Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.
Development of human resources, key to national development

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, on one occasion, said, “The establishment of a discipline-flourishing democracy calls for peace and stability and strong national economic life, and at the same time high educational standard is the sine qua non for the ever-lasting democracy”.

The Union of Myanmar is now on the correct path to development owing to the Government’s relentless efforts to realize the most appropriate policies with the participation of the national people. Nowadays, there have been favourable conditions for development in economic, social and technological sectors. At such a time like this, the seven-point policy programme has also been laid down for the emergence of a genuine democracy.

The Special Refresher Course No. 54 for basic education teachers was opened at the Naypyidaw Hall of Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlaing Township, Yangon Division on 31 October and Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win attended the ceremony and delivered a speech.

In his address on the occasion, the Secretary-1 said that now is the time when the Government is building economic and social infrastructures on a self-reliance basis, that most of the infrastructures necessary for a new nation have been built and that human resources are the key to national development. And he added that it is of utmost importance to turn out patriotic intellectuals and intelligentsia.

Rapid development in science and technologies has had a great influence on education, health, social and economic fields of the human society. The teaching-learning system with the use of electronic computer science is a fundamental requirement for the development of human resources and the enhancement of national education.

It is necessary for the teachers to be well-versed in their respective subjects and teach their students to become outstanding ones. The human society today has to be always learning so as to be able to deal with future challenges.

We would like to urge all the teachers to try as hard as they can to turn out highly-qualified human resources, the key to development. Only then will our nation be able to keep abreast with the development of other nations in the world.

### WTO Valuation Agreement Workshop opened

YANGON, 5 NOV — Course No 4 on WTO Valuation Agreement Workshop for Private Sector organized by the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and the Customs Department was opened at UMFCCI Training Centre on Bo Sun Pat street here this morning.

A total of 41 trainees are attending the course. At the opening ceremony, Director-General of the Customs Department Col Khin Maung Lin and President of UMFCCI U Win Myint delivered addresses. — MNA

### Prime Minister presents ...

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YANGON, 5 NOV — The third Kathina Robes offering ceremony of the Central Command was held at Maha Wizayayama Monastery on 21st Road between 19th and 20th streets in Aungmyayathazan township.

At the ceremony, Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of the Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and officials, on 3 November morning arrived at Dakhinayama Payagyi Monastery in Chaungmyayathazan Township, Mandalay.

At the monastery, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party presented offerings and paid homage to Sayadaw Agya Maha Pandita Abhidhaja Maha Rathu Guru Abhidhaja Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhudanta Madiya Bhivamsa. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party also presented offerings to Nayaka sayadaw of Dakhinayama Payagyi Monastery and Sayadaw Maha Saddhamma Jotikadha Jhodanta Mayidya Bhivamsa.

Later, they arrived at Moeukang Monastery in Chanayethazan Township. Lt-Gen Ye Myint presented K 3.1 million and 100 sets of robes donated by him and wellwishers to hold the Kathina robes offering ceremony at the monastery.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party proceeded to Mandalay Chanayagyi Rice Donations Association in Aungmyayathazan Township and inspected renovation of the hall of the association.

Awards were given to the association. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party proceeded to Salay Monastery in Chanayathazan Township and contributed K 100,000 for construction of monastic education school.

They attended the 13th Kathina robes offering ceremony of the Central Command held at Thirapyi Monastery in Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay, held at Moekog Monastery in Chanayethazan Township.

On 4 November, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected Mandalay-Kyaukse section on Yangon-Mandalay six-lane road. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint met with members of Kyaukse District, Township PDCs, departmental officials and gave instructions on development affairs tasks in Kyaukse. — MNA

**Kathina robes offering ceremony of Central Command held**

**Prime Minister presents …**

Prime Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt presented first, second, and third and consolation prizes to Daw Sein Sein Yin of Yangon Division, Daw Than Than Nyunt of Mandalay Division in the women’s professional level piano contest (aged 15-20, girls); Ma Eint Tharatthu (aged 15-20, girls); Ma Ei Phyo Paing of Yangon Division, Ma Wai Phyo Paing of Thaninthayi Division and Ma Chan Myay Thu of Mandalay Division in the women’s amateur level piano contest (aged 5-10, boy).

Prime Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung presents a prize to a winner in the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. — MNA

The New Light of Myanmar Thursday, 6 November, 2003
Baghdad, 5 Nov.—Four Coalition Provisional Authority personnel were wounded Tuesday night when large explosions shook central Baghdad, the Pentagon said.

The official said that further action is needed to increase the UN’s political clout in Iraq and speed up its ties with the United States and last month backed the US-drafted UN resolution aimed at attracting more troops and money to stabilize the country.

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Iraq’s pipelines ripe for sabotage

KIRKUK (Iraqi), 5 Nov — Mannaa al-Ubadhi’s explanation of the obstacles to resuming exports from Iraq’s Northern Oil Company is interrupted by a knock at the door.

An American soldier pokes his head into the executive’s freshly painted office, which was badly damaged by postwar looting. “Excuse me, sir, I’ve come for the production reports. No bad news, I hope?” Mr. Ubaidi, a 33-year veteran of Northern Oil and its current chief executive, assures the soldier all is well, hands over a crate of crude-oil output from the rich Kirkuk fields, and usheres him out. He helps fuel the domestic economy, and oil exports are going to determine how much we can spend on our own reconstruction.

How much, remains Iraq’s $50 billion question. That’s the amount the US-led coalition predicts oil exports will contribute to Iraq’s government in the next three years.

The good news is that the oil is flowing again. Oil-well fires have been extinguished, looted spare parts replaced, and some pipelines reopened. In October, Iraq exported a daily average of 1.14 million barrels of crude, worth about $24 million. It’s a promising amount when compared with the coalition’s goal for the end of 2004, 1.6 million barrels per day (b.p.d.). But it falls far short of the goal of 2.4 million b.p.d. by the end of 2005.

But just 10 miles from Ubaidi’s office in the center of Kirkuk city is the bad news.

All looks well at the sprawling depot that marks the start of the 270-mile pipeline to Turkey’s Mediterranean corner of Bayji. Huge cylindrical oil tanks squat on the landscape, and the four-foot wide pipeline glows. But it’s strangely silent. Slap the pipeline hard with your palm and you’re rewarded with a hollow, resonant sound. That’s evidence that the pipeline which accounted for about 40 percent of Iraq’s exports of 2 million barrels a day before the war remains dry.

The reason isn’t technical. Like almost everything else in Iraq these days, the problem is security, particularly in light of soaring attacks across the country that have shown growing sophistication and coordination among the insurgents.

Iraq’s pipelines have been repeatedly targeted by saboteurs. The export pipeline from Kirkuk has been an easy target since it snakes southwest through Bayji in the “Sunni Triangle” where resistance to the US military is strongest, before turning north towards Turkey.

The problem isn’t just exports — which coalition officials and Iraqi oil executives attribute to the anti-cleric United Arab List getting under control. Thousands of Iraqis have been recruited into the facilities protection force, a sort of infrastructure police, and are being put to work guarding the pipeline.

But there have been growing signs that enemies of the coalition have been shifting their attention to the domestic distribution network. “It’s not dramatic — last week two attacks, the week before that just one — there’s no steady pattern. But it has yet to stop.”

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IRAQ UNDER US OCCUPATION

An Iraqi policeman passes a burning tire as hundreds of policemen demonstrate in the centre of Basra, southern Iraq, demanding their salary be paid, on Monday, 3 November, 2003.—INTERNET

Iraqi street cleaners throw stones during a demonstration in Basra, southern Iraq, on Tuesday, 4 November, 2003. to demand their salaries which were not paid over the past two months.—INTERNET

US soldiers of the Task Force 1-37 Infantry, 10th MTN Division, from Ft Drum, NY, collect their equipment after detonating an improvised explosive device found on the road near Al-musaib, some 30 miles south of Baghdad, on Tuesday, 4 November, 2003.—INTERNET

Sgt John Davies of the 720th Military Police Battalion, right, searches a truck as Iraqi women look on at the Highway 1 outside of Tikrit, 193 km (120 miles) north of Baghdad, Iraq, on Monday, 3 November, 2003. The battalion, assisted by Iraqi police was searching for contraband weapons that could be used by guerrillas, a routine operation that has taken on added urgency since insurgents shot down a Chinook helicopter with a missile, killing 16 soldiers and wounding 21 others.—INTERNET
Turkey accuses US of “favouritism” in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 5 Nov — The Turkish ambassador in Washington said on Tuesday that the United States was giving excessive favours to Kurdish groups in Iraq, at the risk of encouraging civil war and Kurdish secession in the future.

“Kurdish representation is much in excess of their real standing in the society,” Ambassador Osman Faruk Logoglu said at a breakfast for defense writers. “We think there is too much favouritism... being given to specifically the Kurdish groups, (on) who runs (Iraq) and how the future of the country is going to be structured,” he said.

Logoglu said the favouritism was reflected in the composition of the Iraqi Government and intermin Cabinet and in US readiness to consider a federal Constitution.

“I disagree with that assertion,” responded a US State Department official, who asked not to be named.

The Governing Council, appointed by the United States, had five Kurds among its original 25 members. Iraq’s 4 million Kurds make up about 16 percent of the total population.

Turkey has its own large Kurdish minority on the northern side of the border with Iraq, and its policy toward Iraq has been dominated by anxiety to discourage any separatist tendencies among Kurds in any country.

It also complained earlier in the year that the small Turkmen minority in Iraq, estimated at 2 percent of the population, had only one member on the Governing Council.

Logoglu said, “If, for whatever reason, you say we should have a federation in Iraq and that the north of Iraq should belong to the Kurds, that’s a recipe for disaster.”

“If you give the impression that you will tolerate a system of federal arrangements that might eventually lead to separation, then you are already building in a module of instability into the future of Iraq and that’s why we say, ‘Don’t do it’, he added.

The ambassador said Turkey was confident the United States would achieve its objectives in Iraq, despite the daily attacks on American forces and signs that opposition to the US occupation was increasing in some areas.

But he did not rule out the possibility the country would fall into civil strife, like Lebanon in the 1970s. — MNA/Reuters

Chinese State Councillor on Iraq and Middle East situation

BEIJING, 5 Nov — Chinese State Councillor Tang Jiaxuan on Monday expounded China’s stance on the Iraq issue and the Middle East situation when meeting with Sukru Sina Gurel, former deputy prime minister and foreign minister of Turkey.

Tang said the situation in Iraq was still in turmoil, and frequent bombings had incurred heavy casualties on innocent people, which seriously hindered the reconstruction process and had a negative influence on neighbour nations.

China held that it should be the top priority to restore stability and normal social order in Iraq, he said.

He said the United Nations Security Council had passed Resolution 1511, which was a positive step toward Iraq’s early resumption of sovereignty and the UN playing a bigger role there. The international community should put more effort into implementing the resolution.

Tang noted that Iraq’s independence, reunification and territorial integrity should be safeguarded, and Iraq’s new government should adopt a policy of befriending its neighbours.

China attached importance to Iraq’s reconstruction and hoped that the international community and the Iraqi people would find peace, stability and development at an early date.

Tang said tensions had resumed in the Middle East as Israel and Palestine returned to “violence for violence”, causing the peace process to come to a halt. He said China showed great concern for and worried about the present situation.

China held that from fraying from violence, building mutual trust and maintaining dialogue were the only way to resolve the conflict, while resorting to force would lead only to more hatred.

China hoped both sides would exercise restraint and cooperate with the international community’s peace efforts and return to resolving disputes through negotiations.

Gurel agreed with Tang on his points. — MNA/Xinhua

Abdullah says Malaysia must seek new source of economic growth

KUALA LUMPUR, 5 Nov — Malaysia’s new Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said Monday that Malaysia must seek new source of economic growth to enhance the country’s competitiveness in the world.

“We must seek and identify new sources of economic growth. We must develop new approaches to enhance our competitiveness and strengthen our resilience to face global challenges,” Abdullah said in his maiden official speech as Prime Minister at the Parliament here.

Abdullah was sworn in Friday as the fifth Malaysian Prime Minister, taking over from Mahathir Mohamad who had been at the helm of the nation for 22 years.

Abdullah said that Malaysians must be ready and courageous enough to face and deal with change, and must enhance research and development in the new and strategic areas of information and communications technology (ICT), biotechnology, science and modern agriculture as their capabilities in these areas are still nascent.

Malaysia’s per capita of the national income rose to some 4,000 US dollars last year from 300 dollars at the independence in 1957. — MNA/Xinhua

US soldier killed, two wounded by Baghdad bomb

BAGHDAD, 5 Nov — One American soldier was killed and two more were wounded when their vehicle ran over a bomb planted on the road in the Iraqi capital Baghdad on Tuesday morning, the US Army said.

The soldiers were serving with the US Army’s 1st Armoured Division, the military said in a statement. The wounded soldiers were evacuated to a military hospital.

US soldiers face daily attacks in Baghdad and areas to the north and west of the city, where resistance to the US-led occupation of Iraq is strongest. — MNA/Reuters

An Iraqi woman and her newborn daughter are seen at a hospital in Baghdad. The number of women in Iraq who die of pregnancy and childbirth has almost tripled since 1989 according to a new survey, the UN Population Fund (UNFPA) said. — AP

China launching water resources projects for rural population

SHIJIAZHUANG, 5 Nov — Almost 26 million rural people in China still lack clean drinking water despite massive investment to ease water shortage in its northern and western regions, officials said Monday.

“We have made breakthroughs in easing the rural residents’ access to drinking water,” Vice-Minister of Water Resources Zhai Haomin said at a national conference on drinking water for rural population, which opened Monday in Shijiazhuang city, capital of the north China’s Hebei Province.

“The rural water supply project will move to guaranteeing the safety of drinking water for rural residents after 2004 when we expect to solve the water shortage in the countryside,” Zhai said.

Drinking water was somewhat hard to get for approximately 50.2 million rural Chinese, especially in Hebei and Shanxi Provinces, and Inner Mongolia autonomous region in the north China and Shandong and Gansu Provinces in the northwest, according to statistics for early 2004 from the Ministry of Water Resources. In 2000, China launched a massive project with a total investment of 17 billion yuan (about 2.1 billion US dollars) to build water resources projects, sink wells and desalinate alkali salt water for millions of farmers. — MNA/Xinhua

An Israeli Jew and a German woman are seen at a racecourse in Berlin. The Chateau de Versailles is getting a euro 135 million overhaul to brighten its facade, improve safety and reorganize the way visitors pass through its gilded rooms, France’s Culture Minister Jean-Jacques Aillagon said Thursday, 30 Oct. 2003. — AP
As the Union of Myanmar shares a 3805-mile-long common border with Bangladesh, India, Laos, Thailand and China, it has to face the problem of human trafficking and its grave consequences. Therefore, the Government of Myanmar National Committee for Women’s Affairs (MNCWA) on 3 July, 1996, with an object of preventing human trafficking and carrying out women development work systematically on a wider scale. In shaping a better life for women, MNCWA is required not only to pave the way for development but also to remove the hindrances to development. Violence against women poses a serious threat to them. Trafficking in women and children is a kind of violence that can delay the development of their lives. In accord with its objectives — developmental of women and prevention of human trafficking — the MNCWA, in cooperation with the Government, is cracking down on human trafficking and carrying out the rehabilitation work as a national duty.

The problem of human trafficking has arisen not only in Myanmar but also in the whole world starting from the late part of the 20th century. But it was since 1990 that it has attracted the attention of the international community. There is a great deal of historical evidence that human beings were enslaved in western countries, in the Middle East and in Asia. Many blacks in Africa were taken as slaves to America. It is known to all that slavery was abolished about 200 years ago. Human trafficking or modern-day slavery has reared its ugly head again for over ten years now. It can be found that there are many reasons behind the reappearance of slavery supposed to have vanished from the world. It can be studied for the political, economic and social points of view. In the late 1980s and early 1990s, world politics witnessed great changes. The East and West blocs and capitalism and communism that emerged after World War II collapsed together with the fall of the Soviet Union.

As a result, capitalism became dominant. With the development of the capitalism, the technological advance, advances in science and such a rapid momentum, the same as the development of the capitalism, the technological advance, advances in science and such a rapid momentum, the same as the development of the capitalism, the technological advance, advances in science and such a rapid momentum, the same as the development of the capitalism, the technological advance, advances in science and such a rapid momentum, the same as the development of the capitalism, the technological advance, advances in science and such a rapid momentum, the same as the development of the capitalism, the technological advance, advances in science and such a rapid momentum. In an attempt to grasp the opportunities, they do not know how to prevent themselves from being exploited. Such circumstances are a godsend to human traffickers to exploit the needy, poor and ambitious people and those with little knowledge. That is why human trafficking or sex slavery rears its ugly head again.

With the concept that trafficking in persons is a heart-rending case for the entire humankind, Myanmar has placed emphasis on solving the problem taking effective measures including internal laws, national level plans, determinations, and bilateral, regional and multilateral cooperation. The national level plan (2002) covered prevention, taking severe actions against the human traffickers, sending back the victims to their home, making field tours of regions in the nation including border areas for preventive measures against trafficking in persons, forming national level committees, holding national level meetings, workshops, conducting courses for officials and rehabilitation of the victims. The Myanmar National Working Committee for Women’s Affairs and the Working Committee for Prevention of Trafficking in Persons play the main role in tackling the problem. These two committees have been carrying out the tasks under the supervision of the Myanmar National Committee for Women’s Affairs.

**Opium oil seized in Nawngkhio**

**Yangon, 5 Nov.** — A combined team comprising members of local intelligence unit, Lashio Special Anti-drug squad and Nawngkhio Police Station, acting on a tip-off, on 28 September, seized 16 packets of opium oil weighing 16.2 kilos from Taranung, Rakhsaung State as the major contributor to national economy, working for national interest and making field trips to grassroots levels to ensure successful implementation of the five rural development tasks. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party visited Rakhsaung State Cultural Museum. They inspected development of Sirway. They arrived back here in the afternoon. — MNA

**Rakhsaung**

**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

**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 every day by each household would save US$ 5.5 million in a year.

**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

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**Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than discusses development in Rakhsaung Region**

**Yangon, 5 Nov.** — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Peace and Development Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western combined team comprising Senior Engineer U Khin Maung Oo and party inspected construction of Nyanik Bridge on Yangon-Sittway Road on 1 Novem-

ber. The bridge is situated eight miles from Sittway and is being built by bridge construction project group of the Ministry of Construction.

Senior Engineer U Khin Maung Maung visited the Rakhsaung State U Thein Kyaw gave a supplementary report.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspected laying of concrete and gave instructions on completion of additional concrete work and standard set and completion of the bridge in time. In the re-

forced concrete bridge is 100 feet long and 30 feet wide. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met departmental offi-

cials, social organizations, townswomen and local people at the town hall of Rakhsaung State.

Present on the occasion were senior military officers, departmental officials, local authorities, members of the Union Solidarity and Develop-

ment Association and social organizations, farmers and local people.

Commander Maj-Gen Myaung Oo reported on progress of Rakhsaung State, land use, harvesting and cultivation of monsoon paddy, measures undertaken for production of 100 baskets of paddy per acre, targets for cultivation of sum-

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- and cashew, construction of dams, small dams to be built, embankments that pre-

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ures undertaken for livestock breeding, rural development and education and health.

In his discussions, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said it is the duty of everyone for sta-

bility, peace and tranquility; strong economy of the State is the main factors in building up a modern developed na-

tion. He spoke of the need for the people to help officials.

Special emphasis must be placed on agriculture and live-

stock breeding for strong economy of the State. There-

fore plans were laid down and

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**Taranung seen together with seized drugs.** — MNA
Indian goodwill delegation

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Chairman of NCCC Maj-Gen Lun Maung. (News on page 16)

Joint Secretary of NCCC Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint. (News on page 16)

Staff of Consulate-General presented a portrait of the Vice-President. The Vice-President and guests met Indian entrepreneurs from seven townships and signed in the visitors’ book. They then posed for souvenir photos.

The guests went to Mandalay International Airport and left for home. They were seen off at the airport by Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaung and Ambassador-designate to India U Kyi Thein. Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Rajiv Kumar Bhatia and embassy staff, Consul-General Mr P K Bhutiani and officials, teachers and students.

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Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thit presented first prize to Ma Khun Zar Kyi of Kathin State in the women’s professional level violin contest (aged 5-10 boys). Maung Min Thudha of Yangon Division, Maung Saw Kalo Htoo Doh of Kayah State and Maung Aung Soe of Ayeyawady Division received second and consolation prizes to U Khin Maung Yin of Yangon Division, U Ba Thein of Mon State and U Khin Maung Kyi of Mandalay Division in the men’s professional level violin contest; Maung Thant Zaw of Mandalay Division, Maung Sithu Aung of Yangon Division and U Kyi Aye of Chin State in the men’s amateur level violin contest; Maung Zin Min Tun of Mandalay Division, Maung Ye Min of Yangon Division and Maung Bo Kyaw of Mandalay Division won first prizes to the respective first, second, and consolation prizes to Ma Thazin Than of Yangon Division, Maung Min Aung of Mandalay Division and Maung Maung Thein of Mandalay Division. The guests visited Mandala. The guests visited Shwenandaw Cultural Museum and signed in the visitors’ book. They went round Mandalay Nannyo. They went to the residence of Counsel-General of the Republic of India. Counsel-General Mr P K Bhutiani and Deputy Minister for State of External Affairs Mr Diggijay Singh extended greetings.

At the airport, a Myanmar girl student presented a bouquet to Col Zaw Min. After the lunch, the Indian Vice-President presented a gift to Col Zaw Min. The guests went to Mandalay. The guests were welcomed at No 8 Tube by General Maung Zaw Min. After the lunch, the Vice-President and party paid obeisance to Banyaw. The Vice-President presented a portrait of the Vice-President. The Vice-President and guests met Indian entrepreneurs from seven townships and signed in the visitors’ book. They then posed for souvenir photos.

The guests went to Mandalay International Airport and left for home. They were seen off at the airport by Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaung and Ambassador-designate to India U Kyi Thein. Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Rajiv Kumar Bhatia and embassy staff, Consul-General Mr P K Bhutiani and officials, teachers and students.

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women’s higher education level mandolin contest (aged 15-20, girls); first prize to Daw Mya Tun of Yangon Division, second to Daw Mya Win of Bago Division and the third to Daw Yin Yin Nu of Yangon Division.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint presents a prize to a winner at the 11th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. — MNA

Minister for Energy Brig Gen Lan Thi presents a prize to a winner at the 11th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. — MNA

Minister for Labour U Tin Win presents a prize to a winner at the 11th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. — MNA

Minister for PBRANDA Col Thien Nyunt presents a prize to a winner at the 11th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. — MNA

Minister for Rail Transport Maj Gen Aung Soe of Ayeyawady Division and Maung Myo Moe of Magway Division in the basic education level mandolin contest (aged 10-15, boys); Maung Hla Kyaw of Magway Division, the second to Maung Kyaw Myint of Mandalay Division and the third to Maung Zaw Min (a) of Po La group of Mandalay Division in the basic education level Ozi contest (aged 10-15, boys, individual).

Minister at the Prime Minister’s Office U Ko Lay presented first, second and third prizes to Deh Bo Ma of Mandalay Division in the women’s amateur level Saing contest (aged 5-10, boys).
Chin State will be famous soon as tea garden

In a bid to make Chin State a tea garden, 1999-2000 fiscal year was designated as the basic year of the project and the period from 2000-2001 to 2005-2006 as the period of the project.

Haka, Thantlang, Falam, Tonanzaung and Tiddim in Falam District and Mindat, Matupi and Kanpetlet townships in Mindat District are designated as the regions in which tea is to be grown on a commercial scale.

Measures are being taken to put 37,154 acres of land under tea during the six-year period of the project in Chin State. Therefore, among States and Divisions, Chin State will be well-known as the tea garden of the nation, and it will be able to earn much foreign exchange for the nation in the near future.

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The national races, regarding themselves as national brethren, have been living in the Union sharing weal and woe throughout the history of Myanmar.

We Kyemon Daily group attended the mass rally held in support of the Prime Minister’s clarification on the State’s seven-point roadmap, in Chin State. During our stay there, we seized the golden opportunity to enjoy natural scenic beauties in the region to our heart’s content and to write an article about the region.

Chin State’s main business is agriculture. Local people cultivate paddy, maize, corn, sesame, sunflower, groundnut, cotton, rice bean (Phaseolus coccineus), soybean, coffee and potato. They also run gardening. Now, the region’s seasonal fruits such as apple, orange, damson and grape are in abundance.

With the cash assistance rendered by the government, silkworms breeding training centres are opened in Mindat, Matupi and Tonzang in Chin State.

Such small hydropower projects as Lwee Creek Hydropower Station, Ngasitila Creek Hydropower Station, the 600-kilowatt Laiva Hydropower Station (Haka), 200-kilowatt Chi Creek Hydropower Station (Mindat), 200-kilowatt Namlurlang Hydropower Station (Matupi) and 200-kilowatt Tweesaung Hydropower Station (Tonzang) have been constructed with a view to providing sufficient power supply not only to the towns but also to the villages of Chin State.

The region’s 605-square mile forest reserve produces valuable Aquilaria agallocha (aloewood), pine, teak and cane. There have been constructed six microwave stations, five TV retransmission stations (Tonzang, Mindat, Matupi, Palelwtha and Thantlang) and Myawady TV retransmission stations (Haka, Tiddim, Tonzang, Mindat and Matupi). So, it can be said that Chin State has enjoyed fruitful results of media coverage. With regard to the community health care sector, Chin State has got four hospitals with 64 doctors and 191 medical staff.

Thein Win Latt & photo by Shweintha Khin Maung Win

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than meets local authorities, departmental personnel, members of social organizations, teachers and towncouncils in Maungtaw. — MNA

YANGON, MANDALAY MAYORS LEAVE FOR CHINA

YANGON, 5 Nov.—At the invitation of International Friendship Association of the People’s Republic of China, the delegation led by Yangon City Development Committee Chairman Mayor of Yangon Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Mandalay City Development Committee Chairman Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Yan Thein this afternoon left here for China to study the development measures there. They were seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thuura Aye Myint, Chairman of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun, Vice-Mayor of Yangon City Col Maung Pa and YCDC members and officials of the Chinese Embassy. — MNA

YANGON, 5 Nov.—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence and Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Maung Oo and officials met Tattmadawmen and families of local regiments and units in Maungtaw on 31 October and gave instructions on agriculture, livestock breeding and production. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party went to Mingala nursery in Kyekakanpyin village-tract where they inspected plantations of pepper, perennial plants, beans and pulses.

There are 283,400 saplings of pepper in the nursery and over 300,000 saplings were distributed to nearby village-tracts in 2003. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspected five acres of monsoon paddy of local battalion and gave instructions on cultivation of matpe and pepper. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspected planting of shade trees and windbreak trees on the roadsides, plantation of cashew in Nwayontaung and monsoon paddy ready for harvest on Bethidaung Maungtaw road. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met departmental officials, local authorities and guests in Maungtaw at 9 am.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said officials at different levels are to cooperate with the people for community peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order and they are to make trips to grass roots levels and work for winning public confidence. Despite exceeding the targets of summer and monsoon paddy, per acre yield is lower than the set output. Quality strains and fertilizer and modern methods are to be utilized, he said.

He spoke of the need to organize farmers to apply cultivation methods, to reclaim lands and to grow pea and perennial trees. Growing pepper will serve both regional and national interest. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than greeted those present at the meeting. He also attended the coordination meeting on border trade at Thiri Mingala Hall in Maungtaw.

First, Commander Maj-Gen Maung Oo reported on border trade. Deputy Director of Border Trade Department U Than Win reported on trade volume, taxes collected and functions. Lt-Col Myint Oo of regional station and Chairman of Maungtaw District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Soe Htwe gave supplementary reports.

Those present reported on marine products and export of general merchandise.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions on development of trade between the two countries, normal trade, collection of taxes and supervision on smooth flow of commodities. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party went to Bethidaung and met local authorities and people.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party arrived in Sitwady in the evening. They visited Lawkananda Pagoda and Cakkamuni Mudra Bronze Buddha Image. — MNA

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than meets departmental officials in Maungtaw, Buthidaung townships.

U Hla Myint (a) Ko Toe of Nyewkhovada restaurant of City Golf Course, on behalf of Thita Thadhamma Thengni Thiri Thadhamma Thengni Daw Mi Khin, presents K 100,000 for aged literati. — MNA

Microwave Station in Falam, Chin State.
Many new bridges have emerged in the time of the Tatmadaw Government. The photo shows an aerial view of Dedaye Bridge linking Kungyangon Township and Dedaye Township. The bridge was opened on 23 March 2003.

PHOTO: MNA

Maubin Bridge across the Ayeyawady River was opened on 10 February 1998 in Maubin Township of Ayeyawady Division. The bridge is 2362 feet long.

PHOTO: MNA

Daka Bridge which was opened on 6 July 2003 on Yangon-Pathein road is 1400 feet long and has 28 feet wide motorway with 5 feet wide pedestrian lanes on both sides.

PHOTO: MNA
China curbs excessive land use in industrial zones

BEIJING 5 Nov — Regional governments across China have cut the number of development zones by more than 500 and size of the zones to protect shrinking farmland resources, according to an official report. The edition of China Land And Resources News, published by the Ministry of Land and Resources, reported at weekend that 30 of the 31 regional governments around the country had stopped approving new development zone projects and applications to expand existing zones. The move came after the ministry issued two circulars on industrial development zones earlier this year and substantial efforts made by five central government departments to curb the excessive, wasteful use of farmland.

Anhui Province, east China, has suspended its review of the applications of 17 development zone projects involving 387.2 square kilometres, and Yunnan Province, southwest China, also froze land-use applications for 15 development zones, according to the report.— MNA/Xinhua

72 bodies found from Indonesian flash flood

JAKARTA, 5 Nov — Rescuers have evacuated at least 72 dead bodies drowning in a flash flood that hit a popular tourist resort of Langkat in Indonesia’s North Sumatra Province, on Monday.

Four foreigners from Austria, Germany, the Netherlands and Singapore are among the dead, Jakarta-based Metro TV reported. MNA/Xinhua

German motorist commits suicide after alcohol test

Bordeaux, 5 Nov — A German motorist grabbed a policeman’s gun and shot himself in the head after being stopped for an alcohol test on a road in the southwestern Landes Region of France, a judicial source said on Monday.

The man, who was travelling with a female passenger, then tried to flee and grabbed a gun from one of the policemen. He threatened the officers before turning the weapon on himself. MNA/Reuters

The horror spoof ‘Scary Movie 3’ scared the No 1 slot at the North American box office for the second consecutive weekend, even as Halloween festivities sent overall receipts sharply lower. According to studio estimates issued on 2 November, 2003, ‘Scary Movie 3’ sold $21.1 million worth of tickets for the three days beginning 31 Oct, taking its 10-day haul to $78.6 million. Queen Latifah plays Laquisha, Orpheus’ wife (played by Eddie Griffin) in this scene from ‘Scary Movie 3’. — Internet

“Scary Movie 3” continues ruling N America box office

LOS ANGELES, 5 Nov — Impelled by the Halloween, the thriller “Scary Movie 3” continued to rule the North America box office over the weekend, according to studio estimates released Sunday.

The latest of the thriller series, which set a new October new release record last week, took in 21.1 million US dollars to remain the top for a second straight weekend. Its two-week gross reached 78.62 million dollars.

In its wide-release debut, Disney’s animated tale “Brother Bear” opened in second place with 18.5 million dollars.

After the movie premiered in two theatres the previous weekend, Disney chose to expand it into wide release on Saturday rather than the usual Halloween night, which is typically slow at theatres.

 Studios overall suffered a big slump in ticket sales Friday because of the Hollywood terror, with horror movies such as “The Texas Chainsaw Massacre” holding up well.

“The Texas Chainsaw Massacre” ranked No. 3 by earning 10.9 million dollars from ticket sales, bringing its three-week total to 66.13 million dollars.

Sony’s “Raido” slipped one place to No 4 this weekend with a take of 10.2 million dollars, bringing its two-week gross to 26.8 million dollars.

Rounding up the Top Five was 20th Century Fox’s “Runaway Jury” with ticket sales of 6.86 million dollars, bringing 33.65 million dollars in three weeks since release. MNA/Xinhua
Vajpayee for action plan to global threats

**NEW DELHI, 5 Nov.—** India’s Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee Tuesday proposed an action plan to achieve communism in carpet-making and offered to set up Secretariat of the World Forum of Handmade Carpets in the country.

“I would like the Ministries of Textiles along with others to prepare a time-bound action plan to achieve a quantum growth in India’s handmade carpet industry, with a specific focus on increasing employment,” Vajpayee said inaugurating the first world conference on handmade carpets.

He said India would be happy to offer space and other facilities to the Secretariat of the World Forum for Handmade Carpets, if it was sponsored by world leaders.

The purpose of such a secretariat would be to provide technical and technological and other infrastructure support required by handmade carpet industry to contribute to growth in world trade, he said adding government was required to work out methods for establishment of raw material bank. Around 500 delegates from 20 countries are participating in the two-day conference, organized by Carport Export Promotion Council and Ministry of Textiles.

India ranks first in terms of volume and third in terms of value in the world carpet industry, Textiles Minister Syed Shahzad Hussain said adding the country’s share was recorded at 17.69 per cent of 1926 million dollar global market of handknotted carpets.

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The stories have conceded the weekend to Halloween, since the costume party falls on Friday this year. Only Disney is opening a wide release, and it doesn’t arrive until 1 November, 2003. As a result, “Brother Bear,” the studio’s latest animated film, is likely to give up the top spot for the three-day frame to the **Halloween**-friendly “Scary Movie 3,” which earned an incredible $48.1 million during its opening last weekend. “Scary 3” is expected to hold well considering that teenage audiences could be showing up late Friday to give the film a boost. – Internet

**Kumaratunga suspends Parliament, sacks three ministers**

**COLOMBO, 5 Nov.—** In a surprise move, Sri Lankan President Chandrika Kumaratunga on Tuesday sacked three key ministers, suspended Parliament and deployed troops as her arch rival Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe was away in Washington, throwing the country into political crisis and raising questions over the future of the faltering peace process.

“Several platoons” of troops have been deployed in the state printing Press, television, radio and power stations to “prevent any disturbance,” military spokes- man Colonnel Sumedha Perera said.

The President, who has wide executive powers and has been at loggerheads with the Prime Minister over the peace process, caught the cohabitation government by surprise by first dismissing Defence Minister Tilak Marapana, Interior Minister John Amaratunga and Information Minister Imithaz Bakeer Mathar.

She also removed the bureau-crats responsible for the day-to-day running of the three ministries and took control of them, officials said. The three ministers still hold other Cabinet-level posts. – M/ANP/PTI

**U.N. panel to adapt UN to looming global threats**

**UNITED NATIONS, 5 Nov.—** Secretary-General Kofi Annan asked 16 world figures on Tuesday to identify looming threats to global peace and security and determine how to adapt the UN system to best deal with them.

Annan asked former Thai prime minister Anand Panyarachun to head the blue-ribbon panel on UN reform, which he dubbed the High-Level Panel on Threats, Challenges and Change. He said its tasks would be to identify “the major threats and challenges the world faces in the broad field of peace and security, including economic and social issues insofar as they relate to peace and security, and making recommendations for the elements of a collective response.”

Annan is scheduled to create the panel in a speech to the General Assembly in September as the United Nations sought to heal deep rifts caused by the US-led invasion of Iraq, launched without Security Council approval.

The remaining members are former UN high commissioner for Refugees Sadako Ogata of Japan; former prime minister Qin Qichen of China; former UN Population Fund head Naif Sadik of Pakistan; former International Labour Organization deputy director-general Mary chimney, Hesse of Greece; and Satish Nambiar of India, force commander of the UN Protection Force in the former Yugoslavia. – M/ANA/Reuters

Nicaraguans protest against US embargo on Cuba

**MANAGUA, 5 Nov.—** Civil organizations and Lower House representatives of Nicaragua’s opposition, Sandra Feurty, of National Liberation Front, Monday demonstrated outside the United States Embassy in Managua against the US economic embargo on Cuba.

Sandoval’s representative Nelson Artola said the demonstration was held because on Tuesday, at the United Nations, the US government would seek to continue the embargo against the Cuban people. – M/ANA/Reuters

**Tajik President says Asia must cooperate to overcome challenges**

**BOA (Hainan Province), 5 Nov.—** All Asian countries should cooperate to face the risks and challenges of globalization, President Emomalii Sharipovich Rahmonov of Tajikistan said at the Boa Forum for Asia (BFA) here on Monday.

The rapid process of globalization and the development of science and technology had brought countries closer, and integrated cultures and ideas, Rahmonov said, adding new threats and challenges in social, economic and ecological areas.

Rahmonov held that neither developing nor developed countries could overcome the challenges alone, and that the developed countries were also held responsible for the economic development of poor countries.

He appealed for more efforts to strengthen Asian regional cooperation and sub-regional cooperation among Central Asian countries.

Asia has abundant natural resources and great potential for development, but also most of the world’s poor people, Rahmonov said, adding that Asia’s problem was of vital importance to world peace and prosperity.

He expressed Tajikistan’s desire to cooperate with other countries in all fields including the exploration of water resources and the renaissance of the ancient Silk Road trade route.

The FA had become an important mechanism to discuss Asian problems, President Rahmonov said.

The BFA, which opened Sunday, is the first high-level international forum organized by Asian nations aimed at increasing exchange and cooperation among Asian countries and between Asia and the rest of the world. – M/ANA/Reuters

**South Africa tries on new HIV vaccines**

**JOHANNESBURG, 5 Nov.—** The South African AIDS Vaccine Initiative (SAAVI) on Monday announced the start of two separate HIV vaccine trials in the country.

Addressing a Press conference in Johannesburg, SAAVI director Tim Tucker said phase one of the clinical trial of the Alpha Vax which would commence in Johannesburg and Durban next week would and would assess the safety and immune system responses induced by the new vaccine.

Tucker was quoted by the South African Press Association as saying “this is an incredibly exciting time”.

Alpha Vax is one of two vaccines approved earlier this year by the Medicines Control Council, the government agency in charge of the test and distribution of new medicine in South Africa.

The second trial involves a modified vaccine Ankara developed by the World Health Organization and the initiative which will also commence in the next few weeks.

“It is important to note that a vaccine is not a panacea, therefore we still advocate safe sex and safe sexual practices,” Tucker said. – M/ANA/Reuters

**$1.8 billion education development programme launched in Bangladesh**

**DHAKA, 5 Nov.—** A $1.81-billion-US dollar programme to improve the quality of primary education system has been launched in Bangladesh, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) announced here Monday.

Over 17 million pupils in 78,000 primary schools will benefit from the ADB-led project, the Asia Development Bank Administration (PDPI), the Bank said in a brief statement.

The PDPI expenditure is expected to target the poor by prioritizing support to poor and disadvantaged pupils, and the programme focuses on four components including organizational development, capacity building, school and classroom quality improvement, infrastructure development, as well as supporting equitable access to schools.

According to the briefing, the government of Bangladesh will contribute 1.16 billion dollars or 64 per cent of the expenditure, including an external stipend programme for the poor pupils in primary education sector.

On the other hand, the development partners will provide the rest of 0.65 billion dollars for the six-year programme which began in the current fiscal 2003-2004.

ADB will administer grant cofinancing from the European Commission and development agencies from Britain, Canada, Netherlands, Norway and Sweden, while coordinate with other partners including the World Bank, the UN Children Fund, as well as donor’s agencies from Japan and Australia.

The ADB authorities described PDPI as one of the most advanced programme in terms of harmonization of donor procedures including financial management, procurement, monitoring and evaluation. – M/ANA/Reuters
Holland doubles as Charlton win at Birmingham

London, 5 Nov—Two goals from Matt Holland helped Charlton Athletic to a 2-1 win at high-flying Birmingham City on Monday, extending the London side’s unbeaten Premier League run to five games.

The result moved Charlton up to seventh in the standings, level on 18 points with Manchester City and Fulham. Birmingham remained fourth on 19 points, eight adrift of leaders Arsenal.

Ireland midfielder Holland, who joined Charlton from First Division Ipswich Town in the close season, headed the opening goal from Claus Jensen corner in the 1st minute, his first goal for his new club.

The 29-year-old’s 10-yard strike came midway through the second half when a clearance by Birmingham forward Christophe Dugarry following another Jensen corner bobbled off Holland’s chest into the back of the net.

French forward Dugarry made amends five minutes later, leaping high to head the ball powerfully into the net for his first goal of the season, but Birmingham failed to find an equalizer despite creating chances in the closing stages.

Zinedine Zidane, right, of Real Madrid challenges for the ball with Partizan’s Branimir Bajic, left, during their Champions League Group F, soccer match—Partizan Belgrade against Real Madrid on Tuesday in Belgrade. The game ended in a 0-0 draw.—INTERNET

Real advance after tough draw with Partizan

Belgrade, 5 Nov—Real Madrid secured a place in the last 16 of the Champions league with a hand-fought 0-0 draw against Partizan Belgrade on Tuesday.

The result kept the nine-times European champions atop of Group F with 10 points from four matches, though their perfect record was ended by an inspired Partizan side rallied on by a passionate 32,000 crowd.

The Serbs and Montenegro champions, needing a win to keep alive any hope of qualifying for the knockout stages, dominated the match and missed a host of chances to grab victory.

The best two fell to skipper Sasa Ilic, who missed incredibly from point blank range in the 82nd minute and then saw his injury-time shot from the edge of the box parried by Real Madrid keeper Iker Casillas.

The Spanish champions seemed content to clog the midfield and play a waiting game, trying to catch Partizan on the counter with Luis Figo and David Beckham keeping the balance with neat passing.

Ronaldinho could not get Real the lead against the run of play in the 31st minute but Partizan’s keeper made a diving save with his feet after the Brazilian striker raced clear of his markers.

Casillas pulled off a superb save at the other end in the 44th minute, denying striker Andrijia Delibasic who volleyed the ball into the keeper’s body after a good team move.

Ivica Ilic, who caused all sorts of problems for the visitors, saw his fierce shot from the edge of the box drift just wide of the near post in the 50th minute as Real’s defence began to wilt under incessant pressure.

Pantic then made a diving save to deny Zinedine Zidane as Real regained composure midway through the second half and Ronaldinho shot wide from a good position in the 61st minute.

The home side launched a final onslaught in the closing stages but were let down by poor finishing.—MNA/Reuters

Chelsea goes four past hapless Lazio

Rome, 5 Nov—Chelsea demolished Lazio 4-0 in the Champions League on Tuesday with goals from former Lazio striker Hernan Crespo, substitute Eidur Gudjohnsen and midfielders Jean-Duff and Frank Lampard.

The result put the English side firmly in control of Group G with nine points ahead of Besiktas on six and sent Lazio, favourites to win the group at the start of the competition, to the bottom on four.

The match was marred by two sendings off after Lazio’s Sinisa Mihajlovic was dismissed in the 53rd minute and Chelsea’s Glen Johnson was red-carded two minutes from the end.

Chelsea went ahead in the 15th minute when Crespo bundled in a free kick by his Argentine and former Lazio team mate Juan Sebastian Veron which was parried by second-string goalkeeper Matteo Sereni.

Sereni was also at fault in the second and fourth goals when he failed to clear shots in second half as a rampant Chelsea bombarded the home goal. Lazio looked disjointed and lost all rhythm after Mihajlovic was sent off for two yellow-card tackles.

The Rome side started without injured first-choice goalkeeper Angelo Peruzzi and reliable Dutch defender Jaap Stam.

Sereni looked ill at ease and should have held Veron’s free kick awarded after Adrian Mutu was tripped 30 metres out.

The home side appeared edgy. A series of corners by defender Sinisa Mihajlovic floated harmlessly out of play. Crosses flashed across the box without contact.

For a few minutes either side of halftime Lazio regained some composure. Dejan Stankovic had a chance in the 39th minute saved by Chelsea keeper Carlo Cudicini and less than a minute later another cut out by England defender John Terry.

After the break they were denied a 47th-minute equalizer only by a brilliant double save by Cudicini from Stankovic and Berndro Corradi. The balance of the match tipped decisively in the London side’s favour after Mihajlovic was sent off.

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(from page 9) education level Ozì contest (in group) to Maung Aung Zin Myo (a) San Sar group of Yangon Division, the second to Maung Aung Kyaw group of Sagain Division and the third to Maung Nyō Tok group of Ayeyawady Division.

Chief Justice U Aung Toe presented first prizes for professional level Dobat contest (in group) to U Sein Kalar group of U Ohn Ngwe group of Mandalay Division, the second to U Thein Win group of Yangon Division and the third to Cho Cho Mar group of Sagain Division; the first prize for amateur level Dobat contest (in group) to Maung Aung Kyaw group of Mandalay Division, the second to Maung Aung Kyaw group of Sagain Division; the first prize for basic education level Dobat contest (in group) to Maung Aung Kyaw group of Mandalay Division, the third to Maung Aung Kyaw group of Sagain Division.

Member of the National Development Assistance Commission U Thant Nyunt presented the first prize for basic education level men’s orchestra contest (in group) to Maung Aung Kyaw group of Mandalay Division, the second to Maung Aung Kyaw group of Sagain Division and the third to Maung Aung Kyaw group of Mandalay Division.

Auditor-General Maj.-Gen. Lun Maung presented the first prize for professional level men’s Myanmar traditional orchestra contest (in group) to Maung Aung Kyaw group of Mandalay Division and the second to Maung Aung Kyaw group of Mandalay Division.

Chairman of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Tha Than Nyaw presented the first prize for professional level women’s orchestra contest (in group) to Maung Aung Kyaw group of Mandalay Division and the second to Maung Aung Kyaw group of Mandalay Division.

Chairman of the Central Peace Commission in the Union President’s Office presented the first prizes to the winners of the Art Exhibition, the first prize for art exhibition (in group) to Maung Aung Kyaw group of Mandalay Division and the second to Maung Aung Kyaw group of Mandalay Division.

The best performance prize winner in basic education level Ozi contest (aged 10-15) Ma Aung, (a) Shwe Zin group of Yangon Division, the second prize went to Maung Aung Kyaw group of Mandalay Division, the first prize for amateur level women’s orchestra contest (in group) to Daw Hla Hla group of Ayeawady Division, the second to Ma Cho Cho Mar group of Yangon Division and the third to Ma Cho Cho Mar group of Yangon Division.

Development tasks in Pathein inspected

YANGON, 5 Nov.—Director-General Col Myint Hlaing of the Development Affairs Department of the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Kayah State presented entertainment programs to the audience. After the prize presentation ceremony, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt cordially greeted doyen artists and youths constants.—MNA
**National Convention Convening Commission, Work Committee, Management Committee meet**

YANGON, 5 Nov — The work coordination meeting of the National Convention Convening Commission, the National Convention Convening Work Committee and the National Convention Convening Management Committee was held this morning at Pyidaungsu Hall in Kyakkasan Grounds here.

Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Chairman of the NCC Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe and Chairman of the NCC Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung also reported on National Convention tasks and management affairs.

Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses the work coordination meeting. — MNA

The work coordination meeting of the National Convention Convening Commission, the National Convention Convening Work Committee and the National Convention Convening Management Committee in progress. — MNA

**Indian goodwill delegation led by Vice-President Mr Bhairon Singh Shekhawat concludes visit**

YANGON, 5 Nov — The Indian goodwill delegation led by Vice-President of the Republic of India Mr Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, who was here at the invitation of Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, accompanied by Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Myanmar Ambassador to the Republic of India U Kyi Thein, Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Rajiv Kumar Bhatia and officials, left Yangon International airport on 4 November and arrived at Bagan-NyaungU airport at 10.10 am.

Magway Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Col Zaw Min welcomed the Indian Vice-President and party at the airport. NyaungU District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Khin Maung Oo, Secretary Maj Myint Thein and departmental heads also welcomed the Indian Vice-President.

A Myanmar girl presented a bouquet to the visiting Vice-President. Mr Bhairon Singh Shekhawat and party proceeded to Ananda Pagoda. They were welcomed there by Deputy Director-General of Archaeology Department of the Ministry of Culture U Aung Kyaw and members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees. The officials conducted the Indian Vice-President and party round the pagoda.

Mr Bhairon Singh Shekhawat paid homage to Ananda pagoda and viewed the ancient images of Bagan era. Mr Bhairon Singh Shekhawat signed in the visitors' book and made cash donation for the pagoda. The members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees presented a lacquerware painting with Bagan scene to the Vice-President. Next, they arrived at Bagan Lacquerware Art College and viewed the art works there.

Mr Bhairon Singh Shekhawat and goodwill delegation at Myanamarshwe. — MNA

Vice-President of India Mr Bhairon Singh Shekhawat and goodwill delegation being seen off at Mandalay International Airport by Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint. — MNA

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