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Senior General Than Shwe pays homage to Mebaung Monastery Sayadaw and other Sayadaws of monasteries in Hpa-an.—MNA

University and colleges opened in Hpa-an to ensure education within reach of students in the region Senior General Than Shwe tours Kayin State

YANGON, 6 March — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, together with members of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Maj-Gen Myat Hein, Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, the ministers, the deputy minis-

ters, senior military officers and officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, arrived in Hpa-an in Kayin State by helicopter on 3 March.

Senior General Than Shwe and party were welcomed by Commander of No 22 LID Brig-Gen Ngwe Thein, Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Development Council Col Khin Kyu and officials.

Senior General Than Shwe and party met Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Development Council and members, departmental officials, Chairmen and members of Hpa-an District and Township Peace and Development Councils, members of the

Union Solidarity and Development Association and Tatmadawmen and families of regiments and units at the hall of No 22 LID.

Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Development Council Col Khin Kyu reported on area of Kayin State, Kayin, Bamar, Mon, Pa-O and other national races residing in the region, rainfall of the region, summer and monsoon paddy cultivation, sufficiency of rice and surplus, cultivation of pepper, rubber and Thitseint, reclamation of fallow and virgin land, implementation in fish and meat sector and industrial sector, implementation of the targets of the plan, rural development and measures taken on promotion of education and health.

Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha reported on economic devel-

opment during the short-term economic plan, development of Kayin State and data of other economic sectors.

General Thura Shwe Mann spoke at length on national development, region-wise boosting production, new export items and minimizing loss and wastage. Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance. He said the people have witnessed that Kayin State including Hpa-an region has developed. The government built roads and bridges in Kayin State spending a great deal of money to catch up with the development of other states and divisions.

Moreover, the government opened schools and colleges for students to receive both basic education and higher education in Hpa-an. It is promoting health standard by opening hospitals and dispensaries, he said.

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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

Excerpts from Senior General Than Shwe's addresses

- * The people have witnessed that Kayin State including Hpa-an region has developed.
- * The government built roads and bridges in Kayin State spending a great deal of money to catch up with the development of other states and divisions.
- * The government with goodwill built necessary infrastructures for development.
- * With the increased production in agriculture, fish and meat and industrial sectors in the region Kayin State will develop and living standard of the people will improve.
- * Foundation for development is human resources. The university and colleges were opened for producing human resources and development of the region.

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Senior General Than Shwe inspects progress in building Hpa-an University.—MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 7 March, 2004

Strive with heart and soul for regional development

The State Peace and Development Council has been speeding its endeavours up in laying sound basic structures for ensuring equitable development of all parts of the nation consisting of 14 States and Divisions.

In the process, all divisions, districts and townships are to contribute energetically towards development projects as possible as they can.

During the inspection tour of Palaw, Palauk, Dawei and Yebyu in Taninthayi Division the other day, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe held a meeting with local authorities, members of social organizations and townsmen in Dawei. On the occasion the Senior General gave guidance, saying that the Government has fulfilled the requirements for regional development, and thus Dawei region, on its part, is to strive for boosting production and regional development, he noted. Only when the region is able to exploit and utilize its natural resources effectively and thoroughly, will it enjoy fruitful results of sound development, he pointed out.

Sound foundations play an important role in implementing the projects for regional development. The State, therefore, in a bid to ensure greater progress of Taninthayi Division, gives priority to laying such foundations as education, health and transport so on and so forth in Dawei and Myeik Development Regions.

In this regard, the Government has constructed the Ye-Dawei-Myeik-Kawthoung Union Highway, which leads to the southernmost of the nation, and river and creek-crossing bridges where necessary. Now, one can travel from Mawlamyine to Dawei by train along Ye-Dawei Railroad within a day.

Furthermore, on completion of the Thanlyin Bridge (Mawlamyine), a rail-cum-road type, it will make significant contribution towards better transport as well as development of Taninthayi region.

So, it is needed to effectively utilize the natural resources in abundance in Taninthayi Division, exerting the endeavours of local people.

Therefore, officials concerned, departments and local residents are urged to make combined endeavours with heart and soul for ensuring sound regional development in accordance with the guidance of the Head of State.

59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Objectives

- To strive hand in hand with the people for successful realization of the State's seven-point policy programme
- To crush internal and external destructive elements hindering the stability and progress of the State through people's militia strategy
- To implement border area development tasks and the five rural development tasks hand in hand with the entire people
- To build up a strong and efficient Tatmadaw to uphold 'Our Three Main National Causes'

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



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects practising of drills of the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day parade columns.—PUPR

Practising of drills by parade columns inspected

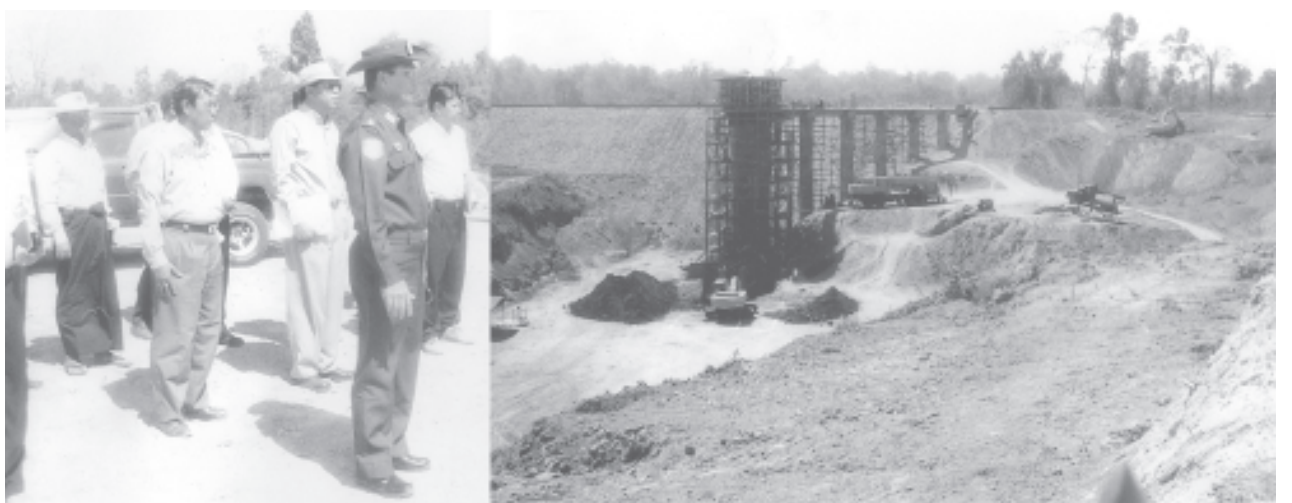
YANGON, 6 March — Chairman of the Leading Committee for Observance of the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Member of the State Peace and Development Council Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win this morning inspected drills practising of parade columns at the Resistance Park.

Also present together with the Chief of Armed Forces Training were Chairman of the Management Committee for Observance of the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Vice-Chairman of the Parade Work Committee Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Brig-Gen Nyan

Win and senior military officers.

Tatmadawmen, members of Myanmar Police Force, Fire Brigade and Red Cross Brigade of Anawrahta, Kyansittha, Bayintnaung, Nawade, Aungzeya, Hsinbyushin, Bandoola, Myawady and Aung San columns led by Parade Commander Brig-Gen Min Thein and Reserve Parade Commander Col Nyi Tun participated in practising of parade drills.

Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win gave necessary instructions to the parade columns. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin inspects construction of Paunglin Dam. — A&I

Paunglin Dam (Ngamoeyeik Supporting Dam) Project inspected

YANGON, 6 March— Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin inspected rare herbal plantations grown by departments under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation on a manageable scale near Ngamoeyeik Dam in Hlegu Township this morning.

Then, the minister saw over water supply, storage of water and building of dams. Next, they proceeded to Paunglin Dam (Ngamoeyeik Supporting Dam) Project being built near Ohn-hnebin Village in Hlegu Township.

Officials reported on construction and benefits of the project.

Afterwards, the minister looked into construction of the main embankment which is 2,235 feet long and 100 feet high, reinforced concrete spillway and conduit.

Next, the minister inspected the wetland area near the confluence of Ngamoeyeik Creek and Paunglin Creek and supply of water to summer paddy plantations through the conduit of Ngamoeyeik Dam.— MNA

Measures for conducting Japanese language course co-ordinated

YANGON, 5 March— A meeting to co-ordinate measures for conducting Japanese language course under the aegis of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce & Industry was held at the UMFCFI training centre here at 1 pm yesterday. UMFCFI General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing, Mr Nakagami Yoshika of Koeki Shoji Co Ltd and officials were present at the meeting. The Japanese language course (first year and second year classes) will be conducted under the joint sponsorship of the UMFCFI and Koeki Shoji Co Ltd beginning April this year. Reading, writing and speaking skills will be taught by faculty members from Japan. — MNA



A meeting to co-ordinate measures for conducting Japanese language course in progress. — UMFCFI

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Blix says Blair lacked ‘critical thinking’ over Iraq war

LONDON, 6 March— British Prime Minister Tony Blair lacked “critical thinking” in the run-up to the Iraq war, former UN chief weapons inspector Hans Blix said in an interview.

Speaking from his home in Stockholm, Blix told the London-based *Guardian daily* that he was not accusing Blair of bad faith in taking Britain to war, but added: “What I am saying is there was a lack of critical thinking.”

The Guardian said that in extracts it published of Blix’s memoirs, Blair emerged as a man convinced “to the point of credulity” by intelligence reports of Iraq’s pursuit of weapons of mass destruction, and as a leader fuelled by a religious enthusiasm to do

battle with evil.

Blix told *the Guardian* that it had seemed at times Britain and the United States were acting like “witch doctors”.

Blair, the closest ally of US President George W Bush in the Iraq crisis, cited Saddam Hussein’s pursuit of banned weapons as the main justification for taking Britain to war last March. The failure to find such weapons has continued to dog the prime minister and prompted accusations that he took the nation into the con-

flict on a false pretenses.

In his memoirs, Blix described Blair in the month before the war as saying “the intelligence was clear that Saddam had reconstituted his weapons of mass destruction programme”. “Gradually (the British and US governments) ought to have realised there was nothing. Gradually they would have found that the defectors’ information was not reliable,” Blix added.

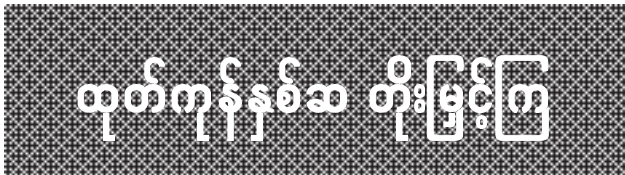
French President Jacques Chirac by contrast, said that the West’s intelligence serv-

ices, including his own, were “intoxicating each other”; believed that banned weapons did not exist in Iraq; and predicted that a war would be the worst outcome, inflaming anti-western feeling among Muslims, according to Blix, cited by *the Guardian*.

In one of his most detailed defences of his decision to take Britain into the Iraq conflict, Blair on Friday insisted that it was the right move given the threat from global terrorism.

But Blix asked how would the Iraqis have been able to “prove a negative” — proving they did not have weapons the US and Britain said they possessed.

Internet



Five Iraqis killed in Mosul gun fight

BAGHDAD, 6 March —Soldiers from the US-led occupation military force in Iraq have shot dead five Iraqis in a gun fight in Mosul.

A US military spokesman said on Friday morning that that soldiers sustained no injuries in the overnight armed confrontation.

It was unclear whether the troops had been American, the spokesman added.

“We are still trying to find out more details,” he said, about the attack in the Iraqi city 370 kilometres (240 miles) north of Baghdad.

In the gun battle, “three were killed on the Iraqi side

and no injuries on the coalition side,” said the spokesman.

But other reports said that US soldiers opened fire on Iraqis trying to hijack a Turkish truck. According to local police on the scene, five were killed.

A loud boom was heard on Friday in Baghdad just hours before the nation’s leaders were due to sign officially an interim constitution for the nation’s immediate future, but the cause of the noise was unclear.

A US army spokesman was unable to confirm the source of the boom, which shook the centre of the city.

Elsewhere in Iraq, at least three Iraqi civilians were killed in Baghdad on Thursday when a rocket slammed into a street near a telephone exchange.

Police at the scene of the attack said the rocket had skidded along the ground after the initial impact, hitting a car and killing its occupants. Another two people were injured.

As a crowd gathered around the mangled remains of the vehicle, people began chanting anti-US slogans, saying “America is the enemy of God”.

Anti-US sentiment has been running high in Iraq since a series of anti-Shia attacks killed around 200 civilians in the holy city of Karbala and Baghdad during ceremonies commemorating Ashura on Tuesday.

They were the worst attacks since the fall of Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

Internet



The head of Iraq’s Governing Council says the country’s US-led occupiers must do more to provide security following bomb attacks that killed at least 271 people in two cities.—INTERNET

UNSC holds debate on anti-terrorism

UNITED NATIONS, 6 March— The UN Security Council held Thursday an open debate on the work of the UN anti-terrorism committee, members agreed to “revitalize” the committee’s work in order to adapt to the evolving nature of its mission.

Ambassador Inocencio Arias of Spain, current chairman of the Council’s Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC), told the meeting that a plan aimed to enhance his panel’s ability to help countries implement the first UN anti-terror resolution is urgently needed.

He stressed that the proposal to rejuvenate the committee’s work had originated from a dual conviction, that terrorism was one of the major threats to international peace and security, and that the United Nations must play a central role in the fight against that threat with the 15-member Council leading the effort.

MNA/Xinhua

Oil prices ease after record high

VIENNA, 6 March— The average crude oil price retreated a little Wednesday after hitting the highest level in nearly a year, the Vienna-based Organization of Petroleum-Exporting Countries (OPEC) said Thursday.

It contracted 66 cents to 31.82 US dollars a barrel from the previous day, the secretariat said.

The crude oil price was based on the average price package of seven market-monitored crudes.

News reports said OPEC officials were shocked at the rising oil prices in recent weeks. If prices stay at high levels in the coming two weeks, the cartel will consider increasing output.

OPEC decided on February 10 in Algiers to cut its combined output quota of 24.5 million barrels per day (BPD) by one million BPD from April 1.

Some analysts said OPEC underestimated the market supplies and made the wrong decision to lower oil production.

However, officials in Iran, the No. 2 OPEC producer, said his country is ready to implement the decision to cut oil production.

MNA/Xinhua

Arab countries agree to boost maritime cooperation

AMMAN, 6 March — A total of 13 Arab countries have signed a memorandum of understanding to boost their maritime transport cooperation, *Jordan Times* reported on Friday.

“This will consequently help enhance the trade movement among Arab countries, which currently does not exceed more than 10 per cent of the overall Arab trade,” Alaa Batayneh, Secretary-General of Jordanian Transport Ministry, was quoted as saying.

The memorandum, which was recently inked at the fourth meeting of the Committee of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia’s Transport in Lebanon, would be approved by member countries’ transport ministers.

Among the list of the participants are Iraq, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, the Palestinians, Egypt and Yemen, which would get priorities and competitive privileges in the maritime field, and would form a unified stand toward developments in the international shipping market.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraq’s Chalabi says ‘blame CIA, not me’ about WMD

NEW YORK, 6 March — Iraqi Governing Council member Ahmed Chalabi says he is tired of being blamed for misleading the United States about Iraqi weapons of mass destruction and points the finger instead at the CIA in an interview with CBS’s “60 Minutes” to be aired on Sunday.

Chalabi, who heads the Iraqi National Congress exile group and has close ties to the Bush administration, says the CIA should have done a better job analyzing information received from defectors he steered their way.

“This is a ridiculous situation,” says Chalabi, who still maintains that weapons of mass destruction will be found in Iraq. Chalabi said the CIA knew defectors can be biased and that even the press was saying “defectors have an ax to grind, don’t believe them.”

“Now you’re telling me that despite all this public evidence, the United States government took our word without checking out the people?” Chalabi said incredulously.

“Intelligence people who are supposed to do a better job for their country and their government did not do such a good job.”

Chalabi, who was born into a prominent Iraqi family but spent 45 years outside Iraq before returning in April, denies coaching defectors, something the CIA believe he’s done for years, according to a former CIA analyst interviewed on the show.

The analyst, Ken Pollack, who now works for the Saban Center for Middle East Policy and for CNN, said the Bush administration used the information to label Iraq an imminent threat.

Pollack said they were looking “to simply confirm a preconceived notion of an extremely threatening Iraq ... on the cusp of acquiring the most advanced ... dangerous weapons.”

Pollack blames senior US officials, not Chalabi.

Internet



A young Iraqi girl cries as a tank moves in on a building in Basra, Iraq on 5 March, 2004. — INTERNET

US army admits killing Iraqi civilians

KARKUK, 6 March—The US occupation army has admitted killing four civilians in the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk two days ago.

Major Josslyn Aberle, the spokeswoman for the 4th Infantry Division, on Friday said that the four were killed on Wednesday during clashes between occupation troops and Iraqi resistance fighters.

Those killed were relatives of resistance fighters the US soldiers were seeking to detain, she claimed. The circumstances of the deaths were being investigated, she added.

The admission of the civilian deaths reconfirms popular perception of occupation soldiers being trigger-happy.

Iraqi police officer Khalil Mahmud said US soldiers shot and killed four members of a local family - a husband and wife, one son and cousin.

The troops also injured a second son, aged 11.

US soldiers had cordoned off the nearby village of Dabi looking for a suspected resistance fighter.

Believing that the individual was hiding in a Bedouin tent, troops opened fire, killing the family members, Mahmud said—*Internet*

UN Council weighs arms inspectors' return to Iraq^o

UNITED NATIONS, 6 March—Several Security Council members suggested on Friday the time had come to send UN inspectors back to Iraq to try to answer, once and for all, whether Baghdad had stockpiles of unconventional arms.

But the United States and Spain objected, saying it was too soon to take up the matter, Council diplomats said.

During a closed-door briefing on the latest quarterly report by the UN Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission, known as UNMOVIC, "many countries called for a review of UNMOVIC's mandate" to enable it to go back to Iraq for the first time since the war, Russian Ambassador Sergei Lavrov told reporters.

"We do want to make sure the threat (of Iraqi weapons) is over," Lavrov said. "But some delegations said it was still premature."

"We haven't addressed the issue and we don't think its time to address it," US Deputy Ambassador James Cunningham told *Reuters*.

UN inspectors withdrew from Iraq a year ago, shortly before the US-led invasion. After the war, Washington deployed its own team under David Kay and refused to allow UN inspectors to return.

Kay's team concluded Iraq did not have stockpiles of banned weapons as alleged by President George W Bush in making his case for war.

Whether Iraq had unconventional arms has ballooned into a major political issue both in Britain, Washington's close ally in the invasion, and the United States, where Bush is up for re-election in November. The UN group wants to complete its accounting of Iraqi arms and also hopes to install a permanent monitoring system to ensure Iraqi does not again launch programmes to develop biological, chemical or nuclear arms.

Security Council resolution 1483, adopted on 22 May after the fall of Saddam Hussein's government, "re-affirms that Iraq must meet

its disarmament obligations" and states the council's intention to revisit UNMOVIC's mandate at some future point.

The issue was revived because the US-led Coalition Provisional Authority governing Iraq is scheduled to dissolve on June 30 so that Iraq can regain its sovereignty. On 1 July, when an interim government takes power in Iraq, "do the inspections go on? Are we going to use UNMOVIC or is the American inspection team going on?" asked German Ambassador Gunter Pleuger after the closed-door council session. — *Internet*

Libya to stick to one-China policy

TRIPOLI, 6 March — Libyan leader Moammar Kadaffi pledged that Libya will continue to stick to the "one-China" policy.

He made the pledge Wednesday night when meeting with a visiting Chinese delegation.

Kadaffi highly praised the friendly and cooperative relations between China and Libya, and reiterated Libya's stand on the one-China principle. Wang Jiarui, leader of the Chinese delegation and head of the International Department of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, conveyed Chinese leaders' greetings to Kadaffi, and stressed that China attaches importance to the development of friendly and cooperative relations with Libya in all fields. The Chinese delegation arrived here Monday night for a five-day working visit, at the invitation by the General People's Congress of Libya, and will continue the trip to Turkey and Iran.—*MNA/Xinhua*

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Four British soldiers injured in Iraq

LONDON, 6 March — Four British soldiers were injured when they came under attack on Friday while patrolling a village in southeast Iraq, the Ministry of Defence said.

"We can confirm that UK patrols came under fire while patrolling the village of Qal at Sahil in the Maysan province," a ministry spokesman said. "The patrol returned fire after receiving fire from heavy machineguns and a rocket-propelled grenade," the spokesman said, adding the injured soldiers were from the First Battalion of the Light Infantry. The four soldiers, whom the spokes-

man declined to identify, were admitted to the Shaibah military hospital near Basra where they were being treated for "non-life-threatening injuries," the spokesman said. The British sector in the southeast corner of Iraq has been relatively quiet for the past few months. In June 2003 six British military policemen were killed in an attack in Majar al-Kabir. — *Internet*

A US soldier guard during reopening at a police station, destroyed by a suicide attack a month ago in the town of Mosul, some 390 km north of the Iraqi capital Baghdad, March 3, 2004.

INTERNET



Sino-French relations at best period in 40 years

PARIS, 6 March — Chinese Ambassador to France Zhao Jinjun said in an exclusive interview with *Xinhua* that the Sino-French relations are at the best period at present since the two countries established diplomatic relations four decades ago.

Chinese President Hu Jintao's state visit to France in January, also his second trip to France in seven months, highly demonstrated the close, special and mature relations between China and France, Zhao stressed.

The visit, timed to coincide with the 40th anniversary of Sino-French diplomatic ties, was marked by many first-ever events: Hu was invited to deliver a speech at the National Assembly, Lower House of the French Parliament, which was the first time for a Chinese and Asian leaders. More than 7,000 Chinese and overseas Chinese were allowed to parade along the Champs Elysees avenue; The Eiffel Tower was lavished with oriental decorations and lanterns for one week.

Those events were a vivid manifestation of their close ties, as the two countries celebrated their anniversary in the grandest and unique way, said Zhao.

The ambassador noted the "Chinese Culture Year" opened last October in Paris as a magnificent event in China's history of cultural exchange. The project, lasting five months

and containing more than 300 programmes, aroused a strong "China fever" among the French people and media, and thus made considerable contribution to the warm-up of bilateral relations, he said.

Zhao said China and France shared views in many world affairs and had stood together in pursuing lasting peace of the world. The two countries defined their relations as "comprehensive strategic partnership" in a joint statement signed by two leaders in January, which reflects the future orientation of their ties, he added. Zhao praised French President Jacques Chirac for his recent statements that clearly opposed "Taiwan independence" and the so called referendum on the island. Those remarks showed France was supporting China on major issues concerning China's fundamental interests, he said.

The ambassador also hailed the progress in bilateral economic cooperation, citing the record trade volume in 2003 of 13.4 billion US dollars, which was up 60 per cent from the previous year. —*MNA/Xinhua*

Vietnamese PM to visit Singapore

SINGAPORE, 6 March — Vietnamese Prime Minister Phan Van Khai will make a four-day working visit to Singapore from 8 March, Singapore's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a statement Friday.

During his stay here, Prime Minister Phan Van Khai will meet with his Singaporean counterpart Goh Chok Tong, President S R Nathan and Senior Minister Lee Kuan Yew.

The Vietnamese Premier will also witness the signing of a joint declaration between the two countries on comprehensive cooperation framework in the 21st Century.

MNA/Xinhua



The Spirit of Ontario is seen in Perth, Australia, in 2004. The ferry, nicknamed the Breeze, will carry travellers across Lake Ontario between the United States and Canada. Daily, year-round voyages between Rochester to Toronto are set to launch on 30 April, 2004. — INTERNET

IRAQ UNDER US OCCUPATION



An Iraqi fireman battles a blazing car following an exchange of fire between US troops and Iraqis in the town of Mosul, some 390 km north of Iraqi capital Baghdad, late 4 March, 2004. — INTERNET



Iraqi young and old, shout slogans at Sadr city in Baghdad, Iraq on 5 March, 2004. INTERNET



Iraqis carry an injured man following a series of bomb explosions which rocked the Iraqi city of Karbala on 2 March. — INTERNET



An Iraqi arranges personal items of victims of Tuesday's suicide attacks in Baghdad, and displayed in a cordoned off area on 5 March, 2004.

INTERNET



US soldiers stand guard during a reopening at a police station, north of Iraqi capital Baghdad, 3 March, 2004.

INTERNET

Remedies sought for Iraq's ailing health care

BAGHDAD, 6 March— US Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson who returned this week from Iraq, where he evaluated the nation's health care and medical infrastructure said, "What we're going to do as a department is to collaborate and to cooperate and partnership with the people of Iraq to rebuild that medical system back to what it was in the 1970s."

According to the Iraq Ministry of Health, one in 10 infants in the country will die before they are a year old, a rate officials are trying to cut in half by next year. Of those who do make it, nearly 8 percent die before the age of 5, officials said.

Dr Salma Hadad, a pediatric oncologist in Iraq, said she believes the joint effort between the United States and Iraq can turn back the clock to the previous level of care.

"I hope they will be rebuilding the health services and our health system like it was before, to give these children the best chance of a cure and survival," Hadad said.

Currently, the situation needs vast improvement. For example, basic antibiotics that cost just pennies in the United States are in short supply in Iraq, putting the population at risk of dying from routine infections.

About three in 1,000 mothers die after childbirth, often from infections that would be preventable in developed countries,

according to the health ministry.

At Al Wiyah Women's Clinic in Baghdad, workers painted over windows in an effort to seal an operating room from contaminants outside. Such disrepair is just one of the problems the country's hospitals are facing, doctors said.

"The sewer system wasn't working, the ventilation system wasn't working," Hadad said, describing conditions at Al-Monsour Hospital, Baghdad's largest hospital.

"Also, there were many days the hospital stayed without water and the patients had no water. ... Sometimes the families brought water from their homes."

Such difficulties are routine in the capital of Iraq, but officials say move farther outside of Baghdad and the situation is even worse. Health officials are trying to cut the infant mortality rate in half in the next year and institute other changes to improve children's health care.

Internet

Egypt warns US against imposing ready-made solution on entire M-E

ROME, 6 March— Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has warned the United States against imposing a ready-made solution on the entire Middle East and said the Arab-Israeli conflict should not be sidelined.

Mubarak, one of Washington's closest allies in the Arab world, said in a newspaper interview on Friday he would press US President George W Bush about his Greater Middle East Initiative when he meets him next month.

"I don't know, but I sense something strange in the air," Mubarak was quoted as saying by *La Repubblica* daily when talking about the US initiative.

"How can you impose one ready-made solution on a limitless area that goes from Mauritania to Pakistan?" he said.

"Plus the most important players are missing from the table, those directly affected that have not been consulted...We know our countries better than anyone else," added Mubarak, who is touring European capitals, including Rome, Paris and London.

He is not the first Arab leader to complain at being left in the dark about the US Administration's plan, which seeks to deal with the Middle East's unemployment, poverty, repression and other conditions that US officials believe have

stoked anti-Western, anti-American extremism.

US officials have said they want to announce the initiative formally in June when the Group of Eight leaders from the world's industrial powers hold their annual summit. The G-8 does not include any Arab countries.

"If the American reform plan is not studied very carefully, we could plunge into a spiral of violence and anarchy which will not only affect us...and then it's goodbye to any glimmer of democracy in the Arab world," Mubarak said. — *MNA/Reuters*



Ray Arvidson, deputy principal investigator of the rover mission, left, confirms that NASA's Spirit rover has found evidence of past water activity in a volcanic rock on the other side of Mars from where its twin, Opportunity, discovered signs that ground there had once been drenched, during a news briefing held on 5 March, 2004, at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. — INTERNET



Kennedy presses Tenet on Iraq intelligence

WASHINGTON, 6 March— Democratic Senator Edward Kennedy called on Friday for CIA Director George Tenet to state plainly whether he believed the White House altered or misused intelligence to justify the US-led invasion of Iraq.

The veteran Massachusetts lawmaker said Tenet also must explain "why he waited until last month — nearly a year after the war started — to set the record straight" that the intelligence did not indicate Iraq posed the immediate threat depicted by the Bush Administration.

Kennedy, who has taken a high-profile role in the presidential campaign of Senator John Kerry, a fellow Massachusetts Democrat, also tore into Republican President George W Bush for exaggerating the threat posed by Iraq for political gain.

Speaking to reporters afterward, Kennedy called his

speech to the Council on Foreign Relations "an indictment of the administration using their own words".

He cited Bush calling Iraq a "threat of unique urgency", Vice-President Dick Cheney saying Iraq was trying to acquire nuclear weapons, and Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld saying "we know where they are" of weapons of mass destruction that have yet to be found.

"Why wasn't CIA Director Tenet correcting the President and the Vice-President and the Secretary of Defence a year ago, when it could have made a difference, when it could have prevented a needless war and saved so many lives?" Kennedy ques-

tioned.

Kennedy is a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, which is scheduled to grill Tenet on intelligence leading up to the war at a hearing next week.

"If he feels that the White House altered the facts, or misused the intelligence, or ignored it and relied on dubious sources in the Iraqi exile community, Tenet should say so, and say it plainly," the senator said.

Citing a speech Tenet gave last month, Kennedy said the CIA Director "clearly distanced himself from the administration's statements about the urgency of the threat from Iraq".

MNA/Reuters



Iraqis pray under a heavy security on 5 March, 2004, at Sadr city in Baghdad, Iraq.—INTERNET

China's national R&D projects cost \$108m

BEIJING, 6 March— China's Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) invested 9 billion yuan (108 million US dollars) of state budgetary funds into 15,000 national research and development projects in 2003.

MOST spokesman Shi Dinghuan said here Thursday that new technologies, new materials and new equipment, which were brought about by these national projects, provided impetus to the country's economic development.

In addition to the high technology R&D programme which is known as the 863 Programme, advancement project on key technologies, and basic scientific R&D programme which is known as the 973 Programme, the ministry also initiated a special programme on 12 significant technologies since July 2002.

"We've gained a lot from those national programmes," Shi said, citing that Chinese

scientists invented their own central processing units (CPU) and digital signal processors (DSP), the hearts of computers.

Medical researchers also created an injection of gene therapy, coded as p53, fighting against human tumours, Shi said.

An e-government network, which has already been tried out in south China's Guangdong Province, will be introduced to the State Council, or the Chinese Cabinet.

In the fight against severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), the ministry organized nationwide research teams in 61 sub-projects. The whole research, up to now, has cost nearly 110 million yuan.

MNA/Xinhua

UN launches initiative to restore Nairobi Dam

NAIROBI, 6 March— The United Nations agencies Thursday launched a new initiative to restore the Nairobi Dam and its waters by mobilizing resources to clean up the Kenyan capital's reservoir.

The project, the Nairobi Dam Trust Initiative, aims to raise up to 600,000 US dollars to clean up the reservoir so that it can be again an important source of clean and healthy drinking water as well as a magnet for waters sports enthusiasts, fisherman, picnickers and bountiful bird life. The initiative was launched by Kenyan Vice-President Moody Awori, Klaus Toepfer, executive director of the United Nations Environment Programme, Annan Tibaijuka, executive director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and Paul Andre de la Porte, resident representative of the UN Development Programme.

MNA/Xinhua

Nursery Market Festival continues

YANGON, 6 March — The Nursery Market Festival continued at Myay Padetha Park in Bahan Township here today with the aim of providing necessary assistance to growers and attracting the public to be interested in agriculture, horticulture, livestock breeding and vegetable farming. Kitchen crops, fruits and herbal plants are being shown. Poultry farming and fish breeding are also exhibited there. *MNA*



The 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day commemorative postcard.

The developing transport sector of Rakhine State

Moe Htet Myint (Delta)

I was in Ngapali Beach Resort. Skimming over the white waves of the blue sea, the cool breeze came to the shore. And the trees that lined the beach made the area green and pleasant. In every direction, the view in and around Ngapali was beautiful.

Our passenger jet took off from Yangon International Airport at 7 am. Soon the plane was flying over Thadu Lake and Yangon-Bago Highway. An air hostess showed us all the beautiful scenes of the landscape of our country we could see from the plane high above the ground. It was my first flight to Thandwe, and all the scenery I had seen were marvelous. After the flight-time had passed 15 minutes, the hostess announced that we were flying over the Ayeyawady River. "On the right bank of the Ayeyawady, we can see Danubyu town, and we will be soon flying over Hinthada town," she said. When I looked from the window, I saw the Ayeyawady meandering peacefully below us. Down there, Danubyu was lying faintly in the distance.

After flying at an altitude of over 23,000 feet for 45 minutes, the plane touched down at Mazin Airport. While hovering over the airport, the hostess explained to us all we saw from the plane.

A pamphlet I had read during the flight informed me that beaches along Myanmar's 1,700-kilometre long coastline were welcoming vacationers with breathtaking views of the sun-set, the white sands and the coconut palms dancing in the wind.

I was embraced by the cool breeze from the blue sea as soon as I descended from the plane. A large number of tourists enjoyed their vacation at Ngapali. After a 20-minute drive, we arrived at the Ngapali Beach.

By car it takes 16 hours to reach the beach from Yangon. But by air we need only 45 minutes to arrive at the airport that is only a 20-minute drive from the beach. Passenger planes of Myanma Airways, Yangon Airways and Air Mandalay are flying to Mazin Airport.

Ngapali is just a small village which lies two miles away from the airport. When Italians arrived at the village long ago, they named the beach "Naples" as its beauty rivaled that of the Naples in their country. But as time went by, the name of the beach changed from Naples to Ngapali. The vacationers took exercise on the wide and long beach. Some played games, while other enjoyed cycling or motorcycling or horse riding along the beach.

Six hotels housing over 200 rooms are located on the beach that is about three kilometres wide. The bungalow-type hostels, with designs that suit the natural condition of the sea beach are of various levels, and some of them are two-star facilities. To maintain its status as a

beach resort, careful planning has been made in order not to disturb its natural scenery in building the facilities.

Thandwe was famous as Dwarawady in the past. In addition to Ngapali, there are six more beach resorts including Ngwehsaung in Myanmar.

Yangon-Sittway Highway was built in 1996. Ten large bridges and 806 medium and small bridges were also built on it. Some of the watercourses are wide and some have strong current. So, engineers and workers faced a lot of difficulties in building the facilities. The An-Sittway section of the road passes over 13 high mountains.

*As if it were created by celestial beings
A bridge was built on Kissapanadi
Where water is emerald green
Seeing the bridge with delight
People declare victory for Rakhine State
(Myinmu Maung Naing Moe)*

The Kissapanadi River Bridge, 2,512.5 feet long, was built at a cost of over K 2,500 million and about US \$ 2.5 million. Without taking any foreign assistance, the Yangon-Sittway Highway was built by the strength of Myanmar alone. The Government spent over K 9,500 million and over US \$ 100 million to build the highway which stands as a significant accomplishment in Myanmar history.

Lontha, located at a place six miles from Ngapali, is the largest marine product trading centre in Rakhine State. With its six cold storage facilities, the centre is exporting various species of aqua creatures netted in coastal waters and high-seas. A seaport has been built at gulf of Mayoe near Lontha.

Hsathwa Bridge near Hsathwa village in Gwa Township is the 19th major bridge that has been built in Rakhine State. The 660-foot bridge supports a 24-foot motorway, flanked by a three-foot pedestrian lane on either side. The clearance is 85 feet wide and eight feet high. It is a reinforced concrete bridge. It was built at a cost of K 340 million.

The completion of Thandwe-Gwa-Ngathaingchaung Road, Taungup-Thandwe Road, Taungup-Maei-An Road and Minbu-An-Tattaung Road has facilitated better transport in Rakhine State.

In this article, I have stated the transport development in Rakhine State. I witnessed during my visit to Ngapali for a vacation.

(Translation: TMT)
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Wellwishers invited for sinking tube-wells

YANGON, 6 March — The Development Affairs Committees under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs are making concerted efforts in sinking tube-wells in order to get sufficient fresh water in rural areas in States and Divisions where water is scarce.

One 200 feet deep two-inch diameter tube-well costs K 250,000; one 400 feet deep two-inch diameter tube-well costs K 500,000; and one 200 feet deep four-inch diameter tube-well costs K 500,000.

Those wishing to donate cash for the tube-well sinking projects for rural areas may contact the Director-General (Tel: 01-245420 & 253088), the Deputy Director-General (Tel: 01-240118), the Director (Engineering) (Tel: 01-291967), the Director (Sagaing Division Development Affairs Committee) (Tel: 071-21012), the Director (Magway Division Development Affairs Committee) (Tel: 063-23164) and the Director (Mandalay Development Affairs Committee) (Tel: 02-54657).

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Efficient use of electricity

- * Use daylight as the main source of light
- * Use the least possible amount of electricity only if there is not enough natural light
- * Use the least possible amount of electricity required in production and service enterprises
- * Preventing waste of electricity benefits the user and others

There are about 500,000 households using electricity in Yangon. Thus, saving a four-foot fluorescent lamp everyday by each household amounts to saving power that is equal to the capacity a 20-megawatt power station can supply.

Efficient use of fuel

- * Saving one gallon of fuel per car per month will save the nation one US dollar
- * Thus, a total of 455,822 cars in Myanmar can save US\$ 5.5 million in a year
- * The amount, US \$ 5.5 million, can build a major bridge across Ayeyawady River

All this needs to be known

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

International Women's Day 8th March 2004

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CERTIFICATES PRESENTED: Primary level completion certificates were presented to primary school graduates of Basic Education Primary School No 25 in Bahan Township, Yangon, on Saturday. School Head U Aung Naing Win gives away a certificate to Maung Marn Hon Thein. — (H)

Introduction to molecular biology

YANGON, 6 March — An introduction to molecular biology — genomics & proteomics — will be made from 9 am to 12 am on 13, 14, 20 and 21 March 2004 at the Hall (B) of Myanmar Medical Association on Theinbyu Road here. Those interested can get themselves enrolled at the MMA and Institute of Medicine-1 during the office hour, it is learnt. — *MNA*

University and colleges opened in Hpa-an...

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He said the government with goodwill built necessary infrastructures for development. He spoke of the need for officials to make efforts for sufficiency of rice in the region and economic progress.

of the Sangha.

In the afternoon, Senior General Than Shwe and party went to Hpa-an University where they were welcomed by Minister for Education U Than Aung and faculty members.

They inspected the uni-

est and contented with what they have. The number of graduates and outstanding students were few. Most of the people live in peace, he said. Foundation for development is human resources. The university and colleges were opened for producing

They paid obeisance to the Kyaikhtiyo Pagoda. Senior General Than Shwe presented cash for the pagoda and signed in the visitors' book. He then greeted pilgrims. They arrived back here in the evening.

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Senior General Than Shwe pays homage to Kyaikhtiyo Pagoda in Kyaikto.—MNA



Senior General Than Shwe gives guidance to local authorities, departmental personnel and Tatmadawmen at No 22 LID Hall in Hpa-an.—MNA

With increased production in agriculture, fish and meat and industrial sectors in the region Kayin State will develop and living standard of the people will improve, he said.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe greeted those present.

They then went to Mebaung Kyaungtaik and paid obeisance to Agga Maha Pandita Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Sayadaw Bhaddanta Indriya and members of the Sangha in Hpa-an. Senior General Than Shwe and party took the Five Precepts from Chairman of Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Dhammakathika Bahujana Hitadhara Hpa-an Lumbini Kyaung Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kavidhaja. Senior General Than Shwe presented offertories to Mebaung Kyaungtaik Sayadaw.

General Thura Shwe Mann and party presented offertories to the members

versity.

Next, he met Pro-rector and professors of Hpa-an University, education college, government technological college and government computer college and faculty members.

Pro-rector of Hpa-an University U Saw Han Shein, Principal of Hpa-an Education College Daw Nu Nu Yi, Principal of Technological College Daw Than Than Htay and Principal of Government Computer College Daw Soe Soe Min reported on location and areas of the university and colleges, courses conducted, modern teaching aids, receiving education of students, strength of teaching and management staff.

In his guidance, the Senior General said opening of university and colleges in Hpa-an region aims at enabling the students in the region to receive education within the reach. In fact, Hpa-an is not very far from Yangon and Mawlamyine. Most of the people in the region are simple and hon-

human resources and development of the region, he said. Only when there are a lot of educated persons without any gap in educational opportunities among states and divisions, will all the Union develop. In the future the nation that can catch up with other nations will emerge. He urged the faculty members to nurture the students to be outstanding, hoping the bright future.

Realizing the goodwill and objectives of the State, the teachers are to build a modern developed nation hand in hand with the State, teachers and students through education, he said.

Senior General Than Shwe signed in the visitors' book and greeted the teachers.

Senior General Than Shwe and party went to Kyaikhtiyo Pagoda at 3 pm. They were welcomed by Commander of No 44 LID Col Thet Naing Win, Brig-Gen Myint Soe of Thaton Station, departmental officials and members of the Pagoda board of trustees.



Senior General Than Shwe being welcomed in Hpa-an by officials.—MNA



Senior General Than Shwe cordially meets faculty members of Hpa-an University, Education College, GTC and GCC at Hpa-an University.—MNA

Prime Minister attends ...

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The Prime Minister designated the traditional medicine hospital as one under the Ministry of Health and fulfilled the requirements.

Then, the opening of Shwesin Tipitaka Kyaungdawgyi built in the compound of Tipitaka Dhammanada Pariyatti Monastery followed.

At the ceremony, Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and wellwisher Chairman of Tipitaka Nikaya Missionary Upathaka Group (Mandalay) Chairman of Myanmar Gold Entrepreneurs Association U Thu Daw formally opened the building.

The Prime Minister unveiled the stone plaque of the building. Sayadaw Bhaddanta Gandhamala Lankara, the Prime Minister

and wellwisher U Thu Daw formally sprinkled scented water on the stone inscription.

Next, the Sayadaw, the Prime Minister and party visited the building. Then, the Prime Minister and party viewed certificates of religious titles, treatises and equipment of the late Mingun Tipitakadhara Sayadaw at his Kyaungdaw.

Afterwards, the ceremony to share merits followed at Maha Bandoola Dhammayon of Tipitaka Dhammanada Pariyatti Monastery.

The Prime Minister and party including the congregation received the Nine Precepts from Secretary Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara. Then, members of the Sangha recited Parittas.

Next, the Prime Minister supplicated on religious matters. In his supplication, the Prime Minister expressed his great delight and pleasure to pay reverence to State

Ovadacariya Sayadaws, members of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha, Tipitakadhara Sayadaws and members of the Sangha who were present at the ceremony.

He said that the Dhamma Nada Monastery could produce first Mingun Tipitakadhara Sayadaw. Residing in the monastery, the Sayadaw passed Government Pahtamabyan exams, Dhammacariya exam, Mandalay Sakkja Siha Dhammacariya exam and Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida exam.

He added that he learnt that Ninth Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Bhaddanta Gandhamala Lankara presides over the Dhamma Nada Pariyatti Monastery. U Thu Taw-Daw Khin Sein of Myetpa Ward in Mandalay donated cash for construction of the building. So

the merit-sharing ceremony for the building was held in conjunction with the 36th birthday anniversary of Sayadaw Bhaddanta Gandhamala Lankara, he said.

The Jivitadana Traditional medicine hospital constructed in the compound of Mingun Village Station Hospital under the aegis of Dhamma Nada religious association led by the ninth Shwesin Tipitakadhara Sayadaw with the donations of the people had been handed over to the State. And the opening of the hospital was also held, he said.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister wished the Sayadaw able to perform religious duties like first Tipitakadhara Mingun Sayadaw and to produce more Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida title recipient Sayadaws.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister presented offertories to the Magway Sayadaw and Sayadaw Bhaddanta Gandhamala Lankara. Lt-Gen Ye Myint, the commander, the ministers and wellwishers also presented offertories to members of the Sangha.

U Thu Taw and family donated K 10 million to Thitagu World Buddhist University through Lt-Gen Ye Myint, K 3.5 million donated by Mandalay Tini Upathaka group for the funds through Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung. U Thu Taw presented the documents related to the hospital to Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint.

Chancellor of Thitagu World Buddhist University Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Maha Dhamma Kathika Bahujana Hitadhara Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Dr Bhaddanta Nanissara delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of

merits gained.

After the ceremony, the Prime Minister performed rituals of golden and silver showers. —MNA

69 tourists arrive by chartered plane

YANGON, 6 March— Under the supervision of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, assistance provided by the Ministry of Transport and arrangements of Adventure Myanmar Travels & Tours Co Ltd, 69 tourists arrived here by First Choice Air chartered plane.

They were welcomed at the airport by officials of the ministries concerned and Adventure Myanmar Travels & Tours Co Ltd and traditional cultural troupes.

The tourists will leave here for Maldives at 10 am on 9 March after visiting Yangon and Bagan-NyaungU.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt supplicates on religious affairs to Sayadaws at Maha Bandoola Dhammayon of Tipitaka Dhammanada Pariyatti Monastery in Sagaing.— MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt offers provisions to Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara.— MNA



Shwesin Tipitaka Kyaungdawgyi.— MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt views certificates of titles, treatises and requisites of late Mingun Sayadaw.— MNA



Tipitaka Jivitadana Traditional Medicine Hospital. — MNA

Prime Minister tours Sagaing...

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The Prime Minister said new basic education schools were opened and some schools were upgraded in the whole country. Therefore the teachers are needed. He gave instructions on laying down plans for appointment of more teachers.

Managing Director of Myanmar Industrial Construction Services U Ye Tun reported on construction of lecture halls, practical hall, administration office, hospital and entrance road and arrangements for construction of archway of the institute.

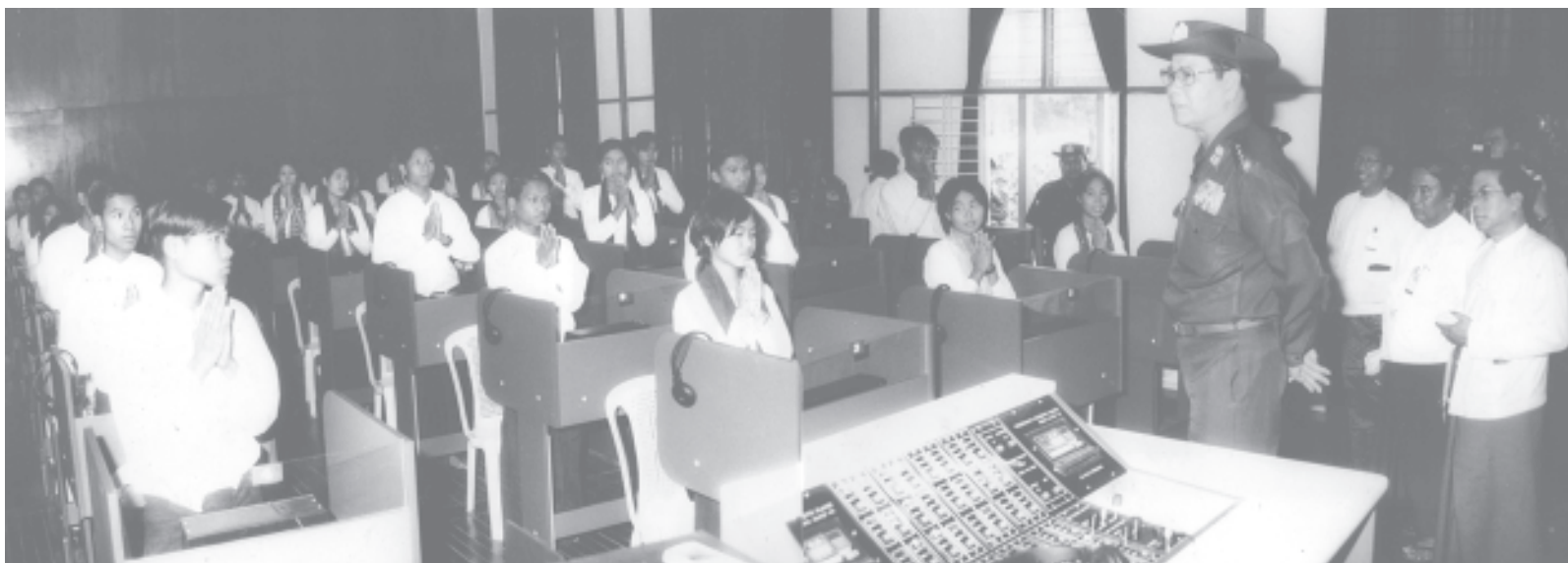
The Prime Minister gave instruction on construction of three-storey main building. He inspected e-Education resource centre, language lab and computer centre of the institute.

The Prime Minister and party went to Tagun Wood-based Industries Co Ltd. Members of the board of directors U Thein Tun and U Khaing Min reported on location and areas, the layout, raw materials, installation of machines, value added sewn timber and production of finished wood products. The Prime Minister then gave instructions and inspected the production process in the factory.

The Prime Minister arrived at Thitagu World Buddhist University in Sagaing and paid obeisance to Chancellor of Thitagu World Buddhist University Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhammajotikadhaja, Maha Dhamma Kathika Bahujana Hitadhara Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Dr Bhaddanta Nanissara.

The Prime Minister and party inspected the halls of the University. The Prime Minister inspected scale model and signed in the visitors' book. The Prime Minister and party went to Mingun and attended the opening of Jivitadana Traditional Medicine Hospital.

The Prime Minister



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects Language Lab at Institute of Education (Sagaing).— MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects multimedia classroom of TadaU BEHS.— MNA

went to TadaU where they were welcomed by members of District and Township PDCs, departmental personnel and social organizations.

They proceeded to TadaU Basic Education High School where they were welcomed by members of the board of trustees and Headmaster U Zaw Win and teachers. Next, the Prime Minister met with members of TadaU Township Peace and Development Council, departmental officials and members of social organizations at the hall of TadaU Basic Education High School.

First, Chairman of TadaU Township Peace and Development Council U Aung Myint reported to the Prime Minister on the background history of TadaU, location and area, population, land utilization, total sown acreage, cultivation of ten major crops, monsoon

paddy and summer paddy and production rate, cultivation of cotton, pulses and beans, groundnut, sunflowers and sesamum, measures taken for boosting the production rate and water supply for agricultural purpose, rainfall, self-sufficiency in food, transport, education, health, generating of biogas-used electricity, water supply for the town and requirements. Next, Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Maj-Gen Ye Myint gave a supplementary report.

After that, the Prime Minister upgraded Myayngu BEHS (Branch) into BEHS, Htanlontat BEMS (Branch) into BEMS and upgraded the laboratory of TadaU People's Hospital.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister made a speech. He said that TadaU region was developed and prosperous one in the time of Myanmar

kings, adding that the region was degraded from a city level, lagging behind in development. But the region has a great historic tradition and is filled with ancient cultural heritage and ancient cultural works. In addition, the region is not very far from Mandalay, the second capital. With better transport, the region has potential for development, he stressed.

He said that sound economy is of paramount importance for development of a township. Only when there is sound economy in townships and divisions will the Union made up of states and divisions develop. Therefore, the township level departmental officials are to make integrated and well-coordinated efforts with goodwill for economic development and development of own township and own region.

Those in charge at town-

ship level in-charges are to behave as good leaders in managing the staff for successful realization of the tasks assigned and they are to make strenuous efforts for regional and national development, reviewing weak points and strong points and potentials for development.

Keeping pace with the times, the departmental officials are to report what they are not able to do to higher levels while striving for development of own region. Nowadays, the State level officials are fulfilling the requirements for regional development making field trips right down to townships and villages that are the basic regions. Likewise, he said, he and his party were there to fulfil the needs for development of TadaU Township.

But, the State level officials and heads of department will not be able to make field trips to every

township that are the basic regions and townships will make progress only through concerted and coordinated efforts exerted by township level officials and higher level officials.

The township level departmental officials who are dealing with the public are to serve the interests of the people with goodwill and only then, will they win public trust and acquire public cooperation.

That is why all township level officials and departmental officials enlisting the public cooperation are to make collective and concerted efforts for successful realization of the national objectives while striving for development of own township and own region with goodwill and diligence.

Next, Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presented TV set, Video set and a computer set for TadaU BEHS to the headmistress and the ceremony ended. Next, the Prime Minister and party inspected the audio lab, the audio visual room and the computer skill room of the school. Later, the Prime Minister and party arrived at TadaU People's Hospital and inspected round the health facility. Next, the Prime Minister gave instructions on sanitation and beautifying the hospital. Next, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party arrived at Mandalay International Airport, and left Mandalay and arrived back here in the evening.—MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt meets township authorities, departmental officials and social organization members at TadaU BEHS.— MNA

Title recipient Sayadaws, nun, laity honoured

YANGON, 6 March—

A ceremony to honour three Sayadaws and one nun on whom with religious titles were conferred in year 2004 by the State Peace and Development Council was held by Myeik Association (Yangon) at the hall of the association on Hledan Street, Lanmadaw Township, here, at 1 pm today.

Myeik College Kokko Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Tiloka, Myeik Phaya Ngahsu Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kesava and Kyunsu Kitzanayama Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kañcana and Bahan Thameikdawdaya Nunnery Nun Daw Nānobhasi were honoured at the ceremony.

Likewise, a ceremony to pay homage to title recipient Sayadaws including Shwekyin Nikaya Sasanabaing Sayadaw and to honour Sasana Nuggaha title recipient lay persons was held at Maha Adhisilakari Ordination Hall of Thiri Lekhanayama Dagon Sasana Yeiktha in Ward 4, Dagon Myothit (East) Township, this morning.

Biographies of



The ceremony to honour three sayadaws and one nun from Myeik who were conferred with religious titles in progress. — MNA

Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Shwekyin Nikaya Sasanabaing Sayadaw Bhaddanta Agghiya, Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Agga Maha Pandita Sagaing Hill Thitzanawdaya Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sijjanabhivamsa and Agga Maha Kammathanaçariya Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Dagon Myothit (East) Thiri Lekhanayama Monastery Sayadaw

Bhaddanta Lekkhana were read out and they were honoured at the ceremony.

Sasana Nuggaha title recipients Durian U Soe Myint, Daw Aye Aye Kyi,

Daw Khin Myint Myint, Daw Tin Tin Wai, Daw Khin Than Myint and Daw Khin Saw were also presented with certificates of honour. — MNA

Poppy-substitute Crops Cultivation and Livestock Breeding Training School opened in Laukkai

YANGON, 6 March— A ceremony to open the Poppy-substitute Crops Cultivation and Livestock Breeding Training School for the purpose of drug elimination, built by the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar, was held at the school in Laukkai, Shan State (North) Special Region-1, Kokang Region, on 3 March morning, attended by Member of Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control Deputy Director-General Police Brig-Gen Zaw Win of Myanmar Police Force, on behalf of the CCDAC.

Also present on the occasion were Laukkai Regional Control Command Commander Brig-Gen Than Win, Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Jinjun, Director Police Col Sit Aye of CCDAC, local authorities, Kokang Special Region-1 national race leader U Phon Kyar Shin and local people, departmental personnel and guests.

Speaking on the occasion, Police Brig-Gen Zaw Win said that Myanmar has laid down and is implementing the drug elimination 15-year plan. In addition, the New Destiny Project, a part of the plan, is being implemented in five poppy growing states beginning April 2002.

Accordingly, local farmers of Shan State (North), on their own accord, presented poppy seeds to departments concerned after realizing the goodwill of the Government. The poppy seeds have been set on fire four times — three times in Lashio and once in Laukkai.

As more and more land was put under poppy-substitute crops, sown acreage of poppy cultivation could be reduced by 24 per cent in the entire nation in 2002-2003 poppy cultivation season in comparison to that of 2001-2002 according to the data on illegal poppy cultivation, jointly collected by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and Myanmar.

Poppy cultivation obviously declined by 50 per cent in Shan State (North). Therefore, Kokang region could be designated as the opium free zone in 2003.

It can be seen that remarkable progress has been made in the infrastructures such as economic, social, education, health, transport, etc at all border areas that were unprecedented in the past because the people residing in border areas are making concerted efforts not only for carrying out poppy-substitute cultivation and livestock breeding tasks but also for joining hand with the Government in undertaking regional development tasks after abandoning poppy cultivation.

The excursion groups comprising diplomats, ambassadors, heads of missions in Myanmar and local and foreign journalists led by CCDAC member ministers, have visited border areas for three times to view drug elimination and regional development tasks being implemented in the border areas.

In this regard, they have personally see successes in carrying out drug elimination tasks thanks to undertakings of the local people who cooperated with the Government. In addition, international communities have learned about development of the border areas through the excursion group member diplomats and media.

In recognition of success and tasks in drug elimi-

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အရက်ကိုလွန်ကဲစွာနှင့် စွဲလမ်းစွာသောက်သုံးခြင်းကြောင့် ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်သော ရောဂါများမှာ အသည်းရောင်ခြင်း၊ အသည်းခြောက်ခြင်း၊ သွေးအန်ခြင်း၊ အစာအိမ်ရောဂါ ဖြစ်ခြင်း၊နှလုံးရောဂါဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ ဦးနှောက်နှင့်အာရုံကြော ထိခိုက်ခြင်း၊ စိတ်ရောဂါ များဖြစ်ခြင်း စသည်တို့ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်တတ်သော စိတ်ရောဂါများမှာ —

၁။ ကယောင်ကတမ်းဖြစ်ခြင်း (Delirium Tremers)၊ ကြောက်လန့်ခြင်း၊ အချိန်၊ နာရီ၊ နေရာ၊ လူ ခန့်မှန်းနိုင်စွမ်း မရှိခြင်း၊ ကြောက်စရာလန့်စရာများမြင်ရခြင်း၊ အသံဗလံများ ကြားရခြင်း၊ ပိုးမွှားများ ခန္ဓာကိုယ်ပေါ် ရွံစိရွံစိ သွားသလို ခံစားရခြင်း၊ လက်တုန်ရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း။

၂။ အရက်အလွန်အကျွံသောက်သည့်အခါတွင် လူမရှိပဲ နားထဲတွင် ခေါ်သံများ၊ ခြိမ်းခြောက်သံများ၊ စော်ကားမော်ကားသံ များကြားနေရတတ်ခြင်း(Alcoholic Halluncinosis)။

၃။ အတက်ကြီးရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Rum Fits) (ဝက်ရူးပြန် ရောဂါ ကဲ့သို့တတ်ခြင်း)။

၄။ စိတ်ဓာတ်ကျရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Depressive Illness)။

၅။ စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Psychosis)။

၆။ ဦးနှောက်ချို့ယွင်းခြင်း။

၇။ အရက်နှင့်မတည့်သောသူများသည် အရက်အနည်းငယ်သောက် ရုံဖြင့် ရုတ်တရက် စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်တတ်ခြင်း (Pathological Drunkenness)။

၈။ မိမိ၏ဇနီးကို အထင်အမြင်လွဲမှားခြင်းများဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Morbid Jealousy)။

၉။ အရက်ကြောင့် ရာဇဝတ်မှု ကျူးလွန်သည်အထိဖြစ်နိုင်ခြင်း။

အထက်ပါဆိုကျိုးများကို မခံစားရစေရန် အရက်သောက် သုံးခြင်း၊ အထူးသဖြင့် အလွန်အကျွံသောက်သုံးခြင်း၊ အရက်ကို စွဲလမ်းစွာသောက်သုံးခြင်းတို့မှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ရန်တိုက်တွန်း အပ်ပါသည်။ အရက်စွဲရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားပါက စိတ်ကျန်းမာရေး ဆေးရုံနှင့် ကုသရေး ဌာနများတွင် စနစ်တကျ ကုသမှုခံယူရန် အသိပေးနှိုးဆော် အပ်ပါသည်။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင် ဘဝတစ်ခွင်

ကျန်းမာခြင်းဆိုသည်မှာ ရောဂါဘယကင်းရှင်းရုံ သာမက ကိုယ်၏ကျန်းမာကြံ့ခိုင်ခြင်း၊ စိတ်ချမ်းသာခြင်းနှင့် လူမှုရေးသုခ ပြည့်ဝခြင်းကိုဆိုသည်။

ဘဝတစ်ခွင် ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင်စေရန် အောက်ပါအတိုင်း လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

- (၁) တစ်ကိုယ်ရည်သန့်ရှင်းမှုကိုဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၂) အန္တရာယ်ကင်း၍ အာဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအသောက်များကို စားသုံးပါ။
- (၃) ပိုးမွှားကင်းစင်၍ သန့်ရှင်းသောရေကို သောက်သုံးပါ။
- (၄) ရာသီဥတုနှင့်လိုက်လျောညီထွေစွာ ဝတ်စားဆင်ယင်နေထိုင်ပါ။
- (၅) အသက်အရွယ်နှင့်လိုက်လျောညီထွေရှိသည့် သင့်တင့်မျှတသော ကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုကို မှန်မှန်ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၆) နေ့စဉ်လုပ်ငန်းဆောင်တာများ ဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်းကြောင့် ပင်ပန်းနွမ်းနယ်မှုကိုပြေပျောက်စေရန် အနားယူပါ။
- (၇) ခြင်အန္တရာယ်မှကာကွယ်ရန် ခြင်ထောင်ဖြင့်အိပ်ပါ။
- (၈) ကျန်းမာရေးနှင့်ညီညွတ်သော ယင်လုံအိမ်သာကိုသုံးစွဲပါ။
- (၉) အရက်သောက်ခြင်း၊ ဆေးလိပ်ဆေးရွက် သောက်သုံးခြင်း၊ ကွမ်းစားခြင်းတို့ကိုရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၀) မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးနှင့် စိတ်ကိုပြောင်းလဲစေသည့် ဆေးဝါးများ သုံးစွဲခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၁) အပျော်အပါးလိုက်စားခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၂) ရေ၊ မြေ၊ လေ သဘာဝပတ်ဝန်းကျင်နှင့် နေထိုင်မှု၊ အသက် မွေးမှုပတ်ဝန်းကျင်တို့အား ညစ်ညမ်းစေသည့် အပြုအမူများကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

ပျားရည်နှင့် အစွမ်းသတ္တိ

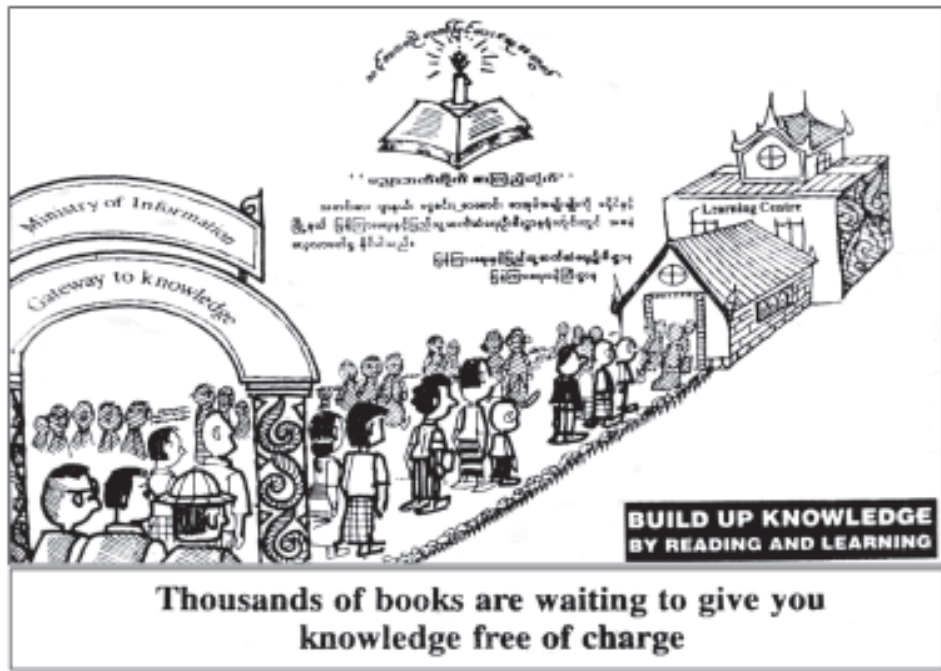
- * ပျားရည်သည် အင်အားဖြည့်တင်းပေးရာတွင် အသန်စင်ဆုံး အာဟာရတစ်မျိုး ဖြစ်ပါသည်။
- * ပျားရည်တွင် သတ္တုဓာတ်၊ အင်ဇိုင်း နှင့် အာဟာရဓာတ် အများအပြားပါဝင်ပါသည်။
- * ပျားရည်သည် သစ်သီး၊ သကြားဓာတ် အဓိကပါဝင်သော သကြားဓာတ်ပေါင်း တစ်မျိုးဖြစ်ပါသည်။
- * ပျားရည်တွင် ဘက်တီးရီးယားပိုးများ သန့်စင်ပါသည်။
- * ပျားရည်တွင် ပဋိဇီဝ စွမ်းရည်သတ္တိပါရှိသဖြင့် အနာဒဏ်ရာများ အနာကျက်မြန်စေပြီး လျင်မြန်စွာ ပျောက်ကင်းစေပါသည်။
- * ပျားရည်စားသုံးပြီး မိနစ်ပိုင်းအတွင်း စွမ်းအားတိုးတက် လာစေနိုင်ပါသည်။

“သတိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်”

ခရီးသည်တင် မော်တော်ယာဉ်များအား ဖြို့တွင်းသို့ နေ့/ည ခရီးသည် ပို့ဆောင်နိုင်ရေးအတွက် သတ်မှတ်ခေါက်ရေနှင့်အညီ စက်သုံးဆီ ထုတ်ပေး ထားပြီးဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ယာဉ်စီးခများအားလည်း သတ်မှတ်နှုန်းထားများ အတိုင်းတောင်းခံရန် ညွှန်ကြားထားရှိပါသည်။ သို့ရာတွင် အချို့ယာဉ်လိုင်းများမှ ယာဉ်မောင်းနှင့် ယာဉ်နောက်လိုက် တို့သည် ယာဉ်စီးခများကို ညပိုင်းတွင်ပိုမိုတောင်းယူနေကြောင်း သိရပါသည်။ ထိုသို့ပိုမိုတောင်းခံပါက ထိရောက်စွာအရေးယူနိုင်ရန် အောက်ပါနံပါတ်များ သို့တိုင်ကြားနိုင်ပါသည်။

- (၁) မြန်မာနိုင်ငံရဲတပ်ဖွဲ့၊ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း (ဖုန်း ၁၉၉)
- (၂) ကြို့မဲ့ကြေးနန်းနှင့်ယာဉ်ထိန်းတပ်ဖွဲ့မှူးရုံး(ဖုန်း၂၉၁၂၈၅/၂၉၁၂၈၄)
- (၃) မော်တော်ယာဉ်လုပ်ငန်းပေါင်းစုံထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကော်မတီ (ဖုန်း ၅၄၁၉၀၅/၅၄၁၉၀၄)

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Australia records largest seizure of fake credit cards

CANBERRA, 6 March — Australian police have seized about 700 credit cards in Melbourne in the largest haul of the type for the country.

Australian Broadcasting Corporation radio quoted police as saying Thursday that a man was arrested for alleged involvement in making the cards during a raid on a flat in North Melbourne, capital of the Victoria State. — MNA/Xinhua

ပြည်တွင်းပြန်လှည့်အားပေးပါ

Wen Jiabao says China to open wider to outside world

BEIJING, 6 March — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao Friday called for adapting to the new situation and opening still wider to the outside world, saying that efforts must be made to coordinate domestic development with opening up, fully exploit domestic and foreign markets and resources, and expand development into new areas.

“We will do all our work pertaining to opening up energetically and improve our ability to participate in international cooperation and competition,” he said in a report on the work of the government delivered at the opening of the Second Session of the Tenth National People’s Congress.

While striving to keep foreign trade growing at an

appropriate rate, China should continue to follow the strategy of market diversification, compete on quality, optimize its export mix, and promote the transformation and upgrading of the processing trade, improve coordination among foreign trade entities, strive to overcome trade barriers and minimize trade friction to create a fair trade environment for our enterprises, said the Premier.

More rational and appropriate use of foreign capital is necessary to raise the performance of foreign investment, Wen said, adding, “We will continue to enforce poli-

cies and measures that encourage foreign investment and further improve our investment environment.”

He also called for efforts to speed up the implementation of the strategy of “going global” and better coordinate and guide Chinese investment abroad. Enterprises under all forms of ownership are encouraged to invest in overseas operations in various forms and expand their international market shares, he noted. China will continue to conscientiously fulfill all its commitments for China’s accession to the WTO, the Premier said. — MNA/Xinhua

“People’s Daily” hails China’s national legislature annual session

BEIJING, 6 March — The People’s Daily hails in its editorial the convocation of the annual session of China’s top legislature slated for Friday, which it refers to as a major event of vital importance in pressing ahead with the national drive to build a well-off society in an all-round way.

During the Second Session of the 10th National People’s Congress (NPC), deputies will hear and deliberate reports on the work of the government, the NPC Standing Committee, the Supreme Court and Supreme Procuratorate, and on the budget and social and economic development plan.

The editorial notes that a major task of the annual session is to deliberate the drafted amendment to the country’s Constitution.

Therefore, “the opening of the session is a major issue in the political life of the people of all ethnicities across the country, “ the newspaper says in an editorial to be published Friday.

The editorial reviews the major achievements China had scored last year,

including the victory in the fight against SARS and the country’s first manned spaceflight and, it says that the NPC Standing Committee, set up a year ago, had done a lot to boost development in economic, political and cultural spheres, and improve legislation and supervision.

The achievements of the NPC has proved that the people’s congress system is “a sound system with great advantaged and strong vitality to comply with China’s realities.” and “it will play a still greater role in pushing ahead the country’s reform and opening up and the realization of the great goal of building a well-off society in an all-round way,” says the editorial.

MNA/Xinhua

မြန်မာကျပ်ငွေဖြင့်ချိပ်ပိတ်တင်ဒါခေါ်ယူခြင်း

စဉ် ဝစ္စည်းအမျိုးအမည် အရေအတွက် တင်ဒါပိတ်ရက်

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အမှတ်(၁)စက်မှုဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ မြန်မာ့ကြွေးတည်မြေထည် လုပ်ငန်း၊ ရောင်းဝယ်ရေးဌာန၊ အမှတ် (၁၉၂)၊ ကမ္ဘာအေး ဘုရားလမ်း၊ ရန်ကုန်တွင် ရုံးချိန်အတွင်း ဆက်သွယ်စုံစမ်းပြီး တင်ဒါပုံစံများကို လာရောက် ဝယ်ယူနိုင်ပါသည်။

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Study says cholesterol drugs can cut strokes

LONDON, 6 March — Cholesterol-lowering drugs can reduce the number of strokes by a third and should be included in international guidelines on treating a health problem that kills millions of people each year, scientists said on Friday.

Statin drugs are usually prescribed for people at risk of having a heart attack or coronary disease, but a study of 20,000 patients has shown they could also help patients who have a higher risk of suffering a stroke, regardless of their cholesterol levels.

“This study shows that statin therapy rapidly reduces the incidence, not only of heart attacks but also of ischaemic strokes, with no adverse effect on haemorrhagic strokes,” said Professor Rory Collins, lead investigator of the Heart Protection Study.

In 2002, an estimated 5.5 million people worldwide died of stroke, according to the World Health Organization. Ischaemic stroke, which is caused by artery blockage in the brain, is more common than haemorrhagic which results from bleeding in the brain.

Collins, of the Radcliffe Infirmary in Oxford, England, said statins could help anyone who has low cholesterol levels but a high stroke risk or people who have already had a stroke.

MNA/Reuters

Wen Jiabao delivers principal domestic tasks for 2004

BEIJING, 6 March — “The Year 2004 is a crucial year for China’s reform and development,” said Premier Wen Jiabao Friday, when he delivered a report on the work of the government at the opening of the Second Session of the Tenth National People’s Congress.

Wen listed the principal domestic tasks for 2004 as follows:

— To pay more attention to exercising macro-control, balancing the interests of all parties, putting people first, and promoting reform and innovation in accordance with the “five balanced aspects” (balancing urban and rural development, balancing development among regions, balancing economic and social development, balancing development of man and nature, and balancing domestic development and opening wider to the outside world);

— To concentrate on resolving prominent conflicts in economic and social development and acute problems concerning the vital interests of the people and properly balancing reform, development and stability;

— To promote all-round, balanced and sustainable development of the economy and society; and to coordinate the progress of socialist material, political and spiritual civilizations. — MNA/Xinhua

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Pregnancy complication linked to raised cancer risk

LONDON, 6 March—A serious complication during pregnancy increases a woman's risk of developing breast, ovarian and stomach cancer, researchers said in the *British Medical Journal* on Friday.

Pre-eclampsia, or pregnancy-induced high blood pressure, occurs in an estimated one in 20 pregnancies. It can develop into eclampsia, or convulsion or fits, which account for up to 10 per cent of maternal deaths.

Scientists at the Hadassah-Hebrew University in Jerusalem have discovered that women who have had pre-eclampsia are more likely to develop certain types of cancer.

Helicopter crash kills two in North Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 6 March—Two of the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) personnel killed and another injured when a RMAF helicopter crashed at the Taman Udara housing estate in north Malaysia Friday morning.

The accident occurred at about 77:25 am at the housing estate in coastal town of Butterworth, Air Force sources said, adding three persons on board were injured and two of them died at a local hospital. In December last year, a RMAF Hawk 100 jet fighter crashed in waters off Kuantan, central Malaysia, killing two pilots.—MNA/Xinhua

1,200-year-old scholar tree discovered in north China

TIANJIN, 6 March—Chinese archaeologists have confirmed a 1,200-year-old scholar tree in the northern port city of Tianjin is probably the oldest in the entire north China region.

The ancient tree is growing in a small courtyard in Xizui Village of the centuries-old town of Yangliuqing. It is more than 20 metres tall and 1.5 metres in diameter.

Archaeologists believe the tree must have been planted in the Tang Dynasty (618 - 907). Botanical workers have encircled the tree with cement to protect it from damage when they found some sections of its trunk had become hollow and part of its bark had started to fall off. In a neighbouring courtyard, just 10 metres away, are two other scholar trees each at least 600 years old. Villagers say botanists and archaeologists are flocking to the village to study the ancient trees and an ancient canal about 50 metres away.—NA/Xinhua

"A history of pre-eclampsia is associated with increases in overall risk of cancer and incidence at several sites (in the body)," Ora Paltiel, of Hadassah-Hebrew University in Jerusalem, said in a report published in the journal.

The scientists, who compared the numbers and types of cancer in women with and without the problem, believe there might be genetic or environmental factors common to the development of pre-eclampsia and certain cancers.

"We found an increased overall incidence of cancer and site specific increases in

cancer of the stomach, ovary, and breast after pre-eclampsia," said Paltiel.

Doctors do not know what causes pre-eclampsia, which results in constricted vessels that supply blood to the brain. Symptoms include fluid retention and protein in urine. The condition usually develops after the 20th week of pregnancy.

It is more common in first and twin pregnancies and in women who have a family history of the condition. There is no treatment apart from monitoring the mother and early delivery of the baby by Caesarean section.—MNA/Reuters

A Santa Cruz Island fox bred in captivity is held by Tom Coonan, wildlife biologist for the National Park Service, on Santa Cruz Island in the Channel Islands National Park, on 4 March, 2004. Four subspecies of the Channel Islands fox were added to the federal endangered species list Thursday, because of predation from non-native golden eagles and a sickness spread by dogs, the Park Service announced. The number of foxes found only on the Channel Islands has dropped to about 1,650 from about 6,000 six years ago.—INTERNET



Needles removed from man's brain after 29 years

GUANGZHOU, 6 March—Doctors in south China's Guangdong Province have removed three sewing needles that had been embedded in a young man's brain for nearly 29 years.

The patient, surnamed Guo, was from Qingyuan City, said Zhang Zhiqiang, one of the neurosurgeons with the 999 Hospital for Brain Diseases who "fished" the needles out of Guo's brain using a brand new navigation system, including a microscope and a magnet. Guo has remained normal since the operation, conducted Wednesday, and showed no symptoms of

nervous system dysfunction, said Zhang.

He was transferred from the intensive care unit to an ordinary sickroom Thursday.

"The patient came to our out-patients department on February 23, and asked me to remove three needles from his brain," Zhang recalled. Guo could not tell when or how the needles had got into his brain, nor

could his parents. "But an X-ray he took in 1994 for a brain injury showed they were there," said Zhang.

Guo had travelled to several cities seeking medical help over the past ten years, but no one dared operate. "They simply told him it was too risky, and he should just ignore them if they were not making him too uncomfortable," Zhang said.

MNA/Xinhua

Sargasso genome study finds 1,800 new species

WASHINGTON, 6 March—Genome experts who took on a patch of ocean for a mass gene-sequencing project said on Thursday they had discovered at least 1,800 new species of microbes and changed some of their fundamental ideas about ocean biology.

Genome pioneer Craig Venter and other scientists analyzed the tiny organisms in a sample of water from the Sargasso Sea off Bermuda and then sequenced the genetic code.

They used the technique that Venter, now at his own non-profit institute, used to accelerate the sequencing of the human gene map. Called whole-genome shotgun sequencing, it uses powerful computers to re-assemble the genetic code.

They found 1.2 million new genes and, based on what they know about the genetics of existing organ-

isms and the sample they took, guess that represents at least 1,800 new species.

"By taking relatively small samples of water or soil and using the tools and techniques of shotgun sequence analysis, we are able to identify and characterize the vast legions of unseen organisms living in the environment," Venter, head of the Maryland-based Institute for Biological Energy Alternatives, said in a statement.

"It is estimated that over 99 per cent of species remain to be discovered. Our work in the Sargasso Sea, an area thought to have low diversity of species, has shown that there is much that we do not yet understand about the ocean and its inhabitants."

Most surprising, they said, was the discovery of 800 new genes for photoreceptors—structures used by creatures to collect light. To date, only about 150 photoreceptor genes have been found in all the known species.

This suggests microbes in the area they analyzed use sunlight in unique ways, Venter said.

"Perhaps sunlight plays a far more important role in Earth's biology, in Earth's ecosystems, than any of us previously imagined," Venter told a news conference.

Raymond Orbach of the US Department of Energy, which helped fund the study, said this could lead to new energy sources.—MNA/Reuters

Florida's Disney World gets rid of Janet Jackson Mickey statue

LOS ANGELES, 6 March—The Disney World in Florida has replaced a statue of Mickey Mouse dressed like US singer Janet Jackson in the aftermath of her breast-baring incident, the Eonline.com web site reported here.

The six-foot statue used a tight black outfit Jackson wore in 1990 after the release of her album, "Rhythm Nation 1928," the report said.

The statue was one of 75 unveiled at Disney World last fall to celebrate the 75th birthday of Mickey Mouse.

They were inspired by celebrities such as Andre Agassi, Jamie Lee Curtis and Ellen DeGeneres.

Janet Jackson has been severely criticized for her breast-baring incident during halftime Super Bowl performance on 1 February with singer Justin Timberlake.

Disney spokesman Gary Foster cited the Super Bowl controversy in its decision to replace Jackson's Mickey with a new one.—MNA/Xinhua

Michael Jackson's big collection sold to Europe

LOS ANGELES, 6 March—A huge collection of stage costumes, photographs, documents and props used by US pop superstar Michael Jackson and his family has been sold and shipped to Europe, the CNN TV network reported Thursday.

The collection, which was claimed to be the largest accumulation of Jackson memorabilia in the world, was shipped Wednesday after spending 18 months under wraps in Asbury Park, New Jersey.

The collection's owner Henry Vaccaro declined to name the buyer or the price he paid, but said the man intended to display the collection in Europe and Japan.

Vaccaro, 63, of Interlaken, acquired the collection after nine years of legal wrangling with the Jackson family. He said a

company formed by the Jacksons had agreed to buy his Kramer Guitar Co in 1992, but then defaulted on 1.4 million US dollars in payments.

Vaccaro, who now runs a construction company, ultimately acquired the collection after paying off a storage and shipping bill owed by the Jackson family to a warehouse in Oxnard, California.

Since the collection arrived in New Jersey in 2002, dozens of buyers have viewed the collection, which filled a big room.—MNA/Xinhua

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Maradona refuses to return to Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, 6 March— Soccer legend Diego Armando Maradona who lives in Cuba said he would not return to his motherland Argentina amid fears of imprisonment over a paternity legal procedure.

In statements from the island published Thursday by the Press, Maradona, 43, said Argentine courts were filing against him "a trial for alleged paternity" of a six-year-old girl.

The former World Player of the Year said that this girl had never received food pensions of 130,000 US dollars that he had ordered his former manager Guillermo Coppola to give.

"That is why I could go directly to jail," said Maradona who has been living in Cuba for several years.

Maradona was instrumental in the 1986 World Cup-winning Argentine team and migrated to Cuba on January 18, 2000.

The charges against Maradona were filed by a woman who held a short relation with him and Argentine justice ruled the girl was Maradona's daughter. — MNA/Xinhua



Olympique Lyon's Peguy Luyindula (C) scores through the legs of Ajaccio's defender Lacerda Rodrigo (R) during their French Ligue 1 soccer match, at the Gerland stadium in Lyon, on 5 March, 2004. Olympique Lyon won 4-0. — INTERNET

Manchester United out for FA Cup revenge on Fulham

LONDON, 6 March— English champions Manchester United will be out for revenge on Fulham while holders Arsenal tangle with Portsmouth at Fratton Park as FA Cup fever returns in this weekend's quarterfinals.

The four Premier League clubs hog the lime-light on Saturday before handing over to First Division sides on Sunday when Sunderland take on Sheffield

United and Millwall host Second Division Tranmere Rovers.

Just a week after their last encounter with Fulham at Loftus Road, United will turn out at Old Trafford looking to clip the wings of a side who have put two dents in their league title hopes this season. French striker Louis Saha made the headlines by putting United ahead last Saturday with a superbly-taken goal against the club he left in acrimonious circumstances in January.

But an equalizer from Portuguese forward Luis Boa Morte exposed United's defensive frailties and robbed them of two valuable points as they slipped to third in the table, nine points behind leaders Arsenal.

MNA/Reuters

Withe becomes technical director with Indonesian FA

KUALA LUMPUR, 6 March — Former Thailand coach Peter Withe has taken over as technical director of the Indonesian football association, the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) said on Friday.

The 52-year-old Briton, who was fired as Thailand coach last September after five years in charge, has signed a four-year deal and will work with the Indonesian national team at all levels. — MNA/Reuters

Late blemish leaves Woods six off early pace

DUBAI, 6 March — Tiger Woods missed a five-foot putt to save par at his final hole and had to settle for a three-under-par 69 in the Dubai Desert Classic second round on Friday.

The world number one had vaulted into contention with four birdies in the first 12 holes but was unable to gain further ground before ending up six shots off the early lead held by Ireland's Paul McGinley.

Woods, having completed an opening 70 in the morning after the scheduled start was put back for the second day running because of thick fog, finished at five-under 139.

That left him six adrift of McGinley, who set the pace by mixing nine birdies with two bogeys in a seven-under-par 65.

Twice major winner Mark O'Meara was a further stroke back at 10-under 134 after scorching round the par-72 layout in a nine-birdie 64.

First-round leader Bradley Dredge of Britain, who opened with an eight-under-par 64, was among the day's late starters and, along with world number three Ernie Els, most unlikely to finish his second round on Friday.

Woods, who won his first title of the year at the WGC-World Match Play Championship in California on Sunday, said he had not played particularly well as a glorious day of sunshine burned off the early mist at the Emirates Golf Club.

McGinley, who holed the winning putt for Europe at the 2002 Ryder Cup, produced 13 birdies in 22 holes on the day.

Having also teed off at the 10th, McGinley mixed six birdies with a solitary bogey to reach the turn in five-under 32.

Although he slipped with another bogey at the par-four first, he hit back with further birdies on three, five and six to move one clear of the chasing pack.

Woods, who finished second behind Denmark's Thomas Bjorn at the 2002 Dubai Desert Classic, teed off at the 10th and picked up shots at the first two par-fives.

He then birdied the par-four 17th, after nearly driving the green, to get to five under before wasting a chance to pick up another shot at the par-five last where he pulled his drive into the left rough.

A further birdie followed at the par-five third before he recorded the only blemish of his round at the 463-yard ninth.

Earlier he had to complete six holes in round one after the scheduled start was delayed for just over an hour and a half.

Resuming at level after 12 holes, he birdied the final two holes to close to within six shots of Dredge's overnight pace.

MNA/Reuters

Over one million Euro 2004 tickets sold

LISBON, 6 March— One hundred days before the start of the Euro 2004 football tournament and over one million of the 1. 2 million tickets available have already been sold, organizers said on Thursday. "Ticket sales have surpassed our expectations. It's a huge financial success," said Portuguese Football Federation president Gilberto Madail.

Madail said that even apart from sponsorship deals and the sale of television retransmission rights for an estimated 580 million euros (707 million US dollars) the "budget is very comfortable".

Of the tickets already sold 400,000 have been purchased by the public, 130,000 by Euro 2004 partners and 350,000 distributed to foot-

ball federations.

Another 108,000 tickets have been reserved for the football federations of the finalists.

Tickets for the finals, which will be held between June 12 and July 4, are available only through the official Euro 2004 Web site or the national football federations of the 16 participating countries. Organizers added

that tickets are still available for 11 matches.

Tournament organizers last month warned fans not to buy their tickets through unofficial Internet sites because these were most likely scams.

To combat counterfeiting, the tickets themselves will only be distributed two weeks before the tournament begins.— MNA/Xinhua

Six Leicester players in Spanish court

CARTAGENA (Spain), 6 March— Six soccer players from the English club Leicester City appeared at a Spanish court on Friday after spending the night in police cells following allegations of sexual assault.

They were among nine players from the struggling Premiership club who were arrested after three women

said they had been sexually assaulted by a group of men who broke into their hotel room in the resort of La Manga.

The players, who were in Spain for a training camp, were called to give evidence to a judge at a courtroom in the southeastern city of Cartagena on Thursday.

Three were released.

The other six were recalled for a second day of evidence on Friday. They were taken into the courtroom one by one, a reporter inside the court building said.

British Vice-Consul George Outhwaite told reporters the three women were also at the court on Friday.

The hearing was closed to the media.

The club said the three other players who had been arrested were free to leave Spain.

One of them, named by Leicester City as Steffen Freund, was released without charge having been accused of failing to provide help.

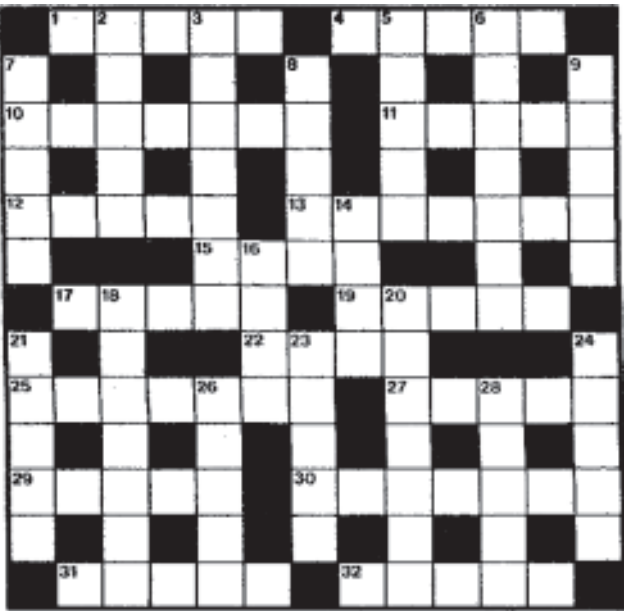
MNA/Reuters



Spain's Maria Sanchez Lorenzo hits a forehand return to Ukraine's Julia Vakulenko during their quarterfinal of the Mexican Open tennis championships, in Acapulco, on 5 March, 2004. Lorenzo won the game 6-7, 6-4, 6-1.

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- 1 Vision
- 4 Easterner
- 10 Without weapons
- 11 Performed on stage
- 12 Shout of approval
- 13 Fur sale (anag.)
- 15 Forearm bone
- 17 Rodent
- 19 Make merry
- 22 Tumble
- 25 Spurn
- 27 Bird of prey
- 29 Storehouse
- 30 Greed
- 31 Prohibited
- 32 Investigate

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- 2 Likeness
- 3 Upper arm bone
- 5 Employees
- 6 One who 11
- 7 Premonition
- 8 Bedeck
- 9 2s for example!
- 14 English lord
- 16 Abandoned
- 18 London exhibition centre
- 20 Smart
- 21 Dwelling
- 23 Book of maps
- 24 Mutiny
- 26 Surpass
- 28 Association

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**7-3-2004 (Sunday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 9:06 Taninthayi, Land of
Oil Palm
- 9:10** **Headline News**
- 9:12 Lucky Bamboo
- 9:15** **National News**
- 9:20 The Incredible Edifice
(The Ananda Temple)
- 9:25 Scenic Beauty of Ha-
Kha and Cultural
Dance
- 9:30** **National News**
- 9:35 Kusinara -
Mahaparinibbana
Statue
- 9:40 Myanmar Modern
Song "Summertime"
- 9:45** **National News**
- 9:50 Biological Expedition
to Hponkan Razi
Region (V) (Wang
Mung Camp 2 & 4)
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**7-3-2004 (Sunday)
Regular Programmes for
Viewers from Abroad
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 15:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 15:36 Taninthayi, Land of
Oil Palm
- 15:40** **Headline News**
- 15:42 Lucky Bamboo
- 15:45** **National News**
- 15:50 The Incredible Edifice
(The Ananda Temple)
- 15:55 Scenic Beauty of Ha-
Kha and Cultural
Dance
- 16:00** **National News**
- 16:05 Kusinara -
Mahaparinibbana
Statue

- 16:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "Summertime"
- 16:15** **National News**
- 16:20 Biological Expedition
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Region (V) (Wang
Mung Camp 2 & 4)
- 16:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 16:30** **National News**
- 16:35 Oil Painting Model
Demonstration
- 16:40 Towards Pondaung
Ponnya Yaw Region
(Part-I)
- 16:45** **National News**
- 16:50 Usefulness of the
Whole Toddy Palm
- 16:55 Dance of the Kon-
baung Era
- 17:00** **National News**
- 17:05 Myanmar Musical In-
struments (Brass gong)
(Maung Saing)
- 17:10 Song "Tranquil Bagan"
- 17:12 NAn Pan Market Day
- 17:15** **National News**
- 17:20 Greening of Hill and
Mountain for
Temperates Climate
(Sagaing-Minwun)
- 17:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**Evening Transmission
(19:30 - 23:30)**

- 19:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 19:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 19:36 Myanmar Mat
- 19:40** **Headline News**
- 19:42 Enjoy our Shan Food
- 19:45** **National News**
- 19:50 Myanmar Footware
and Bags
- 19:55 Kachin Dance
- 20:00** **National News**
- 20:05 Migadawun - Deliver-
ing the first Discorse
- 20:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "Commencement
of Dry Summer"
- 20:15** **National News**
- 20:20 Biological Expedition
to Hponkan Razi
Region (IV) (Ziadam
Village- Wang Mung
Camp 1 & 2)
- 20:25 Song "Lovely Dusk"
- 20:30** **National News**
- 20:35 Myanmar Traditional
Musical Instruments
(Brass Instruments,
Cymbal) (Linguin)

- 20:40 Conservation of Sea-
turtles
- 20:45** **National News**
- 20:50 Myanmar Movie Im-
pact "Pauk Pauk
Myauk Myauk"
- 21:00** **National News**
- 21:05 Where the Rhododen-
dron Blooms
- 21:10 Songs On Screen "Pre-
destination"
- 21:12 Nan Pan Market Day
- 21:15** **National News**
- 21:20 Highland Farmland
Reclamation in Kaung
Kha Region
- 21:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
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- 00:45** **National News**
- 00:50 Usefulness of the
Whole Toddy Palm
- 00:55 Dance of the Kon-
baung Era
- 01:00** **National News**
- 01:05 Myanmar Musical In-
struments (Brass gong)
(Maung Saing)
- 01:10 Song "Tranquil Bagan"
- 01:15** **National News**
- 01:20 Greening of Hill and
Mountain for
Temperates Climate
(Sagaing-Minwun)
- 01:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

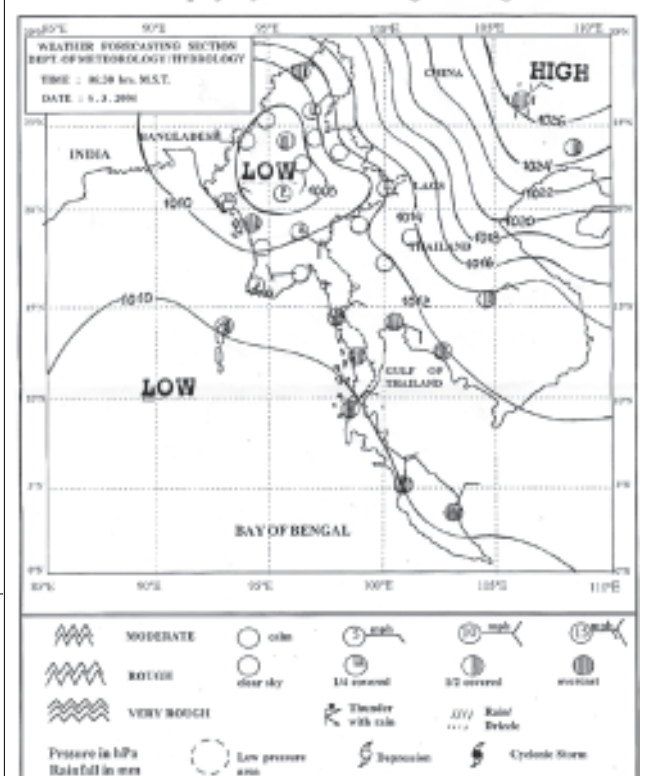
**8-3-2004 (Monday)
Morning Transmission
(03:30-07:30)**

- 03:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 03:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 03:36 Myanmar Mat
- 03:40** **Headline News**

- 03:42 Enjoy our Shan Food
- 03:45** **National News**
- 03:50 Myanmar Footware
and Bags
- 03:55 Kachin Dance
- 04:00** **National News**
- 04:05 Migadawun - Deliver-
ing the first Discorse
- 04:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "Commencement
of Dry Summer"
- 04:15** **National News**
- 04:20 Biological Expedition
to Hponkan Razi
Region (IV) (Ziadam
Village- Wang Mung
Camps 1 & 2)
- 04:25 Song "Lovely Dusk"
- 04:30** **National News**
- 04:35 Myanmar Traditional
Musical Instruments
(Brass Instruments,
Cymbal) (Linguin)
- 04:40 Conservation of Sea-
turtles
- 04:45** **National News**
- 04:50 Myanmar Movie Im-
pact "Pauk Pauk
Myauk Myauk"
- 05:00** **National News**
- 05:05 Where the Rhododen-
dron Blooms
- 05:10 Songs On Screen "Pre-
destination"
- 05:12 Nan Pan Market Day
- 05:15** **National News**
- 05:20 Highland Farmland
Reclamation in Kaung
Kha Region
- 05:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"
- 05:35 Taninthayi, Land of
Oil Palm

- 05:40** **Headline News**
- 05:42 Lucky Bamboo
- 05:45** **National News**
- 05:50 The Incredible Edifice
(The Ananda Temple)
- 05:55 Scenic Beauty of Ha-
Kha and Cultural
Dance
- 06:00** **National News**
- 06:05 Kusinara -
Mahaparinibbana
Statue
- 06:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "Summertime"
- 06:15** **National News**
- 06:20 Biological Expedition
to Hponkan Razi
Region (V) (Wang
Mung Camp 2 & 4)
- 06:25 Song "Our Cherry-
land"
- 06:30** **National News**
- 06:35 Oil Painting Model
Demonstration
- 06:40 Towards Pondaung
Ponnya Yaw Region
(Part-I)
- 06:45** **National News**
- 06:50 Usefulness of the
Whole Toddy Palm
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baung Era
- 07:00** **National News**
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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

**WEATHER**

Saturday, 6 March, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:
During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kayin, Shan, Chin States and Taninthayi Division, (5°C) above normal in Mandalay Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperature was (40°C) in Aungmye.

Maximum temperature on 5-3-2004 was 36.5°C (98°F). Minimum temperature on 6-3-2004 was 16.0°C (61°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 6-3-2004 was 69%. Total sun shine hours on 5-3-2004 was (9.3) hours approx. Rainfall on 6-3-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 3 mm (0.12 inch) at Yangon Airport and nil at Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 10 mph from South at (18:30) hours MST on 5-3-2004.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the South Bay and fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 7-3-2004: Except for the possibility of isolated light rain in Kachin State and Taninthayi Divisions, and weather will be generally fair in the whole country. 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 isolated light rain in extreme Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 7-3-2004: Partly cloudy. **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 7-3-2004:** Fair weather.

**TV
Myanmar**

Sunday, March 7

View today:

7:00 am

1. ကျေးဇူးရှင် ဓင်းကုန်းဆရာတော်
ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃမဟာ
နာယက အရှေ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊
အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌာရ၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂ
မဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဓာတ်က တိပိဋကဓရ ဓမ္မ
ဘဏ္ဍာဂါရီက ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တမိတ္ထ
သာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:15 am

2. တိပိဋကဓရ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရီက အဂ္ဂမဟာ
ပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိန္ဒာဘိဝံသ
(ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်
မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသဒ္ဓိပါဠိတော်

7:25 am

3. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning news

7:40 am

5. Nice and sweet song

7:55 am

6. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၈) ငြာမင်္ဂလာ

8:15 am

7. ဆရာတော်ဓရလောင်တံ

8:30 am

8. International news

8:45 am

9. Say it in English

11:00 am

1. Martial song

11:10 am

2. Musical programme

11:25 am

3. Round-up of the week's
international news

11:40 am

4. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
“နတ်ပိုင်းမေတ္တာ” (အပိုင်း-၂၂)

12:20 pm

5. သုံးဆယ်ရေလောင်တံ

12:35 pm

6. Myanmar video feature:
“အမေရိကန်သို့ ရှေ့ဆောင်၊ ပိုင်ခွင့်ထွန်း၊
မေသဉ္ဇာတိ၊ မျိုးစေ့ကျော်
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-သန်းမေလေး)”

2:35 pm

7. ဘိုင်းဒါး ဟင်းသီးဟင်းရွက် အထူးစုံနပ်
စိုက်ခင်း

2:45 pm

8. International news

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Songs to uphold
National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. English For Everyday
Use

4:45 pm

4. သာယာမျိုးအေး (၃၈) ငြာမင်္ဂလာတေး

4:55 pm National News

5. အေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး
ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ
-ပထမနှစ် (အထူးပြုအားလုံး)
(အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ)

5:10 pm

6. Songs of national races

5:25 pm

7. Musical programme

5:40 pm

8. ကချင်ပြည်နယ် ရိုးကောင်းတံတား

5:50 pm

9. Sing and enjoy

6:30 pm

10. Evening news

7:00 pm

11. Weather report

7:05 pm

12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
“ရိုးချော့မေတ္တာကွယ်” (အပိုင်း-၂၅)

7:35 pm

13. Musical programme

7:45 pm

14. Agricultural force
country's development

8:00 pm

15. News

8:00 pm

16. International news

8:00 pm

17. Weather report

8:00 pm

18. Myanmar Video Feature:
“အပြစ်လို့မယူမဝါ” (အပိုင်း-၂)
ရွေးချယ်အောင်၊ နာမည်ရှိသော၊ ရွေးချယ်
ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကိုဇော် (အလွန်တိုင်း)

8:00 pm

19. The next day's
programme

**Radio
Myanmar**

Sunday, March 7

Tune in today:

- 8.30 am** Brief news
- 8.35 am** Music
- 8.40 am** Perspectives
- 8.45 am** Music
- 8.55 am** National news/
Slogan
- 9.05 am** Music
- 9.10 am** International news
- 9.15 am** Music
- 1.30 pm** News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm** Story for children.
“The frog & the rat”
- 1.50 pm** Songs for children
- 9.00 pm** Weekly news review
- 9.10 pm** Music
- 9.15 pm** Article
- 9.25 pm** Special radio play
honouring the 59th
Anniversary Armed
Forces Day “A pair
of maroon velvet
slippers”
- 9.45 pm** News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm** PEL

Prime Minister attends opening of Mingun Tipitaka Jivitadana Traditional Medicine Hospital, Shwesin Tipitaka Kyaungdaw in Sagaing

YANGON, 6 March— The ceremony to open Mingun Tipitaka Jivitadana Traditional Medicine Hospital and Shwesin Tipitaka Kyaungdaw was held in conjunction with the ceremony to share merits gained at the respective venues this afternoon, attended by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Also present on the occasion were Secretary of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara, Nayaka Sayadaws of Tipitaka Nikaya Management Board and members of the Sangha, Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, ministers, deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, local authorities, departmental personnel, social organizations, Tipitaka Nikaya Missionary Upathaka Group, wellwishers and disciples. First, Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida Sayadaw Bhaddanta Gandhamala Lankara, Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye and Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint formally opened the hospital.

Next, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt unveiled the stone inscription of the hospital.

Then, Sayadaw Bhaddanta Gandhamala Lankara and Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt sprinkled scented water to the stone inscription.

The Prime Minister unveiled the signboard of the hospital. Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party inspected the hospital and the herbal plantations.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects classrooms at Thitagu World Buddhist University in Sagaing.— MNA

Prime Minister tours Sagaing, TadaU Townships

YANGON, 6 March — Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, accompanied by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, the ministers, the deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and heads of departments left here this morning and arrived at Mandalay International Airport at 8 am. The Prime Minister and party were welcomed

there by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint and military and civilian officials.

The Prime Minister and party went to Sagaing where they were welcomed by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Commander of No 33 LID Brig-Gen Tin Tun Aung, members of Division, District and Township Peace and Development Councils, departmental officials and members of social organizations.

The Prime Minister went to Padamya Industrial Zone in Sagaing. Leader of Industrial Zone Construction Supervisory Group Chairman of Sagaing District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Soe Naing reported on location of the industrial zone, plot of land and land for entrepreneurs, construction of wire, concrete lamp-post, torch light, wood-based, textile and dyeing factories and other factories.

Next, industrialists reported on operations of the factories, distribution and sale of finished goods.

The Prime Minister gave instructions. He inspected production process at the Cable Wire Factory.

Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee the Prime Minister proceeded to Institute of Education (Sagaing). They were welcomed by Director-General of Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) Dr Thein Myint, Rector Dr Myint Thein and faculty members.

Deputy Minister for Education U Myo Nyunt reported on brief history of the institute, courses conducted, population of students, courses of Human Resource Development Centre, IT room with 144 computers, organizational set up and academic and administration matters.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt views production of value-added wood products of Dagun Wood-based Industrial Co Ltd in Sagaing.— MNA

MWVO Central Organizing Committee meets

YANGON, 6 March— The Myanmar War Veterans Organization Central Organizing Committee held the regular meeting No 1/2004 at the meeting hall of the MWVO Headquarters on Pyay Road in Mayangon Township here at 9 am today, with an address by Chairman of MWVO COC Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein. Also present on the occasion were MWVO COC member ministers, senior military officers, deputy ministers, departmental heads and officials.

First, the Chairman of the MWVO COC gave instructions on the aims of the organization, extended or-

ganizing tasks, training, economic matters, carrying out community services and active participation of members of the organization in

undertaking the seven-step policy future programmes of the State with Union Spirit.

Joint-Secretary Vice-Adjutant-General Brig-Gen

Hla Shwe read and sought approval of the minutes of the COC meeting No 4/2003, implementation of the tasks and reports submitted

to the meeting No 1/2004. The group leaders reported on matters related to five tasks of the organization and regional organizing

leaders and officials on their respective sectors. The Chairman gave necessary instructions.

MNA



Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses Myanmar War Veterans Organization Central Organizing Committee Meeting.— MNA