Myanmar performs liver transplant successfully for first time
PM views operation, meets surgeons
Success of operation pride for nation, people

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

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

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

Myanmar Academy of Medical Science was formed in accord with guidance of Head of State
Senior General Than Shwe MAMS participating in tasks for uplift of nation’s medical science and health care services

YANGON, 26 Aug—Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance to establish Myanmar Academy of Medical Science with the aim of enabling the retired medical experts and the medical experts still in service to participate in the tasks for transforming the nation into a modern and developed one and advancement of the nation’s medical science by effectively exerting their vast medical knowledge and invaluable experiences. In accord with the guidance given by Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, Myanmar Academy of Medical Science has come into being for four and a half years. Since its birth, the MAMS has been able to make remarkable contributions towards measures for uplift of the nation’s medical science as well as health care concerns. As an organization on through efforts of individual members, MAMS is taking part in health care services being carried out by the Government. Besides, it participated in special four-year national education promotion plan (health sector), tasks on teaching of public health care, systematic formation of private clinics, import of medicines, standardization, drafting of the law on control of tobacco, prevention of SARS and bird flu, poison control centre and blood and also attended the seminars jointly organized by the Ministry of Health and WHO. The MAMS held its Biannual Plenary Meeting (2004) at the Institute of Nursing (Yangon) on Bogyoke Aung San Street in Lanmadaw Township yesterday.—MNA

Surgeons Prof Dr Norman Hla and party successfully performing liver transplant at New General Hospital (Yangon) on 25-8-2004.—MNA

Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.
Success of liver transplant, pride for nation, people

A liver transplant was performed successfully for the first time in Myanmar at the New General Hospital in Yangon on 25 August. Chairman of the National Health Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt viewed the operation and fulfilled the necessary requirements.

Myanmar surgeons’ first successful liver transplant in Southeast Asia is a record for the State as well as an honour for the nation and the people.

On 25 August, a team led by Surgeon Dr Thant Zin successfully took the liver of Ma Aye Mon out of her body during a surgical operation which lasted from 7.30 am to 11.45 am. At 10.15 am the same day, another team led by Surgeon Dr Norman Ha started the operation and removed the hardened liver of Ko Khin Zaw Htet who was suffering from liver cirrhosis. The liver transplant started at 7.30 pm and was completed successfully at 11.45 pm. The whole operation took thirteen and a half hours, and the health condition of the patient is improving. Physicians and nurses are providing health care for the patient round the clock.

For the operation to be successful, the Government has made arrangements for medical experts to go abroad for further studies since 2002 and purchased necessary equipment. On 13 May 2003, the Ministry of Health formed the liver transplant committee and sub-committees and assigned duties to them. Ko Khin Zaw Htet, a liver recipient and patient of liver cirrhosis, was able to speak 12 hours after the operation. His health is improving.

He severely suffered from the disease, growing his stomach big and vomiting blood five times and he may even die within a period of 6 to 12 months.

The liver transplant is very delicate for the medical experts, costing between 75,000 and 100,000 US dollars in the western countries. The government provided necessary assistance for the operation.

It is obvious that the Government has been making all-out efforts for providing health care services to the entire national people. Re-nal transplant, operations on coronary artery, blood vessels, brain, liver and others have been successfully performed since four years ago. Conjoined twins operations have been launched in Myanmar since 1960. Myanmar can take pride in her accomplishments in the health sector.

Pre-primary school handed over to Hline Township MCWA

YANGON, 26 Aug — A ceremony to open the pre-primary school was held at the delivery room of Hline Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association this morning, attended by President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe. Shwe Pazun family built the pre-primary school for Hline Township MCWA spending K 14,098,000 under the arrangement of MMCWA.

President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and Dr Tin Soe Lin, on behalf of donor Aung Maha Thinnath Daye Zaw Khin Nwe Yi, formally opened the school.

After delivering an address, Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe presented school equipment to Patron of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for MCWA Daw Khin Thet Htay. Dr Tin Soe Lin and Daw Pwint Mar Khine from Shwe Pazun Family handed over documents related to the school to Daw Khin Thet Htay. Next, on behalf of the wellwishers, Chairman of the Township Peace and Development Council U Ngwe San presented Chairperson of the Township MCWA Daw Htar Htar Myint.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-President of MMCWA Dr Kyi Soe, CEC members, departmental officials and guests. Later, Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and party visited the school building.

45 persons exchange arms for peace in June, July

YANGON, 27 Aug — The State Peace and Development Council, upholding the Our Three Main National Causes, is striving for national reconciliation and making concerted efforts for development of the entire nation. Armed groups, who realized correct endeavours and genuine goodwill of the government and understood their destructive acts, exchanged arms for peace at the camps individually or in group in June and July 2004.

Pvt Myint Lwin of No 2 Battalion of No 4 Brigade of KNU armed group, Sgt Naing Soe (a) Naing Lin Htet of No 3 Battalion of ABSDF armed group and Pvt Aung Zaw Latt of Mon Splinter armed group bringing together with one AK-47, one magazine and 20 rounds of ammunition, Lt Hla Do with one AK-47, on rifle, two magazines and 40 rounds of ammunition and tax collector Maung Nyan with one AK-47, one magazine and seven rounds of ammunition exchanged arms for peace in South-East Command area; Pvt Hla Thein and Tun Paik of No 11 Battalion of No 4 Brigade of KNU armed group bringing together with two grenades in Coastal Region Command area; Pvt Aik Sein of No 626 Battalion of No 759 Brigade of SURA armed group with one AK-47, one rifle, two magazines and 120 rounds of ammunition and one mine in Eastern Command area; Sai Nwe of SURA armed group and Vice-Chairman U Khin Maung Lat (a) Kya and wife Daw He Mi, Secretary U Yaw Han, Joint-Secretary U Kha Htaw (a) U By Le and wife Daw Na Mi, Company Commander U Win Maung (a) Yaw Han, Pvt Gu Ja, U Ko, Ba, Ya Pa, Kyu Wai, Kyi Wai, Kyi Kyi, Kyi Kha, Ku Khe, Kyi Pha, Kyu Na, Kyu Khi, Kyu Bo, Kyaw Law, Kyaw Shaw, Aw Wai, Kyaw Phu, Kyaw Phu Dein, Peter Lu, Ya Pho and their family members Ei Nen, Na Law Say, Na Lei, Le Er and Na Ho of Lahu armed group (LDF) bringing together with two revolvers, one pistol, four M-22s, one carbine, three one-barrel shotguns, four magazines, 290 rounds of ammunition, one grenade, one mine and one ammunition bar in Triangle Region Command area. Officials of respective military camps warmly welcomed 45 persons who exchanged arms for peace and fulfilled their needs. More persons are still to exchange arms for peace.

LECTURES ON NATIONAL POLICY

YANGON, 26 Aug — Union Solidarity and Development Association Central Executive Committee member Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein gave lectures on the State Policy and seven-step Road Map at the basic organisation course No.1/2004 of the Dagon Myothit (North) Township USDA from 8 am to 4 pm today. The course is being attended by 81 trainees.

Lectures on National Policy, Road Map given

YANGON, 26 Aug — The State Peace and Development Council has appointed Chief Engineer (Bridge) (Upper Myanmar) of Public Works under the Ministry of Construction U Han Zaw as Managing Director of Public Works on probation from the date he assumes charges of his duties.

MNA
Iraq prison probe faults intelligence unit

WASHINGTON, 24 Aug.—More than two dozen soldiers and contractors attached to a military intelligence unit at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq approved or took part in abuses of Iraqi detainees, an Army investigation has found in one of the most comprehensive looks to date at the scandal that damaged America’s image around the world.

A few of the abuses amounted to torture, Maj Gen George Fay, one of the chief investigators, said Wednesday.

Officers in charge of the prison were negligent in the training and management of their troops, and some may face criminal charges, Army officials said. Until now, just seven of the dozens of Army police soldiers have been charged.

In Philadelphia, Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry repeated his call for Defence Secretary Donald H Rumsfeld to resign.

The investigation report says the violent and sexual abuses — particularly those captured in the now-famous pictures of naked and frightened prisoners — were mostly the work of a group of guards and military intelligence personnel who were not conducting interrogations but instead amusing themselves.

The report distinguishes this group of abuses from mistreatment committed during actual interrogations, which also occurred.

Some 15 of 23 soldiers from the 205th who are accused of abuse were interrogating prisoners and wrongly believed they were using approved techniques to question them, Army officials said.

One such unapproved technique was interrogating a detainee naked, the report said.

The Army’s findings appear to widen to more than 50 the number of people who may face charges or disciplinary action for the abuses at Abu Ghraib.

Criminal allegations against civilian contractors will be referred to the Justice Department for possible prosecution.

Investigators recommended that five officers with command responsibilities, including Col Thomas Pappas, commander of the 205th, and Lt Col Stephen Jordan, director of the Abu Ghraib interrogation centre, face possible disciplinary action, Army officials said.

These individuals did not directly take part in abuses, their poor leadership contributed to the conditions that allowed them to occur, officials said. — Internet

Billboard clocks Iraq war’s cost

NEW YORK, 24 Aug.—A giant clock ticking the cost of the war in Iraq lit up in Times Square Wednesday, making its debut by flashing $134.5 billion.

The amount on the clock will grow at a rate of $177 million a day, $7.4 million an hour and $122,820 per minute, said the advocacy group Project Billboard which put it up.

Project Billboard is supported by the Centre for American Progress, a liberal think tank headed by John Podesta who served as chief of staff under former President Bill Clinton. The clock was unveiled just days before the Republicans gather in New York for their national convention.

As expected, it caught the eye of many passersby in the busy intersection. “Just think of the things you could do with that money,” said tour guide Farah Perez. “No way am I voting for Bush.”

The message may not reach everyone, however, as the clock sits above a much larger billboard of a woman wearing nothing but a pair of sneakers. “I saw the other billboard, but then I saw the cost of the Iraq war and the number took my breath away,” said passerby Greg Borts. “Then I went back to looking at the other billboard. That money should be spent here in the United States,” he added. The new clock sits just a couple of blocks away from a spot where an earlier clock used to flash the growing size of the US national debt.

This clock is part of a legal settlement reached between Project Billboard and Clear Channel Communications after the advocacy group sued the media giant for breaking a contract over the posting of an antiwar billboard in Times Square during this month’s convention.

Clear Channel settled the case by agreeing to give Project Billboard two Times Square locations instead of one. In return, the group dropped its plan for a bomb graphic that Clear Channel said it found distasteful.

The advocacy group’s other billboard displays a large peace dove and the words: “Democracy Is Best Taught By Example, Not By War.” Both billboards are scheduled to run for four months, said a spokesman for Project Billboard. —Internet

New tuberculosis vaccine developed by Indian scientists

NEW DELHI, 25 Aug.—Indian scientists have developed a new tuberculosis vaccine and found it to be safe and effective for low-income cases too in animal-trial stage.

The candidate vaccine, a possible weapon against tuberculosis which has re-surfaced as a killer especially in combination with AIDS, has gained weight and survived, Army officials said.

The investigations between M Habana and M Tuberculosis, it said.

“The candidate vaccine is a breakthrough in the treatment of TB patients, the report said. — MNA/PTI

Koizumi to pitch for permanent Security Council seat

TOKYO, 25 Aug.—Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi said Tuesday he will make a pitch for Japan getting a permanent seat at the UN Security Council in his speech to the upcoming General Assembly.

“I would like to mention the Japanese idea in such a way that there could be a permanent member different from the permanent five members and that is Japan,” Kyodo News quoted Koizumi as saying at his office. The five are Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States.

Koizumi is planning to attend the Assembly in late September to deliver an address after visiting Brazil and Mexico. Regarding the chances of Japan obtaining permanent membership, he said: “The chances are there, but it is a difficult issue.”

US Secretary of State Colin Powell said earlier this month that Japan needs to review the war-renouncing Article 9 of its constitution if it wants to become a permanent member of the UN Security Council.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Hiroyuki Hosoda said Japan will pursue the seat under the Constitution as it stands and that it has confirmed with Washington that Powell’s comments are not meant to put conditions to the United States supporting Japan’s bid.

“Our position has been consistent. We want to take on greater responsibility as a permanent Security Council member within the bounds of the Constitution,” Hosoda, the top government spokesman, told a Press conference. — MNA/Xmlhua

Iraqi Shiite men chant slogans welcoming Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, Iraq’s most influential Shiite cleric, outside the al-Hakim Mosque, where Sistani is staying in the southern Iraqi city of Basra on 23 Aug. 2004. — Reuters
Web site shows ‘beheading of American spy’ in Iraq

DUBAI, 26 Aug — A militant group posted pictures on its Web site on Wednesday of what it said was the beheading of a U.S. Army officer who was killed in Iraq, the largest U.S. military operation since the 1990-1991 Gulf War.

The group, which has been operating in the northern part of Iraq, said it had beheaded Pfc. Alexander Arredondo, 20, of the 1st Cavalry Division.

The group said in an accompanying statement that Arredondo and two other U.S. soldiers were killed in a roadside explosion near Najaf, Iraq.

The statement said that Arredondo was killed on the same day and seized 70 kilos of base hashish.

Arredondo was a member of the 1st Cavalry Division's 3rd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment of the Fort Hood based First Cavalry Division.

The Defence Department today identified the Fort Hood soldier as Pfc. Arredondo, 20, of Texas.

He was part of the first Squadron, Seventh Cavalry Regiment of the Fort Hood based First Cavalry Division.

Relatives say the soldier was the son of a retired lieutenant colonel who was in charge of making the military’s mess. He had been on active duty for 12 years and served in Operation Desert Storm as a reservist. Thornton leaves behind a wife and two children. Burial is expected at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

Internet

West Nile virus takes fourth toll in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, 25 Aug — US public health officials confirmed Monday that a 62-year-old man died due to complications from West Nile virus, making him the fourth Los Angeles County resident to die from the mosquito-borne disease.

The virus, which causes only flu-like symptoms in most people, just arrived on the West Coast this year. So far, seven people have died from West Nile virus in the western US state of California. On Thursday, health officials confirmed that a 60-year-old Pico Rivera man died August 12 from encephalitis, or swelling of the brain, said Luci Kwak of the public health department.

“We have not seen this type of reaction. Every reaction is negative, it’s the loss of a loved one,” said Marines spokesman Maj Scott Mack. “I don’t think any of us anticipated that this would be such a grave reaction. We don’t anticipate how somebody is going to react.”

Internet

Ford Hood soldier killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 25 Aug — Family and friends are mourning a Fort Hood soldier who died in a rocket-propelled grenade attack in Iraq. The Defence Department today identified the victim as Staff Sergeant “Robbie” Thornton, Jr., 35, of Rainbow City, Alabama. Thornton was killed on Monday in Baghdad.

Internet

Turkish security forces seize 109 kilos of heroin

ANKARA, 25 Aug — Turkish security forces seized 109 kilos of heroin in an operation in Istanbul, the largest city of Turkey, semi-official Anatolu news agency reported on Tuesday.

Anatolu also reported other security forces raided a house in an operation in northern province of Samsun on the same day and seized 70 kilos of base hashish.

Located on the crossroad of Europe, Asia, the Middle East and the Mediterranean Sea, Turkey’s central geographical position, having both land and sea connections, gives the country the potential to be an important route in the heroin trade destined for Europe. The market value of heroin is estimated to be more than 450,000 euros (548,880 US dollars).

Internet

About 200,000 cases of chickenpox declared in France

PARIS, 25 Aug — Chickenpox continues to rage in several French regions with 200,000 persons infected, declared Tuesday the French national Sentinel-Inserm network.

“About 200,000 persons saw a general doctor for chickenpox during some 10 epidemic weeks, from May 31, to August 8 said the network. Scores of hostages have been taken. Some have been released but at least nine have been killed.

Internet

US researchers discover drug that slows cancer cell growth

LOS ANGELES, 25 Aug — US researchers have found a drug that specifically targets tumour cells and slows the growth of cancer cells, researchers at University of Southern California announced Monday.

The drug, Zebularine, has stirred hopes that Zebularine will be less side-effect-laden than other anti-cancer therapies, because it is not taken up by cancer and normal cells at the same rate.

Future work will focus

Internet

Florida man burins Marine van after being told son died in Iraq

NASSAU (Iraq), 25 Aug.— A man who had just been told his Marine son had been killed in combat in Iraq set fire to a Marine Corps van and suffered severe burns Wednesday, according to police reports.

Carlos Arredondo, 44, then walked out of the house with a torch and what appeared to be a container of flammable liquid, reports said.

Police said the Marines’ efforts to stop him. Arredondo set the van and himself on fire. The Marines pulled him out of the burning vehicle and put out the flames, police said. Arredondo was listed in serious condition at a Miami hospital.

Police said that despite the Marines’ efforts to stop him, the fourth toll in Los Angeles.

Internet

Police seize 239 kilos of heroin in northeastern Iran

TIBERIAN, 26 Aug — Iranian anti-drug police seized 239 kilos of heroin in a recent operation in the northeastern province of Semnan, the official IRNA news agency reported Tuesday.

The report said the anti-drug police squad confiscated the batch in an ambush upon a suspected vehicle and police officers clashed with the driver. The amount of heroin seized in the operation can be used by six million people, the report said. — MNA

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Heavy fighting continues in Najaf

Najaf, 26 Aug — Several blasts echoed throughout the Iraqi holy city of Najaf on Wednesday as fighting continued between Shi'ite militiamen holed up in the Imam Ali Shrine and the US-backed Iraqi forces.

US tanks and armoured vehicles came "close to the shrine early in the morning through the main streets in the city as loud explosions caused by artillery and machine gun fire resonated throughout the area," Aziz al-Shammary, an Iraqi journalist in the city told Xinhua.

Reports in central Najaf, a group of Iraqi national guards, equipped with small arms and rocket-propelled grenades, were deployed in the city to control any possible riot in the city, Aziz said.

"My fighters (national guards) are controlling the city centre. They were trained to deal with any possible riot among civil-

Vietnam’s exports up in first 8 months

Hanoi, 25 Aug — Vietnam is estimated to gain export turnovers of roughly 16.8 billion US dollars in the first eight months of this year, an year-on-year surge of 25.7 per cent, according to the Ministry of Planning and Investment on Tuesday.

In August alone, the country’s export turnovers are predicted at 2.3 billion US dollars, the record-high within a month mainly due to month-on-month growths in revenues of crude oil, rubber, footwear, farm produces, seafood and woodwork.

Vietnam is forecast to reap some 710 million dollars, 227 million US dollars and 65 million US dollars from shipping rice, rubber and tea respectively in the first eight months, posting year-on-year rises of 26.2 per cent, 12.2 per cent and 81 per cent.

Meanwhile, its import turnovers are estimated at nearly 19.8 billion US dollars, up 20.3 per cent. Key imports include machines, equipment and petroleum products.

New foreign secretary says no Philippine troops back to Iraq

Manila, 26 Aug — Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) Wednesday clarified that the country will not deploy another humanitarian contingent to Iraq.

The newly-appointed foreign secretary, Alberto Romulo, disclosed reports that the Philippines would send troops to the war-torn country. “I don’t foresee in the near future that it will be considered.”

Contrary to the remarks of his predecessor Delia Albert, Manila will send another batch of contingent to Iraq under the aegis of the United Nations, Romulo said that it would be premature to discuss the matter at this point.

“Let’s do it at a time. It’s too early to talk about this,” he said.

The Philippines was delisted as a member of the US-led coalition in Iraq after it pulled out the 51-member contingent for the release of Filipino truck driver kidnapped by Iraqi militants.

Earlier this month, the DFA said that it set up two task forces to assess the security situation in Iraq and null possible humanitarian contributions to that war-torn country.

Former foreign secretary Albert said that although the Philippines is no longer a part of the US-led coalition, it will continue its humanitarian assistance to Iraq in accordance with the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1546.

India GCC to sign economic cooperation pact

New Delhi, 25 Aug — India and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) are expected to sign a path-breaking Framework Agreement on Economic Cooperation Wednesday, the Indo-Asian News Service (IANS) reported Tuesday.

The agreement will be signed during the visit by Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed Al-Sabah, Al-Salem Al-Sabah.

Kuwaiti currently holds the rotating presidency of the six-nation GCC. Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) are the other members of the group.

The Kuwaiti leader is ariving here Tuesday evening on a three-day visit after spending a day in Mumbai.

Al-Sabah is also chairman of the Supervisory Board of the Kuwaiti Fund for Arab Economic Development.

The agreement is expected to eventually lead to a free trade agreement between the two sides.

Apart from signing the framework agreement, the Kuwaiti foreign minister’s trip is significant because it ends a long hiatus in high-level bilateral visits.

Two Turks kidnapped in Iraq, risk execution

Ankara, 25 Aug — A Turkish television channel aired footage showing two Turks believed to be held hostage in Iraq by armed militants who have threatened to execute them unless their company withdraws from the country within 72 hours.

The NTV news channel identified the hostages as Abdullah Ozdemir and Ali Daskin, two engineers kidnapped from their workplace at an unidentified location in Iraq.

The video shows the two men sitting on the floor, holding their passports up, as two hooded and armed militants stand on either side of them with a black and white Iraq flag with Arabic writing in the background.

Turkish officials could not immediately confirm the abduction, but said they were investigating the report.

Report says US financial sector warned of insider crimes

Washington, 25 Aug — US banks and other financial institutions must do more to protect themselves from computer hackers by insiders, the Wall Street Journal reported Tuesday.

The nation’s financial sector is as vulnerable to crimes by employees as it is from outside computer hackers, the report quoted the US Secret Service as saying.

In a first-of-its-kind study on the vulnerabilities of systems critical to the US economy, the Secret Service found that though financial institutions have spent heavily to create fire walls and other protections against sophisticated computer attacks, there is an equally large threat from relatively simple inside jobs.

While strictly advisory, the study has been widely disseminated in the financial industry and among regulatory agencies and congressional committees charged with coordinating and developing efforts to improve security in the financial sector which might bring about new regulations to deal with insider crimes, predicted the report.
Lt-Gen Ye Myint attends opening of multimedia classrooms in Mindon, Kanma

YANGON, 26 Aug — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, together with Chairman of Mandalay Division PDC Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Chairman of Magway Division PDC Col Zaw Min, senior military officers, and officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departments, inspected conditions on the bridges and thriving plantations of monsoon paddy and crops along Pathein-Monywa Road on 24 August morning. They arrived at Mindon Township People’s Hospital, where they were welcomed by local authorities and officials. Medical Superintendent Dr Aung Myo reported on the medical facility. Looking into the male ward, laboratory, operation theatre, delivery room and female ward, Lt-Gen Ye Myint comforted the patients, and gave instructions to the officials. He also inspected the self-reliant X-ray room.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint attended the opening of the multimedia classrooms of Mindon Basic Education High School. The headmistress and the chairman of the school board of trustees formally opened the multimedia classrooms. Lt-Gen Ye Myint unveiled the signboard of the facility and inspected it. Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party watched entertainment programmes of the schoolchildren and presented cash awards to them.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint held a meeting with members of social organizations in Mindon later in the morning. The Township PDC chairman reported on facts about the township, agricultural sector, progress in cultivating ten major crops, regional paddy output, regional food sufficiency, and education, health and livestock breeding sectors. Departmental officials also reported on ongoing tasks department-wise. Lt-Gen Ye Myint attended to the needs, and presented a computer and accessories to the school.

Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Ye Myint said that being situated on the other side of Pathein-Monywa Road, Mindon does not deal with other regions very much. So, the entrance road has had to be upgraded for further development of the region. Only when the communication sector makes progress, will the region develop, he said.

Service personnel are to make field trips down to the grassroots level to carry out regional development tasks in cooperation with local residents. More vacant and fallow land is to be reclaimed for extended cultivation of paddy and other crops. The region’s production of paddy and edible oil crops is in surplus, so the surplus is to be supplied to the townships in Magway Division and the regions that do not meet food sufficiency. He highlighted the importance of extended growing of pepper and other perennial crops as well as livestock breeding.

Only when the agricultural and livestock breeding sector makes progress, will the region enjoy development with a boost in trade. He also called for extended breeding of fish. In conclusion, Lt-Gen Ye Myint called on social organizations to cooperate with service personnel and local people in carrying out regional development undertakings.

After the meeting, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party posed for a documentary photo together with the principal, members of the school board of trustees, teachers and students. In conclusion, Lt-Gen Ye Myint looked into conditions on the bridges and progress in cultivating monsoon paddy and crops along Pathein-Monywa Road, the entrance road to Kanma and the earth road leading to Kanma-Pyay Road and left instructions.

In the afternoon, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected Kanma People’s Hospital, where he was introduced the medical facility by Medical Superintendent Dr Myint O and medical staff. Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions on taking self-reliant measures in carrying out some tasks without placing too much reliance on the State’s assistance.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects multimedia classroom in Mindon BEHS. — MNA

Lt-Gen Ye Myint attends opening of multimedia classrooms in Mindon. — MNA

Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, wives of military attachés enjoy cultural performances

YANGON, 26 Aug — A team comprising Daw Khin Than Nwe, widow of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Daw Khin Aye Kyin, wife of Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Soe Thein, Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt, wife of Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Mrs Sadaf Ihsan, wife of the Dean of Military Attaché to Myanmar Pakistani Military Attaché and wives of military attachés of foreign missions led by Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, wife of Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, arrived at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyang Street this afternoon to enjoy practising works of students from University of Culture (Yangon) in painting, sculpture, music and drama subjects.

They were welcomed there by Rector U Tin Soe, faculty members and students. (See page 15)

UNICEF, UNDP resident representatives study recruitment of new Tatmadaw members

YANGON, 26 Aug — UNICEF Resident Representative Mrs Carroll C Long and Deputy Resident Representative Mrs Elke Wisch and UNDP Resident Representative Mr Charles Petrie, together with Director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Nyunt Swe and Deputy Director U Ko Ko Soe, studied recruitment of soldiers at the Tatmadaw Recruitment Unit of Mandalay Station on 19 August.

Col Aung San Tin of the Adjutant-General’s Office of the Ministry of Defence briefed them on policies, orders and instructions on the recruitment of Tatmadaw members, saying that the Tatmadaw is systematically recruiting new Tatmadaw members in accord with its rules and regulations. The age limit for new members to join the army is from 18 to 25, he said, adding that close supervision is being made for preventing against recruitment of those who are under the age limit and those who are not willing to join the army. Next, the visitors viewed the wall posters, pamphlets and contracts for recruiting new Tatmadaw members, recruitment of new members and others.

Later, the visitors met with 164 recruits and left there. — MNA

Resident Representatives of UNICEF and UNDP and party meet the recruits of the Tatmadaw. — MNA

Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, wives of military attachés enjoy cultural performances

YANGON, 26 Aug — A team comprising Daw Khin Than Nwe, widow of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Daw Khin Aye Kyin, wife of Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Soe Thein, Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt, wife of Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Mrs Sadaf Ihsan, wife of the Dean of Military Attaché to Myanmar Pakistani Military Attaché and wives of military attachés of foreign missions led by Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, wife of Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, arrived at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyang Street this afternoon to enjoy practising works of students from University of Culture (Yangon) in painting, sculpture, music and drama subjects.

They were welcomed there by Rector U Tin Soe, faculty members and students. (See page 15)
Facilities for better transportation

Bala Min Htin Bridge across Ayeyawady River in Myitkyina, Kachin State. — MNA

Gyaing Bridge (Zathabyin) that links Kayin and Mon States across the Gyaing River. — MYANMA ALIN

Kissapanadi Bridge in Kyauktaw Township, Rakhine State. — MYANMA ALIN
Myanmar performs liver transplant ...

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Yesterday, a team led by Surgeon Dr Thant Zin successfully took the liver of Ma Aye Mon out of her body during a surgical operation which lasted from 7.30 am to 11.45 am. At 10.15 am the same day, another team led by Surgeon Dr Norman Hla started the operation and removed the hardened liver of Ko Khin Zaw Htet who was suffering from liver cirrhosis. The liver transplant started at 7.30 pm and was completed successfully at 11.45 pm.

The whole operation took 13 and a half hours, and the health condition of the patient has been improving. He can now move his hands and legs. Physicians and nurses are providing health care for the patient round the clock.

Physicians (some professors and lecturers of institutions of higher learning), matrons and nurses also joined the surgical team led by Dr Norman Hla. Minister Dr Kyaw Myint and Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo fulfilled the requirements for the success of operation. The minister and party members who performed liver transplant on her husband and the State for providing necessary assistance. — MNA

Patient Ko Khin Zaw Htet's wife Daw Tin Tin Myint expresses gratitude to specialists who performed liver transplant on her husband and the State for providing necessary assistance. — MNA

Accompanied by Dr Tin Win Maung, Director-General of Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar) Dr Paing Soe, and Deputy Director-General of MRD (Upper Myanmar) Col Than Aung, visited the patient and checked his health conditions at the New YGH.

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Bonus presented to employees under Yangon Division All Bus-Line Control Committee

YANGON, 26 Aug — A ceremony to present prizes to conscientious and honest workers of bus lines under the All Bus-line Control Committee (Yangon Division) for 2003-2004 financial year this morning, taking place at the committee’s office on Laydauntkan Road in Tamway Township.

Chairman of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe delivered an address.

Also present on the occasion were military region commanders, local authorities, artists of Myanmar Thabin Asiayon and Myanmar Music Asiayon and officials, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe attended the competition.

After opening the competition, gold medal winners in the previous competitions performed entertainment to the audience.

The commander presented flower baskets and cash prizes to them.

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Performing Arts Competitions held in Yangon North District

YANGON, 26 Aug — Yangon North District held its 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions at Yandayataung Hall in Insein Township, this morning.

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Yangon Int'l Airport Services Supervisory C’tee meets

YANGON, 26 Aug — The meeting (13/2004) of Yangon International Airport Services Supervisory Committee was held at the Civil Aviation Department this morning, with an address by Committee Patron Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe. It was attended by Brig-Gen Hla Aung of the Ministry of Defence, CAD Director General U Win Maung, Myanmar Airways Chief Engineer U Yan Pyay and committee members, officials of airlines and guests.

At the meeting, Supervisory Committee Secretary Maj Win Tun Oo presented resolutions of the previous meeting (12/2004) and U Soe Win Tun of CE Technology reported on arrangements for installation of electronic ground support equipment after the airport extension. Chief Engineer U Yan Pyay reported on facts about the equipment and Director General U Win Maung on repair of the airport archway. Next, Brig-Gen Hla Aung discussed matters to be coordinated by various departments for the convenience of airport services. — MNA
Blood is thicker than water

Phado Tin Shwe

It is obvious that the national races of border regions and hill regions, where peace has been restored, are now enjoying all-round development in security, peace and stability, transport, health, education, economy and jobs.

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Political science is the centre of all fields of social science. Military science is just a branch of it. However, some quarters are not able to see and understand the clear political, organizational and national stand of the brilliant leaders of the Tatmadaw from the objective point of view. Instead, they are slandering the Tatmadaw name and label the Tatmadaw as the national races of border regions and hill regions, where peace has been restored, are now enjoying all-round development in security, peace and stability, transport, health, education, economy and jobs.

The people of the areas which were once covered with the haze of gunpowder and where the sound of guns never ended, lagged behind in development in the past. They were not able to use the rich underground and aboveground resources. There was not any improvement in their qualifications and progress in human resources. The people of the regions enjoying the taste of peace and progress are living in the former collapsed times.

In 1993, the work to draft a constitution, which will determine the fate of the entire Myanmar people, started. I was the first to make cash donation for the Nation Convention. I had much hope for it. But sadly, a certain party left the National Convention in 1996, and all hopes were in vain. The people were so disappointed by the party’s actions. Every nation in the world must have a constitution. There must be all organs of power from the government to the authorities. The Tatmadaw Government has laid down the Road Map, and reconvened the National Convention under the year at present. A portion of the process of the Convention has already been completed successfully.

Self interest plays a meaningful role in international relations as well as in personal relations. The method of giving priority to self interest is called protectionism. Everybody should consider the nation’s interest as his own. If there is a country which says that it has greater sympathy for Myanmar, it is better to discuss with a responsible personnel from it. Everybody country extends bilateral relations with the aim of making political and economic gains. In this situation, some big countries are trying to find means of gaining more financial interest. Their last resort is to use force to encroach on others sovereignty, with unreasonable excuses. Later, they launch attacks on all fronts to install a puppet government.

In line with a dictum of political experts — a race will have to share all the sufferings and joys together — the people of Kayin race are also of the national races of the motherland. They are included in the family of Myanmar race. It is natural that sometimes there may be problems among the members of a family. But they are temporary ones, and do not exist long. Disgusting themselves as a savages, if the former or the neo-colonialists, waiting for an opportune moment, will come from all directions to interfere in the affairs of a nation, taking advantage of the family problem, while hiding his iron fist under the veil of speeches. They will target those with strong feelings to incite them.

‘Our Three Main National Causes’ adhered to by the Tatmadaw Government is the national ideology as well as the role of the Defence Services. For any government led by any person, ‘Our Three Main National Causes’ must be kept in the forefront as a grand strategy till the end of the world. The political, economic and social objectives laid down in accord with the strategy must also be placed in the forefront.

— The light of the Myanmar

Bullying at school rises in Britain

London, 26 Aug — More and more British children are calling a helpline to seek advice about bullying at school, charity ChildLine said on Wednesday.

ChildLine said it had seen a 42 per cent rise in the number of children it counsels about bullying in the past year — the biggest annual increase in its 18-year history.

More than 31,000 children and young people spoke to a ChildLine counsellor about bullying in the year to March, 2004, up from around 22,000 the previous year.

A spokesman for the charity said the increase in calls could be related to a higher awareness of the service or that children increasingly felt they did not have to put up with bullying.

ChildLine said around a quarter of children calling about bullying had already told a teacher about the problem, but had still felt the need for further advice.

It said the figures echoed recent research showing that pupils who are bullied are twice as likely to consider suicide.

Bullies are using text messages and e-mail to communicate abuse, children told the charity.

The campaign urges children who are bullied not to turn the other cheek, to stand up to bullies, and to talk to teachers.

The government has set aside £1.5m to launch a two-year anti-bullying programme.

— MNA

British lawmakers plan to impeach Blair

London, 26 Aug — A group of British lawmakers plan to invoke a parliamentary procedure last used more than 150 years ago to impeach Prime Minister Tony Blair over the war in Iraq, British newspapers reported on Thursday.

Eleven Members of Parliament (MPs), mainly Welsh and Scottish nationalists who opposed the war and two opposition Conservatives, want to use the dated practice to force Blair to resign himself at Westminster over his decision to go to war.

Although it has no chance of success and is likely to be seen as little more than a publicity stunt, the plan would make a mockery of the reasons Blair gave the country for going to war, the newspapers said.

The backlash over Iraq has Blair’s trust rating plummet, and although opinion polls say he is on course to win a third general election expected next year, opponents hope to use the issue to question his credibility.

The impeachment process can be invoked against any person accused of “high crimes and misdemeanours” if a single MP persuades Parliament there is a case to answer. It was last used in 1848 and was last successfully invoked almost 200 years ago in 1806, the newspapers said.

In 1967 a parliamentary committee recommended the procedure to impeach should be brought back to the Commons, and said circumstances in which impeachment has taken place are now so remote from the present that the procedure may be considered obsolete.

However, the rights of the House of Commons. “This will be the first use of the procedure since MPs has taken this step for over 150 years,” Welsh nationalist Adam Price said. “For the Prime Minister to misleading Parliament and public and get away with it is simply not acceptable.”

A top-level inquiry in July cleared Blair of tricking Britain into war but did criticize him for relying on flawed pre-war intelligence. — MNA/Reuters

New York kids flee dangerous schools for safety

New York, 24 Aug — More than 2,500 high school students fled their public schools last year out of fear for their safety, The New York Post reported Monday.

According to information obtained by the paper’s sympathy for the students, the city’s education department approved “safety trans- fers” for 2,540 students from September through June because they were beaten, bul- lied and threatened by their classmates.

The city’s system figures there is an average of two students a school safety transfer for each school, as the city has about 1,300 public schools.

In Region 9, three of the students in Manhattan and three of the students in the South Bronx led through Freedom of Information Law request, the city’s department of education approved “safety trans- fers” for 343 transfers.

The city did not surprise staffers and students at Washington Irving high school, which landed on Mayor Michael Bloomberg’s list of most dangerous schools follow- ing a rash of violent inci- dents last fall, with about 50 students requesting safety transfers, the Post reported. The school has been under police scrutiny for much of the year.

The region includes a hand- ful of schools that landed on the mayor’s most dan- gerous list. Some education watchdogs said the number of safety transfers was alarming — and the worst part is that the problem is probably understated.

Teachers-union president Randi Weingarten said the transfer statistics show that violence is not limited to the 18 schools that the mayor has flooded with additional police and put a focus on, not just in a few schools but all over the system,” she said.

— MNA/Reuters

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NZ scientists to create GE sheep for disease research

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New Zealand researchers have won approval to create the world’s first flock of sheep that will be genetically engineered (GE) to help scientists understand hereditary diseases.

Having won approval to create the flock of about 60 ewes and their descendants, will give their lives to help scientists learn about how the fatal hereditary disease develops, and potentially help save the lives of the children and grandchildren of humans who now suffer from it.

But the sheep will be bred in Adelaide, Australia, because the scientists say they cannot afford to get regulatory approval for the project in New Zealand.

Lead researcher Russell Snell was quoted as saying that New Zealand’s AgResearch was keen to do the work, but getting approval was likely to cost too much and take too long.

“‘We have to be a little bit pragmatic and do it where we can,’ he said.

Scientists at the state-owned South Australian Research and Development Institute will now create the Huntington’s disease sheep embryos fertilized artificially in the laboratory.

The embryos will be implanted into sheep’s wombs to grow like normal lambs, and after the plan is made, a proportion will grow up with the Huntington’s gene.

Once a stable sheep line with Huntington’s disease is established, the institute will kill one infected sheep and one normal sheep every three months and send their brains to Auckland for analysis.

Professor Richard Faull of Auckland University, a co-leader of the research, said humans with Huntington’s disease would not suffer from the medical condition, but the sheep would.

“‘We’ll do very careful chemical studies to see if there is any evidence (of brain cell death in the sheep) before there are any symptoms,’ he said.

Professor Faull, who grew up in a Taranaki dairy farm, and Dr. Snell, whose father ran the Telford farm training school in Otago, said the sheep would not suffer before they were killed.

The Auckland researchers will make the sheep available to any scientist in the world who wants to test a potential treatment for Huntington’s. — MNA/Xinhua

Honda presents night vision pedestrian warning system

TOKYO, 25 Aug — Honda Motor Co. said Tuesday it has developed the world’s first pedestrian warning system that uses “far infrared” cameras to detect pedestrians at night and provide the driver visual and audio cautions to prevent accidents involving pedestrians.

The new system will be available on the Honda Legend car models to be released this fall, the automaker said.

The Intelligent Night Vision System uses images obtained from two far-infrared cameras positioned in the lower section of the front bumper to detect the position and movement of infra-red heat-emitting objects and determine whether they are in or approaching the vehicle’s path.

The system also determines whether the detected object is a pedestrian based on its size and shape, according to Honda. — MNA/Xinhua

Dredging project at Yellow River estuary starts

JINAN, 25 Aug — The start of dredging a river course at the estuary of the Yellow River, the country’s second longest, has been launched in a bid to remove silt and lower the riverbed, according to a source with the government of Dongying City at the estuary on Tuesday.

The dredging project will be carried out at a 2,600-metre-long section, costing an estimated investment of 4.8 million yuan (approximately 580,000 US dollars).

When the project is completed by late October, the riverbed will be 1.5-1.6 metres lower than the present level, making it easier for shipping vessels passing through and anchoring at the site.

The river mouth was silted up over recent years, and the riverbed became increasingly higher with each year. The river course, with a radius of three square metres to the Hongguang Fishing Port, is now two metres higher than the required depth of the navigation channel. — MNA/Xinhua

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Shelter belt project begins around the Three Gorges reservoir

CQINGQING, 25 Aug — A trial project to build a shelter belt around the reservoir of the Three Gorges Project, a massive hydroelectric project on the upper reaches of the Yangtze River, is under way in Yunyang County, southwest China’s Chongqing Municipality.

Based on the trial project, the Chinese Government will pour 1.7 billion yuan (205 million US dollars) to improve local ecological environment within the next three years, according to the forestry department of Chongqing.

The project area will cover 26 districts and counties of Chongqing and central China’s Hubei Province.

According to the plan, 48,800 hectares of reclaimed land will be returned to forests, more than 11,900 hectares of barren hills will be covered with trees and 7,200 hectares of mountains will be fenced up for tree planting, and more than 50,900 hectares of farmland will be built in the areas closely around the Three Gorges reservoir between 2004 and 2007.
People walk in tomato juice during the Tomatina, a traditional festival where people throw tomatoes at each other in Bunol, 300 km east of Madrid. —INTERNET

China-Africa youth cooperation forum held in Beijing

25 Aug — The China-Africa Youth Coop- eration Forum was held here Tuesday and delegates signed a declaration on youth cooperation. The decl- aration created a blueprint for the goal, means and pri- orities of cooperation between the young people in China and Africa.

The declaration would serve to exert positive in- fluence on furthering cooperation between the youth, pushing forward new partners- hip featuring long-term stability, equality, mutual benefit and all-round coop- eration, according to forum participants.

Zhou Qiang, first secretary of Secretariat of the Central Committee of the Communist Youth League of China, said at the forum that China and the African countries should set up a communication and dialogue mechanism.

MNA/Xinhua

Early rice production in China survives caterpillar attacks

NANCHANG, 25 Aug — Despite the worst-ever cater- pillar pest, east China's Jiangxi Province reaped an early rice output of 6.6 billion tons this year, a rise of 24.9 per cent over 2003 and one-third of the country's total increased early rice yield this year.

Statistics from local agri- cultural departments revealed that about 4.33 million hec- tares of early rice had been victimized by caterpillar pest this year.

In contrast, however, 1.712 million tons of early rice has been reaped from insect-infected rice paddies, about 1.067 million tons more than the province’s early rice yield retrieved last year.

Local agricultural experts owed the increased output to joint efforts made by agrotechnicians and farmers, in the anti-caterpillar battles.

Nearly 200 emergency teams, involving total of 5,000 agrotechnicians, have been sent to the rice paddy to help farmers tackle problems with cater- pillar pests, show incomplete experience, many agricul- tural experts said that local governments should channel more money into the insect pest monitoring system.

Given no money has been input since the system’s es- tablishment in 1971, numerous facilities for operation- alization well this year, they ac- knowledged. —MNA/Xinhua

Tenth generator at Three Gorges in operation

YICHANG, 25 Aug — A large hydroelectric power generator began operating Tuesday afternoon at the Three Gorges Power Project on the Yangtze River, after a successful 72-hour test run and routine checks. The lastest development made the number of power generators in operation at the project ris- ing to 10 in total, with a gen- erating capacity of 700,000 kilowatts a day.

By 8 pm Tuesday the hydropower plant had gener- ated 31.1 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity this year, since its first gen- erator became operational on July 10, 2003, said Zhang Cheng, director of the hydropower plant. Launched in 1993 and set to be com- pleted in 2009, the gigantic three Gorges project will have 26 generators in total, which are expected to gener- ate an average 84.7 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity a year.

With a total install capac- ity of 7 million kilowatts, now the plant is expected to gener- ate 37.5 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity this year, 15 bi- lion kilowatt-hours more than original plan. This will greatly ease power shortage across the country, especially in the central and eastern regions, said Zhang. —MNA/Xinhua

California Senate okays bill banning offshoring

SILICON VALLEY, 25 Aug — Despite stiff opposition from local businesses, the California Senate has passed a controversial bill that will limit the ability of companies to use offshore labor.

The bill, sponsored by the assembly member Carol Liu, will now go back to the assembly for a vote on several Senate amendments.

With the assembly ex- pected to concur, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger faces a choice between ven- turing the measure to please business lobbyists or sign- ing it to appeal to unions that support him for job protection, San Jose Mercury reported on Tuesday.

The governor’s office said he had not taken a posi- tion on the bill, which was cleared by the Senate 21-14.

If this state wants to retain business and jobs in California, then we need to set an example by utilizing domestic business rather than sending work overseas,” Liu said.

“Jobs pump money back into the economy via income and sales tax revenue and reduce the number of people who need public assistance to survive. Offshoring may save money in the short-term, but it will cost us more in the long run as more and more Californians find themselves jobless.”

Earlier, a coalition of business associations, led by the California Chamber of Commerce, had strongly opposed the legislation, say- ing the regulations aimed at protecting California jobs and privacy rights could raise the cost of state services to taxpayers and invite retal- iation from trading partners.

California is one of 34 states where legislation has been introduced seeking to restrict work on state agency contracts from being per- formed overseas, or impose regulations on offshoring practices to safeguard the security of medical and fi- nancial information. legis- lation in two other states was passed but was vetoed.

Offshoring has become a hot political issue during the 2004 presidential cam- paign, as critics complain of laggard job growth because of the Bush Administration’s economic recovery plan.

With the Senate “offshor- ing” in the manufactur- ing sector for decades as other countries became more competitive with lower wages, but a political crisis emerged once well-paying jobs in the sector service — including software and com- puter engineering jobs in Sili- con Valley — were outsourced to India and other countries. —MNA/PTI

Macao population reaches 454,300

MACAO, 25 Aug—Macao’s population reached 454,300 at the end of June, an increase of 2 per cent over the same period last year, according to the latest figures in the Macao Statistics and Census Bureau.

Based on Macao’s total land area of 27.3 square kilometres, the city’s popula- tion density stood at 16,630 residents at the end of June.

The Macao Special Ad- ministrative Region com- prises the 8.7-square kilo- metre Macao Peninsula and two offshore islands, the 6.3-square kilometre Taipa Island and 7.6-square kilo- metre Coloane Island, as well as a 4.7-square kilo- metre land reclamation stripe between the two is- lands. —MNA/Xinhua

Chinese language book published for Beijing Olympics

BEIJING, 25 Aug — A language guidance booklet was published here Tuesday for foreigners to get acquainted with basic Chinese language and culture during the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games.

Chinese Vice-Minister of Education Zhang Xinsheng said at a Press con- ference that the book, titled “Chinese Language Book for Beijing 2008 Olympic Games,” will bring China to the world through popular- izing the Chinese language.

The book, jointly edited by the National Of- fice for Teaching Chinese Language and Culture, the Beijing Organizing Committee for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad (BOCOG), was published by the People’s Education Press earlier this month. It will be presented to organi- zations related to the Ol- ympic Games for person- nel training or used as a tool for learners to learn Chi- nese language in general sense.

 Learners can find both English and French note for each Chinese language point, which is arranged in differ- ent situation such as greeting and farewell occasions.

Zhang said that during the Beijing Olympics, peo- ple all over the world will become more interested in the Chinese language, and China will edit more books as teaching materials to satis- fy the needs of this language.

MNA/Xinhua

Air Zimbabwe explores airfreight venture

HARARE, 25 Aug — Zimbabwe’s national air car- rier, Air Zimbabwe, said here on Monday it was exploring busi- ness opportunities in airfreight and was on the brink of leasing cargo aircraft to kick-start the venture.

Air Zimbabwe cargo sales manager Stan Banda said the airline wanted to pick up the airfreight busi- ness left after the collapse of local cargo freighter, Affreight, a few years ago.

“We have done some feasibility studies, and indi- cations are that the venture could be viable, and we are proceeding with the plans,” he said.

MNA/Xinhua

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Sebrle wins men’s decathlon gold

Amst., 25 Aug — World record holder Roman Sebrle of the Czech Republic underlined his dominance in the men’s decathlon by winning the gold medal here Tuesday in the Olympic track and field competition. Sebrle collected a total of 8,893 points, beating the Olympics record of 8,847 set by Daley Thompson of Britain 10 years ago in 1984.

The silver medal was taken by Bryan Clay of the United States with 8,820, and the bronze went to Dmitriy Karpov of Kazakhstan, 8,725.

Sebrle, who has been holding the world record with 9,026 points since 2001, but had not claimed any world and Olympic titles, placed second after five events, trailing 95 points behind Karpov.

Karpov remained the leader after eight events, but Sebrle turned the tables after the javelin throw. He threw 70.52 meters to collect 897 points, while Karpov only got 671 points from a poor performance of 55.54m.

With last event to go. Clay clawed his way up to the second, 63 points less than the leader, but more than 100 points than Karpov.

Karpov, bronze medalist at the world championships last year, felt very satisfied with his third finish because the Asian champion lifted his personal best from 8,512 to 8,725. — MNA/Xinhua

Ronaldo sends Real through to Champions League

Madrid, 26 Aug — Ronaldo scored twice to set Real Madrid on their way to a 3-1 win over Wisla Krakow on Wednesday and lead the nine times European Cup winners through to the Champions League group phase on a 5-1 aggregate.

Real, forced to go through the qualifying round after finishing fourth in the league last season, added to their 2-0 lead from the away leg with Ronaldo’s first in the third minute.

Portuguese midfielder Luis Figo skipped his way down the right wing, clipped a neat pass across the face of the goal and scored no point for his second. He took a risk hoisting 225kg to catch the silver — MNA/Xinhua

Raul, still struggling for form, scooped wide after being put through by Zinedine Zidane and the outstanding Figo had three stinging shots beaten away by Madjdan.

However, the 24-year-old Berestov got his third finish because the Asian champion lifted his personal best from 8,512 to 8,725. — MNA/Xinhua

Russian Bondarenko injures lumbar spine in men’s vault final

Athens, 25 Aug — Russian gymnast Alexei Bondarenko, who won the silver medal on vault at the Sydney Olympics, sustained a lumbar spine injury during the men’s vault final at the Athens Olympics on Monday night.

Bondarenko fell twice in two attempts and scored no point for his second. He finished eighth with 4.55 points.

So far, the athlete showed no sign of neurological semioleology but was rushed to the KAT hospital for X-ray test, with a possibility of a magnetic tomography test too. — MNA/Xinhua

Real, Man United, Juventus book Champions League spots

London, 26 Aug — Real Madrid, Manchester United and Juventus booked their Champions League places on Wednesday as Europe’s elite teams safely negotiated the third qualifying round for the continent’s leading club competition.

Juventus, held 2-2 by Djurgarden in the first leg in Turin, won 4-1 in Sweden, two goals by France striker David Trezeguet and one each from Italy playmaker Alessandro del Piero and Czech midfielder Pavel Nedved sealing victory for the Serie A giants.

Manchester United defeated Dinamo Bucharest 3-0 at Old Trafford to advance 5-1 on aggregate. England forward Alan Smith scored twice soon after halftime to set up a comfortable win for the injury-hit English team who have twice lifted the European Cup. Dutch midfielder Mark van Bommel claimed two goals to inspire PSV Eindhoven to a 5-0 rout of 1991 European champions Red Star Belgrade and a 7-3 aggregate win.

Germany’s Bayer Leverkusen, 2002 Champions League runners-up, lost 2-1 at Banik Ostrava but advanced comfortably following their 5-0 first-leg victory.

Ukrainian clubs Dinamo Kiev and Shakhtar Donetsk both progressed. Kiev beat Trabzonspor 2-0 in Turkey to progress 3-2 on aggregate, while Shakhtar drew 2-2 with Club Bruges to seal a 6-3 aggregate victory. — MNA/Reuters

Olympics-diving: Chinese Peng Bo claim men’s 3m springboard title

Athens, 25 Aug — Peng Bo clinched the fourth diving gold medal for China Tuesday when he successfully served to take the men’s 3m springboard title at the Olympic Games.

Peng, denied a chance for the synchronized title on August 16 after they scored a no-dive in the last dive, redeemed his loss with the victory in 787.38 points.

Athens World Cup Alexander Despatie of Canada lagged far behind silver in 755.97 after collecting 91.80 from his sixth and final dive.

Sydney Olympic synchronized platform champion Dmitri Sautin was pushed to the third place in 753.27.

It is the fourth diving gold China has won here after they triumphed in the both women’s synchronized platform and 3m springboard as well as the men’s synchronized platform.

MNA/Xinhua

Diego to miss European Super Cup match

London, 25 Aug — Porto’s Brazilian midfielder Diego will miss this week’s European Super Cup match against Valencia in Monaco with a thigh injury, the Portuguese club said on Monday.

Diego suffered the injury in the first half of Porto’s 1-0 Portuguese Super Cup win over Benfica last Friday and will be out for three weeks, according to the club’s media officer Rui Carvalho.

The 19-year-old will also miss the European champions league’s opening game at Braga on September 12 as well as Brazil’s 2006 World Cup qualifier against Bolivia on September 5. Diego joined Porto from Brazilian club Santos for seven million euros ($8.59 million US dollars) last month. — MNA/Xinhua

Olympics-track&Field:

Manchester United’s Cristiano Ronaldo (L) battles for the ball with Dinamo Bucharest’s Leonard Nadin (R) in their Champions League third qualifying round, second leg soccer match at Old Trafford. Manchester, on 25 Aug, 2004. Manchester United defeated Dinamo Bucharest 3-0. — Internet

AC Milan’s Brazilian player Cafu, (L), jumps for the ball against Barcelona’s Swedish player Henrik Larsson during the Gamper trophy soccer match in Barcelona, Spain, on 25 Aug. 2004. — Internet

American Joanna Hayes wins women’s 100m gold

Athens, 25 Aug — Joanna Hayes of the United States captured the title of the women’s 100m hurdles at the Olympic Games here on Tuesday.

The 27-year-old, who never won a major world title in this event, clocked 12.37 seconds, an Olympic record, for the gold medal.

Ukraine’s Olena Krusovska won the silver in a personal best time of 12.45 and another American Melissa Morrison timed 12.56 to retain the bronze medal she won in the Sydney Olympic Games four years ago.

Reigning world champion Petrina Feliciana of Canada did not finish the race after hitting the hurdle and falling to the ground. — MNA/Xinhua
Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, wives of military attaches …
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The rector extended greetings and explained aims and functions of the university. Pro-Rector Daw Khin Hla Hay also briefed them on academic matters.

Next, the rector and the pro-rector presented paintings to Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and Daw Khin Than Nwe. Afterwards, Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and party viewed painting and sculpture works of the final year students for 2003-2004 and enjoyed presentation of music and drama. Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and party presented the flower basket to the students and posed for documentary photos with them.

Later, Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe signed in the visitors’ book and left there. — MNA

MoU signed between Myanmar, China


Also present were Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lan Thi, Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Deputy Ministers for Industry-1, directors-general and managing directors, representatives of Tsingda Daring Biotechnologies Group pose for a group photo. — INDUSTRY-1

Representatives of Tsingda Daring Biotechnologies Group signed the MoU on Pulp and Paper Mill Project which can produce 200,000 tons of products a day and establishment of the forest with Managing Director U Than Shwe of MPCI, and MoU on establishment of Downstream Oil & Gas Project with Director-General U Soe Myint of EPD. Later, they exchanged the documents. — MNA

WEATHER

Thursday, 26 August 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan State, upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Tanintharyi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded was Maungdaw 2.87 inches.

Maximum temperature on 25-8-2004 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 26-8-2004 was 69°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 26-8-2004 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 25-8-2004 was 4.3 hours approx.

Rainfall on 26-8-2004 was 0.63 inch at Yangon Airport, 0.79 inch at Kaba-Aye, 1.09 inches at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 94.37 inches at Yangon Airport, 92.05 inches at Kaba-Aye and 93.90 inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 11 mph from North at 07:30 hours MST on 26-8-2004.

Bay influence: Monsoon is generally moderate in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 27-8-2004: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay Divisions, scattered in Shan State, upper Sagaing, Bago and Tanintharyi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is 80%.

State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Thundery conditions in Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 27-8-2004: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 27-8-2004: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%.
Priority given to health and fitness of the entire nation

YANGON, 26 Aug — The government has been making all-out efforts for providing health care services to the entire national people residing in the Union including those living in far-off regions and outlying districts.

The government is opening the rural health care centres and sub-rural health care centres while building more and more hospitals and upgrading the old ones. The Medical Research Department has produced hepatitis B vaccine since ten years ago. Furthermore, the Hepatitis B Vaccine Factory was built in Ywathagyi near Yangon, and the factory is now in the process of producing hepatitis B vaccine. Hence, it’s safe to say that the nation will be able to produce hepatitis B vaccine at home in the next two years.

It is imperative to produce more competent medical experts at all levels in order to accomplish health care activities. In the process, the respective courses have been conducted at 14 medical institutions including the institutes of medicine, the institutes of dental medicine, the institutes of traditional medicine and at other medical training centres to be able to produce new generation medical professionals. Master degrees, PhD and doctorate degrees courses are being conducted alongside bachelor degree courses and post-graduate diploma courses. A large number of post-graduate trainees have been sent abroad yearly for further studies since 2002 and purchased necessary equipment.

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The liver transplant was performed by two groups. Surgeon Dr U Thant Zin took out the liver from a donor with the help of first junior doctor Dr U Saw Mardo Thein, second junior doctor U Nyi Nyi Swe and assistant doctor Dr Daw Aye Mya Mya Zaw. The operation was conducted by Professor Dr U Norman Hla with the assistance of Associate Professor Dr U Win Maung, assistant professor Dr Daw Thida Aung and assistant specialist Dr U Maung Maung Soe.

Ko Khin Zaw Htet, a liver recipient and patient of liver cirrhosis, was able to speak 12 hours after the operation. His health is improving.

He severely suffered from the disease, growing his stomach big and vomiting blood five times and he may even die within a period of 6 to 12 months. The liver transplant was very delicate for the medical experts, costing between 75,000 and 100,000 US dollars in the western countries.

The government provided necessary assistance for the operation.

Govt provides assistance for successful performing of liver transplant

YANGON, 26 Aug — The liver transplant was performed successfully for the first time in the history of Myanmar at New Yangon General Hospital on 25 August.

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