Nibbanasacchikiriya ca, to realize the Nirvana; this is the way to auspiciousness.

**The National Convention is the concern of all our national races.**

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**Four political objectives**
* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
* National reconsolidation
* Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
* Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

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**Four economic objectives**
* Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
* Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
* Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
* The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

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**Four social objectives**
* Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
* Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
* Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
* Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

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YANGON, 23 June — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Khin Nyunt received President of Nam Fatt Corporation Berhad Tan Sri Dato’ Ajit Singh and party of Malaysia at Zeyahtiri Beikman at 8.30 am today. Present at the call were Minister for Commerce Brig. Gen Pyi Sone, Minister for Forestry Brig. Gen Thein Aung, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Khin Maung Win, Director-General U Soe Tint of the Government Office and Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of the Protocol Department. — MNA

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National unity and Union Spirit are of utmost importance to the Union of Myanmar, home to various national races. The Government, in accordance with the guidance by the Head of State on harmonious development of states and divisions, is hard at work on the 24-region development and at the same time is implementing the development plan for border areas and national races and the five rural development tasks. All these plans and tasks are aimed at bridging the development gap between remote and interior regions and between rural and urban areas, especially in health and education. And these two sectors are being given special emphasis as they directly contribute to human resource development. Human resource development projects are being carried out all over the nation as it is the name of the game for the emergence of a modern and developed nation.

Magway Division is situated in the central part of Myanmar. Hence, emphasis is laid on developing education, health and transport sectors of the division by the Government. Efforts are made for ensuring Magway to possess characteristics of a city. Regional development is being carried out with zest and zeal in the division. As necessary infrastructures for economic development of the region, dams and reservoirs, transport facilities and river water pumping stations are being built in the division.

During his tour of Magway Division, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt met Division/District/Township Peace and Development Council members, personnel of social organizations and town elders at the City Hall of Magway on 21 June. In his address to the meeting, the Prime Minister said that there is no food sufficiency in Magway Division yet. Each region should extend cultivation of crops to be self-sufficient in food without relying on other regions, he pointed out. Magway Division has only 71 per cent of self-sufficiency of food and thus water from irrigation facilities is to be utilized effectively and double and multiple cropping are to be carried out. Local authorities, departmental personnel and local populace are urged to strive for boosting cultivation of paddy and oil crops.
Thousands call for Ukrainian withdrawal from Iraq

Kiev, 22 June — Thousands of Ukrainian protesters on Tuesday demanded the government bring troops home from Iraq, saying politicians had no right to spill the blood of others for their own gain.

About 2,000 Communists holding red flags and 5,000 Orange Order loyalists, who carried icons, swarmed the independence square in Ukraine’s capital Kiev and then marched to parliament, where speaker after speaker called for the troops’ return.

“We have come to this square to say again and again — there is not one politician for whom war solves conflict, for whom the blood of our children pays our debts or increases our riches,” Communist Party leader Petro Symonenko told protesters.

Retired general Mykhailo Pukhno said soldiers should never do politicians’ bidding. “The government…sent them there for their own interests. People should die for something their country needs, not for someone else’s interests,” he said.

President Leonid Kuchma’s motives for sending about 1,600 peacekeepers to Iraq has come under fire, with many opposition politicians saying the move was for their country’s independence square in Ukraine’s capital Kiev and then marched to parliament, where speaker after speaker called for the troops’ return.

“My father said very clearly, no joint patrols but (cooperate) in the areas of capacity building.” Najib said Fargo had claimed the house was owned by an Iraqi family and that no foreign terrorists were there.

“On these two counts, Malaysia agreed to cooperate with the United States,” Najib said.— MNA/Reuters

An attack on the Strait would strike at Asia’s economic heart. More than 500,000 commercial vessels travel the narrow 500-mile channel each year, carrying about a third of the world’s commerce through those two choke points. About 2,000 ships pass the Strait each day.

“Wherever and whenever we find elements of the Zarqawi network, we will attack them,” he said.

The Saturday attack levelled a building US officials said was a suspected al-Zarqawi safe house. Fallujah officials
**S Korea to evacuate businessmen from Iraq**

**Seoul, 22 June**—South Korea said Tuesday it will evacuate all of its nationals doing business in Iraq as the country awaited word on a countryman held by militants there and threatened with beheading.

The Commerce, Industry and Energy Ministry said the evacuation affects five South Koreans still in Iraq, and that it will be finished by early next month. Most of the men work for South Korean companies that supply the US military, Minister Lee Hee-bom said.

The abducted man, Kim Sun-il, worked for such a supplier. His captors, purportedly al-Qaeda-linked militants, said they would kill him if the South Korean government did not decree by early Tuesday to cancel its deployment of troops to Iraq.

The deadline passed with the government sticking to its plan to dispatch 3,000 soldiers, beginning in August.

In a statement on Wednesday, the government did not provide a definite word on whether Kim was still alive. The Dubai-based television network Al-Arabiya said the deadline had been extended, but provided no details or source for the report.

"We have various intelligence and information on that matter, but we cannot give you a definite answer," Foreign Ministry spokesman Shin Bong-kil said at a briefing.

Shin said South Korea was trying to establish contact with as many countries and organizations as possible to help win the release of the 33-year-old Kim.

A South Korean security company later cited an Iraqi government source as saying that Kim was still alive on Tuesday after the execution deadline had expired.

Fearing attacks in other countries, South Korean conglomerates such as Hyundai Corp and Daewoo International Corp have also stepped up security at overseas branches and ordered employees to avoid dangerous areas, Yonhap reported.—Internet

**US soldier killed in Baghdad**

**Baghdad, 22 June**—A mortar attack in Baghdad and two assaults on US forces northeast of the capital killed one US soldier and wounded nine others, the military said Tuesday, as militants showed no sign of letting up in attacks against Americans ahead of the 30 June transfer of sovereignty.

Troops were attacked twice on Monday in the predominantly Sunni Muslim city of Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, said Maj Neal O’Brien of the 1st Infantry Division. In the first attack, one soldier was wounded by an improvised explosive device—a homemade bomb. In the second attack, two soldiers were wounded by small arms fire and evacuated to the 31st Combat Support Hospital in Baghdad, O’Brien said.

All three are in stable condition.

Also Monday, a mortar attack in north-central Baghdad killed a US soldier and wounded six other soldiers, the military said. A contract worker was also wounded.

Iraq guerrillas also gunned down four US Marines on Monday west of Baghdad, apparently stripping the dead of their flak jackets before fleeing.

A videotape delivered to Associated Press Television News showed the bodies lying in what appeared to be a walled compound. They were in uniform and one was slumped in the corner of a wall.

The mortar attack happened in north-central Baghdad. Seven Army soldiers were wounded in addition to the one killed, the US command said.—Internet

**Hearing postponed for US soldier in Iraq leash photo**

**Fort Bragg (North Carolina), 22 June**—A military hearing for a US soldier photographed holding a naked Iraqi prisoner on a leash in an abuse scandal that shook the Bush Administration was postponed on Monday.

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**US twins separated and doing well**

**Washington, 22 June**—Four-month-old twins born joined at the chest but separated over the weekend are doing well and may help write the textbook for the tricky operations, their surgeons said on Monday.

Jade and Erin Buckles are sedated and still breathing with the help of ventilators, but surgeons are celebrating an easier-than-expected operation to separate them on Saturday. "They are in intensive care and making good progress so we are encouraged," lead surgeon Dr Gary Hartman of Children’s National Medical Centre in Washington said in a telephone interview.

The little girls were born fused at the chest, with intertwined hearts that beat in unison, and a shared liver. Hartman, who has now separated four sets of conjoined twins, said he hopes to document his team’s careful planning for the operation.

Conjoined twins occur once in every 200,000 live births and doctors say each case is unique. No one is quite sure how they become joined but the theory is that a simple tiny embryo destined to split in two fails to do so completely.

Recent high-profile cases include Egyptian Ahmed and Mohammed Ibrahim, now 3, who were joined at the tops of their heads but separated in a 34-hour operation in Dallas last October and 29-year-old Laleh and Ladan Bijani from Iran, who died from blood loss in Singapore last July after a risky 52-hour operation.

In comparison, the case of the Buckles twins was much more straightforward. And Hartman said their case was made much easier by the extensive planning of the team.

"Everyone that you have talked to that has done these say an incredible amount of planning is required but no one has really documented it," Hartman said.—MNA/Reuters

**US governor resigns amid scandal probe**

**Washington, 22 June**—Rolland, a three-term Republican Governor of Connecticut, announced his resignation on Monday amid a federal investigation of graft allegations and a drive to impeach him, media reports said.

Rolland’s resignation will become effective on July 1, and Republican Lieutenant Governor M Jodi Reel will serve the rest of his term. The next gubernatorial election will be held in 2006. Rolland, 47, becomes the first US governor in seven years to resign under pressure. Rolland has been under attacks since December last year when he admitted accepting renovations at his lakeside cottage and lying about it. Although Rolland has insisted he never did anything in exchange for the gifts, the allegations have sent his approval ratings down and led to demands for his resignation.—MNA/Xinhua
China, ASEAN pledge to expand cooperation

QINGDAO, 22 June — Foreign ministers of China and the 10 member states of the Association of South-East Asia Nations (ASEAN) pledged Monday to deepen and expand their cooperation, said a Press release issued after the China-ASEAN Foreign Ministers’ Informal Meeting.

In the economic and scientific field, the ministers agreed that ASEAN and China should develop their cooperation in agriculture, information and communication technology, human resources development, Mekong Basin development, mutual investment, public health and science and technology.

The foreign ministers said they would push for the realization of the East Asian community through the existing ASEAN plus China, Japan and South Korea mechanism.

The ministers also vowed to push for establishment of ASEAN-China Free Trade Area and ASEAN economic, security and socio-cultural communities to promote common development.

The meeting was co-chaired by Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing and his counterpart Kamal Kharrazi of Iran.

Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing, left, and his Iranian counterpart Kamal Kharrazi attend the East Asia Cooperation Dialogue in Qingdao, Shandong province, China. (Xinhua/Zhang Jun)

Asia cooperation is requirement of China’s development

QINGDAO, 23 June — To strengthen regional cooperation in Asia is not only an important component of China’s foreign policy in the new era, but also the requirement of China’s own development, said Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao here Tuesday.

Addressing the opening ceremony of the third foreign ministers’ meeting of the Asia Cooperation Dialogue, Wen said China is a developing country with a population of 1.3 billion and handling things well in China goes further to contribute to peace and development in Asia.

Enhanced energy cooperation is necessary to safeguard Asian energy security and promote economic development in all countries. Therefore, the Chinese Government is actively pushing for the publica- tion of the Qingdao Initiative, he said.

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Iran to prosecute eight British sailors

Tehran, 23 June— Iran will prosecute eight British sailors seized after apparently straying into Iranian waters on the Iraq border, Iran’s al-Alam television said on Tuesday.

The British Government immediately demanded an explanation from Teheran on the report. British officials have not been given access to the men, detained on Monday with their three boats, and have not been told where they are being held.

Quoting unnamed Iranian military sources, al-Alam said the eight men were to be prosecuted on charges of “illegally entering Iran’s waters.”

The British military officials were arrested after they entered 1,000 metres into Iranian waters. The British said that they were inside Iran’s waters, it added.

The incident — the latest in a string of boat seizures in the Gulf area by Iran’s Revolutionary Guards — is the most serious between Iran and foreign forces operating in Iraq and is likely to complicate already difficult relations between Teheran and London.

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Iranian protesters shout slogans while holding candles and placards during a rally in downtown Seoul on 21 June, 2004. (AP Photo/Ahn Young-joon)

South Korean protesters shout slogans while holding candles and placards during a rally in downtown Seoul on 21 June, 2004.

Police says lecturer and her husband murdered in Iraq

Mosul (Iraq), 23 June — Suspected assassins killed a university lecturer and her husband in the latest attacks on prominent Iraqis in the northern city of Mosul, police said on Tuesday.

Relatives said Layla Abdullah Saad, the dean of the college of law at Mosul University, had received threats but had refused to hire security guards to protect her house where she was shot and stabbed to death on her doorstep.

Residents said the murders — which followed the killing of a lecturer from the same university in January — appeared to fit a pattern of assassination of prominent Iraqis, seen by those who fear the growing influence of Iran in the country.

“He received a couple of threats. Some people advised him to move but he wouldn’t or listen,” said one of Saad’s relatives, who declined to be named.

The body of another husband, Moharr n Al-Khoro, lay in a bedroom in the house in the affluent Alldandah neighborhood in southern Mosul. Police said he had been shot three times during the attack, which bore the hallmarks of a professional killing.

Initial investigation showed the killers had left cash in the house untouched, while avoiding leaving obvious clues as to their possi- ble identity.

“It is a big conspiracy, to kill all the qualified and highly educated people, in order to horrify others so they will not lead government in- stitutions,” said Jamal Ahmed, 30, a driver em- ployed by the university.

He was among a small crowd of colleagues and neighbors gathered outside the house, waiting for police to bring out the bodies for burial, while patrol cars sealed off the street. Police offered no immediate expla- nation of the motive.

Guerrillas fighting US forces have conducted nu- merous assassinations, in- cluding of academics, in their campaign to destabilize Iraq and undermine support for an interim government due to take over sovereignty on 30 June.

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Staff at the Yarmouk hospital transport a victim from a car bomb explosion in the capital of Baghdad, on 17 June, 2004.

A wounded Iraqi man sits inside his house which was damaged in an overnight air strike in the Shiite Baghdad suburb of Sadr city, on 20 June, 2004.

A resident of Fallujah, Iraq, sifts through the wreckage of his home which was destroyed in a US airstrike on 19 June, 2004.

Iraqis gather around the scene of a roadside bomb explosion in Baghdad, Iraq, that injured three Iraqis and damaged nearby cars and buildings on 20 June, 2004.

Villagers walk past a damaged building in the village of Bukriz, Iraq, near Baqouba, 50 kilometers (35 miles) northeast of Baghdad, Iraq, on 18 June, 2004.

Iraqi men extinguish a car which caught fire when a mortar struck it in Baghdad, Iraq, on 19 June, 2004.

Employees clean the rubbish at a store that was hit by a bomb in Baghdad on 21 June 2004.
New and fast developments throughout Myanmar

Saddan Dam in Myothit Township, Magway Division, benefits over 10,000 acres of farmland and thanks to the dam, the farmers are now able to conduct triple cropping.

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Underground water tapping project is implemented in Thaz village, Gyoibinkauk Township, Bago Division.

PBAHDA

New school building of No 2 BEHS in Monywa, Sagaing Division.

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People are now able to use Bokpyin-Kawthoung road in Taninthayi Division in all seasons.

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Pre-primary school built in Hsamalauk village, Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Division.

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Langkho Bridge with the length of 200 feet is on Namhsan-Mongnai-Tarsan road in Langkho Township, Shan State (South).

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**Efficient use of electricity**

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

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

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**Efficient use of fuel**

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

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**All this needs to be known**

- Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- Do not be bothered whenever flattered
- Do not be softened whenever appeared

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**Talks on Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation held**

YANGON, 23 June — Talks on Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation was held at 1 pm today at the management development training school of the Ministry of Home Affairs here.

Present on the occasion were MWA F Central Patrons Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Phone Swe, MWA F Vice-Presidents Daw Khin Lay Thet, Daw Than Then Nwe and Daw Khin Khin Win, MWA F General Secretary Prof Dr Daw Khin Aye Win, wife of Minister for Home Affairs Daw Khin Hla Hla, wife of Yangon Command Commander Daw Khin Thet Hui and others numbering about 500.

MWA F Vice-President Daw Khin Lay Thet gave talks on the MWA F — MNA

**Information work inspected in Shan State, Mandalay Division**

YANGON, 23 June — Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, accompanied by Director-General of Information and Public Relations Department U Chit Naing, Deputy Director of Myanmar Radio and Television U Myint Aung and officials, left Lashio, Shan State (North), for Hsipaw Township IPRD office, Kyaukme District, on 20 June afternoon.

During the meeting with service personnel there, the deputy minister gave instructions on reports presented.

He then proceeded to Kyaukme Township IPRD office. The deputy minister and party together with Col Aung Min of Kyaukme Station and Chairman of Kyaukme District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Soe Win met departmental officials there.

After giving instructions, they went to Nawngkhi Township IPRD office and then arrived PyinOoLwin.

District IPRD office and instructed service personnel. During the meeting with service personnel of Hsipaw, Kyaukme, Nawngkhi and PyinOoLwin townships, the deputy minister said that they are to make efforts for successful implementation of the information measures for regional development.

They are to deal with locals on friendly basis and provide assistance among them. If they find difficulties, they will report them to local authorities and take assistance provided. If other departments need information, the service personnel should render their assistance, he added.

The deputy minister and party went to the construction site of the Branch Press (Upper Myanmar) in Mandalay Division on 21 June. They heard reports on building of the Branch Press in progress and future tasks presented by Factory Manager U Toe Kyaw.

Regarding the reports, the deputy minister instructed officials to supervise for timely completion of the Branch Press at set standard and inspected progress of work.

**Printer, copier presented to Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

YANGON, 23 June — A ceremony to hand over a copier and a laser printer presented by the Department of Technical and Economic Cooperation (OTECH) under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was held at the Satyingabala Hall of the Ministry this morning.

Thai Ambassador Mr Suphot Dhirakosas handed over the equipment to Director-General U Win Mra of International Organizations and Economic Department. Also present at the ceremony were Directors-General of the Ministry and officials of the Royal Thai Embassy. — MNA
Work C’tee for Organizing 4th World Buddha Summit meets

Yangon, 23 June — Work Committee for Organizing Fourth World Buddha Summit held the meeting for opening ceremony, at the Ministry of Religious Affairs on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road this afternoon. Present were Secretary of the Work Committee Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, departmental heads and subcommittee members. Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko spoke. Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein explained information sector of the summit. Director-General of Religious Affairs Department Dr Myo Myint reported on holding of the summit on a grand scale. Later, Chairman of the Work Committee Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and party inspected sound system in Maha Pasana Cave. — MNA

Communications, Hotel service inspected

Yangon, 23 June — Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs and for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw together with officials arrived at Pathein yesterday morning. Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing and Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw arrived at Pathein auto-exchange and post office. Officials concerned reported on communication matters in the division. The commander and the minister inspected the auto-exchange, the microwave station and the carrier board and fulfilled the requirements. Next, they proceeded to Pathein Hotel and attended the coordination meeting for development phase 2 of Ngwe Hsaung Beach. — MNA

Meeting of NC Delegates Group of State Service Personnel continues

Yangon, 23 June — The coordination meeting of delegates group of State service personnel began in Meeting Hall-7 of Nyaungmyin Camp in Hmawby at 8 am today. Present on the occasion were panel of chairmen and delegates of State service personnel group.

The meeting was presided over by U Myat Ko of the Ministry of Home Affairs together with U Amin Maung of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and U Hla Tin of the Ministry of Commerce as members of the panel of chairmen.

Deputy Director U Htay Win of Work Group-9 of National Convention Convening Work Committee acted as master of ceremonies with Assistant Director U Htay Min as joint-master of ceremonies.

The master of ceremonies declared the start of the meeting with the permission of the chairman as the number of delegates present was 108 out of 109 accounting for 99.08 per cent.

Next, U Myat Ko of the Ministry of Home Affairs delivered the opening speech.

Afterwards, proposals of delegates group of State service personnel to be submitted to the National Convention plenary session regarding basic detailed principles to be laid down for sharing of power in legislative, executive and judicial sectors to be included in drawing of the State Constitution were read.

U Hla Thaung Myint of the Ministry of Rail Transportation read proposals related to transport, communications and construction and Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin of the Ministry of Health, proposals related to the social sector.

Later, U Ba Myint of the Ministry of Home Affairs read proposals related to management sector and U Nyan Tun of the Supreme Court, proposals related to judicial and other remaining sectors. The meeting ended at 10 am with the concluding remarks of the chairman. — MNA
Nigeria to fund feasibility study on saving Lake Chad
Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt formally unveils the signboard of multimedia classrooms of Pwintbyu BEHS on 20 June.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt: The capital of the Union is Abuja.
Lack of information contributes to Zimbabwean SMEs’ failure

Harare, 23 June—Most small and medium-scale enterprises (SMEs) in Zimbabwe are failing to operate because of lack of information on market trends, Minister of Small and Medium Enterprises Development Sithembiso Nyoni said here on Monday.

“Many SMEs in the country have failed to operate successfully because they do not have sufficient information and intelligence on market trends and opportunities,” he said, addressing participants at a workshop on “How to Do Business in Asia.”

“Access to markets, both local and foreign, remains a significant constraint facing the small-scale entrepreneur,” said the minister.

The minister said interactions with development partners and close linkages with all stakeholders would make the SME sector viable and realize economic growth and development.

Speaking at the same occasion, Standards Association of Zimbabwe (SAZ) Public Relations Manager George Makore said the SMEs to improve the quality and competitiveness of their products so as to contribute to economic growth.

He said the SAZ had developed programmes aimed at enhancing the quality and competitiveness of the SMEs. — MNA/Xinhua

Cigarettes rob smokers of 10 years of life

London, 23 June—Cigarette smokers die on average 10 years earlier than non-smokers but kicking the habit, even at 50 years old, can halve the risk, according to half a century of research reported on Tuesday.

Findings from a 50-year study into the dangers of smoking showed that if people quit by the age of 30 they can avoid nearly all of the risk of dying prematurely.

“Cigarette smoking reduces the expectation of life by 10 years,” said 91-year-old Oxford University Professor Richard Doll who discovered the link between smoking and lung cancer.

It is clear that consistent cigarette smoking doubles mortality throughout adult life — middle and old age. It is also clear that giving up smoking can eliminate a very large part of the hazard,” he told Reuters.

Doll and Bradford Hill confirmed the link between smoking and lung cancer in a landmark study published in the British Medical Journal on June 26, 1954.

Half a century later, Doll and Oxford University Professor Richard Peto report the 50-year results from the same study of 34,439 doctors in the journal.

“This study is a remarkable achievement. Studies that last 50 years are highly unusual in medicine, and it’s even more unusual for one to have an author who was there at the beginning and after 50 years,” the journal’s editor Dr Richard Smith told a news conference.

“It has taught us a great deal,” he added.

Doll, who had smoked for 19 years before giving up, had planned only a five-year project but the initial findings were so intriguing he carried on for five decades.

“I gave up smoking at age 37 when I saw the results of our first study. They were quite convincing to me,” he said in an interview.

The early results from his second study confirmed that smoking causes lung cancer and suggested that it also causes heart disease. — MNA/Reuters

HK to hold first World Music Day

Hong Kong, 23 June—Hong Kong will hold on June 21 to 29 for the first time Fe de la Musique (The World Music Day) in line with the spirit of Music for Every One.

The event is co-organized by the Consulate-General of France, the Alliance Francaise and the Fringe Club. A total of 50 music events will be presented by Hong Kong partners during the event and most of them will be open to the public free. It is intended to promote cultural exchange through music by holding this international event in Hong Kong, according to the organizers.

“Fte de la Musique is about active participation. It’s about self-expression, about playing music for fun and the sheer love of it, without fear and shame and national boundaries,” said the director of the Fringe Club Benny Chia, who initiated Fe de la Musique in Hong Kong.

Launched by the French Ministry for Culture in 1982, the promotion of cultural exchange through music, Fe de la Musique has spread to more than 250 cities in over 100 countries, holding the event on every June 21. — MNA/Xinhua

HK to launch harbour area environment improvement project

Hong Kong, 23 June—The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) government has planned to put nearly 2.57 billion US dollars into its harbour area environment improvement projects in the next 10 years.

The projects, or the Harbour Area Treatment Scheme (HATS) Stage 2, will include two phases construction, said Secretary for the Environment, Transport Works Sarah Liao Monday. She said the Stage 2 project is necessary to improve water quality — and re-open Tsuen Wan beaches, adding a four-month public consultation exercise for the public.

HATS Stage 2 will be launched. The project said the project will include the extension of the deep tunnel network, expansion of the existing chemical treatment capacity and provision of disfec and the building of the biological treatment facili ties at a site near Stonecutters Island Sewage Treatment Plants.

The government hopes to complete the upgrading of the sewage treatment fa cilities by 2011/12. The most challenging tunneling works are expected to be completed by 2013/14, Liao said — MNA/Xinhua

20th Meeting of ASEAN National Tourism Organizations

5th Meeting of ASEAN, China, Japan and Korea National Tourism Organizations

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Wellwishers invited for sinking tube-wells

Yangon, 23 June—The Development Affairs Committees under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs are making concerted efforts in sinking tube-wells in order to get sufficient fresh water in rural areas in States and Divisions where water is scarce.

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

Those wishing to donate cash for the tube-well sinking projects for rural areas may contact the Director-General (Tel: 01-245420 & 253088), the Deputy Director-General (Tel: 01-240118), the Director (Engineering) (Tel: 01-291097), the Directors (Saying Division Development Affairs Committee) (Tel: 071-2101), the Director (Way Division Development Affairs Committee) (Tel: 063-23164) and the Director (Mandalay Division Development Affairs Committee) (Tel: 02-54657). — MNA
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S$300b investment boom to spur Mideast electricity sector

ABU DHABI, 22 June — Some 300 billion US dollars development boom in the Middle East, particularly in Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states, representing massive business opportunities for lighting and electricity sectors in the region, the Khaleej Times daily reported Sunday.

The huge investments in numerous residential, commercial, tourism, leisure and entertainment projects will trigger a drastic boom in demand for the lighting and electricity sectors, noted IIR Exhibitions, organizer of an exhibition of the Middle East Electricity 2005.

Sarah Woodbridge, director of IIR Exhibitions, was quoted as saying that the accelerating pace of development in the region gives good cause for manufacturers and suppliers to be at the 2005 exhibition, which sets to open in Dubai.

Up to now, over 75 per cent of regional companies have booked for the exhibition, expressing serious for space at the event, added Woodbridge. IIR, the world’s leading knowledge and skills transfer company, has a global network of 46 companies and 111 operating units.

As a part of the IIR, the IIR Exhibitions organizes events around the world and across several industries by its offices in Amsterdans, Dubai, Munich, New York, Boston, Singapore and London. — MNA/Xinhua

Honda recalls some China Accords on potential flaw

SHANGHAI, 22 June — Japan’s Honda Motor Co is recalling from Monday 70,240 of its popular Accord models in China over a possible fuel tank defect, the second auto recall in the country in a week.

On Friday, FAW Car Co said it was recalling 30,000 Mazda 6s made under licence from Mazda Motor Corp. also because of fuel tank problems.

The Honda recall affects three models made at its venture in Guangzhou with partner Denway Motors Ltd between January 15 and October 29, 2003, the venture said in a statement on its web site (www.guangzhouhonda.com.cn).

The venture — Guangzhou Honda Automotive Co Ltd — said it had observed cracks developing in the fuel tanks of Honda’s 2003 Accords, and wanted to examine or fix Chinese-made models.

MNA/Reuters

China, Brazil to begin talks over soy trade dispute

SHANGHAI, 22 June — Chinese and Brazilian officials are due to begin talks in Beijing on Monday afternoon to try to iron out a dispute over soybeans trade worth more than $3 billion annually, a Brazilian Embassy official said.

“We believe we can solve this problem as soon as possible because everybody is taking an active and positive view about this,” the embassy official told Reuters.

Brazilian farm officials are scheduled to meet Chinese quarantine officials at 3:00 p.m. (0700 GMT) in the hope of settling the spat, which has cost both sides a few million dollars in lost trade and other costs since China found 513 contaminated seeds in April.

In a message to Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva last week, Chinese President Hu Jintao said he expected the soy row to be resolved through friendly talks during the visit.

Brazil is the world’s second largest soy producer, after the United States. China is its biggest customer.

China blacklisted 23 Brazilian soy suppliers, saying some cargoes were contaminated with a harmful fungus known as Carboxin and bringing bilateral soy trade to a virtual standstill.

But traders say charges of contamination obscure the real problem: devastating losses for crushing companies that bought large amounts of soybeans at sky-high prices, only to face falling prices for their products.

MNA/Reuters

Imported cars via Tianjin Port top 34,850 in first five months

TIANJIN, 22 June — The number of imported cars through Tianjin Port, north China, reached approximately 34,850 in the first five months of this year, an increase of 9.7 per cent over the same 2003 period, the latest statistics show.

According to the Tianjin Customs, these imported au-
tomobiles were valued at 9.1 billion US dollars, up 37 per cent year-on-year.

Tianjin is one of China’s seven ports authorized to import autos from other countries. Car import through the port made up about 40 per cent of the country’s total.

Japan, South Korea and Germany are the three leading car import markets of Tianjin Port. Japan was its leading auto import market in the first five months, with the number of cars imported from it reaching 13,183 in the five-month period, which accounted for 41 per cent of the total. The number of cars imported from South Korea and Germany was 10,195 and 4,725 in the five-month period, up 15 per cent and 30 per cent respectively from the 2003’s same period.

Customs statistics indicated that Beijing, the national capital, imported 15,352 au-
tos, or 48 per cent of the total imports through Tianjin Port. The remaining cars went to Tianjin municipality and east China’s Shandong Province.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese scientists to explore Amazon heartland

BEIJING, 22 June — A group of six Chinese scientists plan to probe the heartland of the Amazon River Basin in mid-July this year, in what will be the country’s first large-scale multi-pur- pose exploration in the area, according to China’s lead-

ing research institution.

The Amazon River Ba-

sin, covering 7.05 million square kilometres, possesses over 30 per cent of the world’s total rain forest, and thus plays an important part in adjusting the global cli-

mate, Tao Baoxiang, a senior engineer with the Chi-

nese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and the group head, told Xinhua.

The exploration will fo-

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lected areas in the upper and lower reaches of the river for field inspection of water re-

sources, types of vegetation, animals, customs, culture, economic development and environmental protection.

Tao said.

Chinese scientists will pay close attention to the ex-

ploitation and protection of the Amazon rain forest, said Chen Guangwei, a team mem-

ber from CAS, noting that 16 per cent of the rain forest in Brazil has been cut down.

The unrestrained felling has led to the dwindling of the Amazon tree forest and the imbalance of ecological envi-

ronment, which aroused global concern, Chen said.

“The Amazon not only belongs to Brazilians, but to mankind as a whole,” Chen said. — MNA/Xinhua

Over 96% of China’s refrigerators qualified

Beijing, 22 June — Some 96.4 per cent of refrigerators made in China are qualified, according to the latest sam-

ple investigation by the State Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine.

The investigation showed 27 out of 28 brands of refrigerators made in the cities of Beijing and Shang-

hai and the provinces of Zhejiang, Guangdong, Anhui, Shandong, Jiangsu, Henan, and Shashi met the national quality require-

ments. An official with the State Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine said all the re-

frigerators surveyed operated quietly enough to meet re-
**UN says fake sharks could save turtles from fish hooks**

**OSLO, 22 June —** Fibreglass sharks might help to scare endangered sea turtles away from long-line fish hooks as a part of drive to protect the world’s migratory species, the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) said on Monday.

“Many sea turtle populations are declining precipitously,” UNEP said in a booklet on how to protect the marine creatures, marking the 25th anniversary of the UN Convention on Migratory Species agreed in Bonn on 23 June, 1979.

“Turtles are among about 10,000 species, ranging from butterflies to whales, that move regularly to new breeding or feeding grounds. Human activities threaten to wipe out many of the species.”

In the booklet, focused on turtles and long-line fishing, UNEP recommends the use of hooks shaped like a “G” rather than the more usual “J”, saying they are harder for turtles to swallow. Hooks should be at depths of at least 40 metres.

Other deterrents being researched include placing fibreglass sharks near fishing lines to frighten turtles away, and the use of acoustic signals or blue dye to make bait less attractive, it said.

In long-line fishing, hundreds or thousands of hooks are strung from lines several miles long to catch species like tuna or swordfish. But turtles are often caught accidently.

“People tend to underestimate the vulnerability of migratory species,” UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said in a statement on the Convention’s 25th anniversary.

“Yet if current trends continue, more and more of them will be driven to the edge of extinction,” he said of migratory species, adding that UNEP was in developing plans to implement the Declaration of ASEAN Concord II (Bali Concord II) adopted at the 9th ASEAN Summit in October 2003 in Bali.

UNEP said leatherback and loggerhead turtles may disappear from the Pacific Ocean in the next 20 years unless major changes occur soon. Loggerhead turtles, for instance, can swim from their birthplace in Japan to feeding grounds off Mexico.

The booklet also gives advice on how to get a hook out of the throat of a snatched turtle — first wedge a piece of wood in its beak to stop it biting you and then use a de-hooker or bolt cutter.

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**Australia says gangs drive illegal fossil trade**

**CANBERRA, 22 June —** Organized crime gangs have moved into the growing blackmarket trade in rare Chinese fossils with many unwitting collectors now being sold illegal items over the Internet, the Australian Government said on Monday.

Taking possession of rare 140 million-year-old fossilized dinosaur eggs recently seized by Australian Customs, Chinese officials said the task of protecting valuable fossils was proving arduous.

“Certainly there is a great deal of organized criminal activity in processing and growing this trade,” Australian Customs Minister Chris Ellison told a news conference.

“I think what we have are people who purchase these items over the Internet who are not aware as to the seriousness of what is involved.”

Last week, Australian police seized about 1,200 fossils and dinosaur eggs believed to be from China, following a year-long operation with Chinese authorities.

The huge 20-ton haul netted in raids on two shops and another property at Mandurah, 44 miles south of Perth, on Australia’s west coast. It included hundreds of dinosaur eggs, nests and skulls, rare tortoise remains and fossilized fish. With a single dinosaur egg worth up to 15,000 Australian dollars (10,300 US dollars), the haul is believed to be worth millions of dollars on a lucrative international black market for such items.

Illegal fossils are often smuggled from China to transit countries before being sent to collectors in countries such as Australia in an attempt to disguise their origins.

**MNA/Reuters**

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**Japanese supercomputer tops list in fastest calculating machines**

**BERLIN, June 22 —** “Earth Simulator”, a Japanese-made supercomputer, took the title of the world’s fastest calculating machine last year, according a report published Monday in Heidelberg.

The 23rd edition of the TOP500 list of the world’s fastest supercomputers, which released on the eve of the International Supercomputer Conference (ISC), said the Earth Simulator, a Japanese-made supercomputer built by NEC and installed in 2002 at the Earth Simulator Centre in Yokohama, Japan, has a performance of 35.86 teraflops.

One teraflop means one trillion calculations per second of operation on a modern personal computer.

The second fastest computer on the TOP500 list is “Titan”, an Intel Itanium2-based cluster system at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California.

“ASCI Q” of Hewlett-Packard, which was number two in last year’s list of the fastest supercomputers also built by NEC, had been edged to the third place in the new list.

**MNA/Xinhua**
Agent says Ballack to stay at Bayern Munich

BERLIN, 23 June— Germany midfielder Michael Ballack is staying with Bayern Munich after ending transfer talks with Barcelona, his agent Michael Becker was quoted saying on Tuesday.

“I’ve ended to all such negotiations for Ballack,” Becker told Bild newspaper. “Michael has a contract (with Bayern Munich) that runs to 2006. If Bayern Munich want to keep him now, I naturally won’t lift a finger anymore.”

Becker said the Spanish club had put forward a “serious offer” for Ballack, 27, but had now started looking elsewhere. Bayern president Franz Beckenbauer had voiced strong opposition to the deal, saying any club that wanted Ballack would have to pay 100 million euros.

Ballack, who came under fire for several below-par performances last season, is at Euro 2004 preparing for Germany’s final Group D match against the Czech Republic on Wednesday.

DENMARK, SWEDEN THROUGH AFTER 2-2 DRAW

PORTO, 23 June— Mattias Jonson struck a minute from time to earn Sweden a 2-2 draw with Denmark that sent both Scandinavians sides through to the Euro 2004 quarter-finals on Tuesday.

Italy finished level with Denmark and Sweden on five points in Group C but a 2-2 draw between the Scandinavians neighbours in Porto in the other Group C match on Tuesday means the Italians go home by virtue of fewer goals scored.

Bulgaria, who lost their opening two games without scoring, had taken a shock 1-0 halftime lead with a Martin Petrov penalty just before the break, awarded after Marco Materazzi pulled back Dimitar Berbatov in the area.

Italy, runners up to France in Euro 2000, equalled three minutes after the break when Simone Perrotta hooked the ball in with the outside of his right foot from close range after a shot from Antonio Cassano hit the underside of the bar.

Cassano then popped up with the winner deep into stoppage time but it was not enough to push the Italians through.

In an uninspired first half neither team settled on a slipperiness, rain-lashed surface and there were few chances.

Bulgaria, though, surprisingly broke the deadlock just before halftime with a penalty — their first goal of the tournament — leaving Italy coach Giovanni Trapattoni to decide his options during the halftime break.

After Italy equalized in the 48th minute, he decided to stick with Christian Vieri, left out of the starting line up with an injured knee, bringing on 53 minutes for Bernardo Corradi.

Vieri immediately pipped up the Italian strike force, and they attacked for almost the entire second half in search of an all-important second goal.

Cassano wasted several chances, opting to shoot him self rather than play in better positioned opponents and Italy’s frustration grew as the match progressed.

Hardly a classic compared to some of the matches over the last few days, it was nevertheless a tense and keenly fought match with the Bulgarians trying to hang on to a point.

Austria were unlucky not to be awarded a penalty when substitute Kiritz Kireev brought down Cassano after 76 minutes but Russian referee Valentin Ivanov waved play on.

QATAR PLAYER GETS NINE-MONTH BAN FOR DOPING

KUALA LUMPUR, 23 June— Qatar midfielder Jafal Rashid has been banned for nine months after failing a doping test, the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) said on Tuesday.

It has initially handed out an 18-month ban but it was cut following an appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne.

Rashid tested positive for a stimulant after a match between Qatar and the United Arab Emirates at the Gulf Cup in January. The AFC did not disclose the name of the drug.

CAS upheld a fine of 10,000 US dollars imposed on Rashid by the AFC.

FIFA REMINDS PLAYERS TO KEEP SHIRTS ON OR BE BOOKED

LISBON, 23 June— Footballers removing their shirts in post-goal celebrations are guilty of “unsporting behaviour” and will automatically be booked under new rules to come into force on 1 July, FIFA said on Tuesday.

“Removing one’s shirt after scoring is unnecessary and players should avoid such excessive displays of joy,” world soccer’s governing body said on its website.

Although agreed at the annual meeting of the International Football Association Board (IFAB) in February, FIFA repeated the law modification as a reminder to players, particularly those still involved in the European Championship in Portugal.

The change to the law relating to fouls and misconduct will mark the end of a trend for pulling shirts over the head and running around blindly or removing the jersey entirely.

“A player will be deemed to have removed his jersey — and therefore become liable for a caution — if the jersey has been pulled over the player’s head or if his head has been covered by the jersey,” FIFA said.

To illustrate the change, FIFA produced a brochure of players in various states of undress.

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The attack was unrelated to Euro 2004 rivalries, he said.

“It may be an attempted robbery but we are still investigating the situation,” Coimbra said.

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Rainfall on 23-6-2004
— Nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon.
— Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was
  — 41.26 inches at Yangon Airport,
  — 39.33 inches at Kaba-Aye,
  — 44.06 inches at central Yangon.

WEATHER
Wednesday, 23 June, 2004
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain have been isolated in Mon State, lower Sagaing and Ayeawady Divisions, scattered in Shan, Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Rackhine State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyaiktau (9.84 inches), Toungoo (2.60) inches and Ann (2.44) inches.
Maximum temperature on 22-6-2004 was 31.5°C (89°F). Minimum temperature on 23-6-2004 was 22.6°C (73°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 23-6-2004 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 22-6-2004 was (6.00) hours approx. Rainbow on 23-6-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 1081mm (41.26 inches) at Yangon Airport and 999mm (39.33 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 1119mm (44.06) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 12 mph from Southwest at (13:10) hours MST on 22-6-2004.
Bay influence: Monsoon is generally strong in the Bay of Bengal.
Forecast valid until evening of the 24-6-2004: Rain will be widespread in Rackhine State, scattered in Kachin, Chin States, Yangon, Bago, Ayeawady and Taninthyi Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Kachin and upper Sagaing Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).
State of the sea: Occasional squalls with rough seas are likely off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph.
Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon.
Forecast for Yangon and neighboiring area for 24-6-2004: One or two rains for thunderstorms with sunny period. Degree of certainty is (80%).
Forecast for Mandalay and neighboiring area for 24-6-2004: Likelihood of isolated rain or thunder- showers. Degree of certainty is (60%).
Lt-Gen Maung Bo called on the farmers to use the lands in the division and it enjoys favourable climate. Taninthayi Division needs local rice sufficiency. Local people are to undertake the tasks for economic progress and local rice sufficiency as there are sufficient fertile lands to be free from alien domination and to stand tall for national development to enable the motherland to be equipped with Union Spirit and nationalistic fervour and to maintain already-achieved development momentum through combined efforts for emergence of a modern and developed nation. Lt-Gen Maung Bo said that the government is speedily giving up its efforts for perpetual existence and development of the nation, upholding the national policy — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty. It is time the entire people made self-reliant endeavours with added momentum for national development to enable the motherland to be free from alien domination and to stand tall among the world nations. He called on the entire people to be equipped with Union Spirit and nationalistic fervour and to maintain already-achieved development momentum through combined efforts for emergence of a modern and developed nation.

Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses meeting of National Convention Convening Commission, Work Committee and Management Committee. — MNA

Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects regional development in Myeik, Dawei Districts

With hands linked firm around the National Convention.