Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

* We will never let our posterity become a race facing food inadequacy and insecurity when we are no more
* We have the duty to do what is necessary for our future generation

Four political objectives
- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, prevalence of law and order
- National reconsolidation
- Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives
- Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives
- Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Efforts are needed to develop ever changing, advancing human society
Population of the nation will reach 100 million in next 30 years
All will have to make preparations ensuring food security

YANGON, 15 Nov — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe met with departmental personnel at South-West Command in Pathein, Ayeyawady Division, yesterday morning.

At the meeting the Senior General gave guidance, saying Ayeyawady Division is a region reliable for the nation in terms of economy, especially in the agricultural and fish and meat production sectors. Thus, greater efforts are required to exceed the targets of the two main sectors. As long as strenuous efforts can be made for boosting production, there will be progress in local as well as national economy. Like in Ayeyawady Division, targets have been set in all other states and divisions. In this regard, the respective states and divisions will have to strive with might and main to meet the targets.

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Roads and bridges for development of transport and trade

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, accompanied by responsible officials, visited Ayeyawady Division on 13 November and inspected the Bo Myat Tun bridge in Nyaungdon Township, the Test Well-1 of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise near Pyindongalay village in Pantanaw Township and the construction site of the Pathein bridge being built across the Ngawun river and gave necessary guidance to responsible personnel.

During the tour, the Head of State also visited the Pantanaw Test Well-1 of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise near Pyindongalay village and inspected the drilling. The well has been drilled up to 10,000 feet. The Pantanaw Test Well-1 is located 10 miles south-west of the Nyaungdon natural gas field where condensate and gas are being exploited on a commercial scale. Moreover, seismic surveys are being made to expand the exploration of oil and natural gas near Maung-Sukkaw-Delay region and arrangements are being made to distribute natural gas to Pantanaw, Nyaungdon and Yangon through pipelines.

After inspecting the Pantanaw Test Well-1, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe proceeded to Pathein and viewed the harvesting of monsoon paddy and preparations being made for cultivation of summer paddy along the way. Then the Head of State arrived at the project site of the Pathein bridge being constructed across the Ngawun river, studied progress of work and gave necessary guidance. The bridge is to be inaugurated soon and on completion, Ngwehsaung river, studied progress of work and gave necessary guidance to responsible personnel.

After hearing the reports by officials concerned at the Bo Myat Tun bridge in Nyaungdon Township, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe said that the Bo Myat Tun bridge is the busiest and most strategic one in Ayeyawady Division and that it is necessary to maintain it and to take all the necessary steps to prevent erosion of the river banks near the bridge. The Bo Myat Tun bridge is one of the 39 major bridges in Ayeyawady Division constructed by the Government for better transport.

On 11 November, the director-general inspected the rural housing project in Hsat Thwa Village in Taungdwingyi Township. He also inspected water supply task and river water pumping project in Magway.

When he arrived at Yanangyoung Township, Col Myo Myint inspected the progress of rural housing project. Next, the director-general and party proceeded to Kyakpaduam Township in Mandalay Division and also inspected the rural housing project in NyaungU Township being carried out by Township DAD and left word for necessary assistance to be provided. In Mandalay Division, a total of 187 rural houses have been built and 11 are under construction.

First, the commander made a speech on the occasion. In his speech, he said the Union Day is observed with the aim of further strengthening of national solidarity. The deputy ministers and heads of department are to make concerted efforts for realization of the objectives of the Union Day. After the deputy ministers and the heads of department had reported on their respective sectors as to the observance of the Union Day, the commander gave suggestions to them and attend the needs.

Director-General Col Myo Myint inspects a rural house built by Yanangyoung Township Development Affairs Committee.

On 15 November, a medical symposium on Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorders in Children and Role Multivitamins with Citrus Bio-Flavonoids as Immunity Booster jointly organised by USV Limited in Mumbai, Republic of India and Zizawa Health Care was held at Grand Plaza Park Royal on Alanya Pagoda Road, here yesterday morning.

Managing Director Dr Saw Mya Aung of Zizawa Health Care extended greetings on the occasion.

Dr Kyaw Lin of the Children’s Hospital made a discussion on Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorders in Children, Prof Dr Mya Mya Ohn on Role Multivitamins with Citrus Bio-Flavonoids as Immunity Booster. Next, Groyit tonic for children produced by USV Limited and distributed by Zizawa Health Care was introduced. Likewise, a medical symposium on “Beta-Cell Preservation in Diabetes” was held at Grand Plaza Park Royal on Alanya Pagoda Road in the evening. Dr Tin Swe Lat talked about “Myanmar Perspective of Diabetes Mellitus”, Professor Col Ye Thwe of No 2 Military Hospital about Recent Advances on Insulin Sensizers Focus-Beta Cell Preservation and Consultant Diabetologist Dr G Vijaya Kumar of Apollo Hospital and Isabell Hospital of India about Prolonged Sulphonyl Urea Exposure-Implications on Beta Cell Activity.

Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorders in Children & Role of Multivitamins With Citrus Bio-Flavonoids as Immunity Booster in progress.
US death toll in Fallujah hits 38

Fallujah, 14 Nov — The US military said on Sunday that 38 American soldiers died in the week-long offensive against the Iraqi city of Fallujah.

The toll includes three non-combat deaths.

Nevertheless, the operation has proceeded quicker than expected, with the entire city occupied after six days of fighting, Marine Major-General Richard Natonski said.

He said other commanders learned from April’s failed three-week marine assault on Fallujah, which was called off by the Bush administration after a worldwide outcry over civilian deaths.

This time, the military sent in six times as many troops and 20 types of aircraft. Troops also faced attacks before the assault to confuse enemy anti-US fighters.

“Maybe we learned from April,” Natonski said in an interview with The Associated Press. “We learned we can’t do it piecemeal. When we go in, we go all the way through. We had the green light this time and we went all the way.”

Still, there seems to be no let-up in the overall violence level. On Sunday, eyewitnesses reported a large explosion in Baghdad near hotels frequented by foreigners while Al Jazeera reported the downing of a US helicopter near Fallujah.

Iraqi officials fire thousands of policemen

Baghdad, 14 Nov — Iraqi authorities have fired thousands of police officers and taken over the recruiting of new policemen, the Washington Times reported Sunday.

Most of the screening as far as the staff is up to the Iraqi staff now,” said US Army Capt Kevin Bradley, who trains Iraqi national guardsmen. “Right now, whether or not the person is clean, it depends on the Iraqis.”

The Times said the police officers trained and hired by the United States are believed to have been enemy informants and sympathizers who undermined numerous operations and tipped off terrorists.

The police chiefs of Mosul and Samarra were also fired following numerous guerilla attacks.

US and Iraqi officials confirmed that many other law enforcement officers have been fired for incompetence or suspected guerilla sentiments since Iraqis regained sovereignty from coalition forces at the end of June. The Iraqis have their own methods of recruiting police officers that might fall short of US civil rights standards, but they are proving effective, according to Bradley.

Beijing depicts its future in 16 years

Beijing, 14 Nov — Beijing aims to become a “resident-friendly cultural city” by the Year 2020, according to the city’s latest urban planning programme on display recently.

The programme, covering overall development of the city from 2004 to 2020, positions Beijing as a city catering to the country’s central political operation, and providing top-quality financial, trade, tourist, exhibition and information services. The thousands-year-old city also plans to become more culturally tolerant and environmentally friendly.

Meanwhile, it is estimated that Beijing’s per capita gross domestic products (GDP) will exceed 10,000 US dollars. The service industry will contribute more than 70 per cent to the local economy, according to the programme, whose draft has been approved by the Beijing Municipal People’s Congress.

At the start of 2004, Beijing’s population amounted to 14.56 million. Sixteen years from now, the figure will be around 18 million, growing by an average of 1.4 per cent per year-on-year. Of those who live here, 13.5 million will be permanent residents and the rest migrant dwellers.

The programme also predicts that approximately 16 million Beijing people will live in the urban area, increasing by 0.6 to 0.8 per cent annually.

Beijing currently has 2.3 million automobiles. That number will climb to some five million by 2020. Subways, railways and buses will become major transportation methods of Beijing residents.

The Draft Programme will be submitted to the State Council for further approval.

China to offer award in Tibetan studies

Beijing, 14 Nov — Development of the Tibetan studies is poised to enter a new phase, said Lhagba Puncog, head of China Research Centre of Tibetan Studies, at a recent national conference on the research work.

Lhagba Puncog said China plans to establish a state-level award for Tibetan studies, which will be named after Mount Qomolangma.

The award aimed to help encourage more talented students to study Tibet, Lhagba Puncog put it.

To raise China’s status on the world Tibetan studies, Lhagba Puncog asked all related researchers and institutions across the nation to intensify cooperation so as to build a competent national web of research, education and publication for the Tibetan studies.

China now has scores of research institutions specializing in Tibetan studies, of which most are located in Tibet Autonomous Region and Tibet autonomous prefectures and counties in the western provinces of Sichuan, Qinghai, Gansu and Yunnan.

According to rough statistics, more than 3,000 books and about 30,000 theses on Tibetan studies were published in China during the past five decades. Tour de force include titles on Tibet’s social conditions under the serfdom, the annotation of the Tibetan-language version of Buddhist scriptures and the Domgar Grand Dictionary of Tibetan Studies.
Battle in Fallujah to be taken to all corners of Iraq

BAGHDAD, 15 Nov — Islamist groups, including one led by al-Qaeda ally Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, vowed in a video obtained on Saturday to take their battle in the guerrilla city of Fallujah to all corners of Iraq.

A masked gunman reading a joint statement from several militant groups also warned Iraqi Government workers and soldiers would be targeted unless they stopped working immediately.

The video, obtained by Reuters in Fallujah, showed three masked men carrying assault rifles and a rocket-propelled grenade launcher. It could not be immediately authenticated.

“It response to the crimes and mass annihilation the Muslims of Fallujah are facing, the groups Qaeda Organization of Jihad in Iraq, the Islamic Army, the 1920 Revolution Brigades ... announce the spread of the battle to all governors and parts of Iraq,” one gunman read from a handwritten piece of paper.

“We warn all employers in the government and administration, both civilian and military, not to go to work and to announce civil disobedience because reining at work is doing a service to the Americans and collaborator government.”

“Anyone who does otherwise will make himself a target for us.” Essential services such as health, water and electricity were exempted, he said.

Some of the 11 groups named have claimed some of the bloodiest bombings, killings and kidnappings in Iraq.

US-led forces began a major offensive against Fallujah on Monday aimed at clearing it of foreign Islamic militants and Saddam Hussein loyalist guerillas.

Outgoing envoy says US, Spain to improve ties

MADRID, 14 Nov — George Argyros, US outgoing ambassador to Spain, said on Friday that the United States and Spain will work to improve their relations because “the past will be left behind”.

In an interview with the Spanish television station Antena 3, Argyros, who will leave his post in the coming days, said that he met with Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero on Thursday, terming the meeting as “excellent”. In reference to the current distancing between the two nations, the ambassador said that the US Government is interested in keeping “the best possible relations” with Spain.

When asked why US President George W Bush did not respond to the call made by Rodriguez to congratulate him on his re-election, Argyros said “it is something we are going to solve at once”. The diplomat appeared pleased about the meeting with Rodriguez, which lasted a couple of hours, in La Moncloa Palace.

Argyros said that at the face of the end of his mission in Spain, he had requested the meeting with the Spanish Prime Minister for a dialogue “in which we concentrated on several difficult issues”. Relations between the United States and Spain have cooled down after the departure of Spanish troops from Iraq ordered by socialist Prime Minister Rodriguez Zapatero.

Al-Jazeera report Allawi’s two female relatives released

DOHA, 14 Nov—Two female relatives of Iraqi Prime Minister Iyad Allawi kidnapped last week in Baghdad have been released while the third, his cousin, is still being held hostage, Al-Jazeera television reported Sunday.

The Qatar-based channel did not identify its sources or provide further detail.

Militants abducted Allawi’s cousin, Ghazi, 75, his wife and their pregnant daughter-in-law, from their house in the capital last Tuesday.

The following day, a previously unknown Islamist group claimed responsibility and threatened to behead them within 48 hours unless Allawi halted a major offensive on the rebel enclave of Fallujah and released all prisoners held in Iraq.

US troops target Iraq’s Baiji

BAGHDAD, 14 Nov—US helicopters fired missiles at suspected insurgent targets in the northern Iraqi city of Baiji today, witnesses said.

US forces backed by tanks moved into the centre of the Sunni city, site of Iraq’s biggest oil refinery, after clashes with guerrillas who have stepped up their operations in several towns and cities in Iraq’s Sunni Muslim region.

Baiji is about 200km north of Baghdad.

Jordan urges US to implement “roadmap” peace plan

LONDON, 14 Nov— Jordan’s King Abdullah urged the United States on Saturday to push Israel and the Palestinians to implement the “roadmap” peace plan, saying the death of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat had created an opportunity.

“Palestinians have lost a leader who kept their hope of independence alive for more than half a century,” he wrote in a commentary for the International Herald Tribune.

“Now, an opportunity exists to honour the best of that legacy, in a new drive for progress and peace.”

For Washington, this meant “leading the peace process and insisting that both sides engage in genuine dialogue and live up to their commitments spelled out in the roadmap — one that President George W Bush has said could lead to the creation of a Palestinian state next year.”

The roadmap, drafted by the “Quartet” of the United States, the United Nations, the European Union and Russia but largely shredded by years of violence, foresaw the creation of a Palestinian state by 2005.

It expected the Palestinian authorities to introduce democratic reforms and clamp down on attacks on Israelis, and Israel to freeze settlement building in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and withdraw progressively from areas it has occupied since the start of a Palestinian uprising in 2000.

On Friday, Bush said he would devote himself to the establishment of a Palestinian state within four years. A State Department official said the administration hoped to convene a meeting of the Quartet, possibly this month.

Israeli Finance Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has urged that after the death of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, Israel’s disengagement plan should be reexamined and suspended, local newspaper Ha’aretz reported Friday.

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Situation in Fallujah a humanitarian disaster

Fallujah, 15 Nov — Food. No water. No help. As fierce fighting casts a pall of smoke over the rubble-strewn Iraqi city of Fallujah, thousands of Iraqi families remain cut off from desperately needed supplies.

Seven Red Crescent trucks and ambulances have reached the main hospital on the western outskirts, but it is still too dangerous for them to cross the Euphrates River to bring help to locals, including hundreds of children, cut off for six days.

“Our situation is very hard,” said one resident contacted by telephone in the central Hay al-Dubai neighbourhood on Sunday.

“We don’t have food or water. My seven children all have severe diarrhoea. One of my sons was wounded by shrapnel last night and he’s bleeding, but I can’t do anything to help him.”

The man, who gave his name only as Abu Mustafa, said he had seen US troops and Iraqi national guards in his street as explosions rang out. “There were bodies lying in the street.”

Abu Mustafa said he knew of six families nearby in a similar plight, but then broke down in tears.

“We are still fasting, though it is the Eid (end of Ramadan feast) today. Allahu akbar, Allahu akbar (God is great).”

Aid groups describe the situation in Fallujah, where US and Iraqi troops launched a full-scale military offensive last Monday to crush guerrillas, as a humanitarian disaster.

Up to half Fallujah’s 300,000 people fled during daily airstrikes in the countdown to the assault, but thousands remain trapped as fighting rages around them.

There are no statistics on the number of civilians killed or wounded in the fighting, only personal accounts of pain, hunger and fear from those trapped in the city.

Some locals say the stench of decomposing bodies fills the air. Others tell of children dying because it was too dangerous to get them to help. One family buried their 9-year-old boy in the garden after he bled to death over several hours from a stomach wound.

Thousands of refugees are living in makeshift accommodation at camps outside the city, or with relatives.

Iraqi Red Crescent aid convoy enters Fallujah

Fallujah (Iraq), 14 Nov — An Iraqi Red Crescent aid convoy entered Fallujah on Saturday with the first humanitarian goods to reach the city since a US-led offensive began five days ago, a Red Crescent spokes-

woman said: “They are in the city,” Firdoos al-Ababi said.

She said 30 volunteers with five trucks and three ambulances have driven into the city, 32 miles west of Baghdad, after an initial delay at a US checkpoint.

Ababi said the convoy was heading for northern Fallujah and was looking for a secure point from which to start distributing the aid to civilians trapped in the city by fighting. — MNA/Reuters

Egyptian FM to visit Israel in peacemaking mission

Cairo, 14 Nov — Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Abul Gheit said on Saturday that he will visit Israel on November 24 to help restart the stalled peace process.

Speaking to reporters, Abul Gheit said that he and intelligence chief Omar Suleiman will travel to Israel to give a peacemaking mission.

On Wednesday, Abul Gheit postponed his visit to Israel due to the deteriorating health of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who died on Thursday.

During the visit, Abul Gheit is expected to discuss with his counterpart Silvan Shalom on a planned Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and ways to reactivate the Palestinian-Israeli peace track. The Abul Gheit-Shalom talks will be the first high-level face-to-face encounter following the passing away of the veteran Palestinian leader.

— MNA/Xinhua

Worldwide energy consumption to surge 54% from 2001 to 2025

Abu Dhabi, 14 Nov — Worldwide energy consumption is projected to increase 54 per cent over a 24-year forecast period from 2001 to 2025, the official WAM news agency cited figures as reporting Saturday. Statistics by the International Energy Outlook 2004 showed that the total energy use is projected to grow from 404 quadrillion British thermal units (Btu) in 2001 to 623 quadrillion Btu in 2025.

The fastest growth appears in some developing Asian countries, including China and India, where robust economic growth accompanies energy consumption increase over the forecast period. Meanwhile, the gross domestic product (GDP) in Asia is expected to expand at an average annual rate of 5.1 per cent, compared with an annual 3 per cent rate for the world as a whole.

With such strong GDP growth, demand for energy in Asia doubles over the period, accounting for 40 per cent of the total projected increment in world energy consumption and 70 per cent of the increment for the developing world alone.

According to the outlook, oil is expected to remain the dominant energy source worldwide by 2025 and global oil demand will increase 1.9 per cent annually over the 24-year projection period, from 77 million barrels per day (BPD) in 2001 to 121 million BPD in 2025.

A robust energy consumption growth in transportation, fuelled by petroleum products, is expected to sustain the momentum over the period.

— MNA/Xinhua

Lebanese man abducted in Iraq

Beirut, 14 Nov — A Lebanese man has been abducted in Iraq, a Foreign Ministry official said on Saturday, in the most recent of a string of kidnappings that have targeted Lebanese living and working in Iraq. The official said the man, Ghazi Abu Hamzeh, was believed to have been abducted about a week ago, but had more details immediately about him or what he was doing in Iraq.

Scores of foreigners including Lebanese working in commerce have been abducted in Iraq since last April. Most have been freed but over 30, including one Lebanese, have been killed. — MNA/Reuters

German specialty chemical supplier to make high polymer in Shanghai

Shanghai, 14 Nov — Construction work started early this month on a German-invested polyester resin production project in this economic centre of eastern China.

Named DEGUSSA Specialty Chemicals (Shanghai) Co., Ltd, the project was set up by DEGUSSA, a world-leading specialty chemicals supplier from Germany.

Located at a chemical industry park in Shanghai, the project plans to produce 90 million units of macromolecule saturated polyester resin after construction is completed in early 2006, according to company officials.

The high polymer is believed to have good elasticity and corrosion resistance and have strong adhesion to aluminum and galvanized steels. It is used mainly to manufacture coil coating, tin paint and other industrial coatings for home appliances, transport vehicles and furniture.

Industry insiders say that in the past few years, demand for saturated polyester resin has been on rise with the fast economic growth in China. They cite coil coating as an example.

There are approximately 100 coil coating production lines in China, and that figure is expected to increase to 180 or so in the next few years, as a group of major construction projects are ready to start to meet the Beijing Olympics scheduled for 2008 and the 2010 World Expo in Shanghai.

China now relies on saturated polyester imports to meet demand from these production facilities, which still fall short of supply. — MNA/Xinhua

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Banking Corporation George Leung said the future of Hong Kong was still optimistic due to the work done by the Hong Kong Government as well as other circles. He said both labour and capital market mobilities were necessary to eliminate structural economic problems, and Hong Kong is now moving toward this direction under the experiment of CEPA. He also said that Hong Kong remains a cooperative place in international finance and wealth management while the availability and the convertibility of Renminbi becoming the crucial factor.

The East Asian Economic Association was established in 1987 as the first international academic organization to focus on the economics of East Asia. The convention is held once every two years.

### Indonesia to shorten FDI approval processing to 30 days

**Jakarta, 15 Nov—** The Indonesian Government would drastically shorten time needed to process foreign investment licences from 150 days to 30 days, Indonesian Coordinating Minister for Economy Aburizal Bakrie said Sunday.

“He will instruct the Investment Coordinating Board (BKPM) to do so as soon as possible,” Aburizal was quoted by the daily Jakarta Post here Saturday as saying.

He said that in order for the plan to be materialized, his office would implement a kind of one-roof system in the processing of the foreign investment applications at the BKPM.

Aburizal added his office would also change BKPM into an investment promotion institution, where investors could submit their applications once and BKPM would later be in charge of processing them to other related offices.

The new system will be different from the current one where would-be investors are still required to go through a number of bureaucratic steps at BKPM. The top Economy Minister also said his office would impose limitations on the investment licence processing.

“If, over a certain period of time, there isn’t any answer from BKPM, the applications will be considered to have been approved,” he added.

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Korean dance troupe entertains audience

YANGON, 15 NOV—A delegation of Korean dance troupe presented a bouquet to the dance troupe. The Minister for Culture Gen Soe Win Soe, Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Soe, also presented a bouquet to the dance troupe. In concert with its partners—War Veterans Organization, Red Cross Society, Auxiliary Fire Brigade, Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Women’s Affairs organization, the USDAs is playing an active role in community welfare services. Joining hands with the people, it is also participating actively in development projects, sanitation works, agricultural undertakings, literacy campaigns, rural water supply projects, repairing and constructing rural roads and bridges and schools, public health care concerns, taking measures against disaster-preparedness, donating blood and cornes, organizing respect-paying ceremonies, and caring older persons. A careful analysis of today’s international affairs will show great changes that occur at high speed. In such a situation, the entire people are to firmly build mental and physical abilities and powers in advance so as to safeguard and protest the interests of the nation and the people.

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In fact, unity, peace and stability require the special focus to push forwards the nation on the development path. That is why the Government has been implementing border areas and national races development projects one after another, after restoring peace and tranquillity throughout the border areas, while building national unity firmly.

In the process, the Government is taking all possible steps for promotion of morale and abilities of the people, and especially it is nurturing and training the new generation youths in accordance with the objectives adopted by the State.

In making attempts for progress in all regions and all sectors, the Government depends on national forces made up of those wishing to build firm national solidarity, and to ensure prevalence of law and order and community peace and tranquillity.

The Union Solidarity and Development Association is indeed a national force formed in line with its oaths to discharge national duties and to be loyal to the State and the people. The USDAs is training and nurturing the youths to have national outlook and to be fully equipped with patriotism and Union Spirit in carrying out tasks assigned to the nation. Training courses are being conducted to enable executives and members of USDAs at all levels to skilfully manage matters, and to be able to catch up with Myanmar and international affairs and national development. Through a wide variety of training courses, so far, the USDAs has produced more than one million qualified trainees capable of carrying out community welfare services. At the training courses, member trainees have to learn lectures on promotion of national prestige and integrity, preservation of national culture, traditions, customs and family ethics, and uplift of morale and morality.

In a word, the USDAs is training and nurturing new generation youths for their all-round progress, while the State is organizing the citizens to become morally strong and skilled national forces capable of constantly serving the interests of the nation and the people. (Translation: MS)

Outstanding youths tour Yangon

YANGON, 15 NOV—An excursion team comprising outstanding youths from different fields of education and social organizations toured Yangon this morning. The youth excursion team under the supervision of officials arrived at the Shwedagon Pagoda at 8 am, where they paid obeisance to the pagoda from the site of victory.

Next, they went to Kandawgyi Natural Park, where they were conducted around the park by officials concerned. They enjoyed their lunch at Royal Garden Restaurant there. In the afternoon, they proceeded to the Drug Elimination Museum at the corner of Hlaingwady Road and Kyun Daw Street in Kamayut Township. They also visited the Union National Races Village, where Deputy Director-General of the Department for Border Areas and National Races Development U Win Aung and departmental officials welcomed the youth excursion team.

U Win Aung gave a brief account of the purpose of establishing the village. He also explained the designs and symbols of national race houses and monumental edifices. Afterwards, the outstanding youths made an observation tour of the village.

The youths were students ranking from first grade to tenth grade in the matriculation examination of 2004 academic year, students who stood first in their respective states and divisions, athletes who won gold medals in Asian sports competitions, outstanding members of red cross and fire brigade, outstanding aviation and navigation youths, the youth who stood first in the extempore talks organized by the Union Solidarity and Development Association with the supervision of officials, and the youths who won five gold and above in the Myanma Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. (Translation: MS)
Senior General Than Shwe presents provisions and offertories to Sayadaws in Pathein

YANGON, 15 Nov—A ceremony to offer provisions to Sayadaws and members of the Sangha in Pathein, Ayeyawady Division, was held at Sasana Beikmandaw in Pathein, this morning, attended by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe.

Also present on the occasion were members of the Sangha led by Sayadaws in Pathein, Chairman and Secretary Sayadaws of the division/Township Sangha Nayaka Committee, members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing, ministers, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of department, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association and religious associations and guests.

The ceremony was opened with the recitation of Namo Tassa three times.

The congregation led by Senior General Than Shwe received the Five Precepts from Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Sangha Nayaka Committee Kontha Kyawg Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Vilasa.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe presented provisions and offertories to Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Sangha Nayaka Committee Wayluwun Kyawg Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Nagavamsa.

After that, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Lt-Gen Tin Aye, the commander, ministers and officials presented offertories to members of the Sangha.

The ceremony ended with the recitation of Buddha Sasanam Ciram Titthathu three times.

Senior General Than Shwe offers provisions to Wailuwun Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Nagavamsa. — MNA

Efforts are needed to...

Township level officials play a pivotal role in regional economic development. Thus, they should make efforts to find new virgin and vacant lands, which of the farming enterprises will suit best to the region and which of the enterprises should be extended. The region will develop actually if the township level officials make efforts with keen interest. Continuous thinking and efforts are needed to develop the ever changing and advancing human community. The growing population of the nation will reach 100 million in the next 30 years. In this regard, from now on, all will have to make necessary preparations including extension of sown acreage and raising of per acre yield ensure food security for the growing population in the future.

We will never let our posterity become a race facing food inadequacy and insecurity when we are no more. We have the duty to do what is necessary for our future generation.

Endeavours should be made to develop the industries, which have high prospects in the division in addition to agricultural and fish and meat sectors. Industries based on agricultural, forest and fish and prawn products have bright prospects to develop in the division.

The State has used a large amount of money to build necessary roads and bridges in the division, and the facilities have helped speed up and smoothen cargo transport in the division and develop it. As the State has already been dutiful on its part, all the people of the division will have to strive to further develop their region utilizing the rich land, water and forest resources to the most effective degree. As the division has an adequate strength of human resources, the only need for greater development is innovation.

Before the address, Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing reported to him on area, population, rain fall and land use in the division, endeavours to ensure the rule of law and community peace.

The commander said that up to 31 October 2004 the division had put 3.5 million acres of land under monsoon paddy, and work is under pay to meet the monsoon paddy target of 3.6 million acres and summer paddy cultivation target of over 1.7 million acres. In addition to the ten main crops, the division will also cultivate coffee, pepper, onion, ginger, water convolvulus, cashew, thatsient, and rubber.

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In his turn, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha explained the implementation of short-term plans for economic development, increase in per capita income, region-wise and Ayeyawady Division’s contribution to the State economy, regional economic development and future work programmes.

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Also present at the meeting were members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Lt-Gen Tin Aye, ministers, senior military officers, local authorities and officials. After the ceremony, Senior General Than Shwe and party inspected foodstuffs produced by Shwe-myin-byan Pathim Halewa Industry, various kinds of Thunbyu mats, Pathim traditional umbrellas, rattan and bamboo wares.
In the afternoon, Senior General Than Shwe and party inspected upgrading of Pathim Air-port runway and were conducted around by Lt-Gen Tin Aye.

On arrival at Pathein Government Technological College, Senior General Than Shwe and party were welcomed by Principal U Htay Aung and faculty members.
At the hall of the college, Principal U Htay Aung reported on the salient points of the college to Senior General Than Shwe and party.
In response to the report, Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance, saying that the government has been taking systematic steps for bringing about equitable and harmonious development length and breadth of the nation; that strenuous efforts are being exerted for all-round development in education, health and economic sectors after designating the 24 development zones; that the teachers themselves are, therefore, to make constant learning to be more qualified in the respective subjects. At the same time, they are to teach their students to become outstanding and highly-qualified ones, he added. Only when human resources are of high standard will the nation be on top position, and the emergence of highly-qualified human resources is of utmost importance for the nation, he stressed.
Next, Senior General Than Shwe cordially greeted the faculty members.
Later, Senior General Than Shwe and party left Pathein Government Technological College by car and arrived back here in the evening.—MNA

Shan State (North) USDA holds annual general meeting
YANGON, 15 Nov.—Shan State (North) Union Solidarity and Development Association held its annual general meeting (2004) at the City Hall in Lashio on 31 October.
It was attended by Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, USDA CEC Member Minister at the Prime Minister’s Office Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, senior military officers, officials, USDA members and others.
Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing delivered a speech on the occasion. The CEC Member stressed the importance of efforts for national development and successful implementation of the association’s future tasks.
Secretary of Shan State (North) USDA U Saing Naw Kham Oo presented the annual report (brief).
The Commander presented gifts to outstanding students who got through 2004 matriculation examination and outstanding Red Cross members who are also USDA members. He also presented K500,000 donated by Shan State (North) PDC to Shan State (North) USDA.
Local national race leaders presented cash donations to the USDA honouring its participation in rural development tasks to the Commander and the Minister.
Secretary U Saing Naw Kham Oo accepted 17,447 USDA membership applications. — MNA

Government to march towards...
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In other words, he said, the government is implementing national education promotion programmes and making efforts to enable the motherland to stand tall amidst the nations of the world in accord with national objectives.
At a time of domination of science and technology, only citizens with high efficiency in education can safeguard and promote the national interest and the power of intellectuals and intelligentsia can make progress of the nation as well, he said.
He said now the government has laid down the seven-point future political programme and is implementing it for a peaceful, modern developed and disciplined-flourishing democracy nation.
Only when the citizens are armed with high standard of education and international knowledge can avoid instigations from home and abroad and build the future of the nation and its people with dignity.
He said explicitly the State Peace and Development Council should march towards the national goal step by step.

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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.
A glance at international affairs will reveal that global nations are vying with each other for advancement in science and technology

MEC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses ceremony to present prizes to outstanding students

Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Education U Than Aung and MEC members, the deputy ministers, directors-general, rectors and officials, township education officers, school heads and prize-winning students.

In his address, MEC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein said that the State Peace and Development Council has laid down the national education promotion programmes and is implementing them for the emergence of highly-qualified human resources capable of safeguarding and developing the nation while making all-out efforts for enabling the Union to keep abreast of the world community.

At such a time, the emergence of such outstanding new generation youths amounts to the constant emergence of the national forces on whom the State can rely in future.

A glance at the international affairs will reveal that the global nations are vying with each other for advancement in science and technology which is keeping pace with changes and developments.

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Indian Air Chief and wife arrive on goodwill visit

YANGON, 15 Nov — A delegation of the Republic of India led by Air Chief Marshal S Krishnaswamy, COSC, PVSM, AVSM, VM & Bar, ADC Chief of the Air Staff and wife Mrs Harveen Krishnaswamy arrived here by air on a goodwill visit at 12.30 pm today.

The Indian delegation was accorded a warm welcome at the Yangon International Airport by Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and wife Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt, Mingaladon Air Base Commander Brig-Gen Thein Myint and wife, Brig-Gen Ye Chit Pe of Mingaladon Station, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, Military Attaché of Indian Embassy Col JS Chopra and officials.

Lt-Gen Myat Hein and the Indian Air Chief Marshal took the salute of the Guard of Honour from the dias at the airport. They next inspected the Guard of Honour.

The delegation, to-gether with Lt-Gen Myat Hein and wife, proceeded to the Tatmadaw Guest-house. At 3 pm, the Commander-in-Chief (Air) received the Indian goodwill delegation at Zeyathiri Beikman on behalf of the Indian Ambassador.

In the evening Lt-Gen Myat Hein hosted a dinner in honour of the goodwill delegation at the Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay, Brig-Gen Thein Myint, Brig-Gen Ye Chit Pe and their wives.

Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and Indian Chief of Air Staff inspect Guard of Honour. — MNA

Indian Mily delegation lays a wreath at Memorial to Fallen Heroes

YANGON, 15 Nov — A delegation of the Republic of India led by Air Chief Marshal S Krishnaswamy, COSC, PVSM, AVSM, VM & Bar, ADC Chief of the Air Staff and party today laid a wreath and saluted the Memorial to Fallen Heroes on Arzarni Road in Bahan Township.

Afterwards, they viewed around the Memorial to Fallen Heroes before leaving. The delegation, accompanied by Indian Military Attaché to Myanmar Col JS Chopra and officials, arrived there in the afternoon and they were welcomed there by Chairman of Maintenance Committee for Memorial to Fallen Heroes Yangon Military Region Commander Defence Services Record Office Commander Brig-Gen Myo Myint and senior military officers.

Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and Air Chief Marshal S Krishnaswamy, COSC, PVSM, AVSM, VM & Bar, ADC Chief of the Air Staff pay tribute to fallen heroes. — MNA

Citizenship Scrutiny cards issued in Toungoo Township

TOUNGOO, 25 Oct — Toungoo Township Immigration and Population Department has been issuing Citizenship Scrutiny Cards to nationals who reach the age limit to hold the cards.

On 20 October, officials of Toungoo Township IPD led by Head of Township IPD Staff Officer U Tin Win made a field trip to Lebu Village-tract in Toungoo and issued the NRC cards.

At Lebu Village-tract Peace and Development Council office, U Tin Win handed over Citizenship Scrutiny cards to the local people. — N

Head of Toungoo Township IPD U Tin Win presents a Citizenship Scrutiny card to a local. — N

Trade fair and market festival to be held in Toungoo, Bago

BAGO, 10 Nov — With the aim of directly distributing the quality goods to the consumers and providing the goods at reasonable prices, trade fair and market festival will be held from 18 to 22 November at Ketumati Hall in Toungoo, Bago Division, and from 25 to 29 November at the Shwemadaw Pagoda ground in Bago.

Local and foreign companies will display and sell household goods and consumer products, food-stuff, kitchen utensils, agricultural equipment, textiles and garments. Moreover, the business companies will demonstrate their new products and will stage the fashion shows.

With the assistance of Bago Division Peace and Development Council, Climax Business Group Co Ltd will organize the fairs and festivals. Those companies who will participate in the fairs and festivals will have the opportunity to directly distribute goods to the consumers.

Those wishing to display and sell the goods in the fairs and festivals may contact Climax Business Group Co Ltd, Room 28, Building No 6, Pyiyeikmon Business Centre, Arzarni Road in Bahan Township, Yangon, Ph 524790. — KYEMON

Multi-purpose natural fertilizer demonstrated

MAWLAIK, 25 Oct — Multi-purpose natural fertilizer produced by the Myanmar Agricultural Service (Mawlaik) was demonstrated on 15 October in Mawlaik.

According to the demonstration, it is learnt that the new fertilizer not only increases the crop yield but also conserves the fertility of soil. Besides, it reduces the level of air, water and soil pollution and supports the environmental conservation. A bag contains 25 kg of fertilizer. One acre of paddy field needs four bags of fertilizer. — KYEMON
Central American, Mexican leaders discuss regional integration

MEXICO CITY, 14 Nov — Mexico and five Central American countries on Friday pledged to join efforts to press ahead with the regional integration and promote common prosperity. During a one-day summit in the southern Mexican city of Tuxtla Gutierrez, the leaders from Mexico, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Panama evaluated the implementation of the Plan Puebla-panama project proposed by Mexican President Vicente Fox shortly after he took office in 2000.

The leaders discussed the comprehensive strategy on cracking down on a growing underworld gang in the Central America and agreed to take coordinated actions to combat the gang which has posed as a threat to the security of the region.

MNA/Xinhua

Rumsfeld meets Panamanian President

PANAMA CITY (Panama), 14 Nov — Panama’s security chief told US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld on Saturday the Central American nation was working to prevent any terror attack that might close the Panama Canal.

Rumsfeld met Panamanian President Martin Torrijos and Minister of Government and Justice Hector Andrade on the third leg of a Latin American trip to highlight security in the Americas and was assured by Andrade that money and global cooperation were being poured into safety measures.

Under the Panama Canal Treaties signed three decades ago, the United States in 1999 turned over to Panama jurisdiction and operation of the key waterway, through which millions of tons of goods transit daily between the Atlantic and Pacific.

"Be assured that the appropriate investments have been made," Andrade told a joint news conference with the secretary following the talks. Those steps, he said, include rapid deployment and well-guarded industrial security measures and general police protection.

MNA/Reuters

Israel urged to pull back troops from Palestinian cities

RAMALLAH, 14 Nov — A Palestinian cabinet minister told Israeli on Friday “we want peace” and urged the Jewish state to pull back troops from Palestinian cities to assist elections after Yasser Arafat’s death.

Israel are ready for peace we can do it, we can make it," Saeb Erekat told Israeli Channel Two television. “We want peace and we are committed to peace.”

He was speaking from the West Bank town of Ramallah, where Arafat was buried amid chaos earlier on Friday.

Erekat urged Israel to withdraw troops from Palestinian areas and returned to after the outbreak of an uprising four years ago. He said their continued presence would hamper presidential elections due within 60 days.

“If we can do these elections, if we can legitimize the new leaders of the Palestinian people through elections, I believe this will be the turning point in the democracy, accountability, peace and transparency,” he said.

MNA/Reuters

Powell says US relations with China best in 30 years

WASHINGTON, 14 Nov — US Secretary of State Colin Powell said on Saturday that the United States has had a “best relationship with China in over 30 years,” in an interview to be broadcast on Sunday.

“...we have a good relationship with China. I would submit it’s the best relationship that the United States has had with China in over 30 years,” Powell said in an interview with CNBC’s weekly programme The Wall Street Journal Report, which is also aired on some 200 broadcast stations across the country.

Transcripts of the interview were released by the State Department on its web site on Saturday.

Powell lauded China’s role in regional affairs, particularly in South Asia and on the nuclear issue on the Korean Peninsula.

“I have found the Chinese leadership over the last three or four years...to be very helpful as we worked our way through problems on the (South Asian) subcontinent, the challenge that we faced two years ago between India and Pakistan,” he said.

On the nuclear issue of North Korea, he said “China is playing a very helpful role in the resolution of the problem with North Korea, and that it’s China that’s been hosting these six-party talks and playing a leadership as well as a hosting role.”

MNA/Xinhua

Cheney treated in hospital for experiencing shortness of breath

WASHINGTON, 14 Nov — US Vice-President Dick Cheney, who has a history of heart attacks, went to a Washington hospital on Saturday after experiencing shortness of breath but later left for home and said he was fine.

Cheney, 63, has had a cold and aides said his cardiologist, Dr Jonathan Reiner, advised him to visit George Washington University Hospital out of an abundance of caution.

Reiner later issued a statement ruling out "any cardiac cause" of Cheney’s symptoms and also ruled out pneumonia and lung problems.

"The Vice-President likely has a viral, upper respiratory infection," Reiner said a statement.

Walking toward his motorcade as he departed the hospital, Cheney told reporters, "I feel fine."

With Cheney was his wife, Lynne, who said, "Sorry we ruined your Saturday. We’re great. Thank you." Cheney has had four heart attacks, the first in 1978 when he was 37 but none while he has been vice-president. The most recent was a mild one shortly after the contested presidential race in November 2000.

MNA/Reuters

Powell hopes to meet Palestinian leaders

WASHINGTON, 14 Nov — Secretary of State Colin Powell said on Saturday he hoped to meet Palestinian leaders soon as part of a harder US push for peace in the region following the death of Yasser Arafat.

Powell will travel to Egypt for a November 22-23 conference and could meet there with the current and former Palestinian prime ministers, Ahmad Qurie and Mahmoud Abbas, respectively, or visit them in the Palestinian territories, a State Department official said.—MNA/Reuters
GE to expand business in China's infrastructure construction

SHANGHAI, 15 Nov — US manufacturing and energy giant General Electric Co. (GE) has announced that it will expand its business in China’s infrastructure construction to further explore the potential of the huge market in the country.

GE sees vast room to expand its business in China, one of its biggest overseas markets, where a booming economy, Olympics 2008 and World Expo 2010 are expected to yield many business opportunities, according to GE sources in Beijing. — MNA/Xinhua

New, high tech industry booms in E China province

BEIJING, 15 Nov — East China’s Shandong Province is seeing a booming new and high tech industry thanks to government support and the well-run technological innovation system of local enterprises, said a provincial government official at a new and high tech project negotiation conference.

Statistics show that Shandong has 15 new and high tech industrial development zones with more than 2,500 enterprises. The gross output value of Shandong’s new and high tech industry exceeded 300 billion yuan (about 36 billion US dollars) in 2003. The enterprises have achieved a year-on-year growth of 35.7 per cent in the output value during the first nine months of this year, while contributing 4.1 billion US dollars’ worth of export turnover to the province.

The official said Shandong has a relatively complete scientific research system. It includes 85 universities and colleges, 101 provincial scientific research institutions, and 41 key laboratories of state or province level, employing a total of more than 2.7 million research staff. This has dramatically helped the development of local enterprises, the official noted. So far 43 per cent of large- and medium-sized enterprises in Shandong have established their own research institutions.

The provincial government has supported the development of the new and high tech industry through favourable policies. The government has created conditions to boost software development, serving the upgrade of light industry, textile, chemical industry, machine building, building materials industry and metallurgy, the official said. He added that Shandong plans to expand its cooperation with advanced countries and regions to guarantee a steady and stable trend of the new and high tech industries. — MNA/Xinhua

HK to set new system for expedite customs enforcement

HONG KONG, 14 Nov — Hong Kong will establish an immediate notification system with Australian and New Zealand Customs administrations to expedite enforcement, according to a government Press release on Saturday.

Commissioner of Customs Timothy Tong led a five-member delegation to Sydney and Auckland to attend bilateral conferences with the Australian Customs Service and the New Zealand Customs Service from 8 to 12 November. An agreement was reached between Hong Kong Customs and the two Customs administrations to set up an immediate notification system, which will enable enforcement officers to track down criminals and suspects at airports and beyond.

It is extremely important especially in dangerous drugs and money laundering cases that require prompt Customs intervention,” Tong said. — MNA/Xinhua

Nigeria gives priority to combating HIV/ AIDS among youths

LAGOS, 15 Nov — The Nigerian Government has paid priority attention to combating the spread of HIV/AIDS among the youths in the country, an official said here Saturday.

Abraham Abebe, director of public health division of the Ministry of Health, told reporters that “a National Youth Agenda (NYA) derived from the National Youth Policy (NYP) has been worked out to implement step by step strategies aimed at reducing the HIV/AIDS prevalence rate among the young people”. The NYA through the NYA is pursuing a mission to expand strengths and coordinate integrated multi-sector responses for youth empowerment that would reduce poverty and the influence it has on youths to illicit sex, she said. The government was considering the establishment of a youth fund that would have allocation from the yearly budget to execute programmes of the NYA. — MNA/Xinhua

Crude oil imports via Tianjin Port rise by 10%

TIANJIN, 15 Nov — Crude oil imported via Tianjin Port in north China rose by 10 per cent year on year to hit 1.7 million tons in the first ten months this year, according to statistics released by Tianjin Customs.

The value of the imported crude oil totalled 480 million US dollars, a year on year rise of 41 per cent. The price per ton of import crude stood at 284.7 US dollars, an increase of 28 per cent over the 23rd corresponding period.

Vietnam and Russia were the port’s two major suppliers. Imports from Vietnam were 506,000 tons, 30 per cent of the total, and imports from Russia were 320,000 tons, 19 per cent of the total. Imports from both Vietnam and Russia increased markedly over last year, Customs statistics show.

Customs officers owed the rise in imported crude volume to China’s fast economic growth, especially the great demand for crude oil and related products by the power, industrial production, petroleum machinery and chemical, transportation and infrastructure construction industries, the closure of several small domestic oil refineries and continued demand for quality crude oil. — MNA/Xinhua

Expert says auto financing has good prospect in China

BEIJING, 15 Nov — Auto financing has great room for development in China since loans granted for car purchases account for less than 1 per cent of loans extended by Chinese banks, an economic expert has said.

Xu Hongyuan, vice director of the Development and Research Department under the official State Information Centre, made the remarks at the 2nd International Finance Forum Annual Conference, which finished here Saturday. He said in mature markets such as the United States, Europe, Japan and Hong Kong auto loans usually account for cover 60 to 70 per cent car sales. While the proportion hit a record of just 30 per cent in developed Chinese cities in 2001 and the first half of 2002, and then saw a drop again. — MNA/Xinhua

China exports four million home brand mobile phones in first nine months

BEIJING, 14 Nov — Latest statistics from the Ministry of Information Industry show that China exported more than four million Chinese-brand mobile phones from January to September, far exceeding last year’s total of 2.06 million.

The annual export of Chinese manufactured mobile phones in 2004 is estimated to exceed six million.

“The rocketing growth of mobile phone export indicates that China’s national brands are increasingly expanding their influence in international markets,” said the ministry. — MNA/Xinhua

Japanese Princess Sayako to marry next spring

TOKYO, 15 Nov — Japanese Princess Sayako would be married next spring with a Tokyo metropolitan government employee, Japanese media reported Sunday.

The official announcement will come out in late December in line with the wishes of the Princess, Kyodo News quoted a senior official of the Imperial Household Agency as saying.

Empress Michiko had approved the marriage with 39-year-old Yoshiki Kuroda, the official said.

The 35-year-old Princess will lose her royal status thereupon under imperial rules.

The engagement should have been announced earlier this month, but was delayed in consideration that the timing was not proper because of a series of disasters like typhoons and earthquakes, the reports said.

Princess Sayako and Kuroda both graduated from the Gakushuin University in Tokyo. A clanmate and close friend of her brother Prince Akishino, Kuroda knew the Princess from childhood, the Asahi Shimbun said.

Since graduating from the Japanese Language and Literature Department of the university in 1992, Princess Sayako has been working as a research assistant at the Yamashina Institute for Ornithology, and later became a researcher of the institute, according to the agency. — MNA/Xinhua

Volunteers clean the Figueras oiled beach in Galicia, recently devastated by the sinking of the Prestige oil tanker. The cost of pumping heavy oil out of the wreck of the Prestige oil tanker cost 130 million US dollars. — INTERNET
Tottenham chairman attacks Jacques Santini

**London, 15 Nov**—Tottenham chairman Daniel Levy attacked Jacques Santini on Saturday after the Frenchman said he had quit as manager because of his lack of control over first-team affairs rather than because of personal reasons.

Santini, who was working for French television at White Hart Lane on Saturday where Tottenham lost 5-4 to Arsenal, said he was unhappy with his role in the Premier League club’s European-style management set-up.

Levy recruited Dan Frank Arnesen as the club’s sporting director before bringing in Santini as first-team coach, backed up by assistant Martin Jol.

“Firstly I find it absolutely incomprehensible that Jacques claims not to have understood the role he took at this club, or indeed his contract. He was both coach and technical director at Lyon,” Levy said in a statement read out to journalisits.

“Secondly, at no times during our discussions did he say or suggest that he had any problems working with Frank Arnesen. Jacques asked to leave for personal reasons, he resigned on this basis and that’s what he told the players when he left.”

Santini, who resigned last week after 13 games in charge amid speculation that his family had failed to settle in London, earlier criticized the club’s transfer policy and said he already knew last month that he had no future there.

Man Utd to record first win in three Premier League matches

**London, 15 Nov**—Wayne Rooney scored twice and Ruud van Nistelrooy converted a penalty as Manchester United beat Newcastle United 3-1 away on Sunday to record their first win in three Premier League matches.

United remained 11 points behind leaders Chelsea, who won 4-1 at Fulham on Saturday when champions Arsenal beat Tottenham Hotspur 5-4 at White Hart Lane in a remarkable north London derby to stay two points behind in second place.

United believe they can still fight for the title with Rooney telling Sky Sports: “I think we’re a good enough team to win the championship, specially after this win. It’s always difficult at Newcastle.”

Rooney put United ahead after only seven minutes with his second goal in six league matches and fifth altogether since manager Alex Ferguson won the race against Newcastle for the England striker’s transfer from Everton in August.

Midfielder Darren Fletcher crossed from the right into the box and Rooney, lurking outside the near post with his back to goal, turned to strike the ball first time past goalkeeper Shay Given.

Alan Shearer equalized in the 71st minute after robbing substitute defender Wes Brown of the ball but that did not prevent Newcastle from going down to their third successive home defeat in domestic competition.

Newcastle barely had time to savour the goal before Rooney split the defence with a run into the box on the left before curling a curling shot aimed at the far top corner.

Given palmed the ball down but then was ruled to have fouled Paul Scholes as they went for the loose ball and van Nistelrooy struck a fine 74th-minute shot kick into the bottom corner for his third league goal and 12th overall this season.

**Goal scorers:** Middlesbrough 2-1 West Brom

**Newcastle United 3-1 Manchester United**

**Middlesbrough:** West Brom go down 2-1 to Middlesbrough

**London, 15 Nov**—Bryan Robson had an unhappy start as West Bromwich Albion manager on Sunday when the Premier League strugglers went down 2-1 to Middlesbrough on the ground he once graced as a budding England great.

Dutch winger Bouwijn Zenden headed the winner seven minutes into the second half to lift Middlesbrough to fourth in the table two points above Bolton Wanderers, who were second on goal difference and 10 points behind leaders Chelsea.

Chelsea won 4-1 at Fulham on Saturday and champions Arsenal kept on their heels two points back in second place with a 3-4 win over Tottenham Hotspur in a remarkable north London derby.

Robson’s side fell behind just past the half hour when defender Darren Purse turned in a low shot from the left by Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink at the near post which keeper Russell Hoult appeared to have covered.

Winger Henrik Larsson scored the first West Brom goal of the new era under former Boro manager Robson when he swept in a pull-back from the right by winger Cosmin contra to equalize five minutes later.

Zenden, advancing into the box down the middle, headed a cross from the left by midfielder Stewart Downing over Hoult and into the top far corner for the 52nd-minute winner.
A glance at international affairs…

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For a nation like Myanmar which has to rely on its own resources for national development efforts are to be made for nurturing the new generations to become intellectuals and intelligensia of high capability. Only then will the future of the nation be bright.

As advanced techniques and technologies are gradually overwhelming all the sectors of human society systematic measures are to be taken in advance for the emergence of highly-qualified human resources. Only then will the nation be able to face the challenges of Knowledge Age in future.

With the aim of ensuring the emergence of an education system able to create a constant learning society capable of facing the challenges of Knowledge Age, the present era, the Government has laid down the national education promotion plans at different levels and is implementing them for the emergence of highly-qualified human resources.

Nowadays, the higher education sector in cooperation with the basic education sector is striving for development of human resources, effective use of modern communication technology, conducting researches for national interests, emergence of a constant learning society, ensuring an education of international standard and keeping the national norm in keeping with the objectives of the 30-year long-term national education promotion plan.

In the basic education sector, efforts are being made for upgrading of curricula, wider use of IT in multimedia classrooms, fulfillment of publications and lab equipment and emergence of well-facilitated schools.

Not only the government but also well-wishers are providing assistance for wide use of IT in multimedia classrooms.

With the effective use of multimedia and electronic equipment and software equipped in schools, the gap of teaching and learning opportunity between urban and rural schools will narrow, thereby contributing to promoting the education standard across the nation.

As a result, the number of students passing with flying colours in the matriculation examinations are increasing year after year. In the past, outstanding students were emerging from every nook and cranny of the country. However, such students are emerging from urban areas. In the past, outstanding students can better sharpen their ability. Next, he called for the outstanding students to make constant efforts to establish themselves as highly-qualified intellectuals and technocrats who can serve the interests of the country.

Later, the Secretary-1 presented prizes to outstanding students ranking from first to tenth in the combined science subject of the matriculation examination for 2003-2004 academic year as well as to those in the combined arts subject.

Minister U Than Aung presented awards to students who won first, second, third and consolation prizes in the Mathematics Olympic Contest for 2003-2004 academic year.

After the ceremony, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party posed for a group photo together with outstanding students.

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India to provide more educational aid to Myanmar

YANGON, 14 Nov — India will provide more educational aid for Myanmar public servants in terms of scholarship to help develop the country’s human resources, a local news journal reported Sunday. Under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Scheme 140 scholarships would be offered by India to Myanmar during the current fiscal year ending next March, and increase of 40 from two years ago, the Myanmar Times quoted Indian Embassy sources as saying.

The scholarships provide training in agriculture, rural development, finance and diplomacy and foreign policy, they said. Such scholarships have been available to Myanmar public servants since eight years ago.

The scholarship include those provided under Colombo Plan, a regional organization aimed at increasing economic and social cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region according to the sources. In most recent years, economic and technological cooperative ties between the two countries have grown. Recently India extended to Myanmar a line of credit of 7 million US dollars for telecommunication projects and a grant of 3 million dollars for implementation of information and communication technology projects, the newspaper said. —Xinhua

WEATHER

Monday, 15 November, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were 3°C above normal in Taninthayi Division, (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine, Kayah States and upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Yangon Divisions, (7°C) below normal in Chin State and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperature was (1°C) in Hakha.

Maximum temperature on 14-11-2004 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 15-11-2004 was 66°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 15-11-2004 was 70%. Total sunshine hours on 14-11-2004 was (8.5) hours approx. Rainfall on 15-11-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon, Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was (112.24 inches) at Yangon Airport, (106.77 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (109.64 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 5 mph from Northwest at (14:00) hours MST on 14-11-2004.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in southern Myanmar and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 16-11-2004: Except for possibility of isolated light rain in Taninthayi Division, weather will be fair in the whole country. Degree of certainty is (40%). State of the seas: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

Efforts are needed to develop ever...

The Government on its part is laying down and implementing plans for proportionate development of all states and divisions, to improve living standard of the people and to alleviate poverty.

Food, clothing and shelter play a key role in improving the living standard of the people and alleviating poverty. In addition to the paying serious attention to existing or conventional ways of farming, other economic enterprises with high potentials must also be sought to introduce new products.

As the division is rich in land and water resources, prospects are bright for it to extend cultivation of perennial and seasonal crops which grow well in the region. For example, extension of rubber cultivation in hilly western part of the division will not only boost rubber production but also develop the related industries.

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As Ayeyawady Division is rich in land and water resources, prospects are bright for it to extend cultivation of perennial and seasonal crops which grow well in the region.

Township level officials play pivotal role in regional economic development.

Continuous planning and efforts are needed to develop the ever changing and advancing human society.

All will have to make necessary preparations including extension of sown acreage and raising of per acre yield to ensure food security for the growing population in the future.

YANGON, 15 Nov—The Special Refresher Course No 6 for faculty members of universities and colleges was opened at the Nawarat Hall of the Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) this morning, with an address by Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein. Present on the occasion were the ministers, the attorney-general, the chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, and its members the deputy ministers, the deputy auditor-general, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental officials, rector of CICS (Phaunggyi), heads of departments, instructors and trainee teachers.

In his address, the Secretary-1 said at a time when development of science and technology dominates education, health, economic, security and defence sectors, developing countries like the Union of Myanmar must build national education of high standard so that the country can avoid the domination of some big nations with superiority in technological development and it can possess national strength that can safeguard and promote national interest. Therefore, he said, the government is making endeavours for all-round development including uplift of national education, fitness of the entire nation, strong national economy and social affairs as the main national duty of education sector with the aim of turning the citizens with high efficiency.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses opening of Special Refresher Course No 6 for faculty members. — MNA