007 in Okayama, southwestern Japan, on 27 Nov, 2007. —INTERNET

Sevilla reach last 16 after **3-1 win over Arsenal**

SEVILLE (Spain), 28 Nov — Sevilla claimed their place in the knockout stage of the Champions League and went top of Group H when they ended Arsenal's unbeaten run this season with a 3-1 comeback win on Tuesday.

Already qualified Arsenal took an early lead in a pulsating match at the Sanchez Pizjuan when Croatia striker Eduardo da Silva steered a close-range shot past keeper Andres Palop from a tight angle after a neatlyworked move down the right.

But Sevilla hit back with a thundering strike from midfielder Seydou Keita midway through the half and a clever glancing header from leading scorer Luis Fabiano 11 minutes before the break.

Former Tottenham Hotspur striker Frederic Kanoute wrapped up a memorable win with a penalty two minutes from time after he had been bundled over.

The win left Sevilla top on 12 points, two clear of Arsenal with one game left to play. The Andalucians visit Slavia Prague in their final match, while Arsenal are at home to Steaua Bucharest. --MNA/Reuters

Manager Davies leaves bottom club Derby County LONDON, 27 Nov - Derby County, bottom of the Premier League with only one win from 14 games, parted company with manager Billy Davies on Monday. "I have met with Billy Davies this morning and we have decided mutually in the best interests of both parties that to go our separate ways is the correct decision at this time," Derby chairman Adam Pearson said on County's Web site (www.dcfc.co.uk). Davies, formerly in charge of Motherwell and Preston North End, was appointed Derby boss in June 2006. After guiding Derby back to the Premier League for the first time since 2002 with a with a 1-0 victory over West Bromwich Albion in the playoff final at Wembley last May, the Scot initially said he was not sure if he would be in charge this season after a turbulent first year in charge. —MNA/Reuters

club said in a statement on Monday.

Villarreal directors Jose Manuel Llaneza and Miguel Perez will meet with the Argentine club in Buenos Aires on Wednesday to complete the transfer.

The 29-year-old fell out with Villarreal and their Chilean coach Manuel Pellegrini midway through last season and was loaned to his former club Boca for the second part of the campaign.

Seattle Supersonics Kevin Durant (R) drives past Los Angeles Lakers Lamar Odom during their NBA basketball game in Los Angeles on 27 Nov, 2007. —INTERNET

US welcomes rise of confident, peaceful, prosperous China

WASHINGTON, 28 Nov — The United States has signaled to China that it welcomes the rise of a confident, peaceful and prosperous China, the Bush Administration's top envoy to China said on Tuesday.

"A weak and insecure | through the framework. China is not in America's economic or security interests," Ambassador Alan Holmer said in a speech delivered to the Centre for Strategic and International Studies.

He spoke highly of the Strategic Economic Dialogue (SED), saying the US and China are advancing the bilateral economic relationship by establishing new habits of bilateral cooperation

It "helps us signal to China that we welcome the rise of a confident, peaceful and prosperous China," he said.

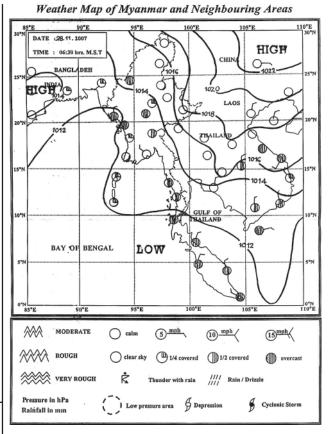
"We have embraced a broad agenda that covers cross-cutting economic and economically consequential issues" through the dialogue, he said, adding the approach engages multiple and diverse government officials in both countries. "It breaks down classic bureaucratic stove-pipes that hinder effective communication and impede results," he told the US think tank.

Holmer spoke in advance of the third meeting of the SED, to be held in Beijing next month. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson will lead a delegation to China for dialogue. The SED was launched by President Bush and his Chinese counterpart Hu Jintao in September

2006 The SED was not just an event that happens at cabinet-level meetings twice a year, "rather, engagement is continuous, with progress announced throughout the year", said

Holmer. He noted time after time, US Government agencies have been able to "draft behind" the momentum created by the framework.

MNA/Xinhua



Universal studios to build theme park in **South Korea**

SEOUL, 28 Nov -South Korea's Gyeonggi provincial government said Monday that the Universal Parks & Resorts will build a new theme park in the province by 2012.

The Universal Parks & Resorts will sign a memorandum of understanding on Tuesday over the construction of a Universal Studios theme

7:00 am

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park at a seaside location in Hwaseong, 70 kilometres southwest of Seoul, the provincial government official said.

The Universal Studios theme park is expected to create about 60,000 new jobs, as it will feature a variety of entertainment facilities, restaurants, hotels, exhibition and convention centres and resort and spa centres, the provincial government said. The theme park is predicted to generate about 2.9 trillion won (3.15 billion US dollars) over the next five years, 5.5 trillion won (5.97 billion US dollars) worth of production and an annual tax income of 190 billion won (206.5 billion US dollars), the provincial government said. MNA/Xinhua

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Thursday, 29 November Tune in today 8:30 am Brief news 8:35 am Music 8:40 am Perspectives **8:45 am** Music -We're going to IBIZA 8:50 am National news/ Slogan 9:00 am Music -A life is good 9:05 am International news 9:10 am Music -Get real 1:30 pm News/ Slogan 1:40 pm Lunch time music -When you say nothing at all -The sound of good bye 9:00pm Aspects of Myanmar -Mandalay Division 9:10 pm Article 9:20 pm Topices

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WEATHER

Wednesday, 28 November, 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) to (4°C) below November average temperatures in Kachin, Chin and Kayin States, Mandalay, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) below November average temperatures in Kayah State, upper Sagaing, Magway and Bago Divisions and about November average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperature were Hakha (1°C) and Pinlaung (4°C).

Maximum temperature on 27-11-2007 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 28-11-2007 was 63°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 28-11-2007 was 82%. Total sun shine hours on 27-11-2007 was (8.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 28-11-2007 was (nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (136.57) inches at Mingaladon, (141.38) inches at Kaba-Aye and (144.29) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Northeast at (9:30) hours MST on 27-11-2007.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 29-11-2007: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Chin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas.

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Cornerstones laid for construction of extended building of Neuro-surgical Department at YGH

YANGON, 28 Nov — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended the ceremony to lay cornerstones for construction of an extended building of Neuro-surgical Department of Yangon General Hospital, organized by Yangon Division Health Committee, was held at YGH, here, this morning.

Medical Superintendent Dr Daw Nu Nu Tha reported on the plan for construction of the extended building.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe placed the gems casket at the designated place.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Minister for Health Prof Dr Kyaw Myint, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Minis-

ter for Health Prof Dr Paing Soe, Director-General Dr U Tin Win Maung of the Health Department, Medical Superintendent Dr Daw Nu Nu Tha and wellwisher Daw Khin Than Myint of Universal Construction placed cor-

nerstones at the designated places.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe put the silver casket at the centre of the foundation and the stone inscription on it.

At the cash donation ceremony, Lt-Gen Myint

Swe said that the government is upgrading the health standard by focusing on health and fitness of the entire nation.

Therefore, the Neuro-surgical Department was installed with modern equipment and machines to provide health care services to the people. Hence, arrangements were made to construct a three-storey extended building facilitated with modern operation theatres, he said.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party lay stone inscription for an extended building of Neuro-surgical

Maung Kyu wins gold setting new record



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Maung Kyu. — mna

YANGON, 28 Nov — Maung Kyu of Myanmar won gold, which was the second gold for his nation, setting a new record on 563 points in the men's 50-m pistol shooting event at the XXIV SEA Games in Bangkok of Thailand.

Silver and bronze medals went to Thai sharp shooters. The old record was set on 563 points in the previous games. — *MNA*

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