YANGON, 18 Nov — Prime Minister Khin Nyunt, accompanied by officials of the State Peace and Development Council, arrived at the Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image on Mindhamma Hill in Insein Township this afternoon.

They were welcomed there by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, the Yangon mayor, deputy ministers, departmental heads and members of the pagoda board of trustees.

The General and party paid homage to the image. Members of the pagoda board of trustees and officials reported on tasks for all-round renovation of the hill. The General inspected the all-round renovation tasks and left necessary instructions. At 11.30 am today, the Prime Minister and party visited the white elephant house near the Mindhamma Hill and looked into the tasks for nurturing of white elephants.

YANGON, 18 Nov — Chairman of the Border Areas and National Races Development Implementation Work Committee Prime Minister Khin Nyunt, accompanied by officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, arrived at the Union National Races Village of the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs near the Yangon-Thanlyn Bridge this morning.

The Prime Minister was welcomed there by Yangon Division PDC Chairman Col Thein Nyunt reported to him on the purposes of establishing the village, the background history and data of the project. He also reported on completion of construction of the houses of Kachin nationals, Kayah nationals, Chin nationals, Mon nationals, Rakhine nationals and Shan nationals as well as construction of regional edifices and landmarks, growing of regional crops and beautifying trees, collection of traditional goods and equipment, upgrading of rural roads, construction of the main hall, opening of handicraft shops, and raising of interesting animals, construction of a small waterfall and greening tasks, completion of Nanmyint Tower, water supply tasks, construction of the recreation centre, future tasks and the visits of the public to the village.

Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw then briefed on the assistance to be rendered for the tourists to visit the village.

The Prime Minister made a speech. He said the village is being implemented for the youth of today to know, at one place, the literature, arts, customs and traditions and living styles of the national races residing in the Union for thousands of years, to further flourish Union Spirit and for the public to have a recreation centre. Moreover, the village is also intended for tourists to have knowledge about the formation of the Union and arts, literature, traditional culture and customs of national races.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister urged the officials concerned to cooperate for successful realization of the objectives of the project.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party enjoyed the entertain of the Youth Saing Troupe of the village, the song, Kayin Donyein dance, Kayah dance, Shan dance of the Cultural Troupe of the village and U Shwe Yoe dance to the accompaniment of music of the Youth Saing Troupe.

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Boost production of import-substitute machinery

The State Peace and Development Council has been encouraging the industrial forces in the State, cooperative and private sectors for the development of the industrial sector, the key to the strong national economic life. In the industrial sector of the State, the Ministry of Science and Technology, the Ministry of Industry-1, the Ministry of Industry-2 and the Myanmar Economic Cooperation are building factories with the use of advanced technology.

The Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, on 14 and 15 November, visited the factories of the Ministry of Industry-2 in Pandyau Township, Bago Division, and Minhua Township, Magway Division, and inspected the trial production of import-substitute machinery. In his address at the hall of No (1) Machinery and Equipment Factory (Nyaungchaydauk) of the Ministry of Industry-2, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win said that the Government is fulfilling the requirements of various sectors for raising the living standard of the people, that it is trying to develop human resources necessary for an industrialized nation and that it is also striving for the emergence of modern industrial zones. The Ministry of Industry-2 is mainly responsible for the advancement of private industries, he added.

As the Ministry of Industry-2 is to take care of heavy industries, development of industries under the ministry is conducive to industrial development of the nation. Therefore, the Government and the private entrepreneurs have to work in concert for the emergence of an industrialized nation. Only when the private small- and medium-industries develop will the industrial development of the nation materialize.

Now, No (1) Machinery and Equipment Factory and No (2) Myanmar Agricultural Machinery Factory 4 (Malam) under the Ministry of Industry-2 have succeeded in producing import-substitute lathes and road rollers respectively. We would like to urge all the responsible personnel as well as the technicians to try their best to produce machinery and equipment needed in national development work.

Regional development projects inspected in Rakhine State

YANGON, 18 Nov — The State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, together with Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Chairman Western Command Commander Maj-Gen Maung Oo and officials, arrived at the 100-acre model mixed crop plantation of pepper and pigeon pea at Yamyso Village-tract, Taungup Township, on 16 November morning.

The Township chairman reported on planting of pepper. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions on extended growing of pepper, prevention of the danger of pests and insects, and conservation of the forests.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party proceeded to the 100-acre model monsoon paddy field at Kuntaung Village-tract in the township. Officials reported on production of natural fertilizers and pesticides, nurturing of pepper plants and methods on boosting per acre yield.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions on extending growing of pepper and paddy, systematic use of four agricultural methods for boosting production of paddy, and raising local poultry on a small scale. They attended the teachers and students of the school

Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, wife of military attaches visit Shwepazun Co Ltd

YANGON, 18 Nov — The spouse of Dean of Military Attaches Malaysian Military Attache Col Hj Harun Bin Hitam and wives of foreign military attaches in Yangon led by Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, wife of Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, visited the cold drinks and confectionery factory of the Shwepazun Co Ltd in Dawbon Township this afternoon.

Officials concerned reported to the guests on production processes of the Shwepazun Co Ltd and Shwepazun Nwe Yee Co Ltd. Next, the bakers presented a demonstration of baking a Myanmar traditional snack. Chairperson of the Shwepazun Co Ltd Daw Khin Nwe Yee and Managing Director U Tin Soe Lin and officials served the guests with the factory’s products.

Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and party studied the production process at the factory. The managing director and officials conducted them round the factory.

Afterwards, Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe signed in the visitors' book of the factory.
419 US service members killed since beginning of military operations in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 18 Nov—As of Monday, on November 17, 419 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq, according to the Department of Defense.

The British military has reported 53 deaths; Italy, 17; Denmark, Spain, Ukraine and Poland have reported one each.

On or since May 1, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 281 US soldiers have died in Iraq, according to the latest Defence Department figures.

Since the start of military operations, 2,024 US service members have been killed in Iraq from all causes, according to the Department of Defense’s figures as of Friday. Non-hostile injuries numbered 344.

The latest deaths reported by the US military:

—A 1st Armored Division soldier was killed Monday morning when guerrillas engaged a patrol with small-arms fire in Abu Shukur, Iraq.
—A 4th Infantry Division soldier was killed Monday morning when a convoy struck an explosive south of Balad, Iraq.
—A 1st Armored Division soldier died Monday from a non-hostile gunshot wound in Baghdad, Iraq.

The latest identifications reported by the Department of Defence and family members:

—Army Pfc Jacob S Fletcher, 28, Bay Shore, NY; killed Thursday in a bus bombing in Samarra, Iraq; assigned to Company C, 2nd Battalion (Airborne), 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade, Camp Ederle, Italy.
—Army Spc Alphonso F Jeter, 29, Independence, Ore.; killed Saturday when two Black Hawk helicopters crashed in Mosul, Iraq; assigned to the 4th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.
—Army Spc Rodney B Brown, 21, Pricedale, Miss.; killed Saturday when two Black Hawk helicopters crashed in Mosul; assigned to the 4th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.
—Army Spc Jeremy DiGiovanni, 26, Newport, Pa.; killed Saturday when two Black Hawk helicopters crashed in Mosul; assigned to the 4th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.
—Army Spc John R Sullivan, 26, Countyside, Ill.; killed Saturday when two Black Hawk helicopters crashed in Mosul; assigned to the 626th Forward Support Battalion, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.
—Army 2nd Lt Jeremy L Wolfe, 27, Menomonie, Wis.; killed Saturday when two Black Hawk helicopters crashed in Mosul; assigned to the 4th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.
—Army Spc Julie M Hayslett, 26, Newville, Pa.; killed Saturday when struck by an explosive while on patrol in Baghdad; assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 37th Armoured Regiment, 1st Armoured Division, based in Friedberg, Germany.

Two US soldiers killed in Iraq attacks

BAGHDAD, 18 Nov—Two US soldiers were killed and two wounded in attacks north of the Iraqi capital Baghdad on Monday, the US military said.

A US military spokesman said the soldiers were killed in separate attacks early Monday near the town of Balad, about 60 miles north of Baghdad.

The spokesman said one soldier was killed and two were wounded when they were ambushed with rocket-propelled grenade and small arms fire at 7:40 am (0440 GMT).

A few minutes later a US soldier helping to transport detainees was killed by a roadside bomb a few miles away. The attacks brought to 162 the number of US soldiers killed in guerrilla attacks in Iraq since President Bush declared major combat over on May 1.

That figure does not include the 17 soldiers who were killed when two US Black Hawk helicopters collided and crashed in the northern city of Mosul Saturday night. The US military says it is still investigating the incident.

Balad is part of the so-called “Sunni Triangle” north and west of Baghdad where ousted president Saddam Hussein has close tribal ties and anti-American resistance is strongest.

China’s experts warn of ‘New Happy Time’ virus

Tianjin, 18 Nov — Chinese experts have warned individuals and institutions of paying more attention to a computer virus called “New Happy Time”.

The virus, or “VBS—Redofh.A, VBS—KJ.A”, which was first found in April 2002 and ranked first among the top ten computer viruses in 2003 by the National Computer Virus Emergency Response Centre, has been spreading on the Internet and caused great damages, said Liang Hong, an expert with the centre.

The virus spreads through two e-mail systems of Microsoft, Outlook and Outlook Express. Virus-carrying e-mails had no attachment.

When a computer was infected with the “New Happy Time”, two files, folder.htm and desktop.htm would appear in the computer and made many files lost.

Some 85 percent of computers in China were affected by viruses this year, 1.59 percent points higher than the level in 2002 and 25.57 percent points higher than 2001, according to the latest nationwide survey conducted by the public information network security supervision bureau of the Ministry of Public Security.

Downloaded through the Internet, visiting web sites, and opening e-mails tend to be the main means for the spread of computer viruses, the survey said. —MNA/Xinhua

India, Tajikistan to intensify defence cooperation

DELHI, 18 Nov — Underlining its strategic interests in Central Asia, India recently set up a Joint Working Group with Tajikistan to combat international terrorism, with the two countries deciding to intensify their defence cooperation and to build a highway linking them.

A Treaty of extradition was among eight documents signed by India and its closest neighbour in Central Asia at the conclusion of talks between Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Tajikistan President E S Rakhmanov, who hailed these as the “opening of a new page in the ancient bilateral ties”.

A Joint Declaration on Friendship and Cooperation signed by Vajpayee, the first Indian Prime Minister to visit Tajikistan since it broke away from the erstwhile Soviet Union 12 years ago, and Rakhmanov condemned “supporters of terrorism and those that finance, train or provide support for terrorists.

In pursuit of the desire of the two countries to construct a highway that will link them on an “urgent basis” was the decision to set up a working group for this.

Vajpayee announced an economic package of 40 million US dollars including a credit line of 25 million US dollars to assist Tajikistan. India will also assist in infrastructure development of the Military Training College in Dushanbe.

New freeway to boost tourism in S-W China completed

KUNMING, 18 Nov—A freeway connecting Kunming, capital of southwest China’s Yunnan Province, and Shilin, or stone forest, a well-known karst scenic spot in the province, was completed and opened to traffic on Sunday.

The 78 kilometre freeway, most of which is six lanes wide, cost 3.8 billion yuan (about 458 million US dollars) and is the first of its kind ever built in Yunnan to boost tourism, which plays an important role in local economic development.

China agricultural fair ends in Beijing

BEIJING, 18 Nov — The First China International Agricultural Trade Fair concluded here Sunday with business volume reaching 15 billion yuan (about 1.8 billion US dollars).

Fan Xiaoqian, Vice Minister of Agriculture, said the fair had demonstrated new achievements from the adjustment of agricultural production and the application of new agricultural technologies.

The fair was an important measure the Chinese Government had taken to face the increasingly fierce competition in global agricultural products after China’s entry into the World Trade Organization, Fan said. — MNA/Xinhua
Annan preparing for possible UN role in Iraq

UNITED NATIONS, 18 Nov— UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said on Monday he was preparing for a possible new UN political role in the hand over of power to a new Iraqi government.

But he cautioned that despite weekend talks with Iraqi leaders and US Secretary of State Colin Powell, he still had not decided whether to send political staff back to Iraq after the bombing of UN headquarters in Baghdad.

Annan withdrew foreign staff from Baghdad after the August 19 bombing that killed 22 people, including his special representative, Sergio Vieira de Mello. He said he would send a replacement “in the not too distant future”.

“So, if the situation improves, we will be ready to go back,” Annan told reporters on return from a trip to Latin America.

“If we don’t need to be in Iraq 100 per cent to do what we can do or offer assistance. So we are looking at what we can do outside and cross-border and eventually what we can do inside.”

One UN official said the United Nations might be helpful in organizing a conference outside Iraq, like it did in Bonn for Afghanistan two years ago, to choose an interim government and give it international legitimacy.

Annan said he had also spoken over the weekend to Sir Jeremy Greenstock, the former British official in Iraq, as well as Jalal Talabani, the Kurdish leader who is this month’s president of Iraq’s interim Governing Council.

Talabani told him the Governing Council would “need UN assistance and advice in implementing the new decisions which have been taken”. And Powell foresaw “an important role for the United Nations, Annan said.

Talabani has agreed with the Bush Administration’s plans to broaden the membership of the Iraqi Governing Council and create a provisional government by June.

“I think we have always indicated that we are prepared to play our role but of course the security condition has to be appropriate,” Annan added.
IRAQ UNDER US OCCUPATION

A US soldier secures the area near the site where two US helicopters crashed in Mosul, on 16 November, 2003. — INTERNET

US soldiers of the 1st Armoured Division, 1st Battalion, 36th infantry Regiment, search a home in Baghdad’s, Sunni Muslim neighbourhood of Azamiyah, Monday, on 17 November, 2003. — INTERNET

A US Army soldier stands next to an M1 Abrams tank during a patrol in Baghdad’s western end of Abu Ghraib, Monday, on 17 Nov, 2003. US forces have reacted to the increasing attacks in which dozens of Americans and their allies have died by mounting a massive show of force all over Iraq —INTERNET

Military might is not sufficient to tackle the security situation in Iraq, says Jeremy Greenstock, Britain’s special representative to the war-torn country. An Iraqi boy stands inside his house while US soldiers prepare to enter it during a search for weapons as part of their “Iron Hammer” operation, in the Abu Ghraib neighbourhood near Baghdad on Monday. —INTERNET

An Iraqi policeman peers behind a gate while an Iraqi family stands in a corner during a search for weapons during the US Army’s operation in the Abu Ghraib neighbourhood near Baghdad, on 17 November, 2003. US forces in Iraq have adopted tough new tactics this month in response to deadly guerilla attacks and the downing of several American helicopters. — INTERNET

A soldier of US Army’s 4th Infantry Division, left and a member of the Iraqi Civil Defense Corps (ICDC) hold their weapons in the center of Tikrit, north of Baghdad, Monday, on 17 November, 2003. — INTERNET

A US soldier of US Army’s 4th Infantry Division, left and a member of the Iraqi Civil Defense Corps (ICDC) hold their weapons in the center of Tikrit, north of Baghdad, Monday, on 17 November, 2003. — INTERNET
British Iraq envoy says military might not enough

London, 18 Nov—Military might is not sufficient to tackle the security situation in Iraq, Britain’s special representative to the war-torn country said on Monday. Jeremy Greenstock was speaking in London as US troops drove tanks and heavy armour through Saddam Hussein’s hometown Tikrit, as one US officer said, remind insurgents his troops “will absolutely crush the resistance”.

Greenstock said a response to Iraq’s security threat had to be two-pronged: political and military.

“We’ve got to have a comprehensive approach to turning around the security situation,” Greenstock said, just days after Iraq’s US-appointed Governing Council announced a new transitional government will take over running Iraq in June.

US President George W Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair will discuss Iraq during Bush’s visit to London, which starts on Tuesday.

Blair was Bush’s staunchest ally in the diplomatic wrangle leading up to the war and has committed the most troops besides Washington to the battlefield.

He declared major combat over on May 1 but US forces have continued to die — in the past six weeks alone, 78 US soldiers have been killed in combat.

Faced with the growing insurgency and the downing of several American helicopters, US troops have adopted tough new tactics.

“I think the military response has to be part of it,” Greenstock added to reporters. “But this is a problem of the world you have to show strength.”

Greenstock said the political approach entailed persuading the Sunni Muslim heartland — which surrounds Baghdad and has seen the worst of the violence against US-led troops — that it had a “political stake in the future of Iraq”.

He stressed the need to get economic projects up and running, including the construction of factories, the expansion of the jobs market for Iraqis and stabilizing oil, electricity, transport and education infrastructure.

Greenstock also called for “good diplomacy with neighbours” as he stressed the importance of tightening Iraq’s porous borders to crack down on insurgents. Troops must also accelerate work on controlling ammunition dumping, he said.

MNA/Reuters

Oil pipe on fire in northern Iraq

Baghdad, 18 Nov — A section of oil pipeline near Iraq’s northern oil refinery city of Baiji was seen on fire, local residents said on Monday.

The explosion caused a fire and damaged power supply line to the Baiji refinery, 200 kilometres north of Baghdad, said the residents. The refinery, built in the 1980s with a capacity of 300,000 barrels per day, is Iraq’s largest and newest refinery. —MNA/Xinhua

Asian countries urged to boost tourism

HANOI, 18 Nov — Representatives of the Asian Network of Major Cities 21 (ANMC 21) put forth initiatives to promote tourism among Asian nations at the second session of the Council for Promotion of Tourism in Asia (CPTA) held in Hanoi on Monday.

At the session, Beijing, Bangkok and Kuala Lumpur presented an initiative to form a web site on cities which have not yet suffered from earthquakes, terrorist acts and epidemics.

In addition, all delegates reached a consensus on adding more functions to the CPTA’s Secretariat to attract more cities to the ANMC 21.

The CPTA comprises Bangkok, Beijing, New Delhi, Hanoi, Jakarta, Kuala Lumpur, Taipei, Taiwan and Tokyo. —MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam’s agricultural sector urged to prepare for WTO accession

HANOI, 18 Nov — More efforts are needed to prepare Vietnam’s agricultural sector for the country’s accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO).

At a one-day seminar held here on Monday “The Accession of Vietnam to the WTO and its Impact on Agriculture”, Dr. Jaek Lee, expert of the Agricultural Research Institution of South Korea, said Vietnam needs to enhance its agricultural productivity through developing new varieties and technologies, and boosting the development of agricultural input industries including fertilizers and pesticides.

Together with agricultural restructuring, the rural development to narrow the income gap between rural and urban areas should be focused on, he noted, adding that the construction of agricultural infrastructure such as roads and marketing mechanism should be considered.

Additionally, harmonizing with WTO rules and limiting the intervention of the government into the market are quite necessary to Vietnam, Lee said.

MNA/Xinhua

Pakistan to introduce “IT” education at government schools

ISLAMABAD, 18 Nov—The Pakistani Government has chalked out a plan to introduce information technology (IT) education in 2,000 government-run secondary schools, the Associated Press of Pakistan reported Monday.

Addressing a seminar on the information society held here, Minister of Information Technology Awais Ahmad Leghari said as part of the project, his ministry was also planning to establish modern IT labs and hire qualified teachers to offer quality education in such a major subject.

The minister said Pakistan is strongly committed to the implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) announced that Prime Minister Mir Zafarullah Khan Jamali has agreed to lead a delegation to the first phase of the WSIS to be held in Geneva in December.

Leghari said Pakistan considers the WSIS as a major milestone in creating a society where the benefits of information and communication technologies can be reaped by all the people around the globe.

The WSIS will be organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and held under the high patronage of the UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, with ITU taking the lead role in preparations.

In 2001, the ITU decided to hold the summit in two phases with the first phase to be held in Geneva on December 10-12 and the second on November 16-18, 2005 in Tunis, Tunisia. —MNA/Xinhua

India, Vietnam agree to increase Navy cooperation

NEW DELHI, 18 Nov—India and Vietnam on Monday agreed to increase interaction between Navies and Coast Guards of the two countries.

The decision was taken at high level talks held here between the Armed Forces of the two countries in which New Delhi also agreed to increase the intake of Vietnam’s Armed Forces personnel in military institutions, according to the Press Trust of India.

The Vietnamese delegation to the talks was led by Vice-Defence Minister Senator Lieutenant-General Nguyen Huy Huu and the Indian delegation was headed by Defence Secretary Ajay Prasad.

MNA/Xinhua

Drive safely

A protester stands on the gates of Buckingham Palace in London after unfurling an upside-down US flag, carrying a slogan, on Monday, 17 Nov, 2003. Passers-by and the media were moved at least 100 metres away from the main gate during the protest, which came on the eve of US President George Bush’s arrival for his state visit to the United Kingdom.

President Bush and his wife will be staying in the Palace as guests of Britain’s Queen Elizabeth II. —INTERNET

An East African Crowned Crane forages for food in the Delhi zoo on 16 Nov, 2003. The ‘crown’ for which the bird is named is made of a fan of coloured bristle-like feathers. —INTERNET
Painting exhibitions and photo exhibitions, displayed either individually or in group, are becoming increasingly common. There will be an exhibition to enjoy. The title of the exhibition is a little different from others, and that reads “From Mount Natma to Danyawady”.

The venue where the exhibition will take place is the Multipurpose Hall of the National Museum on Pyay Road, Yangon, and it will be kept open from 9 am to 5 pm daily from 20 through 30 November.

Artists and photographers who will display their works at the exhibition are Bagyi Maung Nyo Win, Zaw Min, Min Wai Aung, Kyaw Shein, Thein Shwe Kyi, Photo Sein Myo Myint, and Sein Min Naing. The exhibition is significant because there will be a combined display of paintings and photos.

Moreover, the story to organize the exhibition itself is interesting. All the artists and photographers who will display their works at the exhibition were on the same journey in last February. They visited Hseikphyu, Saw, Kampalet, Mount Natma (previously known as Mt Victoria), Mindat, Matupi, Minbu, Padan, An, Minbya, MraukU, and Kyauktaw. It took them over two weeks to travel to all these places in a large car. It was a very long trip. They all visited the southern part of Chin State and border areas of Rakhine State.

On their journey, painters took scratches of what they saw, and photographers also took photos. They also documented on video what attracted them. Finally, they organize this exhibition. The collection of works on display at the exhibition are the results of their creation in nine months after their journey.

The paintings will include oil and acrylic works of art whereas photographs will be made up of digital and digital inks copied from slides. They also include those developed from the colour negatives.

Some of the paintings on display at the exhibition are larger than those of any other previous exhibitions. For instance, Maung Nyo Win’s painting “The kiss of the morning sun”, which measures 46” by 96”. The paintings will include oil and acrylic works of art whereas photographs will be made up of digital and digital inks copied from slides. They also include those developed from the colour negatives.

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83rd Anniversary National Day observed

YANGON, 18 Nov — The 83rd Anniversary National Day was observed at the basic education schools in Yangon today.

Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein attended the ceremony held at BEHS-2 in Kamayut Township this morning and presented prizes to winners. Also present on the occasion were MRTV Director General U Khin Maung Huy, News and Periodicals Enterprise Managing Director U Tin Kha and officials, teachers, students and others.

The township Peace and Development Council chairman read the message of chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe.

At the ceremony held at BEHS-2 in Kamayut Township, the township PDC chairman read the message. Deputy Minister for Education U Than Aung and officials presented prizes to winners. After the ceremony, the minister presented edcash award to the students who presented entertainment programmes. Then, he viewed teaching and learning of the students in the multimedia class rooms of the school. — MNA

Prime Minister inspects Union...

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The General visited the construction site of Nayazin Tower where Deputy Superintending Engineer U Soe Ko Ko of the Development Affairs Department reported on construction of the 119-ft high reinforced building.

After leaving necessary instructions there, the Prime Minister inspected the construction tasks and visited Rakhine and Bamar villages.

He greeted those present and viewed the scale model of Zwekabin Hill in Kayin village and greeted national people there. He also visited Mon, Chin and Kachin villages and viewed the scale models of Mt Khakaborazi and the bird cage. He arrived at Shan village and Kayah village where he inspected the scale models of the Taungkwe Pagoda, the Ngwetaung Dam and Shan State Inlay Lake.

Afterwards, the General and party proceeded to Shwe Kaba housing project on Mindhamma Road in Insein Township, jointly-implemented by the Yangon City Development Committee and Shwe Kaba Maung Maung Construction Co. — Managing Director of the company U Maung Maung reported on completion of a 12-storey twin tower condominium, five-storey buildings, six-storey building and separate houses. After giving necessary instructions, General Khin Nyunt looked into construction tasks.

The General and party then visited Mindhamma Housing Project of Hno Trading Co Managing Director of the company U Thein reported on construction of the 12-storey condominium and separate houses.

The Prime Minister gave instructions. He said with a view to possessing characteristics of the city, the housing projects have been implemented for the convenience of the dwellers as well as the developers. So, the developers have to take their interests as well as the interests of the dwellers into consideration. He then inspected construction tasks there. The General and party also inspected construction of the multi-purpose hall on Mindhamma Road being constructed by the YCDC Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and officials conducted them round the place. They also viewed low-cost houses of Tawwin Family Co at the corner of Lan Thit Road and Shwe Pyi Aye Road in the township. — MNA

Experts’ meeting held to work out agreement on emergence of BIMST free trade area

YANGON, 18 Nov — The third experts’ meeting was held to work out agreement on implementing the free trade area of the BIMST at the Hotel Nikko this morning. Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu attended the meeting and extended greetings on the occasion.

Present at the meeting were delegates from Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Thailand. During the meeting, matters related to trade, services, for trade and investment in the region were discussed. The first day session came to a close in the evening. It continues up to 20 November. — MNA

UMFCCI president meets Chinese guests

YANGON, 18 Nov — The Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry President U Win Myint, Vice-Presidents U Win Aung and U Aung Lwin, General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing and CEC members met the 8-member Chinese delegation led by President of the China Chamber of International Commerce, Guangxi Chamber of Commerce, Mr Ye Xueming at the UMFCCI office this morning.

The meeting focused on promotion of investment and commerce, import of Myanmar’s timber and wood furniture to the PRC and export of Chinese farm machinery and personal goods to Myanmar. The two sides signed an agreement. — MNA

Managing Director of NPE U Tin Kha awards a student who won a prize in the essay and painting competitions. — MNA

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein presents a prize to an award-winning student in the essay and painting competitions. — MNA

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung awards a student who won a prize at the essay, poetry, poster and painting competitions. — MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects tasks to look after the white elephants at the White Elephant House near Mindhamma Hill. — MNA

The president of UMFCCI and members hold discussions with Chinese guests. — MNA

Nayazin Tower under construction at the Union National Races Village of the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs. — MNA
Myoma Schools stand...

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The 83rd Anniversary National Day has seen three generations and much experience gained when compared with life expectancy. Myoma Schools were born out of the national freedom struggle together with national education and national spirit. This fact is worthy to take pride.

Old students of Myoma Schools discharged State duties continuously in successive eras and roles they were in. This being so, it is encouraging to see the emergence of those who do for the good of others in political, economic, education and social spheres in the course of history. The emergence of National Day and Myoma Schools is of great difficulty and efforts had to be made for flourishing of national character suffering great hardship. As records and publications on the National Day and the National Education were published on a wider scale they will still be in the minds of youths of two generations. At present also, it is required to nurture new generation youths on self-reliant basis to become intellectuals and intelligentsia.

In an effort to get out of the yoke of colonialists Myanmar took up the path of education system that prolonged the colonialism. To be able to do so, the Myoma School has been able to produce a lot of youths capable of promoting nationalization. It is incumbent upon the new generation youths to continue preserving and upholding those fine traditions.

In addition, in serving the interest of the State and the people, Myoma Schools are to take part in the education promotion tasks in accord with uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation, uplift of national prestige and national spirit. As one of the endeavors of the school board, Myoma U Ba Lwin Commemorative Hall, for which staks were laid on the 81st Anniversary of National Day, 8 December 2001, was completed with the donation of over K 27 million and was handed over to the Ministry of Education on the 82nd Anniversary of National Day, 29 November 2002. Besides, other necessities including electricity and purified water were also facilitated to look the school grander at a cost of over K 29 million.

As inviting invited teachers to give lectures, arrangements are also made for the convenience of students who will take Myanmar/English essay tests. It is known that constant efforts are also under way to promote education and sports activities of the school. As a result, the school ranked third in the interstate and division futsal tournament. In fact, the Myoma School stands in the forefront in the practical implementation of the national education goal. Nowadays, big nations, trying to integrate the whole world, with "globalization" as an excuse, are making the most of their wealth and advanced technology; they are plotting to cripple the cultural and social values of small nations and inventing unpleasantness through media and satellite communication systems.

As for our country, efforts are to be made to keep abreast of the international community on a self-reliant basis. At the same time, our school, with noble characters, traditions and cultural heritage should also be preserved. At a time when rapid change and progress go on, national unity must be built while homing in on external instigations and the movement of internal destruc-tive elements.

As the seven-point roadmap of the State has now been laid down, the entire people of national races are to do their bit energetically.

With the fine traditions handed down by older Myoma students, it is incumbent upon the new generation of the Myoma School to strive for the welfare of own race and religion. To sum up, all are urged to play any parts in the realization of the objectives of the National Day; preserve the prestige of the Myoma School; and render assistance to effective implementation of the education goal set by the State.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt views the beauty of the Union National Races Village from the Naunmyit Tower being constructed by the Ministry of PRANTRA. — MNA

Myanmar beat Korea 3-2

YANGON, 18 Nov — Chairman of the Myanmar Olympic Committee and Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint watched the second day match of Myanmar-Korea invitational soccer friendly at the football ground of the Youth Training Camp (Thuwanna) here this afternoon.

In the match, the Myanmar selected football team beat the ULSAN selected football team of Korea 3-2. — MNA

A&I minister views demonstration of harvesters, winnowers

YANGON, 18 Nov — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin together with Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Khin Maung viewed the demonstration of harvesters and winnowers, tractors, bulldozers and excavators produced by the Agricultural Mechanization Department at 90-acre Dhanna Theikdu.

The minister and party viewed harvest of paddy with the use of harvester produced by the Farm Machinery Production Plant of Ingon Agricultural Mechanization Department. The minister then viewed demonstration of tractors, bulldozers and excavators produced by the Agricultural Mechanization Department and gave instructions and spoke words of encouragement to engineers. — MNA
Ngwetha and Salingyi Dams in Salinigy Township

Article by Nyaw Sein; Photo by Thwin Aye (Kymen)

Favourable geographical and climatic conditions of the Union of Myanmar are the sound foundations for development of agriculture. Moreover, the people of the country undertake agriculture as the main economic enterprise. In undertaking the essential water supply tasks for agricultural purpose, the government is making efforts for the development of agriculture in arid zones which have to rely mainly on scanty rain for water.

To supply water for agricultural purpose and sufficient drinking water, and for the greening tasks of the region, Ngwetha Dam is being constructed in Salinigy Township, one of the eight townships in Sagaing Division. As the township gets 30 inches of rainfall yearly and faces shortage of water for agricultural purpose and difficulties for drinking water in summer, the Irrigation Department conducted surveys for construction of Salinigy Dam and Ngwetha Dam in the township to solve the water shortage problem and for the greening tasks in the region. Salingyi Dam is being constructed on Salingyi Creek, and it has a 4,500 feet long and 56 feet high embankment, four fur- longs west of the town. Now, temporary embankment of the dam has been constructed. The temporary dam has a maximum water level of 18 feet and surface area of 150 acres. The project started in September 2003 and will finish in 2004. On completion, it will be able to store 6,000 acre-feet of water and irrigate 600 acres of farms, solving the water shortage problems and contributing towards the greening tasks of the region.

Ngwetha Dam is being constructed on Ngwetha Creek near Ngwetha Village in Salinigy Township on Monywa-Pakokka road. Catchment area of the dam is 32 Sq. miles. A total of 12,800 acre-feet of water will flow into the 5,280 feet long and 58 feet high dam that can store 15,250 acre-feet of water. The spillway of the dam is 50 feet wide and is of reinforced concrete type. The conduit, with three feet in diameter, can discharge water at the rate of 50 cubic feet per second. The dam will be able to irrigate 3,000 acres of farms near Ngwetha and Yinmaung Naing Villages. On completion, it will turn the dry cultivation farms into farm- land. The project was launched in November 2002. As the floor of the dam was composed of lime stones that dissolve in wa- ter, they were dug out as deep as 56 feet. The embankment of the dam will be constructed with use of 200,000 pits of earth.

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Christmas comedy “Elf” rules North America box office

LOS ANGELES, 18 Nov — Although Christmas is still more than one month away, it is being celebrated earlier than expected at the North American box office, with a human-turned Christmas Elf overwhelming a sea battle epic over the weekend.

The New Line Cinema’s “Elf”, starring comedy actor Will Farel, scurled Russell Crowe’s “Master and Com- mander: The Far Side of the World” to finish as the week- end’s No. 1 movie, according to studio estimates Sunday. “Elf”, a tale about a man-child raised by Santa’s helpers at the North Pole, took in 27.2 million US dollars, putting it two spots above “Master and Commander”. The movie stars Brendan Fraser, Jenna Elfman and Steve Martin alongside Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck and other cartoon characters. The total box office earnings of the top 12 movies amounted to be 124.2 million dollars, down 23 per cent from the same weekend last year, when “Harry Pot- her and the Chamber of Secrets” debuted with 88.4 mil- lion dollars.

The total domestic gross of the final chapter in the Wachowski brothers’ sci-fi trilogy grew to 114.2 million dollars two weeks after release. Ranked at No. 4 was Disney’s cartoon film “Brother Bear”, which earned 12 million dollars, bringing its four- week gross to over 63 million dollars.

Meanwhile, last weekend’s champ, “The Matrix Revolutions”, slipped to No. 3 position at 16.3 million dollars, down a steep 66 percent from its debut.

Tanzanian president receives operation in Switzerland

DAKAR-SIERRA LEONE, 18 Nov — Tanzanian President Benjamin William Mkapa has received operation on his left foot in Switzerland, local newspaper The Guardian reported on Monday.

A statement from the State House on Sunday was quoted as saying that the operation was carried out on Saturday by a team of doc- tors including his physician at Hirslander Clinic in Zu- rich, Switzerland. Assistant Press Secre- tary to the President Maura Mwiriga said in the state- ment that the operation on President is to examine what has been troubling him for months from August until now. Mwiriga also said that the operation had been successful and that the doc- tors had expressed their sat- isfaction over the progress of their patient.

She said that the Presi- dent will remain in hospital for some time in order to give doctors enough time to monitor the condition of the President. Last week, the medi- cal experts advised the President to remain in Zu- rich for further medical ex- amination and determina- tion of treatment for bone problems on his left foot.

Since last August, President Mkapa has been experiencing arthritis, using a walking stick.

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Brazil’s FM says farm subsidies cause poverty

BRASILIA (Brazil), 18 Nov — Brazilian Foreign Minister Celso Amorim said on Sunday defeating poverty in the developing world requires the reduction of subsidies by wealthy nations to their farmers, allowing agricultural exports from poor countries to rise.

Speaking during the opening of a conference on reducing poverty in Latin America, Amorim said it was not enough for poor countries to strive to help the poor but that rich nations have to participate, including by cutting farm subsidies.

“We do not want to diminish the importance of efforts at the national level, but it alone will not be sufficient if the international setting is not favourable,” to reducing poverty and inequality, Amorim said.

“Among the causes (of poverty) are the different barriers that limit the world’s international trade system, especially the billion-dollar agricultural subsidies in rich countries we are fighting so hard to reduce or eliminate,” he said.

He was speaking a day after Latin American leaders acknowledged at a regional summit in Bolivia that they had failed to fight poverty over the last two decades.

At recent failed international trade talks in Mexico, Brazil spearheaded a push by leading developing countries for cuts in rich-country farm subsidies, which it says block its farm goods from markets.

Some rich nations blamed that insistence for the collapse of the talks.

Brazil is now locked in disagreement with the United States on the creation of a Free Trade Area of the Americas, where it wants cuts in farm subsidies to be negotiated.

Trade ministers from the 34 countries participating in FTAA met this week in Miami on how to conclude the talks by the end of 2004.

Amorim said “we continue finding difficulties in global and regional trade talks,” on cutting farm subsidies. The US has said it will only discuss farm subsidies at the global level.

The minister said it was up to countries to define how globalization will develop.

“Globalization, this integration, may take place through the benefits of free trade, or by the dissemination of poverty, by social divisions, by organized crime and drug trafficking,” he said. “The fight against misery, hunger and social injustice requires an alliance between developed and developing countries, it is the fight of all.”

MNA/Reuters

Foster wins deal to expand Beijing airport for 2008

BEIJING, 18 Nov — Beijing unveiled plans Sunday for a two-billion-US-dollar airport terminal designed by Sir Norman Foster, the latest celebrity architect the 2008 Olympic hosts have hired to help remodel a drab city overrun by smog and neon.

The Briton’s firm, Foster and Partners, called their sleek creation a “modern gateway” to the Chinese capital, where just five years ago passengers were greeted by a cramped, musty structure that seemed a throwback to the Spartan Maoist days.

Civil Aviation Administration Vice-Minister Yang Guoqing, in a ceremony for Chinese media on Sunday, pronounced Foster’s firm winners of an international competition to build the 16-billion-yuan (1.93-billion-US-dollar) project. A British embassy spokesman said Foster joins a constellation of contemporary stars installing futuristic icons in a city ravaged by construction — better known for its imperial landmarks, proletarian housing blocks and more recently, monstrous eyecatchers of tinted glass and lavatory tile.

Beijing has budgeted 37 billion US dollars for Olympic-related infrastructure and clean-up projects, though it was not clear whether or not that figure included the airport extension.

The Chinese capital has also recruited the Swiss duo Jacques Herzog and Pierre de Meuron to sculpt its Olympic stadium and the Dutch guru Rem Koolhaas to mint a new home for state television broadcaster CCTV.

Frenchman Paul Andreu’s new opera house, a bubble of glass and titanium, will surface in a pool beside Tiananmen Square next year Foster and Partners, in a statement on its Web site touted their design as user-friendly and energy-saving.

The structure’s “soaring aerodynamic roof reflects the poetry of flight as well as being evocative of traditional Chinese characters and symbols,” it said. — MNA/Reuters

Wounded Portuguese female reporter returns home

Lisbon, 18 Nov — A Portuguese woman reporter who was injured in a recent attack in southern Iraq returned to Lisbon Sunday evening.

Maria Ruela, a reporter with the Portuguese private TV network SIC, sustained injuries in the leg on Friday when a convoy of Portuguese journalists was attacked by unidentified gunmen shortly after entering southern Iraq from Kuwait, and was sent to a nearby British military hospital for surgery. — MNA/Xinhua

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Dubai plans to build world’s biggest shopping mall

Dubai plans to build world’s biggest shopping mall—Shopaholics take note —the Gulf Arab emirate of Dubai, already renowned as a shopping mecca for the Middle East, is planning to build what it says will be the world’s largest shopping mall by November 2006.

Dubai real estate firm Emaar said in a statement received on Monday that the nine million square foot (836,100 square metre) Dubai Mall would be as big as 50 soccer pitches and resemble an ocean liner. It will also include the world’s largest gold market and will be flanked by an artificial lake 4.3 million square feet in size as well as a residential facility.

The mall will be near Burj Dubai, a tower which Dubai says will be the tallest in the world.

Emaar, in which the Dubai Government holds a majority stake, said the mall would be bigger than Cana-

di’s Edmonton Mall and the Mall of America in Minne-

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US, Europe at odds over Iran’s nuclear policy

VIENNA, 18 Nov — Europe and the United States were at odds on Monday over how to deal with Iran’s nuclear programme.

The European Union’s foreign policy chief Javier Solana said in Brussels that Iran had been honest so far over its nuclear programme and he hoped it would not be reported to the UN Security Council for possible sanctions.

But the United States disputed Solana’s conclusion on the programme, which Washington says is designed to make nuclear weapons—a charge Tehran strongly denies, saying its nuclear policy is entirely peaceful and devoted to generating power.

In Washington ahead of a trip to Europe, US Secretary of State Colin Powell expressed surprise at Solana’s comment, saying: “I wouldn’t have gone quite as far.”

Poweil, due to meet EU foreign ministers in Brussels, reiterated the State Department’s stand that a leaked report from the UN’s nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), which said Iran was not developing nuclear arms was impossible to believe.

With time running out before a Board of Governors’ meeting of the Vienna-based IAEA on Thursday, France, Britain and Germany have circulated a draft resolution for the board which does not meet US demands, diplomats said.

Iran has been under pressure from the IAEA to explain its nuclear policy and explain traces of enriched uranium on some equipment Oil- and gas-rich Tehran says its nuclear programme is for power generation but the United States is sceptical.

Washington wants the IAEA to declare Iran in violation of the Nuclear Non-

Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and escallate the issue by reporting Tehran to the Security Council for possible sanctions.

A diplomat from one IAEA board member state told Reuters the Security Council was not mentioned in the draft by the European trio. Nor was non-compliance, violation or breaches of the NPT. —MNA/Reuters

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.
Second best time is now.
Peru hold Brazil 1-1 with Solano equalizer

LIMA, Nov 1—Nolberto Solano headed a second half equalizer as Peru held world champions Brazil to a 1-1 draw in their World Cup Qualifier on Sunday.

Solano, who has been left on the bench at his English club Newcastle United in recent weeks, nipped in front of the Brazil defence to score at the near post in the 59th minute.

AC Milan’s Rivaldo, who has also been deprived of first team football at his club this season, had put Brazil ahead with a 21st-minute penalty, his first international goal since last year’s World Cup quarterfinal against England.

Brazil had chances to wrap up the game as they ran Peru ragged before halftime. But the home team, coached by Brazilian Paolo Autuori, fought their way back into the game after the break and Brazil were afterwards found wanting for a point.

The draw put Brazil second in the South American World Cup qualifying group with seven points from three games, behind leaders Argentina on goal difference. Peru are fifth with four points.

Brazil had difficulty at the back as Peru took full advantage of chances to plug the gaps. Peru’s second goal was scored by substitute Jon-Dahl Tomasson.

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In a frantic opening nine minutes, teenager Wayne Rooney put England in front, Martin Jorgensen levelled for Denmark and Joe Cole restored the lead before Jorgensen equalized for a second time in the 30th minute from the penalty spot.

An inspired Rooney hit the post in the second half before leaving to a standing ovation, but his teammates were denied a draw by Tomasson’s well-taken strike in the 82nd minute.

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Jubilo take J-League top spot with 2-1 win

TOKYO, Nov 18—Champions Jubilo Iwata climbed from eighth to top spot in the J-League after a late Atsuhiro Miura own goal gave them a 2-1 victory at Tokyo Verdy on Sunday. Miura deflected a drive from substitute Yasumasu Nishino into his own goal in the 87th minute to give the away team a win they scarcely deserved in front of 33,000 at Tokyo Stadium. Striker Kazuki Hirofumi had given Verdy the lead in the 18th minute, only for Brazilian forward Rodrigo Geral do to equalize with a point-blank header for his 19th goal of the season.

The result left Jubilo with 23 points from 13-second stage matches, one point ahead of Urawa Reds and JEF United Ichihara. — MNA/Reuters

Spain coach in danger of missing another important date

VALENCIA (Spain), Nov 18—Spain coach Inaki Saiz had to miss his son’s wedding to present for his side’s 2-1 win over Greece in their Euro 2004 play-off first leg in Valencia on Saturday.

Spain’s failure to claim a more emphatic victory leaves the coach in danger of missing the most important date in his professional diary as well, with a place at next year’s European Championship finals in Portugal far from assured. The consolation for Saiz as he prepares his team for Wednesday’s second leg in Oslo is that the situation could be a lot worse. — MNA/Reuters

Rivaldo, left, of Brazil battles for the ball with Peruvian Marko Ciurlizza during their World Cup 2006 third qualifying round at the Monumental Stadium, in Lima, Peru, on Sunday, Nov. 16, 2003. —INTERNET

Kasparov wins in computer chess match

NEW YORK, Nov 18—Chess grandmaster Garry Kasparov on Sunday virtually shut down computer programme ‘X3D Fritz’ to score a vital win in the third game of his latest man vs machine match

World No. 1 Kasparov, 40, had a winning position with the white pieces after only 16 moves and coasted until the computer’s programmers resigned it in its 45th turn after more than four hours of play.

In the early stages, Kasparov sealed a black pawn and built a wall of pawns that restricted his opponent to ineffective moves that were riddled as “silly” by chess experts at the New York Athletic Club venue.

The grandmaster’s victory was what he needed to stay in contention in the four-game match, which was drawn November 11 and the computer won the second game on Thursday after Kasparov blundered.

The match is tied at 1-1/2 points each. One point is given for a win and a half point for a draw. The fourth and final game was scheduled for Tuesday with the winner to collect 200,000 dollars. “Many of black’s (X3D Fritz) moves have been very strange,” grandmaster Joel Lautier of France said in commentary on the web site. “It’s amazing how computers can play so strongly sometimes and then produced silly moves like today.” — MNA/Reuters

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Growing pains hurt England, says Eriksson

MANCHESTER, Nov 18—Coach Sven-Goran Eriksson put England’s 3-2 friendly defeat by Denmark on Sunday down to a lack of experience in his young team.

England were twice ahead through Teenager Wayne Rooney and 22-year-old Joe Cole but two first half equalizers from Martin Jorgensen were followed by Jon-Dahl Tomasson’s late winner.

Cole scored off a Rooney pass but shouldered part of the blame for Denmark’s first goal after losing possession, while Matthew Upson conceded a penalty for the second and Glenn Johnson’s second half debut coincided with a Danish winner.

About asked Rooney, Eriksson said: “He’s not only a big talent, he’s a fantastic footballer already and very mature for his age. He scored a very nice goal, provided one assist — you can’t ask much more from a boy who’s just turned 18.

Joe Cole is another great talent. He’s still got to learn about the game, as has Glen Johnson.

“Growing pains are good for those players, because you learn early. Today you played that if they can make a mistake international football against a team like Denmark you pay for it. And that’s what we did.

“But it’s better to pay for it in a friendly and give the chance to those young players.” — MNA/Reuters
Tuesday, November 18, 2003

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, except for rain or thunderstorms which have been isolated light rain in Thanlwinthi Division and weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were 3°C to 4°C below normal in Kayin and Rakhine States, Sagang Mandalay, Sagaing, Bago and Yangon Divisions, 6°C below normal in Shan States, 7°C below normal in Kayah State and Ayeyawady Division and normal below in the remaining areas.

Maximum temperature on 17-11-2003 was 36.0°C (97°F). Minimum temperature on 18-11-2003 was 17.5°C (67°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 18-11-2003 was 66%. Total sunshine hours on 17-11-2003 was (8.8) hours approx. Rainfall on 18-11-2003 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-11-2003 was 2211 mm (87.05 inches) at Yangon Airport, 2315 mm (91.14 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 2384 mm (94.25 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 12 mph from Northwest at (15.05) hours MST on 17-11-2003. A low is moving over Andaman Sea and South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. Special Features: According to the observations at 06:30 hours MST today, yesterday’s Tropical storm ‘Nepark’ over South China Sea has centered about 240 miles South East of Hanoi, Vietnam. It is forecast move North Westward and cross Vietnam Coast next 24 hours commencing this morning. Forecast valid until evening of 19-11-2003: Except for the possibility of isolated rain or thunderstorms in Thanlwinthi Division, weather will be generally fair in the whole country. Depression is (40%) chance which may be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. Outlook for subsequent two days: Generally fair weather in the whole country. Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 19-11-2003: Partly cloudy, Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 19-11-2003: Fair weather.
Myoma Schools stand in fore front in practical implementation of the national education goal

Secretary-2 attends ceremony to mark 83rd Anniversary of National Day and eighth year of diamond jubilee of BEHS Nos 2, 3 (Myoma Schools) in Dagon Township

YANGON, 18 Nov — Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Myanmar Industrial Construction Services of the Ministry of Industry-2 U Ye Thura Myint Aung, Commander of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, and party inspected the construction of Thanlwin bridge (Mawlamyine), where Chief Engineer (Bridge) U Han Zaw reported on progress in construction of the bridge, erecting of mid-stream piles and installing iron frames. After inspecting the construction of the bridge, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party arrived at the construction site of Thanlwin bridge (Mawlamyine) under the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung and party, inspected the progress in construction of the bridge. Lt-Gen Maung Bo reported on work progress and future tasks for the project. The medical superintendent also reported to Lt-Gen Ye Myint on giving medical treatments, tasks carried out for cleanliness and beautifying of the hospital and academic matters. After giving necessary instructions, Lt-Gen Ye Myint looked into progress in constructing the three-storey main building. They headed for Institute of Medical Science (Mandalay) Construction Project of the Medical Science Department under the Ministry of Health. Rector of the institute Professor Dr Mya Thaw and Managing Director of Thein Aung reported on progress in construction of lecture halls and future plans.

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects upgrading of hospitals in Mandalay

YANGON, 18 Nov — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Yan Thein and officials, inspected the Central Women’s Hospital. Lt-Gen Ye Myint instructed the medical superintendent to complete the renovation of the hospital and academic tasks round the project site. Lt-Gen Ye Myint, the commander, the mayor and officials proceeded to the 300-bed hospital (academic) on 62nd Street in Chanmyathazi Township, Director of the MICS Daw Khin Swe Win and Medical Superintendent Dr Khin Maung Pyone reported on work progress and future tasks for the project. The medical superintendent also reported to Lt-Gen Ye Myint on giving medical treatments, tasks carried out for cleanliness and beautifying of the hospital and academic matters. After giving necessary instructions, Lt-Gen Ye Myint looked into progress in constructing the three-storey main building. They headed for Institute of Dental Medicine (Mandalay) Construction Project of the Medical Science Department under the Ministry of Health. Rector of the institute Professor Dr Mya Thaw and Managing Director of Thein Aung reported on progress in construction of lecture halls and future plans.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected the construction site and left necessary instructions. — MNA

Construction of Thanlwin bridge (Mawlamyine) inspected

YANGON, 18 Nov — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung and party, inspected the progress in construction of Thanlwin bridge (Mawlamyine) on 16 November morning. Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party arrived first at the construction site of Thanlwin bridge (Mawlamyine), where Chief Engineer (Bridge) U Han Zaw reported on progress in construction of the bridge, erecting of mid-stream piles and installing iron frames. After inspecting the construction of the bridge, Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave instructions on timely completion of the bridge, safety measures and durability of the bridge, and minimizing loss and wastage.

Sixty-eight per cent of construction work has now been completed. Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party attended an educational prize presentation ceremony of the families of South-East Command. Present on the occasion were Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Commander of No 22 Light Infantry Division Brig-Gen Ngwe Thein, Commander of No 44 LID Col That Naing Win, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Myo Hla, Brig-Gen Myint Soe of Thaton Station, Col Maung Shein of Kawakereik Station, senior military officers, commanding officers of local battalions and units and their wives, and guests.

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