University teachers and citizens should all join in to contribute their skills and expertise in whatever capacity and role to protect the State

General Khin Nyunt attends opening ceremony of Special Refresher Course No 2 for Faculty Members in PyinOoLwin

YANGON, 4 July — Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, accompanied by ministers, the Chairman of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Chief of Staff (Navy), deputy ministers and officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental heads, yesterday morning arrived at Mandalay International Airport in TadaU Township, Mandalay Division, where they were welcomed by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Mandalay City Mayor Brig-Gen Yan Thein and officials.

The Prime Minister and party, together with Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint, proceeded to the Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in PyinOoLwin Township by helicopter.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt attended the opening ceremony of the Special Refresher Course No 2 for Faculty Members at the institute at noon.

The opening ceremony was also attended by Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint, the ministers, the chairman of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Chief of Staff (Navy), the deputy ministers, the Deputy Chief Justice of Supreme Court (Mandalay), the Deputy Attorney-General, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, the rector, the pro-rector, heads of department, lecturers and trainees.

General Khin Nyunt delivered an address. He said:

In this very sensitive age where all changes are interconnected, only a nation whose people are highly educated, widely learned with wide ranging views and a strong spirit of nationalism will be able to protect and promote the national good.

Now is the time for the education sector to nurture such patriotic force and instill a deep spirit of nationalism among the people of the country.

The Government also has, in accordance with the needs and demands of time and conditions, done its best to enhance its scientific and technological resources in various sectors such as education, health, social, economic and defence sectors and build up a high quality of human resources and to establish a constantly learning Myanmar society with the drawing up and implementation of substantive plans one after the other.

Especially in the higher education sector, plans have been drawn up and are being implemented to provide opportunities for Myanmar citizens to be able to study one’s subject of choice, irrespective of race, creed, status or gender and to provide opportunities. Thus, solid foundations have been laid and plans and programmes are now being implemented.

In the pre-1988 period there were only 32 universities, degree colleges and colleges whereas today there are 156 institutions altogether. In the capitals of states and divisions, in the cities of certain development zones there is either a university, a degree college or college as you all know.

Efforts have also been made to develop curricula in accordance with international norms and standards to provide a wide range of subjects for study. Masters and doctoral degree courses are being opened with interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary courses. In addition to these regular courses the Centres for Human Resource Development provide pre-graduate and post-graduate diploma courses. So, in the period before 1988 there were only 59 pre-graduate and post-graduate courses. Now there are 157 courses in the regular curricular and nearly 160 provided by the Centres for Human Resource Development.

To enhance opportunities for raising teaching and learning skills, international level learning processes have been introduced and developed so that any one irrespective of age or time will be able to participate in the continual learning cycle. Because we have succeeded in laying down the necessary education infrastructure, we now have 51 e-learning centres, 143 Computer Training Centres, 49 e-Education Resource Centres based on Electronic Data Broadcasting System in many universities and colleges.

These universities and colleges are also linked through e-mail, Internet, and a Video Conferencing System in addition to which there is an online system called the Web-based Teaching System for some subjects. Furthermore to enhance Teaching and Learning skills and to raise the quality of human resources, we have formed an academy of veteran scholars and academics who are participating wholeheartedly in raising the quality of education and research to international norms. So, it can be said with great assurance, no gap remains in the country where there is no university or college and that international standards of education are now flourishing. This is indeed a most favourable time for university teachers to utilize the educational opportunities and infrastructure effectively to fulfil the educational goals of the State.

If you wish to nurture the desire and habit of life long learning in your students then you must yourself set the example, and while nurturing students, nurture yourself with life long learning.

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Towards development of the women sector

The Myanmar Women’s Day falls on 3 July.

The designation of Myanmar Women’s Day is to mark the day, 3 July 1996, on which the Myanmar Women’s Affairs Committee was founded with the objectives: to ensure the life security and development of Myanmar women, to achieve the already-achieved activities of Myanmar women, and to enhance the capacity of Myanmar women who have a history. Therefore, the day is very meaningful because it represents the entire mass of Myanmar women.

The attribute of “women” in Myanmar society itself has been significant. Therefore, Myanmar nationals give them a proper place in Myanmar society, treating them on an equal footing.

Besides the right to independent movement and to innovation for their own development, Myanmar women, as Myanmar men do, also have the right to show they are competent and able.

In his speech delivered at the ceremony to mark Myanmar Women’s Day (2004) held at the International Business Centre on Pyay Road on 3 July, Patron of the Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt said that the capabilities of Myanmar women are no less efficient than those of men although they by nature have had a docile temperament throughout the course of the long history of Myanmar, and that outstanding and brilliant women entrepreneurs emerged starting to shoulder with men as they worked hard in cooperation with men in national development endeavours.

In 1996, the Government formed the Myanmar National Women’s Affairs Committee, work committees, and state/division/district/township women’s affairs committees, all of which have played a leading role in the drive for development of the women sector. The organizational measures taken by the women’s affairs committees at different levels increased the momentum for the development of the women sector. Besides, it can be found that the achievement is full of nationalistic fervour.

At such an opportune time the Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation, headed by Myanmar women themselves with the participation of a mass of the women force, was formed on 20 December 2003. It is safe to say that the emergence of a consolidated national force on which women rely is the right progress towards the tribute of the mass of Myanmar women with a splendid history.

Women from all walks of life wishing to serve the interests of own lineage have the right to join the Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation of their own vocation.

We firmly believe that MWAf will lead the mass of Myanmar women to further development of the women sector.

Film entertainment to National Convention delegates

YANGON, 4 July — The Entertainment and Welfare Subcommittee of the National Convention Convening Management Committee is organizing entertainment programmes for delegates to the National Convention daily at the gymnastics of Nyaungghapun Camp.

Yesterday evening, the delegates were entertained with a film entitled “Hnaung Ta Mya Myae” directed by Thet Maung Maung and starring Yan Aung, Soe Thu, Tun Eindra Bo and San Shat Tin. — MNA

English proficiency course for women concludes

YANGON, 4 July — The English Proficiency Course for women sponsored by Education Working Group and Information Working Group of Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation concluded in conjunction with the ceremony to honour those who contributed to conducting the course and well-wishers who provided stipends to students at No 3 Basic Education High School in Mingalat Taungnyunt Township here this morning.

It was attended by MWAf Vice-Presidents Daw Khin Lay Thet and Daw Than Than Nwe, advisers, Leader of Education Working Group Daw Min Thet Mon and members, Leader of Information Working Group Daw Mya Mya and members, officials, guests, course instructors, well-wishers and trainees.

Leader of Information Working Group Daw Mya Mya extended greetings. Next, MWAf Vice-President Daw Khin Lay Thet delivered an address. Afterwards, Daw Khin Lay Thet presented completion certificates for honour to U Than Myint and Daw Khin Thein Kyi who donated K 200,000 and U Sein Tha and Daw Thida Oo who donated K 400,000. MWAf Vice-President Daw Than Than Nwe presented certificates of honour to U Soe Lin +Daw Giswri, Daw Khin Phwa and family; U Aung Myo + Daw Hla Hla Mya; U Htet Nyi + Daw Yin Yin Myint and Leader of Education Working Group Daw Min Thet Mon who donated K 100,000 each. Two persons who donated K 30,000 and less were presented with certificates of honour by Education Working Group Adviser Daw Khin Lay Myint. Information Working group Adviser Daw Kyi Kyi Win presented certificates of honour to course instructors. Education Working Group Adviser Daw Win Shwe presented certificates of honour to the headmistress and girl students. Leader of Education Working Group Daw Min Thet Mon spoke words of thanks. — MNA

**POEM**

**Mother**

* From morn till night fall
Up on two feet, serving all
Like “doctor-on call”
* “Mom — I’ve lost my book
You know who sneaked in and took?”
Kid with puzzled look.
* “A button gets pop
Other jackets I don’t opt.
Mom — come fix it off”
* “My backpack just snapped
What to do with broken strap?
No school but a nap”.
* Just an example
A day in a life simple
Mom has to tackle.
* Little things not small
In magnitude nor in stall
Impassable balls.
* Three sixty-five days
Nobody comes and pay
Holidays seem nay.
* Yet mothers do stay
Find solutions all the way
Make home bright and gay.
* A mother’s great role
We must appreciate more
With all hearts and souls.

Aye Aye

**MWAf Vice-President Daw Khin Lay Thet delivers an address at the closing ceremony. — MNA**

**Film entertainment to National Convention delegates. — MNA**
Iraq oil exports again hit by pipeline breach

BAHASA, 3 July—An oil pipeline has been “breached” in southern Iraq causing a fresh fall in exports, the British military and Iraqi oil officials said.

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One US marine was killed in action and a second marine died from wounds received on Thursday. The truck, loaded with 18 tons of durain and 40,000 barrels per hour from southern Iraq’s main oil fields. Another British military spokesman said the rupture was at the site of one of two sabotage attacks which halted southern oil exports for almost a week last month. —Internet

Road trade route linking Thailand and China opens

BANGKOK, 3 July—Land-crossing trade route between Thailand and China has opened after a truck loaded with Thai fruits set out to a southwestern Chinese town Thursday. The truck's journey is viewed as an unprecedented event that marks the progress of Sino-Thai bilateral trade.

“This new road link will strengthen trading ties between Thailand and China. It improves our means of transportation, ” the minister was quoted by the state-run TNA as saying. Thailand and China signed a free trade agreement on agricultural production last year and the two are working to promote bilateral trade through the sub-Mekong River region that covers southwestern China and northern Thailand.

It is now feasible to navigate from the southwestern Chinese Yunnan Province through Mekong River to southern Thailand and small shipment has gone down the way by river.

Meanwhile, the two countries were building a 1,850-kilometre highway connecting Yunnan’s capital Kunming with Bangkok, which would run through Laos and was believed to promote exchange of goods and people among the region.

Location at the up-stream of the Mekong River, China’s Kunming is now building more transport routes linking it with countries in the region. The two other highways under construction are one 1,857-kilometre long connecting Yangon and Kunming and the other 775-kilometre long linking Hanoi and Kunming. —MNA/Xinhua

Malaysian Army Chief urges servicemen to drop smoking habit

KUALA LUMPUR, 3 July—Malaysia Defence Force Chief General Mohd Zainuddin Zainudin has urged officers and soldiers who smoke to drop the habit.

Smoking not only contributed to poor health but also affected the quality of work as well. Mohammad Zainuddin told reporters at the Tengku Camp Armed Forces Hospital in central town of Melaka on Friday. Being in the forefront of the country’s defence, the soldiers should be constantly in top-tot condition, he said.

Citing his own experience, the general said: “I started smoking in 1966 when I was a cadet and back then I was smoking two packets a day.” I quit in 1974 and never smoked since I was aware of the health complications the habit caused.”

He told the Medical Corps to work out a programme to help military personnel to get rid of the unhealthy habit.

Approximately 55 per cent of male soldiers in the 130,000-strong Armed Forces smoke compared to 40 per cent of male civilians.
**Iraq official heading oil-for-food probe killed**

BAGHDAD, 3 July — The Iraqi official heading the investigation into alleged corruption in the United Nations oil-for-food programme was killed in a bomb attack earlier this week, officials with the probe said on Saturday.

Ihsan Karim, head of the Board of Supreme Audit, died in hospital after a bomb placed under one of the cars in his convoy exploded on Thursday, the officials said. Karim’s former US Governor Paul Bremer gave the board independence from the executive branch of government and appointed Karim as its head in April.

The board appointed international accountants Ernst and Young in May to investigate commissions Iraq and foreign companies paid to former President Saddam Hussein and his government for securing billions of dollars worth of contracts under the 1996-2003 oil-for-food programme.

The investigation underway a separate probe initiated by the now dissolved Iraqi Governing Council and led to tension with former financier Ahmad Chalabi. Zaab Sethna, a spokesman for Chalabi, said the audit board was poorly equipped to handle the investigation.

“The assassination of Mr Karim is very worrying. Bremer appointed the audit board and left them on their own,” Sethna told Reuters.

“The investigation was the highest profile probe the board was handling. It is impossible to speculate who killed Mr Karim, but the oil-for-food corruption involved very powerful people inside and outside Iraq,” he added.

The US General Accounting Office has said Saddam and his circle raised $4.4 billion in illegal revenue by imposing oil surcharges and commissions on suppliers of goods to Iraq under the oil-for-food programme.

Billions of dollars of goods flowed through the programme, which the United Nations administered from New York through French bank Paribas.

Mubarak up and walking at German hospital

MUNICH (Germany), 3 July — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak is up and walking at a German hospital, but will stay under supervision for a few more days after an operation for a slipped disc last week, his doctor said on Friday.

Mubarak was doing well and able to walk in the hospital garden, his Munich doctor, Heinz-Michael Meyer said in a statement. “He will remain for a few days in the Orthosthenic clinic.”

Egypt’s Health Minister said on Thursday Mubarak would return to Cairo in the middle of next week. Mubarak flew to Munich two weeks ago.

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**Three Washington state soldiers wounded in Iraq**

BAGHDAD, 3 July — A Seattle radio talk-show host serving in Iraq with the Washington National Guard and two soldiers from Eastern Washington were wounded in separate attacks this past week.

Second Lt. Bryan Suits, host of the “Bryan Suits Show” on KVI-AM Radio, caught some shrapnel in his wrist and suffered a mild concussion Thursday, when an enemy-fired mortar round exploded about 10 feet away from him near Baghdad.

He’s also suffering from short-term memory loss and ringing in his ears, but doctors have told him his memory and hearing will return to normal.

Suits, 39, has been serving with an 81st Brigade unit since late last year. He called the station Friday morning, telling his colleagues and listeners: “I feel like the Mariners beat me with their baseball bats — not this year’s Mariners, the 2002 Mariners,” KVI producer Travis Box said.

Box said Suits was injured while accompanying a Major from the West Point Military Academy who was touring Iraq to gather information to help train new lieutenants in the United States.

The two men had just returned to the base and were heading inside for lunch when the mortar exploded.

The major was injured by shrapnel to his hip, chest, neck and face, Box said.

Earlier this week in Central Iraq, two soldiers from the Army Reserves 737th Transportation Company were wounded when their convoy struck a string of roadside explosives.

WHO to work closely with China to tackle public health issues

MANILA, 3 July — The World Health Organization (WHO) Friday commended the Chinese authorities for taking swift action to control the latest SARS outbreak and vowed to work closely with China to assist in the strengthening of biosafety after China released its investigation report on the incident.

“Overall,” said Dr Shigeru Omi, Regional Director of WHO’s Western Pacific Region, “WHO believes that the Chinese authorities acted swiftly and effectively to control the outbreak once the alarm had been raised. Extensive contact tracing was undertaken in a matter of hours, and the effective isolation of cases and identification of contacts appears to have ensured that the outbreak was contained with remarkable speed.”

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Russia takes active measures to protect world heritage

SUKHOU, 4 July — The Russian Government has adopted persistent measures to protect its historical relics. Any reconstruction of the historical relics is considered illegal. Meanwhile, the Russian world heritage committee organized some foundations to offer support for protecting world heritage, and encouraged non-government investment to participate in the protecting of world heritage, he noted.

As the world’s largest country, Russia boasts a spectrum of sites of historical and cultural heritage, from the spectacular Kremlin to the gorgeous historical architectural complex in St. Petersburg. “They are the pride of Russian people,” Makovetskiy said. Russia has a great number of highly experienced experts, who applied the most advanced technologies to rebuilding historical architectures. This is the reason why Russia has completely preserved great cultural architectures. This is the reason why Russia has completely preserved great cultural architectures.

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US Marine dies of wounds in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 3 July—A US Marine died of wounds sustained during operations in western Iraq, the military said on Saturday.

The Marine was wounded on Friday, the same day another Marine was killed in the western al-Anbar province, which includes the restive town of Fallujah. At least 636 US troops have been killed since the start of last year’s invasion. — Internet

Japan, Pakistan accede to ASEAN amity treaty

JAKARTA, 3 July — Japan and Pakistan signed here Friday their accession to the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Treaty of Amity and Cooperation (TAC), making them the fourth and fifth non-ASEAN countries to accede to the treaty.

Japanese Foreign Minister Yoriko Kawaguchi and her Pakistani counterpart Khursd Kasuri signed the treaty in two separate ceremonies attended by all ASEAN foreign ministers.

“We are very pleased that we have acceded to the pact. This is another element which strengthens our relations with ASEAN countries, as Japan and ASEAN have 30 years of history of cooperating together,” Yoriko told reporters after the signing.

Adopted by ASEAN in 1976, the TAC’s core principles are the renunciation of the threat of use of force, respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, non-interference in each other’s internal affairs and peaceful settlement of disputes.

Kasuri said the signing of the TAC represents a clear indication of Pakistan’s commitment to resolving all its disputes with all its neighbours in a peaceful manner.

“Many years ago we had the era of military alliances but that is the past. Now we are looking forward to the new era of cooperation between Pakistan and Southeast Asian countries,” he told reporters.

Papua New Guinea was the first non-ASEAN country to accede to the TAC in 2000 and China and India followed to do so during the ASEAN Summit last October in Bali. — MNA/Xinhua

HK people more aware of communicable diseases

HONG KONG, 3 July — Hong Kong public awareness of dengue fever and SARS grew last year, with most people adopting preventive measures to safeguard their health, according to a survey by the Department of Health.

The department said on Friday that the survey has found over 90 per cent of people have fair to good knowledge of the diseases and about 97 per cent are aware of preventive measures.

The survey was conducted in December to evaluate public perception of the diseases and the effectiveness of government campaigns against them.

A total of 3,163 people, aged 12 and above, were interviewed, representing a response rate of 71 per cent. About 96 per cent of respondents are accustomed to putting refuse in covered bins, 85 per cent keeping drains free from blockage and 67 per cent covering all water containers tightly to prevent dengue fever.

However, some personal preventive measures, such as using mosquito repellent and the installation of mosquito nets in non-air-conditioned rooms are less practised.

For SARS, 94 per cent cover their nose and mouth when sneezing or coughing, 89 per cent wash hands after sneezing, coughing or cleaning the nose, and 89 per cent use soap when washing hands. However, measures like using serving utensils during meals with others and family members are not commonly adopted.

Eighty per cent said environmental hygiene improved after the SARS outbreak last year and over half agreed the community has a role to play in maintaining a hygiene environment.

The Centre for Health Protection’s Regina Ching said understanding the public’s perception and hygiene practices will help the centre map out effective control measures against the diseases.

“It is encouraging to find the public is of the view that to maintain a hygienic environment requires the collective efforts of the whole community,” she said.

China, Ukraine vow to strengthen cooperation on Expo 2010

SHANGHAI, 3 July — Visiting Ukrainian Foreign Minister Kostyantyn Gryshchenko spoke positively on the preparation work for the 2010 World Expo in Shanghai here Friday, and signed a preliminary memorandum of understanding (MoU) with China, pledging that Ukraine would participate in the event.

Tang Dengjie, Deputy-Mayor of Shanghai, met Gryshchenko and expressed his appreciation for Ukraine’s support for China hosting the 2010 World Expo, stressing that China would fulfil its promise to make good preparation work for the expo and present a successful, exciting and impressive World Expo to the world.

“I hope the Shanghai World Expo will offer a new platform for China and Ukraine to further cooperate,” Tang said.

Gryshchenko said he believed that Shanghai would host a wonderful world expo, expressing the hope that the two countries could forge extensive cooperation in the fields of aircraft manufacturing, high technology and education.

China is a reliable partner of Ukraine, and Shanghai plays a vital role in Ukraine-China cooperation, Gryshchenko said, adding that Ukraine established a consulate in Shanghai at the beginning of this year, reflecting the importance that Ukraine attaches to the cooperative ties with Shanghai.

A monkey eats an ice cream cone given by a visitor in a zoo in Islamabad.

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"From the centre, Nepali people can learn more about China's rapid economic growth," Sun said, adding that "the younger generation of Nepali in particular can benefit from information and valuable experiences in the great changes taking place in our country now."

The information centre is aimed at enhancing people-to-people contact between Nepal and China, he added.

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Earthquake in eastern Turkey kills 18

TUNCEL (Turkey), 3 July — Eighteen people were killed and 27 injured when an earthquake hit remote villages in the eastern Turkish province of Agri on Friday, devastating the local stone and earth houses.

Soldiers worked with residents to rescue people trapped in the rubble and set up tents and mobile kitchens for those made homeless.

Anadolu news agency said Istanbul's Kandilli Observatory said the quake measured 5.1 on the Richter Scale.

An official at the local government's office said the village of Yigincal, with about 100 houses, suffered severe damage in the quake, which struck three villages in Dogubayazit District near the Iranian border at 1:30 a.m. (2230 GMT). Residents wailed as bodies were pulled from the rubble in Yigincal, where all the 18 dead were found.

"We are continuing our clearing away the rubble. There is also damage in other villages, but there are only slight injuries there," the official said. The first television pictures from the scene showed emergency workers carrying the injured into an ambulance while locals looked on amid devastated one-storey houses.

The remote Dogubayazit area is a destination for adventurous travellers who come to visit Mount Ararat and palace ruins on a hill near the main district town.

The Red Crescent aid organization said it had sent 500 tents and 500 blankets to the area along with two mobile kitchens.

Agri Governor Huseyn Yavuzdemir told CNN Turk television he did not think the death toll would rise, because it was summer. Many northeasterners move to mountains in the summer months to escape the heat. "The search and rescue is finished. There is no one in the rubble. These are not buildings that can withstand earthquakes, they are made of stone and earth. Some of the houses are made of concrete and those are fine," Yavuzdemir said.

The weather in the area was mild and locals spent the night outside, he said. Earthquakes are common in Turkey, which is criss-crossed by geological fault lines. Nine people were killed and dozens injured when a quake of the same magnitude hit Erzurum Province in eastern Turkey on March. A massive quake in August 1999 killed some 18,000 people in an industrial area of northwestern Turkey.

Pakistan leadership vows to stamp out terrorism

ISLAMABAD, 3 July — Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf and Prime Minister Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain have vowed to stamp out extremism and terrorism and make all-out efforts for the maintenance of law and order for continued socio-economic progress of the country.

At a high-level meeting held Thursday in Islamabad to review law and order, the Pakistani leadership stressed that the government would make all necessary efforts to ensure peace and security and would not let anyone hinder Pakistan’s march on the path of development. Dawn reported Friday.

Musharraf said that sustained economic growth, political harmony and maintenance of law and order were essential elements for the country’s continuous development.

“We have to ensure a simultaneous focus on all these three factors together as these three elements would help sustain a congenial environment for investment and all-round, across-the-board development of Pakistan,” said Musharraf. Referring to al-Qaeda-linked terrorists hiding in the country’s tribal areas, he said these elements had been behind a number of terrorist incidents. “The foreign extremists are not doing anything for the cause of Islam, but following their self-serving agenda, we will flush all terrorists out of Pakistan,” said the President.

Hussain said anyone seen trying to hurt the integrity, sovereignty and security of Pakistan would be dealt sternly. He also stressed the need to strike at the roots of terrorism, for which there was a need for a greater coordination between the federal and provincial governments. The meeting attracted federal ministers for finance, interior, information, religious affairs, provincial governors, chief ministers and Army generals.

A windmill is silhouetted by the explosion of fireworks during Kaboom Town festival, on Saturday, 3 July, 2004, in downtown Addison, Texas. The thirty minute show was rated in the top ten by the American Pyrotechnics Association.

— INTRACT

A South Korean protester holds a candle during a rally mourning Kim Sun-il, who was killed by militants in Iraq on 3, July. 2004. Hundreds of protesters gathered on Saturday demanding the government drop its plan to send more troops to Iraq and withdraw its troops already deployed from Iraq. — INTRACT
New and fast developments throughout Myanmar

Earth work being carried out to grow high-quality strain paddy in Hsibaw Township, Shan State (North). — MYANMAR ALIN

Mandalay-Meiktila road section in Mandalay Division is being upgraded into a six-lane one. Photo shows the smooth road near Kyaukse. — MYANMAR ALIN

Tawa sluice gate benefits local farmers in Pawai village, Bago Township, Bago Division. — MYANMAR ALIN

Kyaunggon bridge across Ngawun river in Ayeyawady Division is 600 feet long and it is located on Yangon-Pathein Highway. — KYEMON

Telephone exchange station built for convenience of local people living in Swa, Yedashe Township, Bago Division. — MYANMAR ALIN

Border and rural area developments
University teachers and citizens…

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In order that the universities you now serve become the education resource centre of that particular region and a department that fulfills the local needs of the region you have to carry out field surveys and undertake research projects and be innovative in your teaching and learning methods.

So, I would like to urge you again to do your utmost to fulfill regional needs and thereby contribute towards the development of the State with what you have learned and trained for, and always remember that while contributing to local needs and the needs of the State, make every endeavour for your university to play a prominent role to enhance the national economy, and to preserve and maintain the social and cultural life of the people.

I wish to emphasize at this point that your responsibilities as a teacher do not end when you have taught your students to be reflective and analytical, innovative and creative in their studies and make them understand that learning means not only for expending the horizons of their intellectual knowledge but also for their creative skills to enhance capacity for research.

Moreover they must learn to acquire a national outlook and a national standpoint and standing firmly on these foundations, assess the national situation and thereby find ways and means to protect and enhance the national interest.

At this point in time, the government, in accordance with the wishes of the people, is making every endeavour to bring about significant changes towards the emergence of the disciplined-flourishing and well-ordered democratic State where peace and stability prevails.

In making preparations to bring about these changes it has made systematic plans to ensure that progress and development of the State follows a course that will coincide with and give every support to the national interest and that firm foundations be laid that will guarantee the perpetuity and strength of the Union.

Knowing that this is the situation today as well as knowing what the needs of the State are, university teachers, as well as citizens, should all join in to contribute their skills and expertise in whatever capacity and role they are competent to protect the State.

So, in conclusion: I would like to urge you to raise the quality of national education so that the Union of Myanmar will be able to take her pride of place among the world’s nations as a sovereign and independent nation.

I also urge the education sector to enhance the production of outstanding and educated scholars and professionals of international calibre who are imbued with patriotic fervour, national spirit and Union spirit and who will build and protect a modern and developed State.

Well-wisher U Win Aung and Dr Daw Moe Mya Myint of Dagon International Co Ltd formally opened the new building.

In 1995, the tailoring course and the Myanmar traditional bakery course which are tasks to increase income of families, were conducted at the building. So, organizations at home and those from abroad often observe duties and functions of Kyauktan Township Association which has been performing tasks of Kyauktan Township MCWA actively and systematically. Hence, well-wishers Chairman of Dagon International Co Ltd U Win Aung-Dr Daw Moe Mya Myint and family donated a new building with the wish for the emergence of a new building on a grand scale whenever the guests visited.

Therefore, not only the association office but also the pre-school, the tasks to increase family income and the youth secular house could be placed on the wide plot. Later, she urged officials of the association to perform respective tasks setting up committees and all members are also urged to maintain durability of the building.

Next, well-wisher U Win Aung explained the purpose of the donations and handed over documents related to the building to Yangon Division MCWA Supervisory Committee Dr Hla Myint.

Well-wisher U Win Aung and Dr Daw Moe Mya Myint presented toys and school stationery for the pre-primary school to Township MCWA Chairperson Daw Mu Mu Swe.

Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and Dr Daw Khin Thet Htay accepted K 8.2 million for the township MCWA — K 2.5 million donated by U Teza-Daw Thida Zaw of Htoo Trading Co Ltd; K 1 million by U Tun Myint Naing and wife of Asia World Co Ltd; K 500,000 by U Win Myint of Shwe Naga Min Co; K 500,000 by U Aung Htwe of Golden Flower Co Ltd; K 1 million by U Htay Myint of Yuzana Co Ltd; K 500,000 each by Dr Zaw Tun-Dr Htay Htay Kyi of Shwe Kyarbyan Construc tion; Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry; Patron of Myanmar Rice and Paddy Wholesalers Association U Nyin-Daw Oo Min Kyin (OK Rice & Oil Trading, Bayintnaung); and U Ohn Myint-Daw San Myint (Htut Khaung Construction) K 200,000 each by Chairman of Myanmar Rice and Paddy Wholesalers Association U Aung Than Oo and family; Shwe Gabor Maung Maung Construction Family; and Mr Nurul Islam of Dubai, UAE; and K 100,000 by Myanmar Beans and Pulses and Sesame Merchants Association.

Chairman of Kyauktan Township Peace and Development Council U Khin Zaw expressed gratitude for the donations. After the ceremony, President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and party visited the pre-primary school and the youth secular house and presented gifts to the children.

Well-wisher U Win Aung and Dr Daw Moe Mya Myint constructed the buildings and other facilities spending K 121.4 million. At the new building, the township association schedules to open Township MCWA Office, the pre-primary school, the youth secular house and conducting of the training courses.
Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt unveils stone inscription of Sabaibyu building at Thayettan Post-Primary School in Madaya Township. — MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt unveils stone inscription of Pan-ei-san building at Salunphyu BEHS (Branch) in Madaya Township. — MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt opens stone inscription of Yadana Win building at Tangataung Post-Primary School in Madaya Township. — MNA

President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe presents certificate of honour to a wellwisher. — MNA

Educative talks on women and cancer held

YANGON, 4 July—The educative talks on women and cancer, sponsored by the Women Chapter of Myanmar Medical Association (Yangon) were held at the hall of MMA(A) in Mingala Taungnyunt township this afternoon. It was attended by Leading Patron of the Women Chapter, President of Myanmar Women Affairs Federation Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe.

Present were members of patron of the Women Chapter, chairman of MMA (centre) Prof U Myo Myint, president of the Women Chapter of MMA Dr Daw Khin Lay Kyi and executives, members of the Women Chapter and guests.

First, president of the Women Chapter Dr Daw Khin Lay Kyi extended greetings. Next, adviser of the Women Chapter Prof Dr Daw Cherry Than Than Tin gave a talk on woman and cancer and replied to queries raised by those present.

Leading Patron of the Women Chapter, President of Myanmar Women Affairs Federation Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe presented gifts to adviser of the Women Chapter Prof Dr Daw Cherry Than Than Tin and gave away certificates of honour to officials of Lucky Seven Co Ltd and Mingalar Advanced Co that donated K 1 million and K 300,000 towards the funds of elderly doctors. — MNA
**Commander inspects tax-free markets**

**YANGON, 4 July —** Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, accompanied by officials, this morning inspected the tax free markets here and fulfilled the requirements.

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and party inspected the selling and purchasing and cleanliness at Punyata Tax Free Market in Dagon Township, Yangon West District, Hanthawady Tax-Free Market in Kamayut Township, Kommyintiya Tax-Free Market in Mayangon Township, Nawady Tax-Free Market on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road and Tamwe Township Tax-Free Market.

**Meeting to upgrade environs of Yangon City Kandawgyi Gardens and Zoo held**

**YANGON, 4 July —** Chairman of the Work Committee for Upgrading of Environs of Yangon City Kandawgyi Gardens and Zoo (Yangon) Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe delivered an address at the coordination meeting of the work committee at the Agricultural Museum, here, at 2 pm today. The commander delivered an address. Next, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu. Deputy Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Tin Naing Than. Head of Parks and Playgrounds Department U Nyunt Pe of YCDC, Chairman of Myanmar Hoteliers Association U Khin Shwe, Deputy Director-General U Hla Win of Fisheries Department, Deputy Director-General U Khin Zaw of Irrigation Department and General Manager U Myo Nyunt of Myanma Agriculture Service reported on all-round upgrading tasks of Yangon City Kandawgyi Gardens and its environs. Next, U Toe To Win of Ministry of Science and Technology, U Win Naing of Pyi Sone Win Naing Co Ltd and Managing Director U Win Aung of Wood Land Co Ltd presented reports on quality control measures, arrangements for plying of the cable car, construction and upgrading tasks. After hearing the reports, the commander attended to their needs. Next, the commander and party inspected upgrading of the swimming pool, landscaping, construction of the fresh water fish garden, cultivation tasks of Myanmar Agriculture Service, building of the fountain plaza, construction of the barbecue garden, the water fall and others being carried out by respective companies and ministries. The commander gave instructions on timely completion of the tasks meeting set standards.

**Minister inspects Mone Creek multi-purpose dam project in Sedoktara**

**YANGON, 4 July —** Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin yesterday inspected inflow of 674,400 acre feet of water and completion of irrigation facilities of Mone Creek multi-purpose dam project in the north of Sedoktara Township, Minbu District, Magway Division. The minister inspected laying of concrete for the tank, completed power intake in hydro-electric power tunnel, overflow of the main spillway and construction of canals. He also inspected Mone Creek and durability of the spillways. He inspected finishing touches in the tunnel and laying of concrete of pen-stock tunnels. He inspected related structures and gave instructions on completion of the project in time. The minister and party inspected cotton plantations in Salin Township. They went to Laythagon Village in Seikphyu Township and discussed cultivation of pre-monsoon long staple cotton and water supply with Director-General of Water Resources Utilization Department. The minister and party proceeded to Lawkananda river water pumping project in NayangU Township. They inspected irrigated paddy fields and the main canal. Managing Director of Myanmar Agriculture Service U Tun Than reported on cultivation of paddy. At the briefing hall, U Maung Maung Lwin of Water Resources Utilization Department reported on pumping water from the Ayeyawady River and supply of water.

**Transport Minister inspects airport extension projects**

**YANGON, 4 July —** Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe, together with Director-General of the Department of Civil Aviation U Win Maung and officials, yesterday morning inspected the construction of Pakokku Airport extension in Pakokku. Officials reported on work progress. The Minister gave necessary instructions. Next, he inspected the paving of the runway at the airport. In the first phase, the runway of Pakokku airport will be built into 8,500 feet long and 100 feet wide facility. Its airport terminal and aviation tower will be 160 feet long and 80 feet wide facility. Afterwards, the minister and party left for Bagan NayangU. They inspected the airport extension construction as well as renovation of the existing airport building.

**Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe inspect the construction of Pakokku airport terminal.**

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**THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR**

**Monday, 5 July, 2004**
Myanmar education in the golden age

Saya Chit

Now, the new academic year has started, and in accord with the education promotion programme, the children are actively attending classes to become intellectuals and intelligentsia of the nation. The Government is protecting and maintaining the peaceful environment of education sector together with parents and students.

Sometimes there are instigations to disturb the peaceful pursuit of education. But they swiftly disappeared as they failed to disturb Myanmar education system which is perfect. The standard of education becomes high because of the developments in all sectors of the 1960s. The Western promotion conferences and seminars at different levels, and with the participation of parents, school boards of trustees and people, it has opened multi-media classrooms in almost all the schools in the nation. It has opened 35,948 primary schools, 2,111 middle schools and 952 high schools in 324 townships in the whole country. The number of students and teachers and education expenditures are increasing.

Now there are over 150 institutions of higher learning in the whole nation, up from 32 in 1988. Students living in states and divisions are within the reach of higher learning. Even districts have now technological colleges, universities and computer colleges.

Education promotion programmes are on the go, and covering the distance education, literacy campaign and enrollment for school age children. The Government is endeavouring to educate all the people of the nation regardless of their financial situation or the places they are living in.

Knowledge is being disseminated through satellite system and computer network. E-education systems have been firmly established in the nation. Because of racial and status discrimination, it is still difficult for all the people to pursue education in some big countries. Myanmar has no discrimination in any part and sector at all.

Illegal means are being used to import cheap foreign labour in industrialized nations. They are also hiring educated persons from developing countries with good salaries. In this way, that get cheap skilled and educated labour, while the developing countries are facing brain drain. Myanmar is producing intellectuals and intelligentsia on self-reliant basis.

Today, Myanmar has drain. Myanmar is producing intellectuals and professional men in ever-increasing numbers. The Government is laying down the education policy to prolong their level of education, saying that its level was too low; it is more selfish than or do more harm to human rights.

YANGON, 4 July — The delegates to the National Convention today took physical exercise, and participated in sports and games activities for their health and recreation at the Nyaungpau Camp.

Win Thura Shop of the Ministry of Industry-1 and GEC Shop are kept open daily to sell foodstuffs, consumers’ goods, cosmetics, clothes, stationery and medicines to the delegates. Two mobile communications stations are kept open there by Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications to provide communication services. In addition, the shop of Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries is selling instant foods, honey products and canned foods at reasonable price. One barber shop and one optical shop are also kept open. For the delegates to read journals, novels and other educational books, Sarpy Beikman Book Shop of Printing & Publishing Enterprise, the Ministry of Information is opened there. Grand Healthcare Cooperative Society Ltd is selling injections, medicines and traditional medicines. Paderha Restaurant and Lucky One Restaurant are also kept open. Laundry services are provided for the delegates. — MNA

Efficient use of electricity

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

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

Efficient use of fuel

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

All this needs to be known

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

NC delegates take physical exercise in Nyaungpau Camp.
China, Kazakhstan hold first cooperation committee meeting

BEIJING, 3 July — China and Kazakhstan held here on Friday the first meeting of their cooperation committee, co-chaired by Chinese Vice-Premier Wu Yi and Kazakh Deputy Prime Minister Akhmetzhun Yesimov.

Wu spoke highly of the Sino-Kazakh political and economic ties, noting trade volume, energy and communication cooperation have witnessed major progress and have rosly prospects.

The cooperation committee, founded last May in Beijing during Kazakh President Nursultan Azarbayev’s visit, is responsible for implementing the agreements achieved by the two heads of state and promoting substantial cooperation in all fields, Wu said.

Yesimov agreed with Wu’s remarks, saying China is a strategic partner of Kazakhstan and Kazakhstan attaches im-

portance to the constructive partnership with China, vowing to further security cooperation, striking the “three forces”, namely the terrorists, separatists and extremists.

Kazakhstan will, as usual, firmly sup-

port China on problems such as the Taiwan issue and will strengthen cooperation with China in the international arena, especially in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, Yesimov said.

The cooperation committee will strive to complement the Kazakh-Chinese agree-

ments and ensure the completion of projects in energy and communication sectors, he said.

The meeting discussed substantial coop-

eration in trade and economic coopera-

tion, communication, ports of entry, science and technology, finance, energy, mining, culture and security and agreed to hold the second meeting next year in the Kazakh capital Astana. — MNA/Xinhua

Blood pressure drop warns of dementia

WASHINGTON, 3 July — Elderly people whose blood pressure drops suddenly may be at risk of developing Alzheimer’s or other forms of dementia, researchers in Sweden reported on Thursday. Patients whose systolic blood pressure — the top number — dropped 15 points or more in six years or less had triple the risk of Alzheimer’s disease or other demen-
tia, the team at the Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm found.

“Our findings imply that poor blood flow in the brain, resulting from an extensive decline in blood pressure, may promote the dementia process,” Dr. Chengxuan Qu, who led the study, said in a statement.

“These findings indicate a possible threshold level in systolic pressure, especially for people with vascular dis-

case in whom further reduc-
tion of blood pressure under this level may precipitate dementia onset,” Qu added.

“Using anti-hyperten-

sive medications is impor-
tant for high blood pressure and related disorders, but our findings suggest that it is necessary to monitor these drugs in the very old to avoid a probable dangerous drop of blood pressure under a certain threshold,” the researcher said.

Writing in the journal Stroke, the researchers said they studied 947 people aged 75 or more who had no evi-
dence of dementia. They were examined initially and three and six years later.

At three years, 147 were diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease and 39 with other dementia. After six years an additional 91 had Alzheimer’s and 27 more were diag-

nosed with other types of dementia. — MNA/Reuters

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ment within Office Hour, starting from 5th, July, 2004. Closing Date of Tender is 16th, August, 2004 (Monday), 15:00 Hour Myanmar Standard Time. Please contact Phone No 562036, 566074 for detail information.

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Myanmar Ceramic Industries

Chinese Premier urges learning from int’l service experience

BEIJING, 3 July — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao urged the country’s service sector to learn from its foreign coun-

terparts in a bid to improve the service quality. The call came when Wen toured the ongoing China

Service Industry Convention and Expo Fri-
derday, together with Fu Guohua, Chairman of the Na-

tional Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Con-
sultative Conference.

The service sector was of great significance to China’s social and economic development, as it was an important industry to optimize the economic structure, improve the quality of economic growth, and raise people’s living standard, as well as a major channel for employment, the Premier said.

He also called for strengthening international coopera-

tion and exchange in the service sector. — MNA/Xinhua

Tow fighters arrive in S pore for performance evaluation

SINGAPORE, 3 July — Two Typhoon fighter jets of the British Royal Air Force (RAF) arrived in Singapore on Friday for a performance evaluation.

According to a statement by the British High Com-

mission to Singapore, the two Eurofighters, supported by other RAF assets, are in Sin-

gapore to be evaluated by the Singapore Government, which has short-listed the aircraft as a competitor to provide a fighter replacement for the Singapore Air Force (SAF).

The two-week flight tria-

l here comes more than a month after the jet and its first Outside Europe, not only marks a major logistical achievement to deploy so far this early in the jet’s life cy-

cle but also the unique and professional abilities of the RAF.

The aircraft, jointly de-

veloped by Britain, Ger-

many, Italy and Spain, has also demonstrated much higher levels of reliability and serviceability than had been anticipated at this early stage of its introduction into service, the statement said. — MNA/Xinhua
AIDS, India non-oil trade soars

AUGUST 3, 2013 — The non-oil trade between the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and India recorded a 61.67 percent jump in 2003-2004, reaching 6.23 billion US dollars from 3.87 billion dollars in the previous year, the official WAM news agency reported here Friday.

According to Indian Consul General in Dubai Yash Sinha, Indian exports to the UAE registered a record growth of 47.2 percent in 2003-2004 to 4.45 billion dollars from 3.02 billion dollars in the previous year, reinforcing UAE’s position as the second largest export destination of India after the US.

Compared to this growth rate, exports to the United States, which maintains its number one rank among India’s export destinations, showed only a two-per-cent growth in the same year.

The two-way non-oil trade between the two countries, showing a consistent growth over the years, has also positioned India among the top five trading partners of the UAE.

Quoting the latest official statistics, Sinha said 47.7 percent growth in exports last year vis-a-vis an average 19.7 per cent annual growth in the previous years, is a key indicator of the growing market acceptability of a diverse range of Indian products in the region.

Major export items include gems and jewellery, which showed some 90 percent jump, textiles and garments, machineries, plastics, electronics and agro products. Almost all major categories of exports recorded significant growth.

India’s non-oil imports from the UAE also showed a remarkable surge last year to 1.78 billion dollars from 850 million dollars in the previous year, up 108 percent.

Major imports included pearls, gold ornaments, semi-precious stones, scrap metals, organic and inorganic chemicals.

India’s overall non-oil trade with the Middle East region saw a 40.32 percent jump. Export to the Middle East countries grew from 6.1 billion dollars to 8.2 billion dollars and non-oil imports from the region rose from 2.7 billion dollars to 4 billion dollars, according to WAM — MNA/Xinhua

Cheap Indian AIDS pill as good as pricey brands

LONDON, 3 July — A cheap three-in-one generic AIDS pill from India is just as good as more expensive branded medicines and should be widely used in developing countries, researchers said on Friday.

Lack of scientific evidence about the clinical effectiveness of such generic fixed-dose combinations has been an obstacle to their use.

But a team from the French national agency for AIDS research and Swiss charity Medecins sans Frontieres said Cipla’s Trimequine performed as well as brand drugs in the first open clinical study in a developing country.

They found that 80 per cent of HIV-infected patients given the tablet twice a day had undetectable levels of virus in their blood after six months treatment.

Results of the study involving 60 patients in Cameroon, 92 per cent of whom had full-blown AIDS, were published in The Lancet medical journal.

“This generic fixed-dose combination (FDC) gives results comparable to those seen in the developed world using triple-drug therapy comprising brand name drugs,” said study coordinator Eric Delaporte.

“It is now no longer possible to raise scientific uncertainty as an objection to the widespread utilization of FDCs in the developing countries.” — MNA/Reuters

Chinese capital raises subsidy standard for urban poor

BEIJING, 3 July — Poor residents in China’s capital Beijing have more money to help them withstand price hikes as the local government has raised the subsidy standard for urban poverty relief.

The minimum monthly benefit for employees was newly set at 3.26 yuan per hour and 545 yuan per month, up from former 2.86 yuan and 495 yuan respectively. One US dollar is equal to about 8.3 yuan, said an official from the local government.

Unemployment insurance will increase to a sum ranging from 347 to 440 yuan from previous 326 to 419 yuan.

Pensions for the retired and the injured will also be increased accordingly. The minimum living allowance for poor families will still be 280 yuan per capita on average, but the distributing policies will be improved to help the most needy get the most.

History on Chinese-language education traced back

MACAO, 3 July — In Macao, which is the headstream of developing Chinese-language learning to Westerners, the International Symposium on the History of Chinese Language Education was opened Friday.

This event is exactly the aim of the symposium, said Chui. “With an improvement given to the Chinese-language teaching persons who were as individuals, especially since 1980s, the Chinese- language studies have become a cause worthwhile for international academic research.”

Ran Xifang, curator of the National Library of China, elaborated on the congruences speech to the opening of the symposium.

The three-day symposium was jointly sponsored by the Macao Polytechnic Institute, the Beijing Foreign Studies University and the Beijing Language and Culture University.

Li Xiangyu, rector of the Macao Polytechnic Institute, is the one who made the earliest research to disclose that Macao is the location of the headstream for developing Chinese-language learning to Westerners and the earliest to introduce Chinese-language education into curriculums in higher-learning institutions.

— MNA/Xinhua

Typhoon “Igme” leaves 16 dead in Philippines

MANILA, 3 July — The death toll brought about by typhoon “Igme” (international moniker: Mindulle) Tuesday rose to 16 in the Philippines, according to the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC).

Most of the fatalities were from the Cagayan Valley region in the northern Philippines where five fatalities were reported to be caused by strong winds and heavy downpour caused by Igme, which is making its exit towards Taiwan, the NDCC said in a report.

The National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) said there are mostly crops damaged, mostly agriculture products, were 353.16 million pesos (6.29 million US dollars), with at least 333.16 million pesos (5.93 million US dollars’) worth of crops being lost. As of early Thursdays, NDCC said there is still no electricity in Vigan City in Ilocos Norte due to topping of electric posts. Chinas areas in the province remained under flooded waters.

— MNA/Xinhua

Marlon Brando dies at 80

LOS ANGELES, 4 July — Marlon Brando, one of the most influential actors of his generation, has died, according to media reports on Friday citing his lawyer. He was 80.

A family friend told Fox News that Brando died on Thursday night at 6:20 p.m. (2220 GMT) in a Los Angeles-area hospital after being taken there on Wednesday.

The cause of death was not immediately known.

Brando, with his broken nose and rebel nature, established a more naturalistic style of acting and defined American movie manners, with classic performances in “A Streetcar Named Desire” (1951), “The Wild One” (1953) and “On the Waterfront” (1954). — MNA/Reuters

A Chinese tourist jumps to beat one of China’s biggest drum in Xuan Shan City, 1 July, 2004. The drum named ‘Wentian Gu’, measures 3.43 metres in diameter and weighs 180 kg — Reuters


A woman adjusts China’s biggest camera in Xuan Shan City, 1 July, 2004. The camera named ‘Wentian Gua’, measures 3.43 metres in diameter and weighs 180 kg. — MNA/Xinhua

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**Portugal must keep calm, says Maniche**

**ALCOCETE (Portugal), 3 July — Portugal cannot afford another bout of stage fright when they meet Greece for the second time in the tournament in Sunday’s Euro 2004 final.**

“We know we’ll need to be on form and mentally strong to win this one,” midfielder Maniche told reporters on Friday. “It will take patience. We’ve all seen that Greece are a very compact side, who defend with discipline all the time, but if we stay calm I’m convinced we can win.”

Portugal looked nervous wrecks when they took the field for the tournament’s opening match against the Greeks three weeks ago. With their hosts defence at sixes and sevens, Greece took an early lead, doubled their advantage and held on for a 2-1 victory over Portugal in the opening Euro 2004 match, particularly after Germany’s first-round exit.

Portugal will be overwhelming favourites at the Luz Stadium in Lisbon but Greece have made a mockery of pre-match predictions.

**Feyenoord recruit Australian striker, transfer goalkeeper**

**LONDON, 3 July—Feyenoord have signed Australian striker Alex Brosque and transferred veteran goalkeeper Edwin Zoetebier, a 34-year-old former Sunderland, the Rotterdam club said on Friday.**

Zoetebier, a 34-year-old former Sunderland goalkeeper, helped Feyenoord win the UEFA Cup in 2002 during the second of two spells in Rotterdam.

Brosque, a 20-year-old of Uruguayan origin with one full Australia cap, has signed a one-year deal with Feyenoord. He joins from Marconi Stallions and will be farmed out to Belgian club Westerlo.

**Greece will not be helped by Merk, says Rehhagel**

**PORTO, 3 July — Greece coach Otto Rehhagel does not believe his side have an advantage in the Euro 2004 final against Portugal on Sunday because the referee is fellow German Markus Merk.**

Surprise package Greece reached the final against the hosts in Lisbon after their shock 1-0 silver goal win over the Czech Republic on Thursday. He has known him (Merk) since he was a boy, since the age of 15,” Rehhagel told reporters.

“He is a very strict referee and he once sent me to sit in the stands so I don’t think there will be any problem.”

Rehhagel coached Bundesliga sides Werder Bremen, Bayern Munich and Kaiserslautern.

He has been hounded by German media since Greece’s stunning 2-1 victory over Portugal in the opening Euro 2004 match, particularly after Germany’s first-round exit.

Merk also officiated at Euro 2000 and the 2002 World Cup.

**Czechs depart with heads held high**

**PORTO, 3 July — The Czech Republic squad left Portugal on Friday with heads held high following their shattering silver goal Euro 2004 semifinal defeat by Greece.**

There were no complaints about the result and no means about the refereeing.

All allowed their rhythmic attacking play to be broken up by the destructive Greek tactics and nigging infringements.

Instead, following a perfect example set by their coach Karel Brueckner, the Czech players went through their post-match media duties with their usual honesty and integrity, admitting that their skillful team had simply been ambushed.

Their stunning 1-0 loss, to a goal headed in by Traianos Dellas from a corner in the final minute of first-half extra time, left the Czechs facing an unavoidable truth. In the end, they had all the style but not quite enough substance.

Brueckner, loyally, said his players and tactics throughout the tournament, must have felt mugged by the Greek side’s German coach Otto Rehhagel, who had once been met by them.

“Greece are a country which I think we can’t be friends. Greece are a country that had hardly achieved international recognition in any field,” said Marianna Pyrgioti, news manager of radio station Flash96.

“Greeks don’t normally get to feel as Brits or Germans do about the power and importance of their country. There is a national element to this, it’s beyond football, it’s the case of the small country that at this moment, feels like a big country,” Pyrgioti added.

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**Milner signs for Newcastle, joins Viduka in Leeds exit**

**LONDON, 3 July — Newcastle United signed teenage midfielder James Milner from relegated Leeds United on Friday.**

Leeds, off-loading their best players in search of much needed cash, were also on the verge of transferring Mark Viduka to Middlesbrough after the Australian striker passed a medical earlier on Friday.

He is expected to sign on Monday. Newcastle said Milner had passed a medical and a transfer fee agreed, with details to be finalised later on Friday.

Milner, now 18, made his Premier League debut as a 16-year-old in November 2002 and is regarded as a future England prospect.

In his fifth match for Leeds the following month he broke England striker Wayne Rooney’s record as the youngest Premier League scorer by four days, when aged 16 and 357 days, he sealed a win at Sunderland.

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**Greek national soccer team coach Otto Rehhagel of Germany gestures during a news conference at the Luz Stadium in Lisbon, Portugal, on Saturday, 3 July, 2004, ahead of Sunday’s Euro 2004 soccer match between Portugal and Greece.**

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**Chelsea agree fee for PSV striker Kezman**

**LONDON, 3 July — Striker Mateja Kezman looks set to join former PSV Eindhoven teammate Arjen Robben at Chelsea after the English side said on Friday they had agreed on a transfer fee with the Dutch club.**

“Kezman, a Serbia and Montenegro international, will travel to London next week for a medical, Premier League Chelsea said on their official web site. “We are delighted to have agreed terms with PSV for Mateja. He is one of the top strikers in Europe and will be an excellent addition to our squad and team,” Chelsea chief executive Peter Kenyon said.

The 25-year-old, who joined PSV from Partizan Belgrade in 2000, was top scorer with 31 goals in the Dutch First Division last season.

**MNA/Reuters**
Prime Minister attends opening of new school buildings in Madaya Township

YANGON 4 July — Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party together with Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint attended the opening of Special Refresher Course No 2 for faculty members at the Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in PyinOoLwin yesterday afternoon.

Next, the Prime Minister and party arrived in Madaya by helicopter at 1:30 pm. Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt formally opened the building. Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt formally unveiled the stone plaque of the building and sprinkled scented water on it.

The Prime Minister and party inspected the classrooms. Next, they presented offereretoes to Chairman of Mandalay Division Sangha Nayaka Committee Myaung Kyuangtik Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sasanabhivamsa, chief patron of Mandalay Masoeinein Taikthit Sayadaw Bhaddanta Rajadhamamabhivamsa and members of the Sangha.

Commander inspects greening tasks of Yangon Port and its environs

YANGON, 4 July — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint Swe together with Minister at the Prime Minister’s Office Maj-Gen Thein Swe and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected greening tasks of Yangon Port and its environs and fulfilled the requirements.

On arrival at Myanmar Industrial Port, Ahlon, they heard reports on upgrading tasks for greening of Yangon Port and its environs, berth of ocean liners, construction of modern wharves, measures taken for container yards and greening tasks of the port presented by Managing Director of Myanmar Port Authority U Thein Huy and the emergence of Myanmar Industrial Port, berth of ocean liners and loading and unloading of cargoes by Deputy General Manager of Myanmar Industrial Port U Kyaw Myint.

Next, they inspected container yard of MIP and wharf and Ayeyawady dockyard where they were conducted round by officials concerned. The commanders gave instructions on systematic implementation of greening of the port and its environs.

Afterwards, the commander and party on board the ship viewed upgrading tasks of the port and its environs. They gave instructions on cleaning tasks to be taken not only along the Yangon Port but also in the Yangon River.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presents TV and VCR to the Headmistress of Thayettan Post-Primary School in Madaya Township — MNA

The opening ceremony of Sabaibyu school building of Thayettan Post-Primary School in progress in Madaya Township — MNA

Pan-ei-san new school building

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presents TV and VCR for the school to the headmistress. The two-storey building contains 10 classrooms. Chairman of National Health Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt went to 25-bed People’s Hospital in Madaya where they were welcomed by head of Township health department, doctors and nurses.

They inspected new laboratory ward, operation theatre, wards for men and women and gave instructions.

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