Doyen artistes disseminating…

(gpom from page 16) gentle characteristics and traditions and culture and customs under the ideological and cultural domination will lead the people to fall under spiritual enslavement. Only if the firm historical background, high-standard civilization and the essence and value of the delicate traditions and culture and fine arts can be exposed, will the youths be able to cherish the traditions and culture and to vitalize their national outlook and spirit. Not only a dynamic defence force, but also a strong spiritual force comprising the spirit of national solidarity, Union Spirit and national spirit is also needed to steer the national cause towards a correct way. In addition, preservation and promotion of the national culture is also a requisite for reinforcing the national strength.

Thus, the Government has been laying down and implementing cultural preservation and promotion programmes in all sectors, holding annually the performing arts competitions in accord with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe. The performing arts have been firmly standing on their own style throughout the past successive era till now. And throughout history, doyen artistes have handed down the performing arts to new generations, and in this way they have been flourishing.

At the performing arts competitions, doyen artistes are disseminating their invaluable art knowledge and experiences to the new generation. As the performing arts competitions have been achieving success more and more new generation youths have come to cherish the performing arts. In this favorable circumstances, the doyen artistes should continue to strive to extend the task of preserving and promoting traditional culture and for perpetuation of fine cultural traditions and national characteristics, while disseminating the essence of the cultural and art heritage to posterity. At the same time, penetration of customs, styles and thoughts, that are against Myanmar culture, through movies, music, culture and economic doors, must be warded off with the spirit to cherish traditional culture and national spirit. In conclusion, the Secretary-1 thanked and honoured doyen artistes for their ardent contribution to cultural preservation and promotion programmes, wishing them to continue their work with health and longevity.

Coord meeting of Work Committee for Upgrading of Yangon City Kandawgyi Park and Zoological Gardens (Yangon) held

YANGON, 4 Nov — An coordination meeting of Work Committee for Upgrading of Yangon City Kandawgyi Park and Zoological Gardens (Yangon) was held at the Agricultural Museum of Myanmar Agriculture Service this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Work Committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Members of Work Committee Deputy Minister for Hotel and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu and Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Huy, heads of departments, military region commanders, chairmen of District Peace and Development Councils and guests.

First, the commander made a speech on the occasion. In his speech he said that Kandawgyi Park and Zoological Gardens are located in the heart of Yangon City. Therefore, measures are to be taken for timely completion of upgrading tasks with modem designs without affecting existing natural resources. The earlier the project is completed than scheduled, the sooner the people can have relaxation there. Later, he called for speedy implementation of the project. Next, Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu presented reports to the commander on progress in construction of high-class restaurants and possibility of opening them; Brig-Gen Than Huy on assistance rendered for timely completion; Head of Department of Gardens and Playgrounds U Nyunt Pe of Yangon City Development Committee on progress of construction work in Relaxation Zone; Director of Yangon Division Forest Department U Khin Win on tasks being carried out and future tasks in Central Forest Zone; Deputy Director of Fisheries Department U Min Thein on measures being taken for construction of fresh water fish gardens and future tasks in Education Zone; President of Hoteliers Association Dr Khin Shwe on progress of work and future tasks in Recreation Zone; Director of Yangon Division Irrigation Department U Kyaw Thein on tasks for storage of more water in Kandawgyi Lake; Managing Director of Woodland Co Ltd U Win Aung on progress in construction of high-class swimming pools; President of Pyi Sone Win Naing Co Ltd U Win Naing on tasks being carried out for running Mono Rail in the gardens; Associate Professor of the Minister for Science and Technology on quality tests; Director of the Ministry of Forestry U Myint Swe on progress in upgrading tasks of Zoological Gardens (Yangon); Manager of MAS U Myo Nyunt on measures being taken in Education Zone; and Architect Mr John Enada on measures to be taken for the application of advanced technologies according to conceptual design in upgrading tasks of Kandawgyi Gardens. After that heads of departments gave suggestions on timely completion of upgrading tasks of the Kandawgyi Park and the Zoological Gardens. After hearing the reports, the commander gave instructions on speedy completion of the project. After the meeting, officials conducted the commander round the construction sites.

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Win Maung presented gifts of honour to doyen artists, instructors and judges. Doyen artistes and medalists of the performing arts competitions staged entertainment programmes. The Secretary-1 presented them honourary cash awards. He also greeted those present at the dinner. — MNA

Secretary-1 Li-Gen Thein Sein presents certificates of honour to maestros and judges for the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. — MNA

Judge from Ayeyawady Division U Moe Kyaw Tin expresses gratitude. — MNA

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe presents certificates of honour to maestros and judges of the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. — MNA
Chapter VII
Taking Over Temporarily a Person in Custody in Foreign State to Take Testimony, Statement or Expert Opinion in Myanmar

31. The government department and organization desirous of taking testimony or statement or expert opinion of a person in custody in foreign State in Myanmar shall submit to the Central Authority mentioning also the following, in addition to the requirements contained in section 12 of the law:
   (a) detailed programme to bring the person in custody;
   (b) necessary documents, records and evidences.

32. The Central Authority shall on receiving the submission under Rule 31 and on deciding that the testimony, statement or expert opinion of a person in custody in foreign State should be obtained, request the foreign State to hand over the person in custody to the Central Authority.

33. The Central Authority shall, on receiving the letter informing that the person in custody in foreign State has agreed to give testimony, statement or expert opinion in Myanmar and that such person has agreed to come to Myanmar and give testimony or assistance, carry out in accordance with section 34 of the law:
   (a) carrying out to obtain a visa for the person in custody in foreign State and taking him over temporarily;
   (b) keeping the said person in custody continuously at an appropriate place in Myanmar;
   (c) obtaining the testimony or statement of the said person.

34. The Central Authority shall, after carrying out the matters contained in Rule 33, instruct the relevant government department and organization to make arrangements for sending the said person back to the relevant foreign State.

35. The Central Authority shall, when informed by the foreign State that the person in custody who has been handed over to the Union of Myanmar is no longer required to be kept in custody, inform the relevant government department and organization to release the said person from custody.

Chapter VIII
Bearing of Cost

36. If there is no agreement by other means, the ordinary expenses in respect of the request of assistance shall be borne by the State rendering assistance.
   (a) The two States shall, if the expenses are of unusual or extraordinary nature bear the same in accordance with the conditions agreed upon in advance.
   (b) In the event of the case, the expenses relating to request for assistance, they shall be borne by the said State.

Chapter IX
Miscellaneous

39. The Government, in exercising the power contained in section 9 of the law, in respect of requesting assistance, shall amend, alter, suspend or cancel only when it is required due to the reason that the activity of the Central Authority is not in conformity with the aims of the law as provided in section 4 of the law.

40. In implementing the functions and duties relating to mutual assistance in criminal matters, in the absence of express provision in these Rules, the provisions contained in the Code of Criminal Procedure or any other existing law may be applicable, as may be appropriate.

41. With respect to mutual assistance in criminal matters, there shall be the right to submit as exhibits documents, records and evidence sent by the authority of the foreign State due to request made by the Central Authority.

42. (a) The Central Authority shall, if the requested matter of the foreign State is for judicial proceedings, inform the Supreme Court.
   (b) The Supreme Court may carry out the matter informed under sub-section (a) by itself or delegate to the relevant competent Court.

43. With respect to mutual assistance in criminal matters, if any matter arises to be settled the relevant government department and organization shall submit it to the Central Authority immediately for enabling negotiation and settlement of the same between the Requesting State and the Central Authority.

44. With respect to rendering and obtaining assistance, if there are bilateral or multilateral agreements between the parties of the said agreements it shall be complied with, and if there are no specific provisions in the said agreement, it shall be carried out in accordance with these Rules.

(Sd) Colonel Tin Haing
Minister
Ministry of Home Affairs
Dubai has welcomed Syrian businessmen to trade with it in the future.

Car bomb kills five people in central Baghdad

Baghdad, 3 Nov — A suspected car bomb exploded outside the Education Ministry in central Baghdad on Tuesday, killing at least five people and wounding four, a Reuters witness said.

A ministry official, who asked not to be named, said about 20 people had been killed or wounded.

The blast in the Iraqi capital's Adhamiya District heavily damaged the ministry building and destroyed half a dozen vehicles. Smoke poured from the building as firemen fought a blaze set off by the blast.

The body of one elderly man lay in the street on fire. Two of the dead were women. The bomb exploded in a sidestreet, close to a wall of the ministry building, at about 9:30 a.m. (0630 GMT).

Water from bursts mains flooded the streets. Parents of children at a nearby girls' school raced to the scene in panic searching for their daughters. There were no reported casualties at the school.

US troops and Iraqi National Guards arrived later as American helicopter pilots clattered overhead. Neighbours said they had urged the military's security officials in the past to block off the sidewalk where the bomb went off. "They didn't listen to us," said one man.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack, the latest of many bombings to bring carnage to the heart of Baghdad since last year's US-led invasion.

MNA/Reuters

Chinese trade platform in Dubai opens gate to Syrians

DAMASCUS, 3 Nov — A soon-to-open Chinese trade centre in the UAE city of Dubai has welcomed Syrian businessmen to trade with it in the future.

MNA/Xinhua

US troops search an Iraqi car in central Baghdad, following an attack along the airport road on 3 Nov, 2004. At least nine people were injured after a car bomb punched another hole into battle-scarred Baghdad, while guerrillas kidnapped more foreigners and shot dead a top oil ministry official.

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Foreign tourist arrivals rise in September in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 3 Nov — The number of foreign tourists visiting Indonesia in September reached 403,444, up 16.5 per cent from that of the same period last year, the Central Bureau of Statistics (BPS) announced here on Monday.

However, the figure was lower than the previous month due to the seasonal cycle of travelling as September is the low season for foreign tourists to go overseas after the peak season of August, Head of the BPS Choirul Maksum said.

"The bombing in front of the Australian Embassy in Jakarta in September does not affect foreign tourist arrival into Indonesia," he told reporters.

MNA/Xinhua

Car bomb blows up near US convoy

Baghdad, 4 Nov — A suspected car bomb blew up near a US convoy on the main road to Baghdad airport on Wednesday, witnesses said. There was no word on casualties.

The witnesses said a car exploded not far from the first US checkpoint on the airport road in southwestern Baghdad, setting fire to a US military Humvee vehicle.

Smoke billowed from the damaged vehicles.

A US military official could not immediately be reached for comment. A US military spokesman in the Green Zone complex in central Baghdad said earlier that he had heard the blast, but did not know what had caused it. — MNA/Reuters

"Reuters" cameraman died in battle between Marines and guerillas

Baghdad, 3 Nov — The US military said on Tuesday a cameraman killed in the Iraqi city of Ramadi while on assignment for "Reuters" had died in a gunbattle between Marines and guerrillas.

"Marines from the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force engaged several guerrillas in a brief small arms firefight that killed an individual who was carrying a video camera earlier Monday morning," it said in a statement. The statement was the military's first response to questions about the killing from "Reuters.

Video footage of the incident showed no apparent fighting and no sounds of shooting in the vicinity before Najim was killed by a single bullet. He filmed heavy clashes between Marines and guerrillas earlier in the day but that had subsided.

Najim's colleagues and family said they believed he had been shot by a US sniper. The cameraman was near his house in the Sunni Muslim city's Andalus District when he was hit by a single bullet in the back of the neck that killed him instantly.

Video shot from an upper floor of a building nearby shows Najim, at first half-hidden by a wall, move into the open. As soon as he emerges, a powerful gunshot cracks out and he falls to the ground, his arms outstretched.

Civilians are seen gathering calmly at the scene immediately afterwards to look at his lifeless body. Marine snipers are posted in Ramadi, news photographs taken on Sunday show.

US State Department spokesman Adam Ereli told reporters in Washington on Monday that officials were "deeply disturbed" by deaths of journalists in Iraq, including Najim's. "We re dedicate ourselves now to providing an environment in which the free press can do its work," he said.

Ereli was commenting on a spate of attacks on journalists in Iraq, including a bomb attack on Al Arabiya television at the weekend which killed seven people. He was speaking before the Marines' statement.

The military statement said: "Identification badges found on the dead man confirmed employment in which a major news agency.

"Inspection of videotape in the cameraman's wallet revealed footage of previous attacks on Multi-National Force military vehicles that included the insurgent use of RPGs (rocket-propelled grenades), an IED (roadside bomb) and small arms fire."

It was not immediately clear how the US military had been able to view the tape in Najim's camera, which has not been recovered by "Reuters", or check his identity cards. "The guerrillas fled the scene with their wounded but left the body of the dead man along the side of the road," it said. — MNA/Reuters

MNA/Reuters

US troops close off a street in the Mansour District of Baghdad on 3 Nov, 2004. A US-Lebanese man working for Iraq's transport ministry was kidnapped overnight from his house in Mansour.
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Summit of Rio Group to discuss foreign debts 
RIO DE JANEIRO, 3 Nov—The Summit of the Rio Group, to be held Thursday and Friday in Brazil, will pay more attention to the restrictions of foreign debts on society and development in member countries.

The Rio Group, comprising 19 Latin American countries, will propose to international organizations, including the International Monetary Fund, some measures to lessen the burden of public accounts.

According to the gov-
ernments of member countries, debt repayment will deplete the resources that are needed for social programmes and development in the countries.

The debt problem was also discussed during the previous summit held in the southern Peruvian city of Cusco.

Another issue at the upcoming summit will be the political, economic and social situation in Haiti and the difficulties facing the UN peace mission deployed in the Caribbean country.

Colombia seizes 2.1 tons of cocaine 
BOGOTA, 3 Nov—The Colombian Navy seized in a joint operation with the US Coast Guards 2,151 kilos of cocaine on the international waters of the Pacific Ocean, Navy authorities said Tuesday.

Five traffickers, including four Colombians and a Mexican, were captured on the fast boat carrying the huge amount of narcotics in the operation carried out under the Agreement on Maritime Interdiction signed by the United States and Colombia.

Navy officials said the boat departed from the port of Buenaventura in the west of Colombia and its owner was yet to be identified.

Drug pushers leaving from the Colombian coast of the Pacific Ocean usually make a stop in Central America and Mexico before reaching their final destination in the US, said the officials.

Colombia is one of the top producers of narcotics in the world and a large part of the drugs from the South American country are consumed in the US and Europe.

Hainan Airlines to buy three “Boeing” jets with bank loan 
TAIWAN, 3 Nov—Hainan Airlines based in China’s southernmost island province has ordered three Boeing 737-800 jets with a 1.1 billion-yuan (132.5 million-US-dol-
lar) loan granted by a domestic bank, company sources have confirmed.

The airline company signed a pact with the Shaxi branch of the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) on Monday in Tainan, capital of north China’s Shaxi.

Venezuelan police seize 180 kilos of cocaine 
CARACAS, 3 Nov—The Venezuelan investigative police seized 180 kilos of cocaine and arrested two Colombians on a cattle ranch in the western state of Portuguesa, local newspaper El Nacional reported Tuesday.

The police investigated a group which carried drugs from Colombia to Venezuela, from where the drugs were sent to markets abroad.

UAE’s development projects cost $2.3b
ABU DHABI, 3 Nov—The overall cost of development projects of the United Arab Emirates and federal autonomous authorities for 2004 has reached 2.3 billion US dollars, the official WAM news agency reported Monday.

Minister of Planning Sheikh Hamdan Bin Ahmed Al Muaill said in his investment programme report that the figure is a 7.7-per-cent rise in total costs of federal development projects as compared to that of last year.

Financial allocations for development projects of ministries and autonomous authorities this year rose by 5.8 per cent as against the last year’s funds of 792 million US dollars.

Total costs of projects which are under construction by the Ministry of Public Works and Housing have reached around 1.2-billion-US-dollars, said the report.

Senior Chinese leader emphasizes all-round links with DRC 
BEIJING, 3 Nov—Chinese Vice-President Zeng Qinghong said here on Monday China is ready to further its relationship with the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Zeng made the remarks during his meeting with Raymond Ramazani Baya, visiting Minister of Foreign Affairs and Inter-
national Cooperation of the DRC.

Over the years, Zeng said China and the DRC have been trustworthy friends who treat and cooperate with each other on an equal footing and according to the five principles of peaceful co-existence.

Zeng said the Chinese Government appreciates the government of the DRC for its firm support for China on such major issues as Taiwan.

He said China is ready to further expand bilateral economic cooperation, increase exchanges, enhance mutual trust in politi-
cal and trade exchange and economic cooperation.

China is willing to con-
tinuously expand ex-
changes between the two countries in the fields of culture, education and health, he said.

Baya said the relations between China and the Democratic Republic of the Congo have set an example to others in the world.

Baya expressed the willingness to further enhance bilateral political exchanges, expand trade and economic cooperation and strengthen coordina-
tion in international or-
ganizations. He said the two countries should re-
force and develop bilateral rela-
tions so as to bring benefits to their people.

Baya reiterated that the Democratic Republic of the Congo will stick to the one-China policy and firmly support China’s cause of reunification.

Baya arrived here Sunday for an official visit to China at the invitation of Chinese Foreign Min-
ister Li Zhaoxing.

1H, Ireland enhance bilateral economic relations 
HONG KONG, 3 Nov—Hong Kong Chief Secre-
tary for Administration Donald Tsang met with Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern in Dublin of Ire-
land to discuss measures to develop bilateral links in the economic and cultural spheres, according to a government Press release on Tuesday.

Donald Tsang welcomed Monday Ireland’s increasing interest in the growing Chinese market, and reiterated Hong Kong’s intention to strengthen ties with the Republic of Ireland.

“Hong Kong is already the biggest investor in the Chinese Mainland. With the implementation