Prime Minister receives Indian guests

YANGON, 4 Oct—Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt of the Union of Myanmar received Secretary of the External Affairs Ministry of the Republic of India Mr Shyam Saran and party at Zeyathiri Beikman, Konmynitha, here at 5 pm today.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Deputy Ministers U Kyaw Thu and U Maung Myint, Director-General U Soe Tint of the Prime Minister’s Office and Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The guests were accompanied by Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Rajiv Kumar Bhatia. They discussed matters related to cooperation in economic sector and border area development tasks.—MNA

Sangyoung Township BEHS No 1 opens multimedia classrooms

Entire nation in process of making efforts for education development

YANGON, 4 Oct—The No 1 Basic Education High School in Sangyoung Township, Yangon West District, Yangon Division, opened its multimedia classrooms this morning, attended by Vice-Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win.

Wellwishers also presented donations for the classrooms. Also present were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Committee Yangon City Development Committee Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Ministers for Education U Myo Nyunt and Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of department, officials, the headmistress, teachers, members of the school board of trustees, old students, donors and students.

On arrival at the school, the Secretary-1 and party were welcomed by band troupes and dance troupes. Two girl students Ma Khin May Oo and Ma Chaw Kyi Phyu acted as master of ceremonies.

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister U Than Aung and Chairman of School Board of Trustees U Thein Myint formally opened the classrooms. The Secretary-1 unveiled the signboard.

The Secretary-1 and party viewed students learning education at language lab, video system (electronic media) room, computer aided instruction room, electronic (audio system) room, printed media (reading corner) room, and computer application room.

They also visited the altar and domestic science training school. Students presented gifts to the Secretary-1.

Headmistress Daw Aye Aye Mon explained that the school’s matriculation examination pass rate for 2004 was 51 per cent, up from 46 per cent in 2003 and from 42.04 per cent in 2002. The success was thanks to the education promotion programmes launched in 1998, and the multimedia classrooms. A time-table has been set for teaching the students the use of advanced learning equipment. U Thein Myint also explained the efforts to open the classrooms.

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Maintain dams for posterity

Myanmar being an agricultural country, agricultural production is very important not only for food supplies but also for the development of the national economy. Therefore, the Government has been fulfilling all the requirements to boost the agricultural production. One of the measures taken for this purpose is building dams, river water pumping stations and artesian wells.

A new dam — Myothit Dam — was inaugurated near Myothit Chaung village in Budal Township, Monywa District, Sagaing Division, on 27 September and the opening ceremony was attended by Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, also Chairman of the Agricultural Development Committee. In his speech on the occasion, the Chairman of the Agricultural Development Committee said it was necessary for local authorities, departmental personnel and local people to strive for the success of agricultural sector by maintaining the dam and making effective use of its water.

The Government has been building dams in the Sagaing Division, including the Thaung Seik Dam, the largest in the country. As a result, the sown acreage has increased from 2.8 million acres in 1989 to 4 million in 2004. Due to such favourable conditions, Sagaing Division will become the granary of Upper Myanmar. Moreover, the cultivation of beans and pulses, edible oil crops, cotton and sugarcane is being extended there.

The newly-opened dam is the 18th facility in Sagaing Division and 165th in the nation and it will supply water to about 2,500 acres in Budal Township. As a result, three crops including summer paddy and sesame are likely to be grown in a year.

The opening of the Myothit Dam in hot and dry upcountry will benefit farmers as well as their children and grandchildren. Therefore, we would like to urge the local people to strive for the development of agriculture by maintaining the dam and making effective use of its water.

Forestry Minister inspects wood based industry

YANGON, 4 Oct — Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung together with the Director-General, the Managing Director and responsible personnel arrived at furniture factory of Sinma Furnishings Co Ltd in Tharminnagala Market, Kyimyindaing Township yesterday afternoon. Factory-in-Charge U Kyaw Kyaw Win explained functions of the factory. Next the Minister and party saw over finished furniture and production process and the Minister fulfilled the requirements.

The Minister inspected tasks being taken at Ahlon raft jetty of Myanmar Timber Enterprise in Ahlon Township. Later, the Minister and party looked into measures being taken at furniture factory of Cupid Trading Co Ltd in Dagon Seikkan Township and attended to the needs. The factory is exporting the furniture to Malaysia.

The Minister inspected production functions and preparation tasks for exporting of the wood based industry of TKK International Ltd and attended to the needs. The factory is exporting the goods to Singapore, Italy and France.

In the evening, the Minister and party arrived at Timber shop in Dagon Myothit (East) Township and attended to the needs.

Minister inspects Kun Creek-2 dam project

YANGON, 4 Oct — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Hlay Oo arrived at Kun Creek-2 dam project site near Tatkon village, Kyangin Township, Ayeyawady Division, on 2 October afternoon. Officials of the Irrigation Department reported to the minister on measures being taken to irrigate some 20,000 acres of farmland and the use of construction materials.

Next, the minister gave instructions on accelerated efforts to complete the project ahead of schedule, and inspected construction works with the use of heavy machinery, storage of water in the dam, and construction of spillway, water control tower and conduit pipe.

The minister met farmers at Ywama monastery in Talothaw village, Hinthada Township and gave instructions on national development, promotion of agricultural products, and water supply tasks. Yesterday morning, the minister visited Tilawka Oksaung Shinhalaung Pagoda in Nathinaw village, Hinthada Township, and donated cash to the funds of the all-round renovation of the pagoda.

The minister also visited Mahatrayana monastery in Kanaungsu ward, Hinthada, where he paid homage to Sayadaw Aung Htay, Ma Aung Hnin, Ma Aung Pyae and Ma Aung Hnin and gave instructions to the Sayadaws. The minister proceeded to Mogauing Pariyatti monastery in Takalay ward, where he paid homage to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sudhamma and Bhaddanta Sudhamma and gave instructions to the Sayadaws. They also donated cash to the funds for the all-round renovation of Myothu gyi pagoda.

Next, the minister went to Indaw village tract in Hinthada, where he met with farmers and service personnel and gave instructions on efforts to obtain target yield of paddy and the use of natural fertilizers.

Minister Maj-Gen Hlay Oo inspects model plots of paddy cultivation in Indaw village-tract in Hinthada Township. — MNA

Education Minister receives Indian guests

YANGON, 4 Oct — Minister for Education U Than Aung received Foreign Secretary Mr Shyam Saran of the Republic of India and party at Diamond Jubilee Hall on Pyay Road, here, this afternoon.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Ministers U Myo Nyunt and Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min and the directors-general. The guest was accompanied by Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Rajiv Kumar Bhatia. — MNA

Minister U Than Aung receives Indian delegation led by Mr Shyam Saran. — (EDUCATION)

Officials leave for Cambodia

YANGON, 4 Oct — The Myanmar delegation led by Director-General of Myanmar Radio and Television U Khin Maung Htay left here by air this morning for Cambodia to attend the Eighth Senior Officials Meeting of ASEAN Information Ministers Conference to be held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia from 4 to 8 October.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, Director-General of Information and Public Relations Department U Chit Naing, Managing Director of News and Periodicals Enterprise Col Soe Win, Managing Director of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise U Bo Kyi and officials. Director-General U Khin Maung Htay was accompanied by Director (TV English) U Win Kyi of MRTV. — MNA

Minister Maj-Gen Hla Oo inspects Kun Cryke-2 dam project.

Minister May-Gen Hlay Oo inspects model plots of paddy cultivation in Indaw village-tract in Hinthada Township. — MNA

Commerce Deputy Minister leaves for Vietnam

YANGON, 4 Oct — The Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun left here by air this morning for Vietnam to attend the opening of ASEAN Trade Fair 2004 to be held in Hanoi, Vietnam.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by heads of department under the Ministry of Commerce, the President of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and officials, and their families.

The deputy minister was accompanied by Chairman of Myanmar Gram and Sesame Merchants Association U Tun Aung and Staff Officer Daw Toe Toe Win of Directorate of Trade. — MNA
Anger, confusion in France over failed mission to free journalists in Iraq

PARIS, 3 Oct—French media and authorities expressed anger on the weekend at an unofficial mission to free two French journalists taken hostage in Iraq more than six weeks ago which came up empty-handed after promising imminent success.

The operation, headed by a French parliamentary deputy in President Jacques Chirac’s ruling UMP party, has sown confusion and raised many questions over government efforts — in public and in secret — to free the two men, Georges Malbrunot of Le Figaro newspaper and Christian Chesnot of Radio France International, who were captured south of Baghdad on 20 August along with their Syrian driver.

Sunday’s newspapers were especially scathing. Weekly Le Journal du Dimanche spoke of an “immortal” that was made up of “false leads, lies and confusion”, while Le Monde’s Sunday-Monday edition said: “The congratulations, which give ‘Operation Julia’ an aura that could be judged ridiculous if it were not a matter of life and death, are legion.”

Chirac on Saturday slammed the unofficial mission as “inference” while his foreign minister, Michel Barnier, said: “I want to hope that the parallel steps undertaken by a group in Iraq will not have consequences for the safety (of the men) and that they will not delay the moment of their release.”

 HK’s good times roll in broad spectrum rebound

HONG KONG, 4 Oct — Hong Kong has enjoyed a prosperous summer where a buoyant economy is reflected in booked out accommodation and a surge in high-end consumer spending, according to a report of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council.

Hotels and restaurants have recorded a boom season, with occupancy rates not seen for 10 years. Tourism arrivals reached a record 2.07 million in August, up 25 per cent on July. This brings the total year-to-date arrivals to 14.7 million, an increase of 58 per cent over the same period last year.

The Chinese Mainland easily remained the largest market by volume, with a rise of 31 per cent to a record 1.24 million visitors. Notable increases from other major markets included Malaysia (up 69 per cent), Singapore (57 per cent), Thailand (53 per cent), Australia (49 per cent), the Britain (47 per cent) and Canada (46 per cent).

Latest government figures on retail spending reveal “a remarkable performance” in the six months to end June as sales of motor vehicles, electrical goods, photographic equipment, jewellerly and watches all registered growth of over 20 per cent.

While increasing business tourism continues to have a positive impact on the hospitality industry, and rising numbers of affluent Chinese Mainland tourists boost the retail sector, many believe the upmarket mood is more a reflection of optimism in Hong Kong.

“There is a positive vibe about Hong Kong,” said Allan Zeman, chairman of the Lan Kwai Fong Association. Zeman oversees the promotion of Lan Kwai Fong, one of Hong Kong’s most famous restaurant and entertainment districts.

“There’s a feel-good factor that says Hong Kong is booming,” Zeman said. “Long haul tourists are coming in and droves; there are conventions almost every day; restaurants and bars are full. Customers are spending - and this is putting smiles on a lot of faces.”

Philippines to issue “visa-upon-arrival” for Chinese tourists

MANILA, 4 Oct — The Philippine Government will grant “visa-upon-arrival” privileges to all Chinese tourists arriving in the Philippines, whether individually or in groups, said Philippine Tourism Secretary Joseph Ace Durano on Sunday.

Durano said that the Bureau of Immigration and the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines had agreed to extend the privilege to Chinese tourists to boost their numbers.

He said the validity of the visa will be extended from seven days to 14 days after a survey has showed that the average time Chinese tourists spend in the Philippines is around 11 days.

Iraq militants claim to behead contractor

BAGHDAD, 3 Oct—A militant group in Iraq claimed in an Internet statement posted Saturday that it abduced and beheaded an Iraqi construction contractor who worked on a US military base. A video released with the statement showed a man being decapitated.

A different militant group claiming to have kidnapped two Indonesian women in Iraq demanded on Saturday the release of an Indonesian cleric jailed in his home country. But the cleric refused to be freed in an exchange, saying hostage-taking is not in keeping with Islam.

Another video broadcast Saturday on the Al-Arabiya network showed a man purported to be a Jordanian hostage. An announcer said the hostage appeared surrounded by gunfire threatening to kill him within 72 hours unless his company stopped cooperating with US forces. Meanwhile, in another, ongoing hostage drama, French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier said Saturday private initiatives to free two French journalists kidnapped last month had frustrated the government’s own negotiations with the captors.

Wal-Mart construction suspended at archaeological site in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 4 Oct—The Mexican authorities have suspended the construction of a Wal-Mart supermarket near the archaeological site of Teotihuacan, about 45 kilometres north of Mexico City, government officials said Saturday. According to the officials, the government decided to stop the project out of respect for the ancient ruins.

A US armoured vehicle waits near the site of a car bomb attack in Abu Ghraib, Baghdad, on 30 Sept, 2004.—INTERNET

Two bodies, possibly Westerners, found in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 3 Oct—Two bodies, those of a woman and a man whose head was severed, were found Sunday twelve miles south of Baghdad. Police said the corpses looked like those of Westerners.

Police Lt Hussein Rizouqi said no identification was found on the corpses. The woman, who was shot in the head, had blond hair, he said. Insurgents have used kidnappings and grisly beheadings in their 17-month campaign to drive the United States and its allies out of Iraq. More than 140 foreigners have been kidnapped since April, some as political leverage and others for ransoms. At least 26 have been killed.

A Lebanese electrical company appealed to Iraqi kidnappers to release two employees seized last week, saying they were not working with US forces. The men were among 10 people seized by a group calling itself the Islamic Army in Iraq — the same group that claimed responsibility for abducting two French journalists last month.

A man carries his injured daughter to the hospital after three bombs exploded near a US convoy in western Baghdad, on 30 Sept, 2004.—INTERNET
British manufacturing sector growth slows again in September

LONDON, 3 Oct—Britain’s manufacturing sector recorded a second consecutive month of growth slowdown in September as a result of higher oil prices, reduced domestic demand and base interest rate hikes, a key survey released Friday showed.

The Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply Reuters’ survey showed growth in production and new orders slipped to their weakest levels since last June, and employment barely grew.

The institute’s index indicating performance fell from 53.1 in August to 52.2 in September despite a forecast rise to 53.5. Analysts said that although the figure is still above the 50 threshold indicating continuing expansion in the sector—the latest figure represents a second consecutive month of growth decline in a sector that makes up about one-sixth of the world’s fourth largest economy.

The survey found that rising oil and metal prices pushed input prices up, new orders fell for a second month in succession and growth in domestic demand weakened.

However, the survey also showed exports improved with the export orders index climbing to 50.1 from a near two-year low of 47.7 in August.

The survey said manufacturers were able to pass on some of their higher input costs to clients, forcing up the output prices index to 54.6 in September from 54.0 in August.

“Margins are being squeezed and are forcing manufacturers to find productivity gains,” said Chris Williamson, an economist at NTC Research, which compiles the report. “This is in contrast to the previous five months when we’ve seen modest growth in employment in the British manufacturing sector.”

The news reinforced speculation that the Bank of England has nearly completed its current round of interest rate hikes and sent sterling down to a seven-month low against the euro. — MNA/Xinhua

UAE invests over $5b in utility projects

ABU DHABI, 3 Oct—The total investment in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) utility projects is expected to exceed estimated 5.5 billion US dollars from 2000 to 2010, the Gulf News reported on Friday.

The figure is due to revised demand for power and water — 9,475 megawatts (MW) and 791 million gallons per day — an 8 per cent growth in electricity and 7 per cent in water consumption per year.

UAE’s power demand is expected to stand at 12,000 MW by 2015, while water demand will rise to 900 million gallons daily.

With the continued rally of oil price, investment in general projects is expected to continue. The total gross domestic product of six countries of the Gulf Cooperation Countries (GCC) is expected to exceed 400 billion dollars, which will help the countries increase spending in new projects and development activities to boost their respective economies.

The total value of infrastructure, utility, energy development and construction projects in the GCC could well exceed 200 billion dollars, about half of which are being implemented in the UAE.

The GCC, a regional political and economic alliance, was established in 1981 and groups Kuwait, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Oman, the UAE and Qatar.

MNA/Xinhua

More foreign investment pours into Vietnam in first nine months

HANOI, Oct—Vietnam attracted foreign direct investment (FDI) of 2.97 billion US dollars in the first nine months of this year, a year-on-year rise of 41 per cent.

In the period, the country lured 1.67 billion dollars of fresh investment from 518 newly-licensed projects, and 1.3 billion dollars of additional capital from 342 operational projects, according to the Ministry of Planning and Investment on Saturday.

Most of the FDI was poured into the industry, construction and service sectors. Vietnam’s biggest investors in the first three quarters included Taiwan, Canada, South Korea and Japan. To attract more FDI, the ministry has recently proposed the government to take new measures such as permitting localities to license bigger projects, allowing stronger foreign participation in several fields such as education and vocational training, perfecting FDI-related legal documents and infrastructure, publicizing the national list of projects to be implemented in the 2005-2010 period calling for foreign investment in the next few months, and promoting investment in key markets such as the European Union, the United States and Japan.

Vietnam is forecast to lure more than 3.3 billion dollars’ worth of FDI this year, up from 3.1 billion dollars last year. It now has nearly valid 4,900 foreign-invested projects with total registered capital of more than 44 billion dollars, including realized capital of nearly 26 billion dollars.—MNA/Xinhua

Business leaders confident about Japan’s economic outlook

TOKYO, 3 Oct—The Japanese business community expressed confidence Friday about the outlook of the domestic economy in the wake of the Bank of Japan’s release of a better-than-expected reading for business confidence among large manufacturers.

“I have the impression that Japan’s current economic conditions are significantly strong,” Kikutaro Kitashiro, chairman of the Japan Association of Corporate Executives, said in a statement.

Kitashiro was commenting on the BOJ’s Tankan quarterly report, which found a business confidence index for large manufacturers at 26 for three months through September, up from 22 marked three months earlier and the highest since the burst of the speculative-driven bubble economy in the early 1990s.

The reading surpassed an index of 23 polled in a Kyodo News survey.

However, the large manufacturers’ confidence index for the next quarter through December stood at 21.

MNA/Xinhua
UNSC urges contributions to forces to protect UN in Iraq

UNITED NATIONS, 3 Oct — The Security Council welcomed on Friday proposals by UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan regarding security arrangements for the UN Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI), including close protection troops for senior UN staff, and urged world governments to contribute to the units.

The safety of UN personnel and premises has been a top issue surrounding the return of the United Nations to Iraq ever since two bomb attacks against the world body’s offices in Baghdad last year led to the eventual withdrawal of all international staff.

The first blast on 19 August, 2003 killed 22 people, including Annan’s special representative Sergio Vieira de Mello, and wounded scores of others. A month later a second explosion near the premises killed a security guard and left 19 others injured.

In a recent letter to the Council, Annan called for international security staff, protection coordination officers, personal security details and guard units in addition to protection provided by the US-led multinational force, which would be responsible for security throughout the country.

Among their tasks, the different elements would be responsible for close protection of senior UNAMI personnel when they travel outside of headquarters, and security at UN premises and access control to headquarters.

The Council’s response came in the form of a letter approved during an open meeting. Annan’s spokesman said the exchange of letters between the Secretary-General and the Security Council was intended to provide a legal framework for this arrangement.

Asked about progress in obtaining troops for the security elements, the spokesman said there was nothing to announce yet. While there were reports that one country would provide assistance, there was nothing to confirm pending a final agreement, he added. — MNA/Xinhua

Iraqi militant group will release two kidnapped Indonesian women

DUBAI, 3 Oct — An Iraqi militant group claiming to have kidnapped two Indonesian women said it would release them if Jakarta freed a Muslim cleric detained on suspected terror links, Al-Jazeera television reported on Saturday.

“The Islamic Army in Iraq put a condition to the Indonesian Government to release Abu Bakar Bashir in return for freeing the two Indonesian hostages,” the Arab channel said, quoting what it said was a statement by the group.

It gave no further details.

Six Iraqis and two Lebanese were also kidnapped by the group, Al-Jazeera said.

Indonesia confirmed the kidnapping of the two women on Friday and advised any other nationals in the country to leave immediately.

In the statement, the group said Indonesia had arrested Bashir earlier this year at Australiania’s request.

The frail cleric is accused of leading the al-Qaeda-linked Jemaah Islamiyah network. He is also suspected of having links to the 2002 Bali bombings which killed 202 people. Bashir has consistently denied links to both the bombing and the group.

On Thursday, Jazeera aired a video tape from the “Islamic Army in Iraq, the Western leadership” showing images of the two Indonesians in Muslim headscarves with the other hostages.

More Nepalis want to become journalists

KATHMANDU, 3 Oct — Four kinds of certificate of recognition were awarded to more than 250 Nepali journalism trainees on Saturday morning in Kathmandu by Global Media and Research Centre (GMRC).

More and more Nepalis want to become journalists,” the chairman of GMRC Laxman Dutta Pant told Xinhua at the awarding ceremony.

The country’s first text book of journalism was released at the ceremony.

Established in January 2000, the centre aims to produce capable manpower in Nepali media industry.

A total of 1,600 Nepali have been trained and given the certificates by the centre, he said, adding that more Nepali people are interested in courses of journalism.

The four kinds of training include print, photography, broadcast and communication lifeline of journalism.

Anchoring, news reading, photo techniques, documentary production, script writing, public speaking, news reporting, feature writing, organizing Press conference and article writing are the major courses of the centre, he said.

Having finished several months of training, some outstanding trainees have been warmly welcomed by popular newspapers, national television channels and radio stations.

Among them, 116 students have been working in different kinds of media and a lot of young trainees have become skilled journalists, photographers and anchors in the monopol of Nepal, he added. — MNA/Xinhua

Malaysia resumes exports of poultry products to Singapore

KUALA LUMPUR, 3 Oct — A total of 1.4 million eggs, 169,262 chickens and 3,744 ducks were exported to Singapore Friday after the city-state partially lifted a six-week ban Thursday, said an official statement.

The statement, released by the Malaysian Veterinary Services Department here Friday, urged the Federation of Livestock Farmers Associations of Malaysia (FLFAM) to coordinate and facilitate matters concerning supply and marketing.

On 18 August, Singapore imposed a blanket suspension on the import of Malaysian poultry products after the H5 strain of avian influenza was detected in Tumpat, north state of Kelantan on 17 August.

Malaysian poultry farmers in south states of Johor and Melaka are allowed to export their produce to Singapore after the outbreak bird flu has been under control and limited to Kelantan only. — MNA/Xinhua

Standard chartered approved for RMB services in Jiangsu

NANJING, 3 Oct— British Standard Chartered Bank’s Nanjing branch was given approval to conduct Renminbi (RMB) services in the capital city of Jiangsu Province Thursday by the China Banking Regulatory Commission.

The first foreign bank approved to deal in RMB services in Jiangsu, Standard Chartered will provide loans, savings and credit card services to small and medium-sized businesses and individuals, while managing cash, foreign exchange and securities for customers.

Founded in 1992, Standard Chartered’s Nanjing branch is the biggest foreign bank in the province. An official with the bank said the opening of RMB services will further expand its influence.

The bank’s branches in Shanghai and Shenzhen obtained the approval for providing RMB services to Chinese and foreign companies earlier this year.

The smoldering remains of a US armoured vehicle is seen strewn on a street in the poor, mainly Shiite Muslim neighbourhood of Sadr City in Baghdad, on 1 Oct, 2004. — INTERNET

A civilian car burns after a car bomb targeting a US military convoy exploded in Mosul, 360 kilometres (225 miles) north of Baghdad, on 2 Oct, 2004. — INTERNET

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Kerry accuses Bush of serious misjudgments on eco, war

ORLANDO (Florida), 4 Oct — Democratic challenger John Kerry pivoted from the contentious debate over Iraq to bread-and-butter issues on Saturday and accused President George W Bush of “serious misjudgments” on the economy as well as the war.

Two days after the presidential debate in Miami which many Americans thought he won, Kerry turned the same aggressive focus on Bush’s “wrong choices” on Iraq to his domestic agenda and said the Republican President had turned his back on the middle class in favour of the wealthy and well-connected.

“In fact, the only people George Bush’s policies are working for are the people he chooses to help,” the Massachusetts senator said. “They’re working for drug companies. They’re working for oil companies ... and they’re certainly working for Halliburton.”

Halliburton, the Texas-based oil services giant run by Vice-President Dick Cheney from 1995 to 2000 and the leading logistics contractor for the US military in Iraq, is a favourite whipping horse for Democrats.

In closely divided Florida, epicentre of the disputed 2000 presidential election and a must-win state for Bush, Kerry told supporters at an Orlando high school the President had proved true and again “that’s he’s just plain stubborn, out of touch and unwilling to change course”.

“He confuses staying in place with leadership,” Kerry said. “But it’s not just Iraq. Over the past four years he’s made serious misjudgments here at home.”

Kerry cited a 1.3-trillion-US-dollar, 10-year tax cut he said mostly benefitted the wealthy, job losses, high gas prices, rising college tuition, unaffordable health care and expensive prescription drugs.

A Boston millionaire who has served in the US Senate for two decades, Kerry said he shared the middle class “frustration that this administration seems to be in a constant state of denial that neglects the needs of these Americans.”

He offered “a new choice” on jobs, health care, taxes and energy, saying he would roll back Bush’s tax cut for Americans earning more than 200,000 US dollars a year to pay for his proposals.

Kerry would eliminate tax breaks that reward US companies for sending jobs abroad, cut corporate taxes by 5 per cent, offer a new tax credit to jump-start the creation of manufacturing jobs, enforce trade laws and raise the minimum wage from 5.15 US dollars per hour to 7 US dollars by 2007.

He said he would allow the importation of cheaper prescription drugs from Canada, provide affordable health care for many of the 44 million uninsured Americans and extend middle class tax cuts.

“If you asked President Bush, he’d tell you everything’s just fine here at home,” Kerry said. “Maybe that’s true for his friends — for Enron, for Halliburton, for the big oil industry.”

He portrayed Bush, a fellow Yale graduate with a similar privileged up-bringing, as unable to empathize with the middle class and a man who could neither see nor fix the country’s economic problems.

“The real test of leadership is how you respond if things go wrong,” Kerry said. “Do you face the facts ... or do you stick with your story and ignore reality?”

Although almost all of Kerry’s speech focussed on domestic issues, he said he would not let a day pass between now and the 2 November election without talking about Iraq.

“There is nothing more important. George Bush made a colossal error of judgment in Iraq,” he said, repriming a line from Thursday night’s presidential debate.— MNA/Reuters

Philippines expects much from ASEM in Hanoi

MANILA, 4 Oct — The Philippines is expecting much from the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) to be held next week in Hanoi, Vietnam, with President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo taking part for the first time to seek a stronger engagement with the European Union (EU), said presidential spokesman Ignacio Bunye on Sunday.

“President Arroyo will be at the forefront of a diplomatic offensive to enhance cooperation with the expanded EU in the fields of trade, tourism, security, environment protection and international migration,” he said. “She will strongly advocate for a closer ASEM economic partnership”.

Arroyo will leave for Hanoi on October 6, leading the Philippine delegation composed of the foreign affairs, trade and industry and other senior government officials.

Bunye said the EU expansion from 15 to 25 countries represents an integrated market of about 455 million people.

He said the Philippines views the ASEM as a good opportunity to thank several ASEAAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations) and EU leaders for their continuing support to the Philippine government’s peace agenda.

The Philippine Government will also seek the approval of an agreement of Asia-Europe cooperation and dialogue in maritime environmental protection and marine scientific research, said the spokesman. — MNA/innhua

One-sided view given for believing Saddam had nuke arms

WASHINGTON, 4 Oct — Bush Administration officials, in the lead-up to the invasion of Iraq, gave a one-sided view of the case for believing Saddam Hussein had a nuclear arms programme that ignored the doubts of their own experts, the New York Times said on Saturday.

The newspaper made the charge in an article about thousands of high-strength aluminium tubes ordered by Iraq that leading administration officials said were intended for use in uranium centrifuges.

“As the only physical evidence the United States could brandish of Saddam’s revived nuclear ambitions, they gave credibility to the apocalyptic imagery invoked by President Bush and his advisers,” said the article on the newspaper’s web site.

It referred to remarks by National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice in September 2002 in which she said the tubes, a shipment of which were intercepted in Jordan in June 2001, were “only really suited for nuclear weapons programmes”.

The paper said that before she made the remarks, “she was aware that the government’s foremost nuclear experts had concluded that the tubes were most likely not for nuclear weapons at all”.

It said the Energy Department experts believed the tubes were probably intended for small artillery rockets, as Iraq itself maintained.

“Senior administration officials repeatedly failed to fully disclose the contrary views of America’s leading nuclear scientists,” the Times said, citing Rice. Vice-President Dick Cheney and Secretary of State Colin Powell by name.

“They sometimes overstated even the most dire intelligence assessments of the tubes, yet minimized or rejected the strong doubts of their own experts. They worried privately that the nuclear case was weak, but expressed over certitude in public.”

“The result was a largely one-sided presentation to the public that did not convey the depth of evidence and argument against the administration’s most tangible proof of a revived nuclear weapons programme in Iraq,” the paper said. A White House spokeswoman had no immediate comment.— MNA/Reuters

Baby white shark spends 18 days in captivity

SAN FRANCISCO, 4 Oct — A baby female great white shark spent her 18th day on Saturday swimming in a giant tank at California’s Monterey Bay Aquarium after setting a record for longevity in captivity.

The 52-inch, 62-pound shark caught in a commercial fishing net off Huntington Beach in Southern California, set the mark on Friday, the aquarium said.

The previous record holder was a great white at the San Diego SeaWorld, released in 1981 after 16 days in captivity.— MNA/Reuters
Dagon Township this staff training school in was opened at the health and management course Health care, leadership and management courses in cooperation with the United Nations aiming to call upon all people to honour and pay a tribute to teachers who are taking important duties, multifarious responsibilities and varied functions for building better developed and peaceful world in future. In Myanmar everybody highly values the gratitude of the teachers and pays respect and obeisance to all our noble teachers, young or old and places them on the same level with the Buddha, the Dhamma, the Sangha and the Parents. Hence, in fact, in Myanmar every day is the Teachers’ Day. Anyhow, being a member nation of the UN, Myanmar holds the World Teachers Day every year with a grand scale to demonstrate vividly Myanmar’s stand and determination to actively participate in this international cooperation for the status uplift of our noble teachers.

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The New Light of Myanmar Tuesday, 5 October, 2004

Our Noble Teachers

U Thaung Tut

Acariya Guno Ananto
The Magnificent Infinite Teacher

The United Nations has designated October 5 as World Teachers’ Day. It has been widely accepted by the world of to-day that the present Age is ‘The Age of Knowledge.’ The last two or three decades have seen a tremendous changes and developments in electronic telecommunications and computer technology. These advancements have great effects upon human way of life and civilization far beyond imagination. The power and might of these information technology is not only influence but shape every country and individuals also.

This situation paves the way to the serious attention of all nations that the competitive investment of a nation is no longer the richness of material resources but the richness of highly-educated, highly-qualified, highly-innovative man-power or human resources capable of facing and living up to the challenges of an over-changing world. All countries have agreed that creating a life-long learning society is the must for every country, every society and every individual to combat these challenges successfully.

Hence every country is now in the process of “re-engineering education” for change and development in the light of the prevailing socio-economic situations and conditions of its own country. At the centre of any education change or reform of a nation, inevitably lies the important role of our teachers.

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Acariya Guno Aham Vandami
We adore you—our Noble Teacher

All this needs to be known
* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
* Do not be bothered whenever flattered
* Do not be softened whenever appeased

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-mega-watt power station can supply.

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WITH GOODWILL TOWARD ALL TEACHERS

* Whether a human has matured
  Or not, cannot merely be discerned
  His features and built are
  Also not criteria for gauging.
* His age and size must be considered
  His growth and speech
  His wit and his manner
  There must be no imperfection
  Must be able to know good from bad
  Must have knowledge to gauge
  With ample education
  Must be able to make
  His way in the world
  Then only will he be mature.
* Parents teach their children
  To speak and to walk
  Know names and the rest
  To those who teach first, we supplicate
  They are teachers, first and foremost.
* Foremost teachers are mother and father
  Primarily teaching, and in continuity
  Sent to school for education and knowledge
  What one would know, over what one already
  Leaving out nothing, to be learned and clever
  To acquire all these
  They as teachers, teach carefully.
* Teacher disseminates knowledge
  Based on education that is acquired
  What one hears and sees, is knowledge
  Must know good from bad
  Continuous teaching of educators
  Increasingly, he acquires.
* First and foremost, those who taught us
  To listen and to see, greatly honourable
  Teachers, all Four Kinds, I supplicate
  To our teachers who add goodwill
  Increasingly, he acquires.

**POEM:**

May it be perpetuated.
For a good world, peaceful
To our teachers who add goodwill
To listen and to see, greatly honourable
Increasingly, he acquires.
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Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Dr Chan Nyein and officials, and Indian Ambassador Mr Rajiv Kumar Bhutia. — MNA

**Winners of International Rice Year commemorative colour photo competition announced**

**YANGON, 4 Oct—**

Entries for Colour Photo Competition to mark the International Rice Year 2004 were scrutinized at the Myanmar Photographic Association here yesterday morning. Sein Win Htwe (Aung Chan Tha) stood first, NyuangU Pho Cho second, and Thein Kyi (Zaw Ye Htut-Taninthayi) third. The consolation prizes went to Sein Win Htwe (Aung Chan Tha), Mogok Soe Htay and Htin Aung (Insein).— MNA

**Lt-Gen Soe Win has a cordial conversation with wellwishers at the opening ceremony of multimedia classrooms of Sangyoung Township No 1 BEHS. — MNA**

**Sangyoung Township BEHS No 1 opens…**

Minister U Than Aung thanked and honoured the wellwishers for their donations to enhance human education and knowledge, saying that at present, the entire nation is in the process of making efforts for education development. The entire people of the nation are taking part in the task with the encouragement and assistance of the Government. The staff of the education sector will have to strive for the successful realization of the goals of the education promotion programmes.

After the ceremony, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win cordially greeted the headmistress, teachers, members of SBT, donors, parents and students. The Secretary-1 and party also posed for photo together with them.— MNA

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Foreign Secretary of the Republic of India at Zeyathiri Beikman, Konnmyint-tha. MNA
No 11 LID Commander’s Shield Boxing Tournament open
YANGON, 4 Oct — No 11 Light Infantry Division Commander’s Shield Boxing Tournament was opened yesterday afternoon at the hall of the command. Commander Brig-Gen Hla Hay Win delivered an address and opened the match.
A total of 11 teams of the battalions and regiments under the command are participating in the march which will last till 9 October. — MNA

Foreign Affairs
Deputy Minister hosts dinner to Indian delegation
YANGON, 4 Oct — Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu hosted a dinner to Indian delegation led by Mr Shyam Saran, Foreign Secretary of the Republic of India this evening at Inya Lake Hotel here.
Before the dinner, Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu and Mr Shyam Saran signed an agreement of the Myanmar-India Foreign Office Consultations.

Use of g-GIS demonstrated
YANGON, 4 Oct — MCC-Mastech Co Ltd and ESRI (Thailand) Co Ltd jointly gave a demonstration of g-GIS (Geographic Information System Portal for Government) at Myanmar Information and Communication Technology Park in Hlaing Township here this afternoon. Present on the occasion were e-National Task Force Vice-Chairman and Civil Service Selection and Business Development Director U Tin Win Aung, Deputy Minister U Aung Myint, U Aung Myint, Secretary-2 Dr Maung Lay and officials from the Peace and Development Council Office, medical superintendents, rectors, surgeons, doctors and nurses.

Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu receives Mr Shyam Saran, Foreign Secretary of the Republic of India. — MNA

UMFCCI President meets Japanese entrepreneurs
YANGON, 4 Oct — President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint, Vice-Presidents U Zaw Min Win, U Aung Luwin, General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing, Joint Secretary-2 Dr Maung Maung Lay and officials met 23-member Japanese entrepreneurs grouped led by President of Chi Chi Bu Railway Co Ltd of Japan Mr Arafune Shigetoshi at the UMFCCI office here on 1 October. At the meeting, they cordially discussed matters on promotion of trade and cooperation and tourism. — MNA

UMFCCI officials meet Japanese guests.—UMFCCI

Use Natural Gas Vehicles and save fuel oil
- In automobiles, natural gas can be used in place of petrol and diesel.
- The use of natural gas can not only save fuel oil but also extend engine life.
- Natural gas exploited at home can be used effectively and safely.
- Natural gas burns cent per cent and is environment-friendly.
- Adequate supply of natural gas helps facilitate passenger and cargo transport.

Use of g-GIS demonstrated
YANGON, 4 Oct — MCC-Mastech Co Ltd Managing Director U Tin Win Aung explained the purpose of g-GIS. Later, ESRI (Thailand) Co Ltd Director Mr Soottipong Winyoopradist, and Business Development Manager Ms Thanhaporn Thatsawat gave a demonstration of GIS Web Portal.

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MYANMAR TRADITION AND WORLD’S BEATITUDE

* Human potential, resources
  Goodwill for it to grow
  Compassion multiplies
  Teacher who contributes to these
  Not being selfish
  To sacrifice with goodwill
  Only satisfaction he enjoys
  One of the Noble Five
  Feel as if you place on your head.

* Teacher who helps listen, see and learn
  Included among the Three Gems
  With conduct honourable
  First and foremost Teacher
  Myanmar character
  At bedtime, supplicate
  As long as one lives
  Exercise humility.

* United Nations, with due honour
  Creating this historic event
  “Teachers’ Day” of World Village
  Has appeared beneficially
  Welcome and ask for blessings
  Add to it Myanmar traits
  Politely, must not forget
  World Teachers’ Day.

Kyaw Saw Han (Trs.)
(In honour of World Teachers’ Day)

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Joint Message on the Occasion of World Teachers’ Day

YANGON, 5 Oct — The following is the joint message of UNESCO, ILO, UNDP and UNICEF issued on the World Teachers’ Day today. — Ed

On World Teachers’ Day, and on any other day for that matter, the basic message that a teacher needs to receive is quite simple. “We appreciate you”. That message cannot be repeated often enough, by those of us in the United Nations family and by those who interact with you every day.

We highly appreciate you having chosen this profession, one so fundamental to society, and the fact that you continue in it, despite — and often because of — the challenges you face. We value the initiatives you take in opening doors of knowledge and tolerance for each girl and boy. We are aware of what your profession demands of you, of your responsibilities and of your rights. We acknowledge the difficulty of your task, and the fact that it takes professional training and a decent work environment to teach well. We appreciate the care you take to direct your knowledge at children with special needs, and your awareness that all students have individual needs. We value your ability, developed through training and experience, to listen to your students and to shift the responsibility that all students have individual needs. We acknowledge the difficulty of your task, and the fact that it takes professional training and a decent work environment to teach well. We appreciate the care you take to direct your knowledge at children with special needs, and your awareness that all students have individual needs. We value your ability, developed through training and experience, to listen to your students and to shift the responsibility that all students have individual needs.

In sum, we appreciate you, and we call upon parents, community leaders, business people, trade unions and government officials, especially educational authorities, to find a way, this World Teachers’ Day, to tell you just that, in their own words and in their own way.

Koichiro Matsuura
Director-General
UNESCO

Juan Somavia
Director-General
ILO

Mark Malloch Brown
Administrator
UNDP

Carol Bellamy
Executive Director
UNICEF

Basic Training Course No 1 on Fresh Water Prawn Breeding opened

YANGON, 4 Oct — With the sponsorship of Myanmar Fisheries Federation of the Fisheries Department and Myanmar Prawn Entrepreneurs Association, Basic Training Course No 1 on Fresh Water Prawn Breeding was opened at the Yuzana Office, Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, this morning. Present on the occasion were leaders of senior officials of agriculture and forestry and representatives from Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam, officials of ASEAN Secretariat General’s Office.

Leader of senior officials of Malaysia Dato Abi Musa Mohamed, Chairman of the SOM 25th AMAF Meeting made a speech on the occasion. Next, those present at the meeting elected Director-General U Tin Htut Oo of Agriculture Planning Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation leader of senior officials of Myanmar as chairman and Segfredo R Serrano, leader of senior officials of the Philippines as vice-chairman for the SOM 26th AMAF Meeting.

Next, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein made an opening speech on the occasion. Every year, President of MFF U Htay Thein and directors-general, the President of MFF and CEC members, the MPEA members, course instructors, trainees and others.

Senior Officials’ Meeting of 26th ASEAN Ministers’ on Agriculture and Forestry commences

YANGON, 4 Oct — The Senior Officials Meeting of the 26th ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry commenced at Sedona Hotel, Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, this morning. Present on the occasion were leaders of senior officials of agriculture and forestry and representatives from Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam, officials of ASEAN Secretariat General’s Office.

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He said he was highly grateful for compliment, and deemed it as recognition of Myanmar’s role, in the efforts of the common endeavours for the betterment of the Region’s food, agriculture and forestry sectors.

And in these respects, he said, he would also like to offer his heartfelt appreciation to Dato Abi Musa Assars bin Mohamed Nor, for his service and dedication as Chairman of the SOM 25th AMAF, during the last two years. Our contributions during the past two years have given a lot of impetus to ASEAN’s Agriculture and Forestry. It will be necessary to move on actively and I hope the deliberations and activities of the respective sector working groups, together with the other (See page 11)

Myanmar-India Foreign Office Consultations held

YANGON, 4 Oct — Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar U Kyaw Thu received Indian delegation led by Mr. Shyam Saran, Foreign Secretary of the Ministry of External Affairs of India and party who are visiting Myanmar to attend the Foreign Office Consultations in Myanmar, together with Ambassador of the Embassy of the Republic of India, Mr Rajiv Kumar Bhatia, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs this morning.

After the call, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar U Kyaw Thu and Mr Shyam Saran, Foreign Secretary of the Ministry of External Affairs of India and party attended the Foreign Office Consultations being held in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Also present at the Foreign Office Consultations were directors-general and responsible officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and directors-general and responsible officials from the respective ministry.

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Foreign Affairs Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu and Mr. Shyam Saran sign an agreement of Foreign Office Consultations. — MNA

Myanmar-India Foreign Office Consultations in progress. — MNA

Senior Officials’ Meeting of the 26th Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers’ on Agriculture and Forestry in progress at Sedona Hotel in Yangon. — MNA
Senior Officials’ Meeting ...

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YANGON, 4 Oct — Leader of the Myanmar delegation to the 59th UN General Assembly Minister at the Prime Minister’s Office U Tin Winn received Dr Gary Allen, President of the Christian Mission for UN Community at the hotel in New York where he was temporarily staying on 23 September. He explained the religious freedom in Myanmar. Also present were Ambassador U Kyaw Tin and Director-General U Thaung Tun of the Political Department.

At 11 am on the next day, the minister met with the President of the UNGA Mr Jean Ping, and briefed him about the Myanmar’s political developments. On 25 September at 8 am, Myanmar Minister attended the working breakfast hosted by Japanese Foreign Minister Ms Yoriko Kawaguchi to the ASEAN foreign ministers. At the meeting, he explained Myanmar’s vision on the UN reform programmes.

At the breakfast meeting of the foreign ministers of the Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) countries, held at 8 am on 27 September, the Myanmar Minister discussed the nation’s potential role in agriculture and tourism. Together with Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, he attended an occasion at which former Prime Minister of Thailand Mr Anand Panyarachun clarified the functions of the body under his leadership. The body was formed with senior officials assigned by the UN Secretary General.

Other foreign ministers of the ASEAN nations were also present. At the Informal Meeting the ASEAN FM, he discussed the changes and developments in Myanmar. U Tin Winn was among the ASEAN FM who hosted luncheon in honour of the UN Secretary General and UNGA President. Together with Minister U Nyan Win, he met with Foreign Affairs Minister of Pakistan Mr Mahmud M Kasuri at 5.30 am. He explained the latest political developments in Myanmar.

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Agricultural and Forest Products Promotion Scheme and Establishment of ASEAN Animal Health Trust Fund — laid down at the 25th meeting, ASEAN Statement on CITES to the 13th meeting of Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) to be held in Bangkok in October 2004 and draft letter of chairman of ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry to European Commission (EU). The meeting also discussed Agenda of the 26th meeting of AMAF, topics and approval.

Senior officials and officials of ASEAN Secretariat also discussed preparations for the 4th meeting of AMAF plus Three.

The meeting continues on 5 October. Booths on task of cooperation between ASEAN and International Rice Research Institute, Nora Green Tea produced as a optum substitute crop in Panwa region in Kachin Special Region-1 and seeking of local and foreign markets by National International Commercial Enterprise (NICE) Ltd and booths of Myanmar Agriculture Service and Myanmar Perennial Crops Enterprise under the Ministry of Forestry and the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and Livestock and Veterinary Department, Apiculture Department and Fisheries Department under the Ministry of Livestock Breeding and Fisheries are on display at the meeting.

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uacuum pumps, blowers; com-
pressors, air-compressors; agricu-
ltural machines and implements, namely plowing machines; har-
rows, plow, plows, power tillers, raking machines; starters for motors;
tires and engines; AC mo-
tors and DC motors; AC gen-
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type mechanical parking, circular-type mechanical parking; waste compacting, compacting;
machines; waste crushing;
machines; Machines ele-
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couplings or connectors;
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Date: 5 October 2004

INVITATION FOR QUOTATION

1. For and on behalf of the Ministry of Construction of the Government of the Union of Myanmar sealed Quotations with deferred payment for three years as well as LC at sight proposals are invited by the Project Management Unit, Public Works, Yangon, for the detailed design (including the erection proce-
dure), fabrication, supply of materials, erection equipment, and supervision of works of NGALI-
TA CHAUNG Cable Stayed Bridge across NGALITE
CHAU.

2. The particulars of NGALI-TA CHAUNG Cable Stayed Bridge may be obtained by request in writing or in person at the following address:

Project Management Unit
Public Works
No. 60, Shwedagon Pagoda Road.
11191, Yangon, Myanmar.

3. The Quotation should be submitted to the above address not later than 16.30 hours on 15th December, 2004.

4. When this Quotation is accepted, the Contract will be made in the name of Public Works, Yangon, Myanmar.

Managing Director

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

GENEVA, 3 October — The World Trade Organiza-
tion (WTO) discussed at a regular meeting on Fri-
day adjustment-related issues that may be caused
by quota restrictions against textile and clothing pro-
ducts on January 1, 2005.

The discussion was conducted upon the re-
quest of Mauritius and some other members. But
on Mauritius’ proposals for WTO to carry out a
study and establish a work pro-
gramme, the WTO members expressed dif-
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One of the proposals put forward by Mauritius and six other countries is

that the WTO Secretariat carry out a study aiming at identifying the adjust-
ment-related issues and costs that may arise with the phase-out of the

The other is that the Council for Trade in
Goods of the WTO should establish a work pro-
gramme to discuss with a view to finding solutions
to related problems.

Some delegates spoke in support of the propos-
als, but more delegates said these proposals go contrary to the basic gen-
eral principles and rules of the WTO and would
affect the smooth func-
tioning of the multilateral trad-
ing system.

MNA/Xinhu

Museveni emphasizes need to
produce value-added goods for
export

Ugandan President Yoweri
Museveni has emphasized the need for members of the business community in Uganda to rerun their activities to produce value-added goods for export.

Museveni made the re-
marks on Thursday evening
at a dinner given by members of the Ugan-
dan National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (UNCCI) at Hotel African
in Kampala to mark the chamber’s annual dele-
gate conference, accord-
ing to a Press release from
the State House on Friday.

The President said processing and adding value to raw materials is the answer to Uganda’s fi-
nancial problems, calling on the UNCCI to study and analyze Uganda’s econ-
omic structural problems to find solutions to the country’s financial con-
strains.

Museveni said pro-
duced goods for export
would earn the country
more wealth, create jobs
for Ugandans and improve
the country’s purchasing power.

However, he said, adding that the availability of market is key to every successful business.

MNA/Xinhu

Mozambique, Portugal to
garnate on Cahora Bassa dam

MAIBIO, 3 October — Mozambique and Portugal are to resume negotiations on the future of the Cahora Bassa dam on the Zambezi River in mid
November, local media reported on Friday.

A round of “technical meetings” on the matter between the two sides have been held in Lisbon this week. According to Mozambican Deputy Finance Min-
ister Manuel Chang, who headed the Mozambican delegation, negotiating over HCB (the company that operates the dam) is never easy, given the scale of the
undertaking, and it will still take more time. But those involved in the negotiations think the work is going well.

MNA/Xinhu

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA MUTIARA VOY NO (143)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA MUTIARA VOY NO (143) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 5.10.2004 and cargo will be dis-
charged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 12 noon and 2 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER LTD.
P.O. Box 60, Yangon
(Registered under Companies Act No. 23 of 1915)

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MUSEVENI

March 3, Uganda's President Yoweri Museveni has emphasized the need for members of the business community in Uganda to rerun their activities to produce value-added goods for export.
Petroleum products leakage into Arabian Sea detected

PAJAH, 4 Oct—A minor leakage of petroleum products into the Arabian Sea was detected at one of the drainage pipes of Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) at Mormugao Port—two days ahead of the Indo-UNAV Naval Exercises scheduled to be held there.

The leakage from a drainage pipe belonging to IOC was noticed at around 2230 hours (IST) Friday night by fishermen due to the strong odour of oil near Mormugao Port. They immediately alerted the port officials, who in turn notified the police and the fire services, and brought the situation under control, official sources said.

“We noticed a film of oil a little ahead of the port, leading us to believe that one of the drainage pipes had leaked. Later it was found to be one of IOC’s pipes. Fire personnel used foam to get rid of the film of oil and also to prevent any further fire related mishap,” Chairman of Mormugao Port Trust Venkatchalam told PTI. He also said the leakage would cause no harm to the environment.

“The leak was noticed almost immediately and whatever oil had spilled was cleared by midnight. The situation was under control by midnight, just an hour and half after the leak was noticed. There is therefore no question of any damage to the environment,” he added.—MNA/PTI

Heart disease becoming main cause of death in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 4 Oct—Heart disease has already become the leading cause of death in Nepal, a famous Nepali cardiologist told Xinhua on Sunday.

“In Nepal, out of the total patients admitted to the hospitals, about 20 per cent are related to high blood pressure, rheumatic fever and coronary heart disease,” said Dr Harish Chandra Shah.

The number of heart patients in Nepal has increased five times in the last 20 years, accounting for 10 per cent of the country’s total population now, Shah noted. If Nepali people do not change their way of living, for instance going to bed immediately after dinner, Nepal could face cardiovascular disease in epidemic proportion by the year 2020, he warned.

Modifying nine simple lifestyle factors, including cigarette smoking, abnormal ratio of blood lipids, hypertension, diabetes, abdominal obesity, various measures of stress, low consumption of fruits and vegetables daily and lack of exercise, can reduce the risk of heart diseases by up to 90 per cent, he suggested. — MNA/Xinhua

Sri Lanka, India to sign economic partnership agreement

COLOMBO, 4 Oct—Sri Lanka and Indian governments are close to the signing of a closer economic agreement, the state radio announced here on Saturday.

Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation quoted Sri Lankan Trade Minister Jeyaraj Fernando as saying that the two countries would soon enter the comprehensive economic partnership agreement.

“The partnership agreement under negotiation will address the shortcomings in the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between the two countries that is into its fourth year now,” the minister was quoted as saying.

Scientists say quakes detected at Mt St Helens

VANCOUVER (Washington), 4 Oct—Small earthquakes were detected at Mount St Helens on Saturday, a warning sign that pressure was building up again in the volcano after it spewed steam and ash on Friday, scientists said.

“The volcano has repressurized. We think that additional steam and ash eruptions are possible at any time,” Dan Dzurisin, a US Geological Survey researcher at the Cascades Volcano Observatory, told reporters.

He said they could be comparable to Friday’s eruption that belched steam and ash for about 24 minutes to an altitude of 10,000 feet.

Small, shallow earthquakes were occurring at a rate of one to two a minute on Saturday, following a swarm of earthquakes before Friday’s eruption.

The seismic activity trailed off after the eruption but started to rebuild rate on Friday, the USGS said.— MNA/Reuters

Thailand to supply drugs to 300,000 AIDS patients in two years

BANGKOK, 4 Oct—Thailand will be able to offer locally-made anti-AIDS drugs to 300,000 HIV-positive people in and outside the country in two years, an official of the Government Pharmaceutical Organization has said.

After a new state drug factory opens in 2006, the country’s production capacity would be expanded to cover the target number of patients, Israet Gosriwatana, the GPO international sales manager was quoted by Bangkok Post newspaper as saying on Sunday.

“We have enough capacity to give more people access to low-cost anti-AIDS drugs within two years,” Israet said. The state-owned enterprise can now manufacture GPO-VIR, a generic version of three combination medicines, for 50,000 local HIV-positive people.

Costing 1,200 baht (28.6 US dollars) a month, the drugs are handed out to poor patients in the country through a pilot project.

Thai Government also plans to provide more such drugs to HIV-positive Thai patients and those in neighbouring countries.

At the XV International AIDS Conference this July, Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra promised to offer anti-retroviral (ARV) drugs to other countries.

The GPO has submitted to the Cabinet a proposal to adopt compulsory licensing for two drugs needed during the second regimen of ARV therapy. If approved, the cost of generic versions would be cut by as much as 80 per cent.

Due to the generic version of ARV produced in Thailand, the first-line treatment cost less than 300 US dollars a year for one patient, compared to over 8,000 US dollars a year needed for similar drugs in Europe and North America.—MNA/Xinhua

World’s largest porcelain pillar unveiled in E China

NANCHANG, 3 Oct—A grand porcelain pillar was unveiled Friday at the opening of the “thousand-year porcelain altar” in Fuliang County of Jingdezhen City, east China’s Jiangxi Province.

Measuring 13.83 metres in height and 1.5 metres in diameter, the pillar is the largest in the world. The giant pillar, along with eight others measuring 80 cm in the diametre, is the most spectacular part of the 5625-square-metre altar.

Some mimic porcelain kilns of the ancient times were built on the altar, marking the county’s long porcelain making history.

Known as the porcelain capital of China, Jingdezhen has a porcelain-making history of more than 1,700 years and is one of China’s biggest producers and exporters of porcelain products.

The city has many imperial kilns dating back to the Yuan (1271-1368), Ming (1368-1644) and Qing dynasties (1644-1911). Thousands of ancient porcelain items have been found in the remains of the kilns over the past 20 years.—MNA/Xinhua

People talk in front of a six-metre-high horse sculpture at Credit municipal yard in Paris, during the third edition of Nuit Blanche (White night), a night-long cultural festival.—INTERNET
PSV Eindhoven increase lead at top of Dutch First Division

AMSTERDAM, 3 Oct—PSV Eindhoven enjoyed a comfortable 3-0 win over Groningen to increase their lead at the top of the Dutch First Division on Saturday.

PSV have 19 points, five clear of Ajax Amsterdam, who play fifth-placed AZ Alkmaar on Sunday. PSV got some help from Groningen when defender Kurt Elshout scored an own goal after five minutes. Thirteen minutes before the break DaMarcus Beasley doubled the lead after he broke through on the left to beat goalkeeper Bjoern van Rooijen and John de Jong made it three 20 minutes into the second half. Martijn Reuser made the difference for Willem II Tilburg against sixth placed Vitesse Arnhem, scoring a first-half hat-trick including two converted penalties.

In the final 10 minutes Nick Hof's and Igor Gusevich scored for the visitors, who finally lost 3-2.—MNA/Reuters

Nice to fight back from 3 goals down, beat Monaco

PARIS, 3 Oct—Nigeria's Victor Agali scored three times within 10 minutes to inspire Nice to fight back from three goals down and finally beat Ligue 1 leaders Monaco 4-3 in the principality on Saturday.

The French Riviera derby ended in confusion with the dismissals of Monaco's captain Julien Rodriguez and Nice defender Samy Traore after a massive punch-up in time added on in an extraordinary contest. "We achieved a huge feat. It's exceptional," said Nice midfielder Olivier Echouafni.

"It will stay in the history of the Monaco against Nice derbies and maybe in the history of Ligue 1," he added.

Monaco were leading 3-0 after 66 minutes and looked set for their fourth win in as many home games against Nice midfielder Olivier Echouafni. But Nice fought back with an acrobatic header by German striker Miroslav Klose nine minutes from time. "We were well organised and were helped by the fact that Werder seemed to struggle a bit physically today," said Bayern coach Felix Magath. "We're now near the top of the table and we're playing better football," he added.

Bayern, who confirmed they were waking up after a sluggish start after crushing Ajax Amsterdam 4-0 in the Champions League on Tuesday, took the lead with a headed goal from midfielder Michael Ballack in the 20th minutes.

Substitute midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger doubled it in the 75th minute but Werder kept playing and pulled one back with an acrobatic header by Germany striker Miroslav Klose nine minutes from time. "We were well organised and were helped by the fact that Werder seemed to struggle a bit physically today," said Bayern coach Felix Magath.

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Bayern, desperate for a title after missing out last season, claimed their first win of the season with Klose with six goals, equalized two minutes later but Wolfsburg's defender and captain Stefan Schneidner hit the winner against the run of play with a header shortly before halftime.

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Valencia one-point lead in Primera Liga

Madrid, 3 Oct—Wasteful Valencia had to settle for a 1-1 draw away to Real Betis on Saturday, while Atletico Madrid missed a chance to move into the top three when they were beaten 1-0 away to Real Sociedad.

Valencia, beaten by Werder Bremen in the Champions League in midweek, took the lead in the 10th minute when Marco Di Vaio shot low from the edge of the area but Betis equalized just past the half-hour mark when Edu converted a Ricardo Oliveira cross.

Di Vaio and fellow Italian Bernardo Corradi squandered the best chances late in a frustrating game for the champions, who will be disappointed at merely extending their unbeaten start to the season.

A draw was enough to give Valencia a one-point lead in the Primera Liga but Barcelona can climb two points clear at the top if they win at home to Numancia on Sunday. With six games played, Valencia lead with 14 points, followed by Barcelona with 13 points from five.

Atletico Madrid missed the chance to join Barca in joint-second place when they were beaten at Real Sociedad, who claimed their first win of the season thanks to a Darko Kovacevic header five minutes before the break.

Atletico drop to fifth place on 10 points from six games, while Sociedad move up from last place to 13th with five.

Real Madrid, in eighth place with 13 points from five, move up two places with a 2-0 home win over Borussia Moenchengladbach.

Wolfsburg, who have now won six games out of seven, took the lead on 13 minutes courtesy of Argentine midfielder Andres D'Alessandro, the best Argentina midfielder in Europe.

Olivier Neuville, now the league's joint top scorer with Klose with six goals, equalized two minutes later but Wolfsburg's defender and captain Stefan Schneidner hit the winner against the run of play with a header shortly before halftime.

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Arsenal to extend lead at top to five points

LONDON, 3 Oct—Champions Arsenal opened out a provisional five-point lead at the top of the Premier League with a 4-0 thrashing of Charlton Athletic at Highbury on Saturday.

With closest challengers Liverpool hosting Liv- erpool on Sunday, Thierry Henry scored twice as Arsene Wenger's team kept up their momentum and stretched their record unbeaten league run to 48 games.

Arsenal have 22 points after eight matches, with Chelsea on 17, one clear of third-placed Everton who lost 1-0 at home to Tottenham Hotspur.

Aston Villa drew 2-2 at Blackburn Rovers and Norwich and Portsmouth also shared four goals at Carrow Road. Earlier struggling Southampton drew 0-0 at home to Mancheste City.

Arsenal pair Patrick Vieira and Lauren started at Highbury following their midweek scuffle on the team bus after the dis- appointing 1-1 Championship League draw with Rosenborg Trondheim.

Wenger's team controlled the match from the start and broke through after 33 minutes when Dennis Bergkamp squared the ball for Swede Freddie Ljungberg to tap in.

Henry then struck the cheekiest of goals three minutes after the break, back-heeling the ball into the corner of the net.

The Frenchman drove in his seventh goal of the season after 69 minutes after he and Spaniard Jose Antonio Reyes toyed with the Charlton defence and Henry set up Reyes for the fourth a minute later.

At Goodison Park, Spurs' miserable defender held firm and French de- fender Noe Praet headed his first goal for the club after 53 minutes to seal the three points.

The goal was completely against the run of play and Everton were unlucky, with Tim Cahill and Leon Osman striking the wood- work. Jacques Santini's team leaped six places to fourth on 13 points with victory.—MNA/Reuters

Bayern move into third in Bundesliga

BERLIN, 3 Oct—Bayern Munich moved into third place in the Bundesliga with a 2-1 victory at champions Werder Bremen in Saturday's top game.

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Olympique Marseille score first away win in Ligue 1

Nantes (France), 3 Oct—Pre-season favourites Olympique Marseille scored their first away win in Ligue 1 this season when they beat promoted neighbours Ister 2-0 on Saturday. The win brought Marseille up to 16 points, one behind leaders Monaco, who hosted Nice in the Mediterranean derby later on Saturday.

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Rainfall on 4-10-2004
— Nil at Yangon Airport
— 0.12 inch at Kaba-Aye
— Nil at central Yangon.
Total rainfall since 1-4-2004 was 110.94 inches at Yangon Airport, 106.18 inches at Kaba-Aye and 105.8 inches at central Yangon.

WEATHER
Monday, 4 October, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin, Mon States, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, widespread in Kayah, Kayin States and Bago Division and scattered in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Mandalay Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Pyinmuma (2.05) inches, Kaytaw (1.50) inches, Yemyeth (1.26) inches. Maximum temperature on 3-10-2004 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 4-10-2004 was 66°F. Relative humidity at 9.30am MST on 4-10-2004 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 3-10-2004 was (4.0) hours approx. Rainfall on 4-10-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport and central Yangon, 12.1 inch at Kaba-Aye. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was (110.94 inches) at Yangon Airport, (106.18 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (108.58 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 8 mph from Southwest at (12-45) hours MST on 3-10-2004.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (12-30) hrs MST today, the depression over Central Bay centred about 440 miles Southwest of Kolkata, India. It’s likely to move Northwestward and forecast to cross ANDHRA PRADESH coast, India. Weather is partly to cloudy to cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. Forecast valid until evening of 5-10-2004: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Taninthayi Division, scattered in Kachin, Chin, Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%). State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (50-40) mph. Outlook for the next two days: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Southern Myanmar areas. Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 5-10-2004: Isolated thunderstorms. Degree of certainty is (80%). Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 5-10-2004: Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Special weather news

YANGON, 4 Oct — According to the observations at 15:30 hours MST today, the depression over Central Bay of Bengal is crossing near about 50 miles north of Visakhapatnam, India, Andhra Pradesh coast.

It is likely to move northwestward and cross the coast within six hours.— MNA
**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

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**Inlay PhaungdawU Buddha images to be conveyed for public obeisance**

**Yangon**, 4 Oct—Four Inlay PhaungdawU Buddha images in Nyaungshwe Townships, Shan State (South) will be conveyed to 21 sites beginning 14 October 2004 (1st Waxing of Thadingyut 1366 ME) for public obeisance. They will arrive in Nyaungshwe on 20 October and be kept there up to 22 October for public obeisance. On 31 October, they will be conveyed back to the Inlay PhaungdawU Yadanabawkungdaw.

There will be Buddha Pujiyani in Nyaungshwe and Inlay PhaungdawU Kyaungdaw alongside Intha traditional boat race, volleyball tournament, Pwe, Anyint, cooperative market festival and festivities. Those wishing to get stall sites and advertise their goods and services are to contact the Festival Organizing Committee in Nyaungshwe or Inlay. —MNA

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**Advanced Organizing Courses of MWVO open in Hmawby, Mandalay and Magway**

**Yangon**, 4 Oct—An Advanced Organizing Course No 4/2004 of the Myanmar War Veteran’s Organization was opened this morning at the training school of MWVO in Hmawby Township.

It was attended by Chairman of the Central Organizing Committee of MWVO Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Vice-Chairman Vice-Admiral Kyi Min (Rtd), members of the central organizing committee, senior military officers, departmental officials, course instructors and trainees.

Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Thein Sein briefed on the purpose of MWVO, five tasks and seven future work programmes of the organization and the tasks being carried out by the organization. He also urged those present to make efforts for successful implementation of the seven-point future policy programme for emergence of a discipline flourishing modern developed nation.

The advanced organizing courses of MWVO were also opened today at the training schools of MWVO in Mandalay and Magway. There are 50 trainees at each course.

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**Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspects agricultural work in Hopong Township**

**Yangon**, 4 Oct—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Shan State PDC Chairman Eastern Command Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and departmental officials, on 1 October arrived at the briefing hall of the local battalion of Hopong Township of Hapon Station where Hapon Station Commander Lt-Col Aye Khaing reported on cultivation of crops. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe gave instructions on extension of seasonal crops cultivation, especially that of 5,000 acres of maize grain.

Next, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party inspected cultivation of Shweyinaye paddy on Shweyinaye rice fields in Yankin Ward in Hopong Township. Shan State Agriculture Service Assistant Manager Daw Thuza Myint, officials and local farmers reported on paddy cultivation. Hopong Township PDC Chairman U Than On reported on township’s agriculture and livestock breeding; Daw Thuza Myint on production of over 200 baskets of paddy per acre and paddy strains and farmer U Phyu Pha Khin on cultivation of Shweyinaye and Shwehaw paddy, use of natural and chemical fertilizers and production of 197.70 baskets of paddy per acre. Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint explained matters pertaining to cultivation of Shweyinaye paddy, 10 major crops and 30 other crops in Shan State including Hopong Township.

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