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Ngwehsaung Beach Hotel (Central) is located in 40 acres of plot. Apart from 28 buildings, more construction tasks are being carried out. Now, construction tasks were completed by 90 per cent. On completion, a total of 102 visitors can be accommodated at 51 rooms simultaneously.

On arrival at Yuzana Resort Hotel, Yuzana Co Ltd Hotel Groups Chairman U Htay Myint and staff welcomed the General and party. In the meeting hall, the General met national hotel entrepreneurs. Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw submitted reports on occupancy of visitors from local and abroad at the hotels in Ngwehsaung Beach, earning of income, progress of operating hotels and construction of hotel buildings, installation of communication devices and development of Ngwehsaung Beach.

Emerald Sea Hotel Director U Kyaw Tun, Myanmar Treasure Beach Resort Hotel Managing Director U Teza, Asia World Co Ltd Managing Director U Tun Myint Naing and hoteliers reported on development of Ngwehsaung Beach. Next, the General attended to the needs and delivered an address. He said that the Government is giving encouragement for the emergence of Ngwehsaung region as an international level beach resort. As the Government is rendering assistance to requirements of infrastructures such as transport, water and power supply. Similarly, the hoteliers are making concerted efforts for setting up a beach resort to have characteristics of international level resorts.

In establishing modern resorts based on eco-tourism industry, the Government has laid down the policy that measures are to be taken for environmental conservation.

Ngwehsaung is a beautiful and pleasant beach. Therefore, he stressed the need to upgrade Ngwehsaung Beach without losing natural beauty for emergence of an international level beach.

Conserving environment of the beach, it is necessary to avoid creating of artificial environment types. Nowadays, roads and bridges including Pathein Bridge across Ngawun River are being upgraded for smooth transportation. In addition, arrangements have been made for arrival of tourists to Pathein by flights. That is why all the hotel entrepreneurs are to harmoniously make efforts for upgrading Ngwehsaung Beach to an international level beach without losing its original style. And then, the Government plans to provide necessary assistance to development of Ngwehsaung Beach.

Yuzana Co Ltd Chairman U Htay Myint presented three sets of computer to Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt. Next, the Prime Minister handed over the donations for Ngwehsaung BEHS to Headmaster U Than Chit. At Myanmar Treasures Beach Resort Hotel of Htoo Trading Co Ltd, Managing Director U Teza and staff welcomed the General and party. Afterwards, the General inspected hotel services and gave necessary instructions.

Later, they saw over Ngwehsaung and met departmental officials. The Prime Minister instructed them to draw plans for beautifying the town.

Accompanied by the commander, the Prime Minister and party arrived at Ngathaingchaung of Yekyi Township at noon. They were welcomed there by Officiating Tactical Operations Commander Lt-Col Soe Than of South-West Command, departmental officials and social organization members from Yekyi, Ngathaingchaung, Kyonpyaw and Kyaunggon Townships.

The General met departmental officials, social organizations and local people from Yekyi, Kyonpyaw and Kyaunggon Townships at Yekyi Township Peace and Development Council Office.

The Prime Minister in his address said that now State leaders have been making trips to border areas with the aim of fulfilling the requirements for development of far-flung regions and rural areas that lagged behind in development.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe initiated the five rural development tasks for enabling rural areas to catch up with other parts of the nation.

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Responsible for progress of rural areas, so they are assigned duties for effective implementation of the five rural development tasks, he said.

The Prime Minister urged township level departmental officials to see to the five rural development tasks and to timely submit reports on the tasks that can be accomplished only with the assistance provided by superiors.

The departments concerned are to coordinate their efforts in order to accomplish the tasks by forming sector-wise associations such as education, health, agriculture, and development affairs committees rather than carrying out individually.

Township level departmental officials are to make efforts with added momentum adhering to the concept that they are responsible for development and economic growth of the townships where they are assigned duties and for raising the living standard of local people.

Greater encouragement is to be given to the private sector so that respective townships can enjoy better economy, and innovative measures, to be taken thoroughly for boosting production. Only then, can the nation enjoy stronger economy.

Now, the Government has been making onerous efforts in all spheres for ensuring better economy of the nation, raising the living standard of the people and equitable development of all states and divisions.

The people on their part are to lend themselves to the tasks in response to the Government’s continuous efforts for national progress.

The Government and the people are inseparable, so the Government and the people are to be united in all spheres.

All are to be imbued with the concept that the Government has been constantly attending to the people’s needs in their interest, regarding the people as its children.

Now, the State’s seven-point Road Map is in the process for achieving the national goal — emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister called on departmental personnel and the people to make combined endeavours for accomplishment of the State’s seven-point Road Map. Next, the General presented a computer and accessories, a TV and VCD to Yekyi BEHS, and cordially greeted those present.

The General and party viewed products of Yekyi Township domestic handicraft industry.

They left Yekyi and arrived at Zalun in the afternoon. They visited Zalun Man Aung Myin Pyidawbyan Buddha Image and offered flowers, lights, water and joss sticks to it.

The General offered Shwethingan (robe) to the image and presented cash donations for all-round renovation of the image.

The General and ministers also donated K 5 million for gold bowl for offering flowers to the image through members of the pagoda board of trustees who then presented a picture of the image to him.

The General and party met district and township level departmental officials, service personnel, members of social organizations and town elders at Zalun Township PDC office.

The chairman of Township PDC reported on land utilization, local rice sufficiency, progress in implementing the projects, and education, health and social sectors; and departmental officials, on requirements. The General attended to the requirements.

He said that in addition to making arrangements to upgrade the hospitals of a number of townships to the 25-bed ones, many rural schools have also been upgraded during the three-day tour. Arrangements have been made with the conviction that only if the number of educated persons increases in rural areas and the rural education standard improves, will the rural areas be able to achieve actual development. As the State level officials are looking
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into the requirements of the needs of townships and villages by themselves, the departmental personnel at different levels will have to make collective efforts, based on the assistance provided by the Government, for development of states and divisions, districts, townships, regional economy and improvement of the social standard of the local people. They should not lose touch with the people.

They will have to tour down to the villages to get in touch with the people to obtain their assistance. Only then will they be able to perform their task well in accord with the aims. They will secure cooperation from social organizations only if they provide assistance to the bodies. They will have to work energetically to serve public interest, with the cooperation of the bodies.

Next, the Prime Minister presented computer and accessories, TV and VCR to Township Education Officer U Hla Thein and Headmistress Daw Naw Bi Bi Aung.

After the ceremony, the Prime Minister cordially conversed with departmental officials, social organization members and local people.

Next, they arrived at Aphyauk natural gas field of the Ministry of Energy in Taikkyi Township at 5pm. Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Huy and officials welcomed the Prime Minister and party.

Afterwards, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi reported on the history of the natural gas field, geological conditions, distribution of natural gas from Aphyauk natural gas field and the entire nation and arrangements for extended distribution of natural gas by laying pipelines, use of natural gas at State-owned factories and heavy industries, sale of natural gas from Yedagan and Yadanar offshore natural gas projects by pipelines, distribution of CNG at the filling points in Yangon and Mandalay and extension for more filling points. The Prime Minister gave necessary instructions.

Next, the Commander submitted reports on repair of Uto Road and bridges in Aphyauk. The Prime Minister gave instructions on repair of roads and bridges as soon as possible.

Later, the Prime Minister and party went back to Yangon by helicopter and arrived back here in the evening. — MNA
**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV GEE HONG VOY NO (420)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV GEE HONG Voy No (420) are hereby notified that the vessel arrives on 15-10-2004 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.W where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the by-laws and conditions of the Port of Yangon. Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11.20 am and 12 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.

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**INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITIONS OPEN IN SHANGHAI**

Shanghai, 13 Oct— Five world-famous industrial exhibitions opened simultaneously here on Tuesday, offering a chance for global industrial magnates to get in touch with the Chinese market.

The exhibitions cover machinery, metal processing, automation technology, transportation, and dynamic systems. A total of 1,660 manufacturers from China and other countries, including Germany, the United States, France, Spain, Czech Republic, South Korea and Switzerland participate in the exhibitions. Many world-famous industrial groups including Toyota, Siemens, Eaton and Han Kwang are taking part.

Deutsche Messe AG, a foreign sponsor of the exhibitions, predicted the four-day exhibitions will attract more than 50,000 professional attendees. "Many European multinationals industrial groups want to shift their market focus to China and European corporations also want to tap European market through the expos," said Ernst Raue, president of Deutsche Messe AG.

In fact, both China and European countries have benefited from various kinds of economic and trade exchanges including exhibitions. China has become the biggest electrical and electronic products supplier for Germany, and it is a major destination of German firms’ investment, according to a survey conducted by Zentralverband Elektrotechnik (ZVEI), a German-based electronic manufacturing agency.

For instance, ZVEI said 25 per cent of German businesses which plan to invest abroad choose China. Germany has become China’s second largest market in the world, after the United States, according to Verein Deutscher Werkzeugmaschinenfabriken (VDW), a machine tool association in Germany.

“The company wants to shift its production upstream to China and export this production to Europe.”

**BELGIAN ROAD ACCIDENTS FALL**

Brussels, 13 Oct— The number of accidents on Belgian roads fell by 6.03 per cent in the first six months of 2004, it was reported on Monday. The figures were matched with the same period for 2003 and follow the launch of a massive road safety campaign earlier this year.

A total of 25,316 accidents were still recorded, according to the latest statistics released by the Office of Mobility Minister Renaat Landuyt.

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**World faces surge in extreme weather events due to warming**

London, 13 Oct— The world faces a surge in extreme weather events because of global warming and governments must act immediately to avert disaster, Britain’s chief scientist said on Tuesday.

“Already we are witnessing increased storms at sea and floods in our cities,” David King said.

“Global warming will increase the level and frequency of events at which we experience heightened weather patterns.

“Action is affordable, inaction is not,” he told the third Greenpeace Business Lecture in central London. King said levels of the main greenhouse gas, carbon dioxide, were rising steadily due primarily to the burning of fossil fuels at an unprecedented rate.

His comments came a day after scientists at Britain’s Hadley Centre said CO2 levels in the atmosphere had risen above the trend rate in the past two years, promising fears that catastrophic climate change could be out of control.

However, although the CO2 spike had been registered across the world, King cautioned it was too early to tell if it was an anomaly or if climate change had entered a new, explosive phase.

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**FIVE ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH NOTTINGHAM GIRL MURDER**

London, 13 Oct— British police said on Tuesday they had arrested five men in connection with the murder of a 14-year-old girl who was gunned down as she walked home from a funfair in the city of Nottingham.

“They were arrested in central London by officers of the Metropolitan Police last night,” a police spokeswoman said, adding that the men had been brought to Nottingham where they were being held in custody.

Danielle Beccan died after being hit by the bullets fired from a car in the city’s east coast Tuesday night, South Korean Navy crewmen missing in boat sinking accident

Seoul, 14 Oct— Four South Korean Navy crewmen went missing Wednesday after their boat sank off the country’s east coast Tuesday night, South Korean national Yonhap news agency reported.

The navy ship sank 37 kilometres off Ulsan, a port city located some 415 kilometres southeast of Seoul, at 11:52 p.m. (1452 GMT), while returning to its base after conducting an exercise, Yonhap quoted an unnamed military officer as saying.

The cause of the sinking is not yet known. Five crew members were aboard the ship. Only one has been rescued by the Navy’s relief team, the officer said. “We are continuing a search for the four men.” — MNA/Xinhua

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**RUSSIA TO SELL PART OF YUKOS’ ASSET**

Moscow, 13 Oct— The Russian Justice Ministry will sell the Yukos oil company’s assets to cover Tuesday.

The ministry announced in a statement that it has completed the valuation of Yuganskneftegaz, the major oil-producing subsidiary of Yukos, and plans to sell part of its property through the Russian Federal Property Fund.

The ITAR-TASS news agency said the Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein investment bank has valued Yuganskneftegaz, which accounts for about 60 per cent of Yukos’ output, at 10.4 billion US dollars.

“The assessment of Yuganskneftegaz has now been completed, and the time of debt payments un-