Exhibition on implementation of Special Four-Year National Education Promotion Plan opens

Yangon, 4 May — The exhibition on implementation of the Special Four-Year National Education Promotion Plan from 2000-2001 to 2003-2004 fiscal years was opened at the Diamond Jubilee Hall on Pyay Road in Kamayut Township this morning, attended by Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Also present were Vice-Chairmen of MEC Secretaries of the State Peace and Development Council Lt.-Gen.Soe Win and Secretary-2 Lt.-Gen Thein Sein, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj.-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon mayor, the deputy ministers, members of MEC, ambassadors, diplomats, resident representatives of the UN agencies, the rectors, the principals, District and Township Education Officers in Yangon Division, school heads of basic education schools, teachers, students, officials of social organizations and guests.

Ma Yadana Aye Min and Ma Hauk Khant Dimt, eighth and tenth standard students of No 2 BEHS, Latha Township and No 2 Basic Education High School in Sangyoung Township, acted as master of ceremonies and announced the agenda in Myanmar and English respectively.

Fourteen students from No 1 Basic Education High School, Dagon Township formally opened the exhibition on implementation of the Special Four-Year National Education Promotion Plan. Students sang songs “Myinmayakkyaw” and “Zartiman” to the accompaniment of the bands of No 4 Basic Education High School in Tamway Township and No 2 BEHS in Latha Township.

The Prime Minister and party inspected the booths displayed in the Diamond Jubilee Hall. They observed charts on knowledge centres displayed in the exhibition on implementation of the special four-year plan and photos of inspection tours of universities and degree colleges by the Head of State.

In the Human Resource Development Booth, they inspected production of Chitosan compound of Science Research Department of Yangon University, cooperation on research jointly organized by Zoology Department of YU and Harrison Institute of the UK in Research Booth and charts on research conducted by international organizations.

The Prime Minister and party visited the booths showing the activities of the lifelong learning society sector and documentaries and records of the Chemistry Department of Yangon University, the booth on the use of technology, the booth of the New Century Resource Centre and the video conference programmes between the No 2 BEHS, Kamayut Township, and the No 2 BEHS, Latha Township.

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Let’s make relentless efforts for total eradication of narcotics

The danger of narcotic drugs is so great that it can even lead to the extinction of mankind. Therefore, the Union of Myanmar, on her own as well as in cooperation with her neighbours and international organizations, has been making constant efforts to wipe out the menace of narcotics.

Drug eradication efforts carried out in the time of the Tatmadaw Government together with the neighbouring countries have met with considerable success. Moreover, in accordance with the guidance of the Head of State, the 15-year plan for eradication of narcotic drugs was started in 1999-2000 with the cooperation of national races.

After success has been achieved in the implementation of the first five-year plan of the 15-year plan, the New Destiny Project was introduced with the purpose of accelerating the momentum of drug eradication drive. Under this project, the ministers and deputy ministers made field trips and provided food, seeds of poppy-substitute crops, pedigrees and agricultural and livestock breeding methods to poppy growers.

A special meeting 1/2004 of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control (CCDAC) was held at the Drug Elimination Museum in Kamayut Township on 2 May and it was attended by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt. In his address at the meeting, the Prime Minister stressed that collective and concerted efforts are to be made for development of education, health and social infrastructures for local people and for ensuring social security and raising their living standard.

In the reports of poppy yield survey jointly carried out by Myanmar and the United States, it can vividly be seen that both poppy cultivation and opium production have significantly decreased year after year. Moreover, destruction of poppy fields were carried out with the cooperation of local people: 1,557 acres were destroyed in 2002-2003 and another 7,519 acres were destroyed up to 21 April, 2004. Under Myanmar-China drug control programme, the two countries are making integrated and well-coordinated efforts in exchange of information on drug eradication. As a result, progress has been made in the fight against drug trafficking and Myanmar has been able to arrest and hand over Chinese culprits wanted in China to Chinese authorities.

We would like to call on all those responsible, local national races and the entire people to make relentless efforts so that their fight against narcotic drugs will meet with unqualified success.

Fuel efficient stoves donated by Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation

Yangon, 4 May — The working group for environment conservation under the Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation donated 100 fuel efficient stoves and gave educative talks on the working group for environmental conservation at No 10 Basic Education Primary School in Ward 20, Hline Township, here, this morning.

Present on the occasion were Vice-President of the MWAF Daw Khin Lay Thet, Advisers to the working group Daw Khin Saw Hnin, Daw Khin Htay Myint and Daw Aye Aye, Patron of Yangon Division Organization for Women’s Affairs Daw Khin Thet Htay, Leader of the working group Daw Yin Yin Lay and members, local authorities, members of township and ward organizations for women’s affairs and Union Solidarity and Development Association and ward dwellers.

The MWAF vice-president delivered a speech on the occasion. The working group leader gave educative talks on women and environmental conservation.

Adviser to the working group well-wisher Daw Khin Htay Myint presented the donation to Township Organization for Women’s Affairs Chairperson Daw Myint Thaung, who then expressed words of thanks. — MNA

Integrating ASEAN’s Newer Members discussed

Yangon, 4 May — Sponsored by the Ministry of Information and organized by the Supervisory Committee for ASEAN Information Seminar Series, a meeting on “Integrating ASEAN’s Newer Members” took place at the meeting hall of the Myanma Information and Communication Technology Park in Hline Township here this morning under the programme of ASEAN Information Seminar Series (Fy 2003-2004).

Chairman of the Supervisory Committee for AISS and Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Aung Tun delivered an address and Secretary of the e-Application Working Committee Col Tin Oo extended greetings.

U Tint Lwin, Deputy General Manager of the Myanma Posts and Telecommunications, presided over the morning session of the meeting. U Myint Soe, Director of the ASEAN Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and U Aung Myint, Director of the Road Transport Administration Department of the Ministry of Rail Transportation put into discussions “Overview on Initiative for ASEAN Integrating (IAI)” and “IAI for Infrastructure” respectively.

The second session of the meeting took place in the afternoon, and Col Tin Oo presided over the meeting.

Dr Kan Zaw, Rector of Yangon University of Economics, discussed matters on “IAI for Human Resource Development (HRD)” and U Tint Lwin, Deputy General Manager of the Myanma Posts and Telecommunications, matters on “IAI for ICT”. — MNA

Business discussions held

Yangon, 4 May — A 5-member delegation from Gambia headed by Minister of Trade, Industry & Employment Mr Edward D Singhatey called on the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry Vice-President U Zaw Min Win, General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing, Joint Secretary-1 U Myo Nyunt and CEC members U Tun Kyi and U Tun Aung at the Kandawgyi Palace Hotel here at 11 am today. The delegation had discussions on bilateral trade with Myanmar rice trading sub-committee members at the UMFFCCI head office at 2 pm. — MNA

Business discussions between Gambia trade delegation and the UMFFCCI Myanmar rice trading sub-committee in progress. — UMFFCCI
Flash floods kill eight villagers in western Iran

TEHRAN, 4 May—Eight people were killed in flash floods after a river in the western Iranian province of Kermanshah burst its banks on Saturday, the official IRNA news agency reported recently.

Six bodies have been recovered so far and search is going on to find the remaining two bodies, the report quoted a local official as saying.

Some of the villagers were on the shores of the Daleh Shir River when it overflooded following a hailstorm, the report said, adding that the floods had destroyed farmlands in the Sarpoel-e-Zahab region.

Local Red Crescent as well as police and natural disaster offices in the province have dispatched rescue and relief teams to the affected areas. — MNA/Xinhua

Business looks grim for designers, int’l buyers disappointed

New Delhi, 4 May—Sounding critical of and disappointed by the collections presented at the Lakme India Fashion Week, big business houses like Saks Fifth Avenue, New York, Browns, London, and Joyce Boutique, recently expressed their disappointment over the collection.

They spoke of a sense that the shows have become too much of a commercial affair as the event not having enough of accessories like scarves, jewellery and shoes.

“Currently, India is fashion forming but is not at the level of fashion. It is not very individual but we have tried to create a fusion of the event not having enough of accessories like scarves, jewellery and shoes.”

“The shows have been a very interesting so far and lots of creativity too, but the designers need to be a little more organized, punctual and have the colour cards and other information about the collection ready,” Albert Morris of Browns said.

“Most of the prisoners detained at Abu Ghraib who are picked up in random military sweeps turn out to be innocent. They are released within three months and given $10 as spending money.”

But some of those who were charged with insubordination and had previously worked in the guards, said the guards were subjected to lengthy interrogations, torture, and humiliation.

“All of the prisoners forced to pose naked in a human pyramid, as photographed by American soldiers. They wanted to humiliate us. It was disgusting,” he said.

“Women soldiers took pictures of naked men and didn’t care.”

Pictures of Iraqi soldiers naked except for hoods over their heads, being tormented by Americans were first broadcast in the United States last week.

Preliminary reports had found that Iraq prison- ers were subjected to “sadistic, blatant and wanton criminal abuses,” according to The New York Times magazine. “They have treated us worse than the pictures shown on TV,” said former prisoner Alta Saleh.

“They beat us, humiliated us. I can’t repeat what they did to us.”

The accounts of humiliation and degradation are turn- ing more Iraqis against the United States.

On Tuesday, another group of prisoners will be released from Abu Ghraib. No one doubts lots of people will want to hear their sto- ries. — Internet

Saudei Defence Minister in hospital for surgery

RIYADH, 4 May—Saudei Arabia’s Defence Minister Prince Sultan, the third most senior member of the royal family, entered hospital on Saturday for surgery.

An official statement carried on the state Saudia Press Agency did not say what kind of surgery the prince would undergo at the Armed Forces Hospital in the Red Sea city of Jeddah. It said the operation fol-

751 US troops killed since beginning of military operations in Iraq last year

BAGHDAD, 4 May—As of Monday, May 3, 751 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq last year, according to the Department of Defense. Of those, 548 died as a result of hostile action and 203 died of non-hostile causes.

The British military has reported 58 deaths; Italy, 17; Spain, eight; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, four; others, two; Den-

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A US soldier from the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, centre, inspects a machine gun as another looks out for guerrillas in Najaf, Iraq, on Monday, May 3, 2004. - Internet
Iraq militiamen clash with US troops

Baghdad, 4 May—U.S. forces in Najaf came under their most intense attack yet by Shi'ite militiamen in a clash Monday that may have killed up to 20 Iraqis.

US forces turned to General Jasm Mohamed Saleh, who used to belong to Saddam’s feared Republican Guard, to help bring order back to Fallujah after US Marines besieged the city for nearly a month.

Saleh, speaking to Reuters in an interview, also said he had yet to receive information on the men wanted for the murder and mutilation of four Americans, contractors which sparked the siege.

“There are no foreign fighters in Fallujah and the local tribal leaders have told me the same,” said Saleh, speaking in the city, among the most loyal to Saddam. US forces turned to

Saddam’s regime last year, US-led authorities in Iraq set about jailing or sacking members of his ruling Baath Party.

Now they are looking to bring back senior officers untainted by the excesses of the Saddam regime to command a new Army.

“The return of the Baathists is a peaceful solution and there are a large number of them who are loyal to the country, capable of administering the country in times of crisis,” Saleh said.

Baathists who had committed crimes should not be allowed to return to government or the Army, he said.

Iraqi general says no foreign fighters in Fallujah

FALLUJAH (Iraq), 4 May — Saddam Hussein’s former general entrusted with bringing security to the rebellious city of Fallujah said on Sunday there were no foreign fighters there despite US insistence around 200 of them were holed up there.

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Saleh having failed to root out guerrillas they estimate at up to 2,000 of the city’s population of 300,000.

US authorities have said there may be something like 200 foreign fighters in Fallujah, although the information is vague. They have demanded people in Fallujah hand them over.

Saleh, who is being assisted by another former general, Abdulhaq Wael, said he represented the ousted Iraqi Army, not the old regime.

Fallujah residents had asked him to maintain security and stability in the city which he comes from, he said.

After overthrowing

Irish children watch a damaged bridge after an attack on US Army forces passing by at the airport road in Baghdad, Iraq, on 3 May, 2004. —AFP

Iran slams US policy in Iraq

TEHRAN, 4 May — Iran recently criticized the US decision to bring former Iraqi Baath Party members back to office, saying Washington had reached a dead end in the official IRNA news agency reported.

“Since America has no strategy in Iraq — or if it has, the strategy is rather wrong — it is pursuing a policy of trial and mistake,” IRNA quoted Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid-Reza Asefi as saying.

“All the Iraqi officials and the country’s source of (spiritual) reference Ayatollah Ali Sistani have opposed this,” Asefi said.

He said the US policy in Iraq is self-interest oriented. “It is obvious that America does not think of the Iraqi people’s interests; rather, it pursues its own interests.”

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China earmarks more fund for anti-poverty projects

BEIJING, 4 May — China’s central government has increased its budgetary for poverty relief programmes by 800 million yuan (nearly 100 million US dollars) to 12.2 billion yuan (1.48 billion US dollars) for this year, official figures showed.

According to the figures released by the Poverty Reduction Office of the State Council, China’s Cabinet, local governments would provide three billion yuan (365 million US dollars) in funding support for those programmes.

An official with the office said the combined government funding for anti-poverty programmes is a record high in the past few years.

By the end of 2003, China has 29 million people under poverty line in rural China, whose per-capita annual income is below 637 yuan (77 US dollars), as against 250 million in 1977, according to a United Nations report issued last month.

“China is also willing to increase the spending to further reduce the number of people below the poverty line,” said an official with the office.

China emphasized Germany’s special role within the European Union in the establishment of Sino-European strategic partnership and expand close consultations on global issues.

In a joint statement issued following their talks, visiting Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder called for renewed efforts to deepen cooperation, enhance multilateralism and close coordination and establish a world order based on mutual cooperation.

The Chinese Premier and his German counterpart exchanged views on current international issues and reached broad consensus. They agreed to expand governmental dialogue on global issues between the two countries, said the joint statement.

The German Government appreciates China’s efforts in addressing the nuclear issue on Korean peninsula and welcomes China’s positive role in promoting openness of the Asian regional cooperation, including the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, the summit meetings between ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations) and China, Japan and South Korea, the joint statement said.

China and Germany called for strengthening the UN’s role and pledged to support the UN’s reform. Both sides highlighted the necessity for the Security Council to reform, including absorbing its members in a balanced way.

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Twenty four Bulgarian soldiers sent home from Iraq

SOFIA, 4 May—Bulgaria sent 24 of its soldiers home Monday after they complained about being unprepared for duty in Iraq, citing the growing danger since the beginning of the insurgency.

Their decision to leave the mission, along with the occasional evacuation of injured or sick soldiers, has brought the number of Bulgarian troops in Iraq down to 454 — dozens fewer than at its strongest.

The military command, however, intends to send replacements in the next 10 days, a Defence Ministry spokeswoman said. Some 30 soldiers are ready to join the contingent in the southern city of Karbala and fill the gap, said the official, who asked not to be identified.

On Monday, 24 soldiers landed in the capital, Sofia, after the military command approved their requests to leave the battalion, the Defence Ministry said.

More than 40 soldiers had initially asked to be sent home, citing the elevated risk of the mission after the beginning of the Shiite insurgency in Karbala, led by armed followers of radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadad. Some of them, however, later reconsidered.

Initially, Bulgaria sent a 450-member infantry battalion to the Polish-led multinational division in south-central Iraq, and later boosted it to 496. But its numbers gradually dropped due to various injuries — some of them in combat, others in accidents — and disease.

In April, one sergeant was killed in a battle with guerrillas, raising the number of Bulgarian military casualties in Iraq to six.

Six soldiers were also pulled out after doctors decided they suffered from "combat stress" — a result of heavy fighting in Karbala in the first week of April.

Ghose said.

Irish General refuses to give up Fallujah fighters

FALLUJAH, 4 May—The Iraqi General chosen to run a new security force in Fallujah yesterday distanced himself from the US military by refusing American demands to give up foreign fighters supposedly hiding in the city. As a flood of civilians returned after four weeks of a ferocious assault on the city by American marines, Major General Jassim Mohammed Saleh said the US had provoked a backlash from ordinary Iraqis.

"The reasons for the resistance go back to the American provocations, the raids and abolishing the army, which made Iraqis join the resistance," he said.

American commanders say 200 foreign fighters are holed up in Fallujah and have demanded that the city hands them over.

But Gen Saleh, an ex-Republican Guard officer who has been mooted to run a 1,000-strong local security force, has refused.

"There are no foreign fighters in Fallujah and the local tribal leaders have told me the same," he said. His remarks have put him at odds with the US-led coalition.

"My guess is, it will not be General Saleh. It will not—he will not be their leader...He may have a role to play, but that vetting has yet to take place."

Yesterday Iraq's police and members of the US-Iraqi Civil Defence Corps were positioned along the main street in the city, but many of the back roads were under the control of men with their faces wrapped in scarves and armed with Kalashnikovs and rocket-propelled grenades.

US forces under fire in Iraqi holy town

NAJAF, Iraq, 4 May—Suspected Shiite militiamen fired mortars and grenades at US forces in the holy town of Najaf in southern Iraq overnight, witnesses said on Sunday.

There were no reports of casualties in the attack, which also targeted the city's US-led administration office.

Tension was running high in and around Najaf, where militiamen of rebel cleric Moqtada al-Sadr control most of the area.

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Indian PC market sees solid performance in first quarter

NEW DELHI, 4 May—Powered by a seasonal government buying, Indian PC market posted a "solid performance" in the first quarter of 2004 while the Asia-Pacific market, excluding Japan, grew by 16 per cent touching 7.5 million units, according to International Data Corporation.

Despite concerns surrounding elections, this performance by the Indian market was largely due to a seasonal government buying, the company said.

Recent IT tax breaks in India also created confusion and supply chain issues at the beginning of the quarter which could have affected sales but the industry sorted out these issues quickly in the following months allowing a minor positive impact on PC sales in the small- and medium business space, it said. IDC, however, did not give India-specific figures in terms of number of units.

Panamanian workers voice concern over possible job cuts

PANAMA CITY, 4 May—About 7,000 Panamanian workers on Saturday voiced their concern over possible job cuts to be caused by free trade agreement (FTA) being negotiated with the United States and bad situation in work places.

Trade union leaders had said the FTA with the United States would pose threats to several local sectors, including agriculture, and would lead to job cuts in the sectors. Panamanian Workers Confederation (CTP) Secretary-General Guillermo Puga warned on Saturday against "any secrets" in the talks with the United States and urged Panamanian authorities to protect national interests in the FTA.

Panamanians being killed in Iraq and Muslim world previously ignored by the photographs of US soldiers torturing and humiliating their captives at Abu Ghraib prison," it said.

"The unhappy fact is that these will almost certainly not be the last such snapshots of war," dated — MNA/Xinhuas

A hooded and wired prisoner is seen at the Abu Ghraib prison near Baghdad, Iraq in this undated photo.

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Iraqis sift through the rubble of a destroyed building in Fallujah on 1 May.

Iraqi women walk towards Fallujah, Iraq, west of Baghdad, Iraq, on 28 April, 2004.

Iraqis wait to pass through a US military checkpoint to return to their homes in Fallujah, Iraq, west of Baghdad, on 28 April, 2004.

Images of Iraq

Iraqi children look at a crater left after US forces shelled the Fallujah’s al-Shuhada neighbourhood on 2 May 2004.


Iraqis react while searching through the rubble of their house, which was shelled by a mortar during a fight between Iraqi guerrillas and U.S. troops, in Fallujah, Iraq, on 2 May, 2004.

An Iraqi child waits with his family to pass through a US military checkpoint to return to his home in Fallujah, Iraq, west of Baghdad, on 29 April, 2004.
New and fast developments throughout Myanmar

Newly opened main building of University of Computer Studies in Shwepyitha Township, Yangon.

Nursing and Midwifery Training School in Kengtung, Shan State (East). — MNA

Newly opened Tein Bridge seen on Monywa-Yagyi-Kalaywa Road in Mingin Township. — MNA
Global rice sufficiency and technological development

Myanmar observed the World Population Day at the International Business Centre in Yangon on 11 July 2003. According to the newsletter distributed at the ceremony, the global population then was about 6,300 million. The rise in the population will increase the food demand. Thus food sufficiency is required for the growing population.

The World Population Year was marked in Bucharest, Romania, in 1974, attended by delegates of 149 UN member countries, who focused their discussions on the population and food problem. At the meeting the US president, Nixon, announced the shortcoming of food shortage will arise in all areas of the world.

In 1970 biochemistry specialists, in some places of the world, insufficiency. Food shortages had made people eat grass in the primitive society. The advancement in the maritime transport. In the ancient times, per hectare yield exceeds 10 tons. The efforts of the mechanical and agricultural scientists, by applying the technology and the science developed and the system of corporate ownership were not enough to meet the food needs of global population; and that the right way was the biotechnology to speedily develop the quality and increase the number of animals and plants.

In 2000, the world’s rice production was 598.852 million metric tons, with Asia producing 545.477 million metric tons; Latin America, 22.99 million metric tons; Africa, 17.19 million metric tons; Europe, 3.103 million metric tons; the US, 8.669 million meteric tons; and Australia, 1.4 million metric tons. The rice exporters were Thailand 6.14 million metric tons, Vietnam 3.433 million metric tons, China 3.071 million tons, USA 2.736 million metric tons, Pakistan 2.016 million metric tons, and India 1.533 million tons. The volume of global rice export was 23.428 million metric tons; Latin America, 22.99 million metric tons; South Korea 172,000 tons, Singapore 69,000 tons, Sri Lanka 206,000 tons, Cambodia 36,000 tons, Laos 10,000 tons, and Bhutan 10,000 tons. The global import of rice was 21.788 million tons. In 1999, the world’s average per capita rice consumption was 58 kilos. The average per capita rice consumption was 211 kilos in Myanmar; 171 kilos in Laos; 169 kilos in Vietnam; 168 kilos in Bangladesh; 165 kilos in Cambodia; 154 kilos in Indonesia; 101 kilos in Malaysia; 100 kilos in the Philippines; 94 kilos in ROK; 90 kilos in the PRC; 75 kilos in the DPRK; 74 kilos in India; 60 kilos in Japan and 15 kilos in Pakistan. Rice is still an essential food for half the world’s population in the 21st Century.

The population in the developing countries will continue to grow. Rice demand will become higher and higher each passing year. A number of rice growing countries, especially the ones that are producing surplus food, are responsible for ensuring global rice sufficiency. As Myanmar is included in the countries enjoying rice sufficiency, I believe that the extension of land and water resources, the laying down and implementing of the work programmes of the doubly green revolution and the firm resolve to ensure rice sufficiency will best solve the food problem.

(Translation: TMT)
Commander attends Shwehtidaw hoisting ceremony of Aungdawmu Pagoda

YANGON, 4 May — A ceremony to hoist the Shwe Htidaw atop Aungdawmu Pagoda in Maunglaung village, Kyunus Township, Taninathiy Division, was held at the pagoda on 29 April morning.

It was attended by Myekk Tawya Kyaung Sayawad Bhaddanta Tejobhasa and Sayawad and members of the Sangha. Taninathiy Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Coastal Region Command Commander Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and wife, senior military officers, Taninathiy Division General Administration Department Commissioner U Maung Muang Win and departmental officials, those of social organizations, wellbeingers and their families and local people.

First, the ceremony was opened with the three-time recitation of Name Tassa and the Tawya Kyaung Sayawad invested the commander and congregation with the Five Precepts. Next, Lay persons offered paritta flowers and water to the Sayawad and members of the Sangha, who then delivered a sermon.

The lay persons sprinkled paritta water on the platform of the pagoda. The commander and wife, U Win Bo and wife, well-wishers and laity offered the Shwe Htidaw, Ngenmyatnayadaw, tiers and offertories to the monks and shared merits gained.

The commander and party conveyed the Shwe Htidaw, Ngenmyatnayadaw, tiers and walked round the pagoda three times clockwise.

Towards, the commander and officials enshrined religious objects in the reliquary and hoisted the Shwe Htidaw, Ngenmyatnayadaw, tiers atop the pagoda. Then, the ceremony came to a close.

After the ceremony, the commander and party went round Maunglaung village and made cash donations for digging of drinking water ponds and presented bags of cement for the construction of village basic school — MNA

Exhibition on …

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They also viewed the books published by Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science and documentation of the Myanmar Language Commission at the Promotion of Quality of Education Booth, documentation showing the activities of SEAMEO Regional Centre for History and Tradition at the booth on the Preservation of National Identity and National Values, books, papers and records concerning the four-year Special National Education Promotion Programme.

On the second floor, they inspected the skills of the students in operating the electronic media, projected media, electronic media and Internet at the ICT Development Booth and the booth on the education environment and facilities.

Afterwards, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt cordially greeted guests, teachers and students. The exhibition continues till 7 May, opening from 8.30 am to 4.30 pm daily free of charge. — MNA

Pagodas in Mandalay teeming with people 
on Fullmoon Day of Kason

YANGON, 4 May— Pagodas in Mandalay were packed with pilgrims yesterday (Fullmoon Day of Kason).

At 5 am, Yedaw Sayawad Agga Maha Suddhammajokkadha Bhaddanta Panavamsa cleansed the face of Maha Myat Muni Yokhindaw Buddha Image and the religious associations offered Shwethidaw, “soon” and water to the image.

Pilgrims also offered Shwethidaw, “soon” and water to the Maha Myat Muni Yokhindaw Buddha Image and poured water at the Maha Bodhi tree on the pagoda compound.

Likewise, on the Fullmoon Day of Kason, pilgrims, departmental personnel and social organizations poured water at Bo trees on the pagoda campuses in Mandalay. — MNA

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presented offertories to members of the Sangha.

Next, member Sayawad of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Viuta delivered a sermon and the ceremony ended by sharing of merits gained.

In the evening, the commander together with officials attended the water-pouring ceremony at the Maha Bodhi tree held on the platform of the pagoda and paid homage to Buddha images at the U Maung Gyi prayer hall of the pagoda.

Next, the commander and wife and the congregation poured water at the Maha Bodhi tree at the south-east corner of the pagoda.

The ceremony ended with the three-time recitation of Buddha Sasanam Ciram Titthatu. — MNA

Korean products introduced

YANGON, 4 May— KOTRA of the Embassy of Republic of Korea in Yangon sponsored a meeting between domestic ladies and cleanroom Trade Mission of ROK at Traders Hotel here today.

At the meeting, officials of four Korean companies of Cheonbuk Trade Mission introduced their products including air cleaners producing stress relief odor, manufactured by Pion Tech Co Ltd, pesticide sprayers and various brands of pesticides produced by Taeguk Corp, cars and gaskets of Hankuk Manste Co Ltd, and water purifiers manufactured by Fourhands Co Ltd, and also held discussion with Myanmar counterparts on a wide array of trade issues based on common interest.

Seventeen domestic and foreign companies, with branches in Myanmar, took part in the meeting opened with addresses delivered by ROK Ambassador Mr Lee Kyung-Woo and Commercial Attaché Mr Cho Yoon-Tae. — MNA

Drive safely

Regional development projects inspected

YANGON, 4 May — Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Ayya, accompanied by Col Hnin Aung of local station and departmental officials, arrived at the briefing hall of Public Works in Mindat Township on 28 April. On the occasion, officials reported on progress in constructing 102-mile Mindat-Matupi road. In response to the report, the commander gave instructions on completion of the 30-foot-wide gravel road and attended to the needs. On the morning of 29 April, the commander looked into construction tasks and digging of drains along Mindat-Matupi road. At the briefing hall at mile post No 32/ 7, Deputy Superintendent Engineer U Tin Hsan reported on work progress road section-wise.

The commander fulfilled the requirements. Next, the commander proceeded to Matupi and inspected the farm, where a total of 105,000 tea plants are nursed. Deputy Manager of Chin State Myanma Agriculture Service U Go Ramma reported on growing and nursing of tea plantations in Chin State. The commander attended to the requirements and inspected the plantations. The commander headed for border area national youths development centre in Matupi and inspected the hostels and the mess. The commander presented clothes to local people.

Afterwards, the commander visited the monastery in Matupi and paid reverence to Presiding Sayawad Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Rajinda. He also presented offertories to the Sayawad and supplicated on religious matters.

In the evening, the commander together with officials, social organizations and townelders at the office of Matupi Township Peace and Development Council. Township Chairman U Soe Nyunt and District Chairman Lt- Col Sein Ya reported on geographical points of the region and progress in carrying out regional development undertakings. Regarding the reports, the commander gave instructions and presented clothes and utensils to local people. Then, the commander inspected Matupi People’s Hospital land preparations for construction of a building of BEHS-2. The commander gave necessary instructions and fulfilled the requirements. MNA

Donate blood
World Bank head blasts rich world for aid spending

WASHINGTON, 4 May — World Bank President James Wolfensohn blasted rich nations on Monday for making statements on issues such as poverty, aid or trade to score headlines and then failing to deliver on promises.

Speaking at a World Bank development economics conference, Wolfensohn said none of the Group of Eight rich countries, the United States, Japan, Germany, Britain, France, Italy, Canada and Russia — spent a targeted 0.7 per cent of their gross national income on foreign aid.

Yet, the world’s major governments spent 900 billion US dollars on defence, but provide just 60 billion US dollars for aid, of which a large amount is in cash, said Wolfensohn, whose organization is charged with leading the global fight against poverty.

“It is the 21st century which go through every year a sort of shadow play at the G-8 meetings when Sherpas come around to try and see what it is that can be highlighted that won’t cost a lot of money, but which will get a headline,” said Wolfensohn, adding: “And I’m not joking about this.

“This is why you dig down for fundamental changes. Doha (round of trade talks) has not been a huge success so far in terms of agriculture and other opening of trade and aid has hardly been a success.”

Sherpas are the senior bureaucrats who set the agendas of summit meetings for their political bosses.

Wolfensohn said tackling poverty should be treated with the same urgency as rebuilding of Iraq or Afghanistan.

“The issue of development and poverty is as important and urgent as the question of Iraq, as the question of Afghanistan or Gaza,” he said in a jab at the United States, which is the bank’s biggest shareholder.

Both the rich and the poor world recognized the challenges of tackling poverty and corruption and providing health and education, but fell short on fulfilling their commitments, said Wolfensohn.

“My sense is that we don’t have that balance and my further sense is that we don’t have the leadership at the moment that can take us through in a satisfactory way in dealing with these questions,” he said.

World Bank statistics released on April 23 said poverty fell sharply in developing countries in the past 20 years, but huge disparities remain.

It said the proportion of people living in extreme poverty on less than 1 US dollar a day dropped by about half to 21 per cent from 40 per cent between 1981 and 2001. In Sub-Saharan Africa, however, the proportion of poor rose to 46 per cent from 41 per cent in the same period, it added.

MNA/Reuters

Hundredsof Californians ordered to evacuate due to wildfires

LOS ANGELES, 4 May — One home and one university building were destroyed Monday as three wildfires were raging across southern California, western United States.

The fires have burned a total of more than 2,000 acres as of early Monday as a record-breaking heat wave continued to batter the region.

One fire, in hills south of Temecula in Riverside County, destroyed a home and a research facility, both owned by the University of California, Riverside.

At least three firefighters have suffered minor injuries in firefighting with the fires which all started Sunday.

Hundreds of US residents threatened by the fires were ordered Monday, the first day of southern California’s 2004 fire season.

The largest fire, near the Camp Pendleton Marine base, had burned approximately 1,000 acres and threatened about 200 homes along steep slopes. It was one of three点燃 Monday. About 80 homes in the area were ordered to evacuate as a precaution.

Residents of about 100 homes near the Temecula fire and the third fire near Lake Elsinore in Riverside County had been advised to evacuate.

Due to the rare high temperature and dry weather, southern California’s 2004 fire season was declared three weeks earlier than last year.

MNA/Xinhua

Strong earthquake recorded in Chile

Dreven (Colorado), 4 May — A strong earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 6.6 struck near the coast of Chile early on Monday, but there were no reports of casualties or damages, according to the United States Geological Survey.

The tremor occurred at 12:56 a.m. (0436 GMT) about 320 miles south-southeast of Santiago and about 55 miles south of Concepcion, said seismologist Bill Smith.

“It could cause some damage,” said Smith, but there are no major cities nearby, but there are some small towns near the epicentre.

No tidal wave warning was issued, despite the location of the epicentre, he said. — MNA/Reuters

Poll shows Blair hit by loss of trust

LONDON, 4 May — Britain’s main opposition leader has become the first to achieve the same popularity rating as Tony Blair since Blair became Labour Party leader almost 10 years ago, according to an opinion poll published on Tuesday.

Some 29 per cent of voters now think Conservative Party leader Michael Howard would make the best prime minister, the same rating as Prime Minister Blair, the YouGov poll for the Daily Telegraph newspaper showed.

Six months after he took over from Iain Duncan Smith, Howard has become the first Conservative leader to match Blair’s rating, the Telegraph said.

The Conservatives have been ahead of Blair’s ruling Labour Party for several months. In Tuesday’s poll some 39 per cent said they would vote Conservative, while 35 per cent would vote Labour.

The poll suggests Blair is no longer the huge electoral asset he once was for the Labour Party. Many voters see him as untrustworthy and many of his personal ratings have turned negative.

The poll comes after a turbulent few weeks for Blair, whose popularity has suffered in the wake of the Iraq war, and has faced criticism for making a U-turn to grant a referendum on the European Union Constitution and over problems with Britain’s immigration system.

Blair was given a +37 per cent rating on trustworthiness, compared to the +37 per cent he polled in 1997. He was also improve infrastructure as a basis for sustained economic growth, poverty reduction and employment creation in the country, he added.

Awoiri said Kenya is a fertile ground for investors to put their money in, for “the government is determined to ensure that the domestic financial sector is strengthened and developed.”

MNA/Xinhua

Kenya lays foundation for social, economic development

Nairobi, 4 May — Kenya’s Vice-President Moody Awori has assured investors that his government has laid a foundation for good governance and economic recovery, the Vice-President’s Press Service said here Monday.

While meeting with a French investors’ delegation in the Kenyan capital Nairobi, Awori said the Kenyan Government is making efforts to create an enabling domestic environment aimed at mobilizing domestic resources, increase productivity, reduce capital flight, encourage the private sector and attract and make effective use of international investment and assistance.

Meanwhile, the Kenya Finance Minister George Mwangi said the government is determined to rejuvenate the country by laying solid democratic institutions responsive to the needs of the people and also

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Indian scientist elected to US national academy of sciences

MUMBAI, 4 May — Professor Ramanath Cowisk of the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), well known for his seminal contribution to neutrino physics, gravitation and high-energy astrophysics, has been elected to the prestigious Fellowship of the US National Academy of Sciences. Cowisk was elected at the 141st annual general meeting of the academy, an IIA release said. Professor Cowisk is the first to suggest that most of the matter in the universe may be in the form of weakly interacting particles, the release said.

AIDS is a national concern.
India is very well placed to observe the current lunar eclipse with all of the eclipse being visible from the country, she said.

Most parts of Africa, middle East Asia, and Eastern Europe would also view all of the current eclipse while some phases could be seen from South America, Western Europe, Australia and eastern parts of Asia, she said.

North America would miss this eclipse, she said.

However, India is not well placed to view the next lunar eclipse on 28th October this year as moon would set soon after the eclipse starts. It would be visible from most of the Americas, as well as western portions of Europe and Africa.

Rathnasree said that an interesting thing about lunar eclipses is that the time of their occurrence is the same as seen by widely separated observers anywhere in the world. This is the third such event within a span of less than a year, the two previous lunar eclipses having occurred during 2003 on May 15-16 and November 8.

**Nigeria shops for nearly $350m for 2005 population census**

LAGOS, 4 May — Nigeria, the most populous country in Africa, is shopping for about 348 million US dollars to conduct a nationwide population census in 2005, 14 years after its last headcount.

Alhaji Bashir, chairman of the House of Representatives Committee on Population, was quoted by the Sunday Vanguard newspaper as saying on Saturday that the proposed headcount in this year’s budget.

According to the newspaper, population census has been a sensitive matter in the policy since 1963 when it was first conducted in Nigeria, “given its role in national planning and in specific areas like allocations of funds from the federation account, distribution of amenities and representation in the government.”

The last census conducted in 1991 put the nation’s population at nearly 89 million, but, according to current estimates, there are no fewer than 120 million people living in the country at present, the newspaper said.

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The National Population Commission has estimated the country’s population is still below 130 million, probably 126 million, as against recent projections of 140 to 150 million.

**Lightning kills two mountain climbers in central Malaysia**

KUALA LUMPUR, 4 May — Two mountain climbers were killed and 18 others injured by strike of lightning while trekking Mount Gunung Rajah in Malaysia’s central state of Pahang Sunday night, a spokesman of the Fire and Rescue Department said on Monday.

Thick mist shrouded around Gunung Rajah, which blocked pilots’ visibility and endangered rescue operations, had hampered the airlifting of two mountaineers’ bodies, the spokesman told reporters here.

And 26 mountain climbers, including the 18 wounded were still stranded at the top of the mountain and only three minister in-jured had been rushed to nearby Benton Hospital, he said.

The mountain climbers include trainees of the Pahang Skills Training Institute and factory workers from Nilai, Negeri Semilan State.

Air rescue operations had to be called off Monday evening due to thick mist and the operations would resume Tuesday morning, Pahang Chief Minister Anuar Yaakob said.

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**Earthquake tremors felt in Sarawak**

KUALA LUMPUR, 4 May — Tremors from an earthquake which occurred in the South China Sea at 7:29 am on Saturday were felt in Miri, Bintulu and other places in Sarawak, east Malaysia.

The Meteorological Services Department in Kuala Lumpur said the earthquake measured 4.8 on the Richter Scale.

The epicentre was between 113.2 degrees North and Longitude 11.2 degrees East in the South China Sea, about 90 kilometres off Miri, 430 kilometres off Kuching and 1,290 kilometres from Kuala Lumpur.

Bintulu Police Station duty officer Inspector Zulkifli Sulaiman said the tremors were felt over a wide area in the division.

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It was also the first time the nation saw its ranking in global service trade enter the top ten, according to the newly released report on China’s foreign trade by the Ministry of Foreign Trade.

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The figure accounted for 2.7 per cent of the world’s total and made the country the largest service trade exporter in developing countries, the report said.

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Jubilo slumps to first J-League defeat of the season
Tokyo, 4 May — Midfielder Kenosuke Ota scored a superb 61st-minute winner as Shimizu S-Pulse ended Jubilo Iwata’s perfect start to the J-League season with a 1-0 victory in the Shizuoka derby on Sunday. Ota latched on to a pass from Brazilian Araujo at the Ecopark World Cup Stadium to score his first goal for S-Pulse, who moved up one place to 10th on nine points after only their second win in seven games. Jubilo, who had Brazilian striker Rodrigo Gral sent off in the 73rd minute, have 18 points — four ahead of JEF United Ichihara and champions Yokohama F-Marinos. Ichihara were held 1-1 at home by Kashima Antlers, while Yokohama won 2-0 at FC Tokyo thanks to goals from South Korea striker Ahn Jung-hwan and Daiku Oku. Tokyo Verdy won 1-0 at fellow strugglers Albirex Niigata while bottom club Cerezo Osaka lost 3-0 at Oita Trinita in Kyushu. Jubilo pair Ueslei and Marques were on target as Nagoya Grampus Eight won 2-0 at Gamba Osaka. Kashima Antlers overcame visiting Vissel Kobe 2-0. In an evening game, wireless Sanfrecce Hiroshima toiled to a 0-0 draw at home by Nippon Covid holders Urawa Redmen — MNA/Reuters

Leeds survival hopes ended by 4-1 Bolton defeat
London, 4 May — Leeds United’s hopes of Premier League survival disappeared in eight awful second-half minutes on Sunday as a 1-0 lead turned into a 4-1 defeat at Bolton Wanderers that, barring a miracle, sent them down. Leeds led through a 27th minute Mark Viduka penalty but their hopes dipped when the Australian was sent off eight minutes later. Two goals for Youri Djorkaeff and an own goal in the first 10 minutes of the second half, plus a late Lee Nolan effort, completed Bolton’s comeback. The result left Leeds six points behind Manchester City with two games remaining but with City boosting a goal difference by 36, relegation is a formality.

Queiroz bemoans third sending-off in three games
Mazem, 4 May — Real Madrid coach Carlos Queiroz attributed his side’s 2-0 defeat by Deportivo Coruna on Saturday to having a player sent off for a third successive game and a lack of any fortune in front of goal. It’s very unusual to have to play with 10 men for a third game in a row and especially difficult against a side of the quality of Deportivo,” Queiroz told a news conference. Real dominated for much of the game against Deportivo, who were fielding a second string side ahead of next Tuesday’s Champions League semifinal second leg against Porto.

But the home side took the lead against the run of play when striker Diego Tristan snapped home after Nicky de Jong. The Frenchman thought he had a second goal minutes later only for Gary Kelly to head his fierce drive off the line but in the 53rd minute he hit the net again after Nicky Hunt’s effort was beaten out. A minute later Ian Hart clumsily diverted a left-wing cross into his own net to complete the turnaround. Bolton were in complete control from then on and it was no surprise when Nolan latched onto another killer Okocha pass to tuck in the fourth minute from time. Caretaker manager Edie Gray, one of the stalwarts of the great Leeds teams of the late 1960s and early 70s, said there was a huge feeling of disappointment around the club.

The league isn’t over yet and we can be sure we will be fighting until the very last minute, but obviously it is going to be more difficult for us from now on.” — MNA/Reuters

Shevchenko header gives Milan 17th Italian title
Milan, 4 May — AC Milan won their 17th Italian title on Sunday with a 1-0 win over second-placed AS Roma.

A second-minute header from Ukrainian striker Andriy Shevchenko gave Milan the victory, which leaves them with a nine-point advantage over Roma and just two games remaining.

But there were ugly scenes as the game was interrupted twice in the second half after Roma fans hurled fireworks and missiles on to the pitch.

First, Milan’s Gennaro Gattuso was stunned by a powerful firework that exploded near him after Roma’s appeals for a penalty following a handling offence were controversially turned down.

Then Milan goalkeeper Didier Dida had to receive medical attention after he was twice struck by objects thrown from the crowd.

Milan were firmly in control after the best possible start when Brazilian Kaka produced a pinpoint cross from the right and Shevchenko rose superbly to head past sprawling Roma keeper Ivan Pelizzoli for his 22nd league goal of the season. Milan should have gone home in 2-0 up at the break as just three minutes before the interval Kaka fed an unmarked Shevchenko but the Ukrainian screwed his shot wide from a promising position.

Roma were furious, though, four minutes after the restart when Francesco Totti’s free-kick struck Shevchenko’s raised arm in the wall and their penalty appeals were turned down. Despite the mood turning sour, with Roma fans also hurling firecrackers into the stands occupied by Milan supporters, a capacity crowd at San Siro at the final whistle with Milan’s Carlo Ancelotti celebrating his first title as a coach.

“It’s fantastic. I’m very happy, especially because of our performance today,” Ancelotti told Sky Sport. “Roma had a great season and it was right that it should come down to this game,” said the Milan coach, who twice finished second in the title race in charge of Juventus.

Milan captain Paolo Maldini and defender Alessandro Costacurta set club records with their seventh

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Wednesday, May 5

View today:

7:00 am
1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamaitha

7:15 am
2. Variety of My- Ardent Wish

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3. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am
4. Morning news

7:40 am
5. Nice and sweet song

7:55 am
6. Songs of national races

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7. the weather

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8. read the Obituaries

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1. Discovery of National News

8:45 am
2. Happy and Educational

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WEATHER

Tuesday, 4, May 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 9:30 hours MST:

Maximum temperature on 4-5-2004 was 24.0°C (75°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 4-5-2004 was 61%. Total sunshine hours on 5-5-2004 was (10.3) hours. Rainfall on 4-5-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, 1.7mm at 7pm (07:27 inch) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 5mm (0.20 inch) at Yangon Airport and 12 mm (0.47 inch) at Kaba-Aye and 12 mm (0.48 inch) at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 15 mph from Southwest at (17:20) hours MST on 5-5-2004.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 5-5-2004: Rain or thunder showers are likely to be scattered in Tanintharyi Division, isolated on Mon State, Mandalay/Yangon, Ayeyawady and Bago Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%). State of the sea: Seas will be slight for Myanmar waters. Outlook for the subsequent two days: Thun- dershowers in Southern Myanmar waters.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 5-5-2004: Possibility of isolated rain or thunder showers in the evening. Degree of certainty is (40%). Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 5-5-2004: Possibility of isolated rain or thunder showers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Earthquake Report

An Earthquake of Moderate intensity (5.4) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside of Myanmar about 330 miles South- west of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at 00:12 hrs (12 min) 38 sec MST on 4th May, 2004.

Daw Mayar Suha

Age 78 years

Beloved wife of Major B.M.Suha (Retd) Zeya Kyaw Htun, Thura, MC (Deceased), House No 104/106 Maha Bandoola Rd, Yangon, Mother of Daw Indra Suha-U Kyaw Myint, Daw Dhan Suha, U Jimmy Suha+Daw Rina, Mr Ricky Limbe+Mrs Florence, Daw Dawdaw, Suha+Mr E Rodgers U Didi+Daw Daw Ga Ma Suha+Mr Collin Green, Daw Dolly Suha+Mr K Romeo, Grandmother of (9), Great Grandmother of (2), Daw Mayar Suha passed away on 3-5-2004 at 7:00 pm on Asia Royal Hospital. Funeral on Wednesday 5-5-2004 at 11.00 am on the Yang Hlaing Cemetery. Cars will leave at 10:00 am from the above address.

Burred Family

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YANGON, 4 May — A ceremony to consecrate Buddha images on the platform of Shwemutaw Pagoda in Pathein to mark the Fullmoon Day of Kason was held at U Maung Gyi prayer hall of the pagoda yesterday morning.

It was attended by members of the Sangha led by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Sangha Nayaka Committee Kontha Kyuorgtaik Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Vilasa, Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing and wife, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Tint Swe and senior military officers, Secretary of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Thein Hlaing and departmental officials, social organizations and others.

First, the ceremony was opened with the three times recitation of Namo Tassa. Next, Sayadaws consecrated the pagoda and Buddha images.

Next, Ovadacaryya of the Pagoda Pathein Way Lay Sein Kyaungtaik Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nagavamsa invited the congregation with the Five Precepts and members of the Sangha recited parittas. Afterwards, the commander and wife and officials presented gifts to the guests. Later, the chairperson of the association followed.

Present on the occasion were Vice-Presidents of MMCWA Dr Kyi Soe and Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint and CEC members. Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe explained functions of the association. Next, Malaysian PUSPANITA-JPM Chairperson Y Bhg Puam Sri Hazlin Binti Abdul Karim called on President of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe at the meeting hall of MMCWA in South Oakkalapa Township at 9 am today.

Saw Shwe presented the gifts to the guests. Later, the chairperson of PUSPANITA-JPM signed in the visitors' book and viewed round the photos of activities carried out by the MMCWA in the hall and had a documentary photo taken together with President of the association Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe. The delegation visited the Early Child Development Centre and domestic science training schools.

L & F Minister attends formation of Myanmar Prawn Entrepreneurs Association

YANGON, 4 May — A ceremony to form Myanmar Prawn Entrepreneurs Association was held at the Yuzana Garden Hotel on Alanya Pagoda Road here this morning.

Present were Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Deputy Minister U Aung Thein, departmental officials, the chairman and executives of the association, those of companies and social associations and guests.

Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and U Htay Myint, Chairman of Myanmar Fisheries Federation delivered speeches at the ceremony.

The secretary general of the federation U Kyee Ngwe announced the list of the 25-member executive committee and the list of the 7-member advisory group.

On behalf of the new executive committee, Chairman U Hla Maung Shwe spoke words of thanks and the ceremony ended.

The first meeting of the executive committee of the association followed.

Upgrading of roads inspected in Yangon

YANGON, 4 May — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Chairperson of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected works of upgrading roads in Yangon this morning.

Next, they looked into road upgrading tasks in Kamayut, Mingala Taungnyunt and Kyauktada townships.

During the inspection tour, the commander and the mayor gave instructions on meeting the set standards and duration of the facilities and attended to the needs.