USDA CEC member inspects development tasks in Mon State

YANGON, 21 Oct — Central executive committee member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Brig-Gen Ohn Myint met USDA members at Mokpalin, Ingaboo and Kyundaw villages of Kyaiktoko township on 15 October.

Brig-Gen Ohn Myint called for active participation in implementing Nation’s policy and in rural development tasks, and inspected maintenance task of Kyundaw village BEPS building and digging of well developed by township USDA.

He proceeded to Winka and Pauktaw villages of Bilt township on 16 October morning and fulfilled the needs on electricity and education there. The CEC member met the township EC members at township hall and attended to their needs.

In the afternoon, he inspected road paving tasks done by Thaton township USDA in honour of the general meeting of Mon State USDA, 2004. Next, Brig-Gen Ohn Myint met chairman and members of village PDC in the region and fulfilled the needs.

CEC member arrived at Paung and Kyaukmyaw townships on 17 October and urged USDA members to work hard in implementing Nation’s policy and in rural development tasks.

Next, he inspected the completion of 80 feet long reinforced concrete bridge implemented by Mon State USDA. He inspected the basic education high schools in Mudon township on 18 October afternoon and fulfilled the requirements.

Bagan Open Golf Championship commences

YANGON, 21 Oct — The Bagan Open Golf Championship of the Myanmar Golf Tour 2004, organized by Myanmar Professional Golfers’ Association and Myanmar Golf Federation, was held at Bagan Golf Course in Bagan–Nyaung U Township, this morning.

Chairman of NyaungU District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Teza, Myanmar PGA and MGF Executive U Ko Ko Lay, Marketing Planning and Development Manager U Kyaw Soe Lwin of Rothmans of Pall Mall Myanmar Pte Ltd opened the golf tour.

After the first round, Min Naing (Srixon) led the professional golfers division with 66 strokes. Myint Swe (Wilson) followed the leader with 69 strokes, Than Naing (Wilson) with 70, Aung Zaw Moe (Wilson), Aung Win (YCDC) and Soe Kyaw Naing 71 each.

In the men’s amateur division, Then Zaw Myint scored 68 strokes to put his position in the first place. His runners-up were Naing Naing Lin, Kyaw Thhaa, Tun Zaw, Aung Win and Than Naing Oo stood at the second with 73 strokes each.

The Bagan Open Golf Championship is being jointly sponsored by Bagan Hotel Association, Air Mandalay, Tiger Beer, Bagan Golf resort Hotel, Alpino and Purified Drinking Water, KM Golf Centre, Maruman, Canon, Sun Far Travels & Tours, Bagan Cybertech and Bagan Resort Golf Club.

The second round of the tour continues tomorrow.

Winners of colour photo contest announced

YANGON, 21 Oct — The Colour Photo Contest Organizing Work Group of the Leading Committee for Organizing the 15th National Mottos, Literary and Photo Contests 2005 has received 132 entries and the panel of judges Violin U Tin Yi and party supervised the contests. — MNA

Next, five boys and three girls participated in the basic education level (aged 15-20) boys’ and girls’ violin contest. Leader of the panel of judges Violin U Tin Yi and party supervised the contests. — MNA

Afterwards, nine persons participated in the basic education level (aged 10-15) girls’ piano contest. On 22 October morning, the amateur level (men’s & women’s) piano contest and the basic education level (aged 15-20) boys’ and girls’ piano contest will continue at the National Theatre. — MNA

At Kanbawza Theatre, eight persons took part in the higher education level (men’s) violin contest and seven in the higher education level (women’s) violin contest.

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12th Myanmar Traditional... (from page 16) panel of judges Pianist U Chit Swe and party supervised the piano contest. First, seven participants competed in the professional level (men’s) piano contest. Next, three contestants took part in the professional level (women’s) piano contest.

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UDNR holds dinner to mark its 40th anniversary.

YANGON, 21 Oct — The dinner to mark the 40th Anniversary of University for Development of National Races was held at the university on 19 October evening, attended by Chairman of the Central Management Board of the UDNR Chairman of the Trainee Selection Committee Chairman of the UDNR Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyan.

Also present at the dinner were member of CSSTB U Aung Myint, Rector of Central Institute of Civil Service Col Win Maung, Rector of CICS (Upper Myanmar) Col Aung Hsan Win, Rector of UDNR Col Zaw Min Thein. Deputy Director-General U Wat Myint of Civil Service Selection and Training Department, the pro-vectors of UDNR, member of the University Council and University Education Board, representatives of States and Divisions Peace and Development Councils, departmental officials of Sagaing Division, faculty members and trainees.

After the dinner, the trainees entertained traditional dances to the audience.

Mahosadha Marionette Contest commences

YANGON, 21 Oct — The Mahosadha Marionette Contest of the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyang Street in Dagon Township this evening.

Among the spectators were Vice-Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung and members, Chairman of the Work Committee No 3 Military Region Commander Col Tint Hsan, No 4 Military Region Commander Col Yan Naing Oo and officials.

Chin State USDA Annual General Meeting 2004 held

YANGON, 21 Oct — Member of the Central Executive Committee for the Union Solidarity and Development Association, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko attended the Annual General Meeting 2004 of the Falam District USDA at its hall in Falam, Chin State on 16 October and spoke on the occasion. The deputy minister also donated books to the library of Falam Township USDA.

On 17 October, the deputy minister inspected the ox farm run by the Falam Theravada Buddhist Missionary School, where he paid homage to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Pandita (G cittavacaka Pandita) and offered robes and provisions to the Sayadaw. He also visited the Falam Theravada Buddhist Missionary School (Central), where he paid homage to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Pandita (G cittavacaka Pandita) and offered robes and provisions to the Sayadaw.

New library opened in Gangaw Township

YANGON, 21 Oct — A ceremony to open new Pwintthit Village library building and donate a radio and books were held in Zataw Village, Gangaw Township, Magway Division, on 9 October. It was opened by Member of Gangaw District Peace and Development Council Police Major Thuang Gyi and Staff Officer of District Information and Public Relations Department U Kyaw Than Tun.

Radio Myanmar to air radio play

YANGON, 21 Oct — Hailing the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions, a radio play performed with actress Academy Daw Nwe San and staff from the Radio Myanmar titled “Hsan Yin Nu Ahla Hwara” will be aired by the Radio Myanmar at 12.20 pm on 26 October, Sunday and at 12.20 pm on 26 October, Tuesday. — MNA
Track-laying completed on half of Qinghai-Tibet railway

LHASA, 21 Oct—Track-laying had been completed on 645 kilometres of the Qinghai-Tibet railway by October 18, accounting for 56 per cent of the total length of the railway, sources with the railway construction headquarters announced on Tuesday.

Construction on the 1,142-kilometre Qinghai-Tibet railway is moving steadily toward Damxung County in central Tibet, according to the railway construction headquarters based in Lhasa, the regional capital.

The railway, the first to link Tibet with rest of China, is expected to reach Lhasa sometime next year and open to traffic in July 2007, Liu Xinke, an official with the leading group of the Qinghai-Tibet Railway construction under the Ministry of Railway, was quoted as saying by earlier reports.

Sprawling on the Tangular Range, described as a mountain "insurmountable even by eagles," the Qinghai-Tibet Railway is the most elevated railway in the world with a maximum altitude of 5,070 metres.

China began construction of the railway in 2001 at a cost of 26.2 billion yuan (3.16 billion US dollars). The Chinese Government expects the project to boost Tibet's social and economic development, helping local residents improve their living standards.

The railway entered into Tibet at Amdo County, some 440 kilometres from Lhasa in June this year. It ran into Nagqu, an important area in northern Tibet, in early October.

During the past three years, railway constructors have solved a series of technical difficulties stemming from track-laying on frozen earth. Workers also fought against oxygen deficiency.

Tibet covers an area of more than 1.2 million square kilometres, or about one eighth of China's territory. It is the only provincial area in China without an inch of railway.

About 90 per cent of the 2.7 million Tibetan people live on farming or live-stock breeding. Poor traffic conditions have been one of the major obstacles for the modernization of Tibet.

People now travel to Tibet mainly by air or automobiles. In 2003, more than 928,000 tourists visited Tibet.

Samsung unveils 5-megapixel camera handphone

SEOUL, 21 Oct — Samsung Electronics Co., the world's third-largest handset maker, on Wednesday unveiled a 5-megapixel camera phone as part of its efforts to maintain its leadership in the high-end global cellular phone market.

The 5-megapixel camera will en-able users to take photos as good as those taken with a mid-range digital camera, the company said.

The SCH-S250 phone also features a high-quality camcorder and TV function. "The picture quality is good enough for you to compare it with 5-megapixel digital cameras," said Cho Byung-deok, head of Samsung Electronics' handset development team at a Press conference here Wednesday.

The device has 92 megabytes of memory capacity, enough to save 25 photos at 5-megapixel resolution, he added. "We certainly aren't expecting the 5-megapixel camera phone to gain massive customer acceptance, but it will attract a considerable number of customers," Cho said.

Samsung Electronics said it will announce the price of the phone next week. The phone will be marketed to SK Telecom Co. customers, the country's most popular mobile phone network by the end of this month.

In a separate statement, SK Telecom said it will introduce 10 megapixel cam-era phones manufactured by Samsung Electronics by the end of this year.

EU establishes first professional training centre in China

GUANGZHOU, 21 Oct—The European Union (EU) established a professional training centre in Shunde, a city in south China's Guangdong Province, aiming to provide more professional expertise to China-based European enterprises.

Professional training organizations from European countries such as Germany, Belgium and The Netherlands will take part in educating Chinese professionals. The trainees will take courses in the newly established centre, first of its kind in China, reports Shenzhen Commercial Daily.

The new professional training centre will have classes in foreign languages, basic professional skills and code of conduct. After taking courses in the centre, Chinese professionals will continue their training in EU countries by taking intern-ship in European enter-prises or studying for Eu-ropean professional cer-tificates.

Qualified graduates from the centre will be recommended to work in European and Chinese branches of EU busi-nesses.

Statistics show the number of EU businesses operating in China reached 16,802 by the end of 2003. Most of these EU enterprises are technol-ogy-based and demand 150,000 to 300,000 well-trained technical and professional staffs in total annually, according to the daily.

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Meanwhile, the air-port’s passenger traffic also jumped to 2.44 million passengers in September, an increase of 8.8 per cent from last year.

Cern celebrates 50 years of scientific research

GENEVA, 21 Oct—International celebrities and scientists gathered here Tuesday to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the European Organization for Nuclear Research (Cern).

Heads of State from Switzerland, France and Spain, and other officials attended a special cere-monies in Geneva to com-memorate the achieved-ments of the world’s larg-est particle physics lab over the past decades.

The occasion also marked the inauguration of the Globe of Science and Innovation — Switzer-land’s 50th anniversary gift to Cern, which will serve as a new work-ing and visitor centre.

Established in 1954, the world’s largest particle physics lab has 200 member states today. Worldwide, there are roughly 7,000 scien-tists from more than 80 countries working on Cern projects.

Tom Cruise cements ties with Japan

TOKYO, 21 Oct—American movie star Tom Cruise cemented his ties with Japan on Wednesday, becoming the first foreign actor to have his handprint earmarked for a place on a central Tokyo square resembling Hollywood’s Walk of Fame.

"I’m really honoured to be doing this today. I feel I have a very special relationship with Japanese audiences," said Cruise, who starred in “The Last Samurai”, a movie set in 19th Century Japan.

"I’m really excited about working here," Cruise said before a crowd of adoring fans in a ceremony held indoors be-cause of heavy rain.

New Zealand batsman Brendon McCullum raises his bat and cap after making the first century of his first innings. —INTERNET

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Crude oil trading down for second straight day

**New York,** 20 Oct — Crude-oil futures fell for a second straight day Tuesday. The selloff was mostly technically driven, traders said, with speculators bailing out of the market ahead of the November crude futures’ expiration, and weekly inventory data from the Department of Energy and the American Petroleum Institute.

At the New York Mercantile Exchange, benchmark light, sweet crude futures for November delivery settled 38 cents lower at $53.29 a barrel.

The contract, which expires at the end of Wednesday’s trading ses-

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The Bank of Communications, China’s fifth largest commercial bank, plans an initial public offering on the Mainland and Hong Kong early next year.

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Angola’s daily oil production exceeds one million barrels

**Luanda,** 21 Oct — Angola’s state oil company SONANGOL announced Tuesday that the country now produces over one million barrels of oil a day and expects to double the output over the next four years.

**SONANGOL** was quoted by local media as saying that until production began in Kizomba-A field in offshore block 15 last August, its daily oil output reached about 950,000 barrels.

Block 15 lies about 370 kilometres northwest of Luanda and is operated by Esoo Exploration Angola, an Exxon mobil subsidiary, which has a 40 per cent stake in the project.

Angola is currently the No 2 oil producer after Nigeria in sub-Saharan Africa. SONANGOL said crude output is likely to rise to 2 million barrels daily by 2008. — MNA/Xinhua

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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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**Hino Motor opens California truck assembly plant**

**LONG BEACH (California),** 20 Oct — Hino Motor Manufacturing opened a new southern California truck assembly plant Tuesday as part of parent company Toyota Motor Corp’s effort to expand market share in the United States.

The plant was constructed in part of a Toyota parts manufacturing facility. Hino Motor expects to build 2,000 trucks by March and 10,000 trucks per year by 2006.

Currently, half the truck parts, including the engine and the cab, are imported from Japan, with most of the remaining parts made in the United States.

Some manufacturing, including frame rails, will be done in Long Beach, according to Derek Kaufman, senior vice-president of sales and marketing for Hino Trucks.

Trucks from the plant will be shipped to the company’s 112 dealers in the United States and Canada. Hino plans to expand to about 150 dealers by March 2005.

About 50 people will work at the assembly plant, which is making about five trucks per day.

The company declined to say how many people the plant will employ when it hits full capacity in 2006.

Hino’s commercial medium duty trucks have a small market share, but the company recently revamped its product line and plans a major marketing push in the United States.

The company is also building a parts plant in Arkansas.

— MNA/AP

**11 die of traffic accident in northern Tanzania**

**DAR ES SALAAM,** 21 Oct — Seven foreign tourists and four local people have been killed when a mini-bus was rammed head-on by a truck in northern Tanzania, police sources confirmed on Wednesday.

The accident occurred on Tuesday morning along a road in the Arumeru District, with seven people dying on the spot and the others in hospitals.

Of the tourists who were killed by the accident, Javier Feli of Spain, Anita Nicola from New Zealand and Larsen Lorf of Sweden were identified after the crash.

**MNA/Xinhua**