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

National races have been living together, with hands joined for a long time

Because of the gratitude owed to our forefathers of the successive eras, who lived in unity with high vision, attaching themselves with bonds of amity, with the family spirit — love and friendship, helpfulness, sympathy, mutual reliance, understanding, forgiveness, and cooperation based on common interest — as the foundation, the national races of the Union have been able to live together with hands joined for a long time.

Senior General Than Shwe
Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services
(From the message sent to the 57th Anniversary of Union Day)

Senior General Than Shwe receives Supreme Commander of Royal Thai Armed Forces

YANGON, 1 Feb—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe received Supreme Commander of Royal Thai Armed Forces of the Kingdom of Thailand General Chaisit Shinawatra and party at Zeyathiri Beikman Hall on Konmyintha this morning.

Also present were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein, member of the State Peace and Development Council Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thih Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein and Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein.

Supreme Commander of Royal Thai Armed Forces of the Kingdom of Thailand General Chaisit Shinawatra and party were accompanied by Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal and Military Attaché Col Prissapa Suvanatat.—MNA
Raise tempo of regional development work

The Union of Myanmar is home to various national races. And they have been living together in unity and amity through thick and thin for such a long time that they are like brothers and sisters born out of the same womb. As seventy per cent of the national people of the Union live in rural areas, it would not be wrong to say that the development of the entire nation depends on that of rural areas. This being the case, the five rural development tasks are being carried out to bridge the development divide between rural and urban areas as much as possible. In accordance with the rural development plan, roads linking village and village are being built, water supply projects for drinking and agricultural purposes implemented, measures taken for higher educational standard of people in rural areas, better and wider health care services provided to rural people and steps taken for the development of rural economy.

Now, due to the successful implementation of regional development plans, the living standard of the people in the rural areas has become higher. Therefore, they have come to believe in and support all that is being undertaken by the Government.

Now is the time when the entire national people, under the leadership of the government, are taking part in all the national endeavours. They can do so because of the unity of the national people and because the Tatmadaw and the people are always in oneness.

Rural and urban areas are now developing harmoniously as the government and the entire national people are working hand in hand.

The government, in building the Union of Myanmar into a peaceful, modern and developed nation, has given top priority to national reconciliation, community peace and law and order. Having relized the good intentions of the government, 17 armed groups have returned to the legal fold and now they are also taking part in all the national development work.

The common goal for all of us is a peaceful, modern and developed nation and we are working towards it. At such a time like this, we would like to call on various national races of the Union to adopt the national policies as their guidelines and raise the tempo of development work in their respective regions.

Factories under Industry-1 Ministry inspected

YANGON, 1 Feb—Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung this morning inspected the ECU Battery Charger Project being implemented by the Myanmar General and Maintenance Industries near Maha Bodhi Kyang Street in Hlaine Township.

Officials reported on work progress, requirements, and assistance. Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thein Tun gave a supplementary report. The minister provided necessary assistance and called for speedy implementation of the project, and beautifying of the factory and its surrounding areas. The minister viewed snake bite-proof boots, and other kinds of boots and production process at Shoe Factory No 1. He also visited the Enamel Ware Factory No 1 in Mayangon Township.

Cash donated to social organizations

YANGON, 1 Feb—A ceremony to present cash donated by wellwishers to social organizations recognized by the Social Welfare Department was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in Mayangon Township here yesterday.

The ceremony was attended by Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Maung Aung, OSD Brig-Gen Thura Sein Thaung, directors-general of departments under the ministry and wellwishers. Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers.

The donations included K 2.04 million donated by Daw Kyin Hmwe and family of Sanyour Township; K 1 million by Daw Mya Yin and family of Mayangon Township; K 300,000 by U Ko Ko Aung-Daw-Ni Ni Toe of Hlaung Township; K 200,000 by U Tin Maung Win-Daw Yupa Myint (ILBC); K 100,000 by U San Thein-Daw Tin of Bahan Township; K 50,000 by Dr Soe Thein-Dr Than Nu Shwe (MRD) and K 6,000 by Daw Khin Pyon Yi of Tamwe Township totalling K 3,695,000.

It was the first donation ceremony and the second donation ceremony will also be held. Those wishing to make cash donation may contact the director of the SWD (Tel 662591) or the deputy director (Tel 662586).

National Convention Convening, Invitation and Accommodation Subcommittee meets

YANGON, 1 Feb—The National Convention Convening, Invitation and Accommodation Subcommittee held its coordination meeting at the meeting hall-2 of the Defence Services Records Office in Yankin Township here this morning.

It was attended by Chairman of the Subcommittee Commandant of Defence Services Records Office Brig-Gen Myo Myint, the secretary of the Subcommittee and members, officials of the respective subcommittees and others.

In his address, Chairman of the Subcommittee Brig-Gen Myo Myint stressed the need for officials of the Subcommittee to take measures systematically for the convenience of the delegates to the National Convention.

Next, Secretary of the Subcommittee Major Myint Tun reported on work carried out and future tasks.

Later, officials of the subcommittees took part in the discussions.

The coordination meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the chairman.
China to cement ties with Russia

BEIJING, 1 Feb—A Chinese senior official said here Monday that China appreciated the smooth development of China-Russia relations and was willing to further the strategic partnership of cooperation between the two countries.

Jia Qinglin, chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference, a top advisory body in China, made the remark during a meeting with Mayor of Moscow Yuri Mikhalovich Luzhkov.

He said China and Russia had kept close high-level exchanges over the last few years. During Russian President Vladimir Putin’s visit to China last October, Chinese President Hu Jintao put forward four basic principles for developing bilateral relations, and the two presidents sanctioned a programme for the implementation of the Sino-Russian Good-Neighbourly Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation, both of which became guidelines for future development of Sino-Russian relations.

China appreciated Russia’s adherence to the one-China policy, he said.

Developing the friendship between Beijing and Moscow, as capitals of two influential countries in the world, was conducive not only to the prosperity of the two cities, but also to the promotion of friendship between the two countries and two peoples, he said.

“We’re grateful to Moscow for its support on Beijing’s bid for hosting the 2008 Olympic Games,” said Jia, who formerly served as the top leader of the Chinese capital. “The government and people of Beijing are busy with preparations for the Olympic Games, he said. Luzhkov was also satisfied with the latest development of Russia-China relations and the major progress in the exchange and cooperation between Moscow and Beijing.

He said Russia was ready to enhance cooperation with China in various areas.

Singapore to open second medical school in 2007

SINGAPORE, 1 Feb—Singapore, keen to boost its medical science sector, will open its second medical school in 2007 in an alliance with Duke University of the United States, Singapore media reported on Monday.

The graduate school will operate from the nation’s biggest hospital, Singapore General, and comes as the wealthy Southeast Asian island is pouring millions of dollars into expanding its education industry and courting students in the Asia-Pacific.

Singapore’s government, which has built up its economy by picking sectors to invest in, has implemented liberal rules on stem cell research as it seeks to become a centre for life science research.

It aims to boast 15 world-class biotechnology companies by 2010 after opening a 300-million-US-dollar new research centre in 2003. The alliance with North Carolina-based Duke would boost Singapore’s medical services, including a budding biomedical sciences industry, the Straits Times newspaper quoted Deputy Prime Minister Tony Tan as telling local reporters.

“It will be a big boost to Singapore’s medical services, including our biomedical initiative which is a major drive by Singapore to develop the life sciences industry,” Tan said.

Senior Chinese official on city planning, programming on land use

Xi’an, 1 Feb—Chinese Vice-Premier Zeng Peiyan has called for using the “scientific concept of development” to further improve city planning and land usage.

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Zeng said, China has been remapping city planning and land use in recent years. The macro-control measures, adopted last year, have curbed the rapid increase in the fixed assets investment.

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It was not the first time US soldiers have fired on Iraqi prisoners — a riot at Baghdad’s Abu Ghraib prison in November 2003 left three detainees dead. A US officer has reported unrest in Camp Bucca’s razor wire compounds in recent months.

But the extent of the violence appeared to have taken troops — recently arrived military police reservists — by surprise and may raise questions about the expansion of the desert camp, which has taken over from Abu Ghraib as the main US prison in Iraq following last year’s abuse scandal at the Baghdad jail.

Mobile phone maker develops China’s first fingerpass mobile phone

BEIJING, 1 Feb—One of China’s leading mobile phone manufacturers, Bird, developed the country’s first cell phone fingerprint verification.

Bird, a Ningbo-based mobile maker listed by IC Insights among the world’s top ten mobile producers in 2004, bought the technology from a research team at the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) Institute of Automation.

Dai Ruwei, CAS academician and a senior scientist of the CAS institute, said fingerprint verification is the safest and most convenient technology in biological verification. With a soft thumb touch on the mobile’s screen, the user can activate the main menu of the mobile.

“The fingerpass mobiles could be widely used for e-banking, e-commerce and other new forms of Internet-based transactions,” Dai said.

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Donate blood

Smoke rises after a controlled detonation of an improvised explosive device (IED) by the US Marines in a village in Al Anbar Province west of Baghdad, Iraq, on 31 Jan, 2005.—INTERNET

A woman walks under lanterns displayed on the occasion of the forthcoming Chinese new year along Victoria Harbour in Hong Kong on 29 Jan, 2005. —MA/NXinhua

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Press conference on National Convention, relief works for victims of Tsunami, subversive acts committed by internal and external destructive elements

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan clarifies facts about the National Convention to resume on 17-2-2005 at the press conference. — MNA

YANGON, 1 Feb—Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council held a press conference (1/2005) on National Convention which will resume on 17-2-2005, relief works for victims of Tsunami in Myanmar on 26-12-2004 and subversive acts committed by internal and external destructive elements at the Ministry of Information on Thibhuyu Road this morning.

Present were Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister for Labour Brig-Gen Win Sein, Deputy Minister for Transport U Pe Than, Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi, heads of departments, officials, U Sein Win of Kyodo News Agency, Patron U Hla Htwe, President U Sao Kai Hpa and members of Myanmar Correspondents Club, staffs of journals and magazines and guests.

First, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan clarified matters relating to National Convention which will resume on 17-2-2005. He said:

At this press conference today, we, the Information Committee, will clarify matters relating to the National Convention to be reconvened on 17 February 2005; matters relating to losses and casualties caused by the Tsunami which occurred on 26 December 2004 and relief works; and matters relating to destructive acts committed by internal and external destructive elements. First of all, I will clarify matters relating to the reconvening of the National Convention.

As known to you journalists, the National Convention which began in 1993 was temporarily adjourned for various reasons on 31 March 1996. However, the State without losing sight of the establishment of a new democratic nation as desired by the entire national people, reconvened a phase of the National Convention from 17 May to 9 July 2004.

During the period from 1993 to 1996, the National Convention laid down and approved 104 fundamental principles to be based in formulating the State Constitution as well as the basic detailed principles. At the National Convention held from 17 May to 9 July 2004, some basic detailed principles were discussed and coordinated.

Now, it is the time when crops have been harvested, a phase of the National Convention will be reconvened on 17 February 2005. It has been announced by the National Convention Convening Commission.

Invitations have also been sent to National Convention delegates beginning 15 January 2005.

The delegates are to report at the Nyaungshnapin Camp not later than 15 February 2005. The list of invited delegates is as follows:

(a) Delegates from political parties — 29
(b) Delegates of representatives-elect — 13
(c) Delegates of national races — 633
(d) Delegates of peasants — 93
(e) Delegates of workers — 48
(f) Delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia — 56
(g) Delegates of State service personnel — 109
(h) Delegates from 17 armed groups of national races which have returned to the legal fold and other groups — 105
Total — 1086

In so doing, it is learnt that the National Convention Convening Commission has invited those delegates as invited to the National Convention held from 17-5-2004 to 9-7-2004.

The list shows that there are 633 persons invited to the National Convention.

Moreover, 93 delegates of peasants have been invited and these delegates are from various States and Divisions of the country. Likewise, 29 delegates from political parties as well as 13 delegates of representatives-elect have been invited.

Hence, it shows that the invited delegates include those representing political parties. In addition, 48 delegates of workers, 109 delegates of State service personnel, 56 delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia and 105 delegates from 17 armed groups of national races which have returned to the legal fold & other groups have been invited. Thus it can be seen that delegates from all walks of life are included in the list.

Personal data of these delegates invited to the National Convention have been collected since the reconvening of the National Convention on 17-5-2004. Of all the 949 delegates, the data show that 15 have acquired doctorate degrees; 54 are post-graduates; 600 are graduates and 280 are diploma holders or those who have passed high school level education.

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It shows that 87.4 per cent of the delegates are educated persons.

Although the remaining delegates have not acquired formal education, they are knowledgeable, well-experienced and respected by local populace of respective regions. To put it into a nutshell, the delegates include those who are experienced in political, military, economic, administrative, legislative, judicial and national solidarity affairs.

The delegates who attended the recent National Convention in May 2004 were of eight categories representing masses and classes.

The delegates individually or in groups freely discussed and presented papers. The following papers were submitted at the National Convention in May 2004.

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As regards the National Convention to be reconvened on 17 February 2005, arrangements have been made for transport, reception and accommodation, health care, welfare, entertainment, communication and sports of the delegates as well as sanitation and keeping the Nayangshapun Camp green and pleasant.

In conclusion, I would like to mention that basic detailed principles for sharing the legislative power which were discussed at the previous phase of the National Convention held from 17 May to 9 July 2004, will be approved at the coming phase of the National Convention. Likewise, discussions and coordinations will also be made for formulating basic detailed principles for sharing executive and judicial powers.

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(a) The delegate group of political parties presented seven papers of seven political parties on 24 June 2004.
(b) The delegate group of representatives-elect presented five papers on 28 June 2004.
(c) The delegate group of national races presented a paper on 29 and 30 June 2004.
(d) The delegate group of peasants presented a paper on 1 July 2004.
(e) The delegate group of workers presented a paper on 2 July 2004.
(f) The delegate group of intellectuals & intelligentsia presented a paper on 5 and 6 July 2004.
(g) The delegate group of State service personnel presented papers on 7 and 8 July 2004.
(h) The delegate group of armed national groups which have returned to the legal fold and other groups presented a paper on 9 July 2004.

Cocogyun north of Andaman Islands.

As Tsunami had occurred in the Indian Ocean, about one thousand miles northeast of Jakarta, the Republic of Indonesia, at 7 o'clock 32 minutes and 4 seconds in the morning of 26 December 2004. As a consequence, the nation suffered loss of lives and property. Over 154,000 people were affected. 31,000 people were also received and they were being sent to the regions.

Due to three points mentioned below, Myanmar suffered less losses and casualties.

(1) There is a seismic gap between north of Cocogyun to south of Rakhae State. There is less chance for strong earthquake to occur.

(2) The Tsunami sent strongest waves to the east and west parallel to Myanmar coast. In addition, Myeik archipelago serves as a natural barrier to the harbour wave.

(3) The geological condition and shoal (shallow sea bottom) of Myanmar stretching 15 to 20 miles weakened the wave.

UNICEF has also expressed that it was sorry for issuing inaccurate information.

Historical records also show that a strong earthquake with magnitude of 7.9 Richter Scale took place at Nicobar Islands on 31 December 1881 and another earthquake with magnitude of 8.7 Richter scale occurred at Andaman Islands on 26 June 1941. In short, Tsunami gets stronger and its destructive power increases while approaching the coast. It can come into rivers and creeks as harbour wave with the height of 50 to 100 feet and can reach over 3,000 feet inland.

No Tsunami can be predicted and the extent of the consequences of subduction caused by aftershocks is unknown. However, the time when Tsunami will reach the shore can be forecast by calculating the speed and velocity of the wave.

At present, earthquake warnings are issued by the Meteorology & Hydrology Department under the Ministry of Transport. A significant symbol of Tsunami is sudden decline of water level at shore. As Tsunami had taken place in the Indian Ocean, the following actions should be taken for the people living at the shore:

(a) To set up early warning system.
(b) To foresee Tsunami when water level at the shore declines suddenly.
(c) To foresee Tsunami when earthquake takes place at sea bottom, when a volcano erupts, when a subduction of plate at sea bottom occurs and when a meteorite falls into the sea.
(d) To move towards higher place when Tsunami is foreseen.

The following preventive measures should be taken by the people living at the shore:

(a) Mangroves should be conserved as a natural barrier to Tsunami as the harbour wave comes from the sea.
(b) Buildings should be built off the shoreline.
(c) If built, buildings should be constructed in conformity with endurance norms for Tsunami.
(d) Educative works should be carried out for those living at the shore.

Communication and transport facilities should be kept ready to move people and things to areas where Tsunami cannot hit.

(f) Supply system of water, food and medicines for Tsunami refugees and security system should be set up.

(g) Tsunami early warning system and moving towards safe areas should be rehearsed region-wise.

(h) Projects for relief works for the dead and the wounded caused by Tsunami should be drawn up.

(i) Relief measures for Tsunami-hit areas should be taken.

The impact of Tsunami in Myanmar and relief works were explained at the workshop held in Beijing, China, on 25 and 26 January 2005 and officials of regional and international organizations and world’s experts approved them.

(k) When Tsunami comes, vessels locating in offshore with the depth of 164 feet and within 21 miles away from the shore are not safe. In the deep sea about 154 miles away from the shore, the wave is only about one foot high. When the information on Tsunami is received and vessels could not have enough time to sail out to the deep sea to have depth of over 164 feet, those on board should leave the vessel and move to higher places inland.

Next, Director-General U Than Oo of Relief and Resettlement Department of the Ministry of SWRR clarified relief works for loss and casualties caused by Tsunami in Myanmar on 26 December 2004. He said: Myanmar’s some coastal regions of Ayeyawady Division, Tanintharyi Division, Yangon Division and Rakhine State were hit by tidal waves triggered by the aftershocks with their epicentres in the Andaman Sea following the earthquake that occurred in the Indian Ocean, about one thousand miles northeast of Jakarta, the Republic of Indonesia, at 7 o'clock 32 minutes and 4 seconds in the morning of 26 December 2004. As a consequence, the nation suffered loss of lives and property.

To be exact, the natural disaster left 31 people dead, 41 injured, 517 homes destroyed and 2,145 persons homeless in Ayeyawady Division; eight dead, one injured, 83 homes destroyed and 474 persons homeless in Tanintharyi Division; 22 dead but without damage to homes in Rakhine State; and one home damaged in Yangon Division. Totally, Myanmar lost...
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61 lives, while 42 people were left injured, 601 homes damaged, and 2,992 persons homeless, with a total loss of property valued at about 1,585.56 million kyats.

Immediately after being informed about the disaster, the Government made arrangements for relief works under the guidance of the Head of State. Ayeayawady Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Maj-Gen Soe Naing and Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Hwa and party together with medical specialists and bringing along relief items and medicines left by helicopter for tsunami victims in Labutta, Pinyisaluu and Ngapudaw Townships and inspected round on 27 and 28 December 2004. The group provided relief aids for the victims and 50,000 kyats each for the dead. The relief items included foodstuff such as rice, edible oil and eggs, clothes, blankets, towels, pans, bowls and warm clothes. The value of cash assistance amounted to 2,455 million kyats and relief items totaled over 5.198 million kyats.

The commander and the minister visited the victims warded in Pinyisaluu Township Hospital and provided them with cash and kind. They also met and comforted other tsunami victims and briefed them on the State’s relief works. The Department of Health too provided medicines, chlorine tablets and pesticides, gave medical treatments to the victims and took preventive measures against outbreak of infectious diseases. Similarly, a group led by Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Coastal Region Command Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint made an inspection tour of the disaster-hit villages in Kawthoung Township on 30 December 2004 and rendered cash assistance of 60 million kyats together with K 1.54 million worth relief items including 180 bags of rice, clothes and foodstuffs donated by wellwishers and the Government.

Likewise, a group led by Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Chairman Northern Command Commander Brig-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspected disaster-stricken villages and townships in Rakhine State and provided 11 emergency relief items worth over 1.1 million kyats to the tsunami victims.

Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admi-ral Soe Thein together with Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Agriculture & Irrigation Maj-Gen Huy Ho, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Deputy Min-ister for Social Welfare, Relief & Resettlement, the Chinese Embassy Consulate and Chinese businessmen donated K 6.1294 million. The donation was received on 7 January 2005 and distributed to the victims through local authorities. Cash assistance of K 50,000 each was provided to 34 dead persons. Hence, K 1.7 million was given away. US$ 200,000 donated by China was received on 5 January 2005. A man’s longyi (lower garment) and a man’s vest each were given to 1,358,942 including 27,000 for Taninthayi Division and Rakhine State to witness damages.

The relief works and latest data on damages would like to clarify points on how donated cash was provided to Tsunami victims in Myanmar. On 31 December 2004, the Shwekyang Sayadaw of Singapore donated 1 million kyats, the Indo-Myanmar Merchants 0.5 million kyats and Sri Asia Travel & Tour and Yangon Bodh Gaya Pilgrimage Tour 0.5 million kyats totalling K 2 million. That K 2 million had been handed over to Ayeayawady Division Peace and Development Council for Tsunami victims.

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cash donation of US$ 78,797; UNICEF’s cash
donation of US$ 94,963; World Food Programme’s
cash donation of US$ 500,000; Humanitarian
Service International’s cash donation of US$ 30,000; World Vision In-
ternational’s cash donation of US$ 505,000; and medicines donated by Sup-
port Fund Myanmar. These cash and kind don-
ations are being given to the victims re-
spectively to the wellwishers organizations
themselves in coordination with local authorities.

The Myanmar Natural Disaster Relief Commit-
tee has been formed. Under it, the State/Division level com-
mittes, the District level committees and the Town-
ship level committees have been formed and assigned
their tasks to take precautionary and preventive mea-
ures. When recent Tsunami hit strongly and the impact
was great in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Thailand,
Maldives which suffered great loss and casualties.
Myanmar sustained less impact due to particular
geographical conditions and having unoccupied
marshes, mangroves and coral islands as well as having uninhabited
islands. Another factor was that the wave moved
wellowers.

Aung Din is the only
Myanmar national. USCBI
survives depending on the
assistance they receive
from some members of the
US Congress and the Sen-
ate. Those who steer the
USCB are Larry Dohrs, a former
KNU member, Simon
Billinges of Boston, Mas-
achusetts State, and
Jeremy Woodrum of
Washington DC. Some
students of American Uni-
versity and George Wash-
ington University are
members who have links
with expatriates and de-
structionists.

Andrew Samet, one
of the head of Members
of USCBI, had worked as
deputy labour minister at the
time of the Clinton Administra-
tion. It is also
known that he was son-in-
law of Siwab Sawdwa and
his old age and the friendly
relations with the US and
international friends.

The recent Tsunami
destroyed whole villages
and destroyed lives of
people. However, there was
no act of terror, no damage
caused by the wave.

The statements of
two saboteurs to Yangon
Police Force on the evening
of 1 January 2005, that
might have learnt another
news. The evening of 1 January
2005, some American
students led by an US citizen
named Boycott came to a
refugee camp at Onphan in
the other country, made
provocative acts and studied
destructive works of
with BBC correspondent
Win Myint and NLD (LA) organ-
izer Kyaw Hla. They
discussed matters relating to
intelligence to be car-
died out in Myanmar. Ac-
cording to their discus-
sions and collaborations,
they arranged to send two
saboteurs who have been
trained at Bonphang vil-
lage of Maesok by a de-
structive group, to
Myanmar through Myawady route in Decem-
ber 2000.

Likewise, former
Bakatha (All Burma Stud-
ent Dent) members
Thien Win and Mn Naing also
organised some Myanmar
nationals working in Thai-
lanld illegally to commit
terrorist acts in Ma
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ranged to send explosives
through Phayathonsun junc-
tle route to Kyakmarar. To-
gether with the two
former Bakatha members,
four other Bakatha mem-
bers are operating terror-
ist acts, disguised as
monks at a monastery in
Maesok.

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(Myanmar Labour Union)
provided cash assistance to
Party for New Society and
made arrangements for
committing terrorist acts in
Myanmar in November
2004. The day to day
terpaed acts and commit sub-
versive acts was assigned to
Yan Kyaw (a) Yarna who blew up a cinema hall
in Pyu.

Similarly, Min
Maesok of Thailand,
and external destructive el-
ements. The recent
Tsunami hit strongly and the impact
was great in Indonesia, Sri Lanka,
India, Thailand, Maldives which suffered

Maha Devi.

As the US citizen’s
solo protest was an act of
instigating the people to
take wrong views upon
the Government, action can be taken against him.
However, in consideration of
his old age and the friendly
ties between the two coun-
tries, the Government,
broad-mindedly sent him
back home on 8 January
2005 via Bangkok Air-
ways. You journalists
might have learnt another
related news. On the evening of 1 January
2005, some American
students led by an US citizen
named Boycott came to a
refugee camp at Onphan in
the other country, made
provocative acts and studied
destructive works of
with BBC correspondent
Win Myint and NLD (LA) organ-
izer Kyaw Hla. They
discussed matters relating to
intelligence to be car-
died out in Myanmar. Ac-
cording to their discus-
sions and collaborations,
they arranged to send two
saboteurs who have been
trained at Bonphang vil-
lage of Maesok by a de-
structive group, to
Myanmar through Myawady route in Decem-
ber 2000.

Likewise, former
Bakatha (All Burma Stud-
ent Dent) members
Thien Win and Mn Naing also
organised some Myanmar
nationals working in Thai-
lanld illegally to commit
terrorist acts in Ma
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through Phayathonsun junc-
tle route to Kyakmarar. To-
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former Bakatha members,
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A photo shown at the press conference. — MNA

Charts concerning tidal waves following the earthquake. — MNA

I would like to mention that it is
pro-democracy citi-
zens of some big nations are providing training to
expatriate destructionists to commit terrorist acts in
Myanmar.

At a camp near Kyauktawng, six miles north of Maesok, Thai-
lanld, a six-week com-
mmando training course conducted by a terrorist
group began at the end of
December 2004. A US
 citizen and a Briton are
conducting training as
coaches. Those drop-outs of the training course are
infiltrated to have committed terrorist acts in Maesok.

In connection with the moves of internal
and external destructive el-
ments, two incidents took place in Maesok.

The first incident was that at about 6:40 am
on 6 January 2005, a hand-
made bomb measuring one inch and five centimetres
kept in green powder con-
tainer of one inch by one
inch in a card box meas-
uring 5 inches at the back
lane of Ward Peace and
Development Council
(See page 15)
Located in the eastern part of Myanmar, the 4,530-square-mile Kayah State is home to national races including Kayah, Kayan, Mono, Kayaw, Yintale, Gekho, Geba, living together with Kayan, Mono, Kayaw, Yang, Mrauk, Mevah, and other races including Kayah, Mrauk, Mevah, and other races. Kayah State is home to national races, including Kayah, Mrauk, Mevah, and other races. Its population density is 69 persons per square-mile.

Dying on a high plateau contains the Shan plateau, the elevation of Kayah State is between 2,950 feet and 6,000 feet above sea level. A raging watercourses are flowing through the mountainous state from the north to south. The Belu Creek originates at Inlay Lake and flows through the fertile Loikaw plain where various kinds of crops are cultivated. In his message sent to the 47th Anniversary Union Day on 12 February 1994, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe states, “Since its assumption of the State duties, the Government has been giving priority to the cause of nationalities, while placing in the forefront Our Three Main National Causes — Non-disintegration of the Union; non-integration of national solidarity; and perpetuation of sovereignty. The time is ripe for national races groups in the jungles to abandon their armed struggle line posing as an obstacle to the progress of their own races, and to return to the legal fold with honour, for energetically serving the interest of the Union. In 1988, Kayah State could not even produce enough food to feed its own people. The Tatmadaw Government has changed the agricultural patterns and water supply programmes of the state. It has built Dawtacha Dam in 1997 to irrigate 1,000 acres of crops in Bawlake Township; and Loik-nan-hipa Dam in Demawhso Township to irrigate 2,150 acres of land. In addition, it has built water pumping stations and small-scale dams to increase the sown acreage of rice to 2,150 acres. In 1988, it had only three telephone offices. Now the state has 185 telephone offices.

The following table shows the development of agricultural sector in Kayah State:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Subject</th>
<th>1988</th>
<th>12-2-2005</th>
<th>progress</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Land resource</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- sown acreage</td>
<td>11579</td>
<td>145479</td>
<td>29688</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- acres of vacant &amp; virgin land</td>
<td>152743</td>
<td>82123</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Water supply for agriculture</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- dam, pond, embankment, drain</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- river water tasks</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- damming creeks</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>46</td>
<td>46</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Thriving double crops</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Extended paddys cultivation</td>
<td>2268</td>
<td>33377</td>
<td>31109</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- acres of monsoon paddys</td>
<td>56007</td>
<td>81125</td>
<td>25118</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- per-acre yield*</td>
<td>42.38</td>
<td>59.99</td>
<td>17.61</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- acres of summer paddys</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>8620</td>
<td>8620</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- per-acre yield*</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>70.00</td>
<td>70.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- gross production</td>
<td>2278</td>
<td>5470</td>
<td>3192</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- local food sufficiency</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>125%</td>
<td>125%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Acreage of pulses and beans</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Acreage of maize</strong></td>
<td>1685</td>
<td>38294</td>
<td>36609</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>acres of groundnut</td>
<td>5026</td>
<td>16928</td>
<td>11902</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- sesame</td>
<td>7360</td>
<td>14132</td>
<td>6772</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- sunflower</td>
<td>2021</td>
<td>11696</td>
<td>9675</td>
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<tr>
<td>- mustard</td>
<td>727</td>
<td>4484</td>
<td>3757</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- niger</td>
<td>47</td>
<td>300</td>
<td>253</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- groundnut</td>
<td>598</td>
<td>6900</td>
<td>6302</td>
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</table>

The development of the transport sector of Kayah State is shown in the table:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Subject</th>
<th>1988</th>
<th>12-2-2005</th>
<th>progress</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Road transport</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Motor road</strong></td>
<td>3960</td>
<td>5810</td>
<td>1850</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bridge</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- above-180 feet long</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- lower 180 feet long</td>
<td>145</td>
<td>151</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Rail Transportation</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- miles</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- rail track miles</td>
<td>8.59</td>
<td>8.59</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- speed</td>
<td>151</td>
<td>151</td>
<td>500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- number of passenger</td>
<td>52000</td>
<td>52000</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- miles of passenger transport</td>
<td>3611</td>
<td>3611</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- tons of cargo</td>
<td>4400</td>
<td>4400</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- miles of cargo transport</td>
<td>2296</td>
<td>2296</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- stations</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The following table shows the development of the communication sector of Kayah State:

<table>
<thead>
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<th>Subject</th>
<th>1988</th>
<th>12-2-2005</th>
<th>progress</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Road and transport</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- post office</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- telegraph office</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- telegraph line</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- computer telegraph</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- telephone service</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- telephone office</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- line number</td>
<td>650</td>
<td>2073</td>
<td>1423</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- exchange</td>
<td>558</td>
<td>1739</td>
<td>1181</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- direct line</td>
<td>558</td>
<td>1739</td>
<td>1181</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- auto/carrier telephone</td>
<td>2.82</td>
<td>5.59</td>
<td>2.77</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- telephone density*</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- microwave station</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- rural telephone exchange</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- local satellite station</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The new Aungban-Thiha Aung road served as gateways to the state in the past, but the latter facility could not be used in all weathers. The Government has upgraded the roads including the above-mentioned two facilities. Now the state has 185 miles of motor road including 155 miles and six furlongs of tarred roads. The new Upaung-Thiha Aung road, Ponchaung-Shardaw road, Toungoo-Mawchi, Loikaw road, Bawlake-Wathit-Stoupang road, and Hpasawng-Mehsenan-Me-sa-Handman road have been upgraded. The new Aungban-Thiha Aung road will be completed before 1988. The Tatmadaw government built a new 28-megawatt power plant on Belu Creek. Power consumption of the state has risen to five times the amount it did in 1988.

(See page 10)
Development in Kayah State after 1988

For the convenience of people living in Kayah State, a microwave station was built in Loikaw, Kayah State. — MYANMA ALIN

Magnificent three-storey building of Loikaw University in Loikaw, Kayah State. — MYANMA ALIN

Hailing the 58th Anniversary Union Day

Loinampha dam irrigates farmlands in Demawhso Township, Kayah State. — MYANMA ALIN
Kayah State marching to new...

(from page 8)

The following table shows the development of the electricity sector of the state:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Power consumption—unit (million)</th>
<th>1988</th>
<th>12-2-2005 progress</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Maximum Electricity consumption load*</td>
<td>4.405</td>
<td>20.950</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Increase of generating power</td>
<td>3.000</td>
<td>5.340</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>hydel power station</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- diesel-fired power station</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>26</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>present capacity of generator*</td>
<td>168.873</td>
<td>196.703</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Industrial sector

Seven State-owned industries and 270 private industries, 33 cottage industries are running in the state. The government has given priority to the further development of the sector.

Mining and mineral resources

Mawchi Mines is producing tin, tungsten and shale. Discovery of marble and antimony after 1988 has generated more job opportunities. The state produced 188.16 metric tons of marble and 160 tons of antimony in 2005.

Education

The education promotion plans of the Government cover Kayah State. The number of students is increasing as the strength of teachers has risen. The increase in the school enrolment rate and adult literacy rate in the state is encouraging. Loikaw covered by the 24-development zone project has now an arts and science university. Thus, local youths can pursue higher education in their own region. The following table shows industries, 33 cottage industries and 270 private industries are running in the state. The government has given priority to the further development of the sector.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Basic education</th>
<th>1988</th>
<th>12-2-2005 progress</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>number of schools</td>
<td>333</td>
<td>388</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- multimedia classroom</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- e-Learning Centre</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>number of teachers</td>
<td>1259</td>
<td>1950</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- number of students</td>
<td>29916</td>
<td>50245</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- KG enrolment</td>
<td>53.26%</td>
<td>49.92%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- adult literacy rate</td>
<td>58.96%</td>
<td>49.50%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>School dropout rate</th>
<th>1988</th>
<th>12-2-2005 progress</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>- primary school level</td>
<td>37.45%</td>
<td>8.55%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- middle school level</td>
<td>39.25%</td>
<td>13.90%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Higher education

- arts & science university | 1 |
- e-Learning Centre | 14 |
- academic programmes | 36 |
- faculty members | 90 |
- number of students | 3051 |
- Human resource development centre | 1 |

Human resource development centre

- BE-BA, BE-BA, BE-BS | 25 |
- BE-BA, BE-BA, BE-BS | 25 |
- BE-BA, BE-BA, BE-BS | 25 |
- BE-BA, BE-BA, BE-BS | 25 |
- BE-BA, BE-BA, BE-BS | 25 |
- BE-BA, BE-BA, BE-BS | 25 |
- BE-BA, BE-BA, BE-BS | 25 |

A pipeline of Bilu Creek Hydel Power Plant in Kayah State.

Rural, urban development

Development in economic and social sectors has helped improve the standard of towns and villages in the state. There are now 29 miles and two farlongs more urban roads and 99 more urban bridges than in 1988. There were no rural roads and bridges in the past. Now the state has 179 miles of rural roads and 65 rural bridges.

Like in all other states and divisions the science and technology development programme of Kayah State is gaining more ground. A government and a government computer college are producing hundreds of technological college and a government computer college are producing hundreds of scientists in the state. The following table shows

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<tr>
<th>Subject</th>
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<tr>
<td>health units</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>36</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- doctor (specialist/assistant)</td>
<td>48</td>
<td>96</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- nurse</td>
<td>68</td>
<td>141</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- midwifery</td>
<td>137</td>
<td>162</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- health assistant-1</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- health assistant</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>51</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- supervisor (1/2)</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>65</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- traditional medicine hosp.</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- traditional medicine dispensary</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Keeping in the fore Our Three Main National Causes. The sector has been developed for all the nationalities to unitefully march to the golden age without fail. The above-mentioned table indicates the sector’s improvement:

(Translation: TMT)
Vice-Senior General Maung Aye meets Royal Thai Armed Forces Supreme Commander

YANGON, 1 Feb—Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye met Supreme Commander of Royal Thai Armed Forces General Chaisit Shinawatra and party at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinttha here this evening.

Also present at the call were SPDC Members General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Secretary-1 Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein, SPDC members Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Aung Hwae, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Thaung, Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Yangon Division PDC Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Suphot Dhura Kaosal and Thai Military Attaché Col Prissapa Suwanatat.

Before and during dinner, artists of Fine Arts Department entertained the guests. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presented flower basket to the artists and posed for documentary photos with them.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and Royal Thai Armed Forces Supreme Commander General Chaisit Shinawatra take the salute of Guard of Honour. (News on page 16) — MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives Thai Supreme Commander General Chaisit Shinawatra and party. — MNA

Senior General Than Shwe and party pose for a documentary together with Thai goodwill delegation members led by General Chaisit Shinawatra. (News on page 1) — MNA
Meiktila District USDA holds ceremony to hail Union Day and support National Convention at Kyauktan Model Village in Meiktila Township, — MNA

Meiktila Township Minister and Child Welfare Association Chairperson Daw Ni Ni Lwin, Meiktila District Women’s Affairs Organization Chairperson Daw Khin Win, Mahlaing Township WVO Chairman U Win Myint and U Kyaw Thaung, an elder of the township, Mahlaing Township USDA Executive Daw Win Thida acted as MC and Executive chairman U Saw Htay delivered a speech.

Next, Mahlaing Township USDA Joint Secretary U Soe Thein, Thazi Township USDA Executive Daw Kyu Kyu Maw and Meiktila District USDA Executive U Khin Maung Zaw tabled their motions, calling on those present to honour the Union Day, and to support the National Convention and rural development tasks being carried out in Meiktila.

Finally, Mahlaing Township USDA Joint-Secretary U Soe Thein. — MNA

CLAINS DAY NOTICE

MY SEA BRIGHT VOY NO (691)

Consignees of cargo carried on MY SEA BRIGHT Voy No (691) are hereby notified that the vessel will arrive on 2.2.05 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11.20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: MIN ADVANCE CONTAINER LINES
Phone No:256908/378316/376797

INVITATION TO TENDER (TENDER NO. 14(T) MPE/HSD (13)/2004-2005)

1. Sealed Tenders are invited by the Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise, the Ministry of Energy for the supply of (42,000± 10%) Metric Tons H.S.D (Gas Oil Regular 0.5%).

2. Tender closing Date: (15-2-2005) at (12:00) noon.

3. Tender Documents and detail information are available at the Department of Finance, Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise, No. (23), Min-Ye-Kyaw-Zwa Road, Yangon, during office hours commencing (2-2-2005) on payment of one hundred (100) FEC per set.

4. Only bid from tenderer who has purchased tender documents officially from Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise will be accepted for evaluation.

Managing Director,
Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise
**Clint Eastwood named as best director in pre-Oscar film award**

**LOS ANGELES, 31 Jan** — In an important pre-Oscar film industry award, the Directors Guild of America named Clint Eastwood best director on Saturday for his bittersweet female boxing drama “Million Dollar Baby.”

The 74-year-old Eastwood beat out the evening’s other favourite for the award, Martin Scorsese, who has been nominated six times for the DGA best director award — including for films “Taxi Driver” (1976) and “Raging Bull” (1980) — but never won.

Scorsese’s film “The Aviator”, a biography of billionaire Howard Hughes, has received 11 Oscar nominations, the most of any film. “Million Dollar Baby” got seven, as did “Finding Neverland”, a drama about how “Peter Pan” came to be written.

“This is a surprise... I got to say this is a real pleasure. I am as pleased as punch,” Eastwood told a black tie audience after receiving the award. Earlier in the evening, Scorsese had received a standing ovation from the Directors Guild audience, leading some to think he was the evening’s favourite.

This year’s battle for the top Oscars is seen largely as a contest between the two veteran directors. Scorsese has never won an Oscar but Eastwood has a best director’s Academy Award for his 1992 Western “Unforgiven”.

The Academy Awards are announced on 27 February but before then several industry groups like the Directors Guild announce their awards. “The Aviator” was named best picture of the year by the Producer’s Guild last week.

While important barometers of how Academy members are thinking in the run-up to the Oscars, the craft guild awards are by no means infallible. Fifty of the last 56 winners of the DGA award have gone on to win Oscars, but two of those failures were in the last five years.

In the DGA’s other major film award for the evening, the prize for best documentary went to Byambasuren Davaa and Luigi Faloni for their tale of nomadic life in Gobi Desert, “The Story of the Weeping Camel”. Among the documentaries it beat for the award was Michael Moore’s controversial anti-Iraq war film “Fahrenheit 9/11”, which has fared poorly this awards season.

It received no Oscar nominations.

**Elvis recorded third No 1 in January**

**LONDON, 31 Jan** — Elvis Presley recorded his third British number one in January with “It’s Now or Never”, the official British Charts Company said on Sunday.

The reissue was Elvis’ 21st British number one — more than any other solo artist — and comes more than 27 years after his death.

The song is one of 18 Elvis number ones being re-released in consecutive weeks, in time to cash in before the 50-year copyright protection on sound recordings in most European countries expires on his earlier hits.

Ashanti’s “Only U” entered the singles charts in second place and last week’s number one, “Goodies”, by 18-year-old American R&B singer Ciara Harris dropped to third place. The charity hit “Grief Never Grows Old” which was released to raise money for victims of the devastating Asian tsunami came in at fourth place.

The song was written by former DJ Mike Read and featured Cliff Richard, Bee Gees Robin and Barry Gibb and Boy George. Former Rolling Stone Bill Wyman, opera singer Russell Watson and Kenny Jones of The Who also appeared on the track.

**Scientists map bats’ family tree using genetic data**

**LOS ANGELES, 31 Jan** — Researchers have constructed a family tree for bats using genetic information, according to a paper published in this week’s Science journal.

Bats’ evolutionary history is poorly understood even though they make up nearly 20 per cent of all mammals. Scientists have estimated that approximately 60 per cent of the bat fossil record is still missing.

But a research group led by Emma Teeling at US National Cancer Institute compared genetic sequences from each modern-day bat family. They also reconstructed the evolutionary relationships among the microbats that use echolocation and the megabats that do not.

Moreover, they traced the paleogeographic origins of the major bat lineages.

The results support the hypothesis that megabats are nested among four major microbat lineages, which originated in the early Eocene (around 50 million years ago).

“We believe over half of the Cenozoic history missing for microbat lineages and nearly all of the fossil history missing for megabat lineages, it is not surprising that Paleocene bat ancestors having transitional morphological adaptations for flight and echolocation have never been discovered,” they wrote in the paper.

**Zimbabwe, UNDP sign accord to strengthen disaster management**

**HARARE, 1 Feb** — The Zimbabwean Government and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have signed an agreement aimed at strengthening disaster management capacity in the southern African country, the local newspaper The Herald reported on Monday.

The government through the Civil Protection Department (CPD), an arm of the Ministry of Local Government, Public Works and National Housing would implement the project aided by technical staff from UNDP.

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**“Hide and Seek” debuts atop N America box office**

**LOS ANGELES, 31 Jan** — “Hide and Seek,” a Fox thriller starring Robert De Niro, was the top earner at the weekend box office, according to preliminary studio estimates released Sunday.

The Fox thriller, with De Niro and Dakota Fanning, was expected to gross 22 million US dollars in its debut, according to box office tracker Exhibitor Relations. Last week’s leader, “Are We There Yet?”, slipped to second, earning about 17 million dollars.

“Million Dollar Baby” took the third place with a take of about 11.8 million dollars. And “Coach Carter” followed with earnings of eight million dollars.

Meanwhile, another De Niro comedy “Meet the Fockers”, with such famous stars as Barbra Streisand, Dustin Hoffman and Ben Stiller, was in fifth place with an estimated weekend take of 7.6 million dollars. The Universal comedy now has grossed about 257 million dollars domestically since opening six weeks ago. Rounding out the top 10 were “The Aviator” (7.5 million dollars), “Sideways” (6.3 million dollars), “In Good Company” (6.2 million dollars), “Racing Stripes” (6 million dollars) and “Assault on Precinct 13” (4.2 million dollars).

**In this photo provided by Twentieth Century Fox, David Callaway (Robert De Niro) tries to get at the truth behind his daughter Emily’s (Dakota Fanning) imaginary friend in ‘Hide and Seek.’ — INTERNET**

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Two S Korean footballers to appear in Adidas ad

SOUTH KOREA

Two South Korean footballers will appear in international advertisements for Adidas later this year, the global sports footwear manufacturer's South Korean branch said on Monday.

The announcement was made by Cha Doo-ri, a forward for Eintracht Frankfurt of Germany, and Cho Jae-jin, a striker for Japan's Shimizu S-Pulse, who were picked for Adidas soccer campaigns that will be aired in May and July, Adidas Korea was quoted by South Korean Yonhap news agency as saying.

This is the first time for South Korean footballers to debut in global ad campaigns. Cho finished the ad shoot, made in strict secrecy, along with other global players such as David Trezeguet of Juventus and Javier Saviola of FC Barcelona, the office said.

Cha, who was also selected recently to join a FIFA-arranged charity match for tsunami victims next month, will appear in a separate ad campaign with David Beckham of Real Madrid and Michael Ballack of FC Byern Munchen.

The ads are sequels to "Own the Game" in 2003 and "Road to Lisbon" in 2004, which Adidas campaigned globally, the office said.

"Adidas rates Cha and Cho as players who lead South Korean soccer and can play on a par with international players," the office backgrounded for their choice.

The office refused to elaborate on the contents of the ads, only saying that they will present an exciting and strong image.

—— MNA/Xinhua

Campbell describes rivalry of Arsenal and Man U as bitter

LONDON, 1 Feb — Arsenal defender Sol Campbell has described the rivalry between his team and Manchester United as bitter and personal.

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Plenty of ill-feeling has been stirred up by past meetings, most recently in the so-called Battle of the Buffet at Old Trafford in October, and the two sides clash again in Tuesday's Premier League encounter at Highbury.

"Everyone at Arsenal has been waiting for this game," Campbell told the Guardian newspaper on Monday. "We are up for this one.

"We know we have to win. A draw does nothing for us or them, so it's very intense. After all that's happened, if we beat them it will be one of our sweetest ever wins, especially because of how we lost to them up there (Old Trafford).

"It is just more bitter and personal against United," added Campbell. "There's an edge. Maybe a little bit of the old north-south divide as well."

United's 2-0 victory in October ended Arsenal's record 49-match unbeaten League run and triggered a mini-crisis in which Arsene Wenger's men won only three of their next 10 games.

Off the pitch at Old Trafford, Alex Ferguson was reportedly pelted with pizza in the players' tunnel, sparking a furor re-ignited recently by the United manager.

"It (the 2-0 defeat) had a psychological impact on us, but again because of the way we were defeated," said Campbell in a reference to a controversial penalty award for United's first goal.

"That was far more upsetting, losing like that, because they (United) just seem to get away with it. You try and balance out over the course of a season but I've had so many rough decisions against them you begin to wonder." — MNA/Reuters

Robinho's goal could not prevent Santos losing its 100% record

RIO DE JANEIRO, 1 Feb — Robinho's fourth goal in as many matches could not prevent Santos losing their 100 per cent record in Brazil's Paulista championship when they were held 1-1 by neighbours Portuguesa Santista on Sunday.

The 20-year-old striker, subject of constant speculation over a possible move to Real Madrid, opened the scoring early in the second half when he fired home a low cross from Fabio Baiano.

But hosts Santos let victory slip from their grasp when Portuguesa forward Rico equalized with 10 minutes left after goalkeeper Mauro failed to cut out a corner. 'Santos spent the whole week saying they would win,' Rico told reporters.

Santos, who have 10 points from four games, slipped to second in the Paulista championship, one of the regional tournaments which kick off the season.

Sao Paulo went top on 12 points after a 2-1 home win over Uniao Sao Joao.

First-half goals by right back Cicinho and striker Diego Tardelli, his fifth of the competition, gave Sao Paulo a 2-0 lead before Borges pulled one back with a late equalizer.

Palmeiras also lost their 100 per cent record when they were beaten 1-0 at Sao Caetano, Anailson scoring the winner with a 41st-minute penalty.

Former World Cup striker Romario, who celebrated his 39th birthday on Saturday, was in inspired form as Vasco da Gama held Botafogo to a 1-1 draw in the Carioca championship in Rio de Janeiro.

Romario, who joined Vasco two weeks ago, showed flashes of his old magic and set up a brilliant second-half goal for striker Alex Dias, who flicked the ball over goalkeeper Jefferson before heading it into the net. Alex Alves had given Botafogo a first-half lead at the Maracana.

Leandro Carvalho (Botafogo) and Fabiano (Vasco) were sent off for second bookable offences in the second half. — MNA/Reuters

Former Caldas coach Montoya back to consciousness

COLOMBIA

Former Colombian soccer coach Luis Fernando Montoya, who was left quadriplegic after being shot in a robbery in December, regained consciousness on Monday after suffering a lung infection last week.

Montoya, who turned little-known provincial club Once Caldas into last year's South American champions, is being treated in a Medellin hospital after the attack on December 22.

Montoya had been showing a slight improvement until last week, when his temperature reached 42 Celsius.

The 47-year-old was shot near his home close to Medellin when he tried to defend his wife Adriana from robbers who trailed her after she withdrew cash from an ATM.

Montoya took over at Once Caldas, who are based in the Andean city of Manizales, in late 2002 and led the previously unfashionable outfit on an unprecedented run of success.

They won the Colombian Apertura championship in the first half of 2003 and surpassed all expectations by lifting the Libertadores Cup, South America's equivalent of the Champions League, in July.

Their dream of becoming unofficial world champions was shattered when they lost to European champions Porto on penalties after a goalless draw in Japan on December 12.

MNA/Xinhua

Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova of Russia appears before a flock of photographers prior to a news conference by participants to the Pan Pacific Open tennis tournament at a Tokyo Monday, Jun. 31, 2005. World No. 4 Sharapova, who lost to Serena Williams of the United States in the semifinals at the Australian Open last week, won the Japan Open in October and is seeded second for the tournament.—Intravest

Paunovic to join Hanover from Atletico Madrid

BERLIN, 1 Feb — German First Division soccer club Hanover 96 are to sign former Atletico Madrid striker Veljko Paunovic if only the Serbian passes a medical check, the German club said on Monday.

The 27-year-old Serbia and Montenegro international was undergoing medical checks on Monday, the last day of the January transfer window, and was expected to join club training on Tuesday.

Paunovic, whose deal with Atletico was due to expire in 2006, struggled to make the Spanish club's first team this season and was released from his contract earlier this month. —MNA/Xinhua

Japan midfielder Koji Nakata joins Marseille

PARIS, 1 Feb — Olympiique Marseille have signed Japan midfielder Koji Nakata on an 18-month contract, the French First Division side's manager Pape Diouf said on Monday.

The transfer fee for the 25-year-old Kashima Antlers player, who is currently training with Japan, was not disclosed.

As a non-European Union player, Nakata will not be able to play for Marseille for at least a fortnight pending approval of his contract by French soccer's governing body.

Nakata will link up with former Japan coach Philippe Troussier, who replaced Jose Anigo in December. — MNA/Xinhua

Maracapolo team rider Chyiin Leung of Hong Kong speeds during a break away in the first 143km stage from AlKhhor to Doha of the Tour of Qatar cycling race January 31, 2005. Boonen won the stage. Liquidos Bianchi team rider Mario Cipollini of Italy took the second place and Phonak team rider Robert Hunter of South Africa the third place. — MNA/Xinhua

INTERNET
January 2005, a bomb exploded at western brick fence of highway bus terminal in Dawei of Taninthayi Division. A six-foot portion of the brick fence was damaged. Consequently at 7 am the same day, another bomb exploded at the western brick fence of Dawei highway bus terminal. There was a hole of about one foot at the bottom of the brick fence. No casualty was caused by the two local-made time bombs.

Moreover, I would like to disclose a review concerning the Vigorous Myanmar Student Army, a terrorist group which has been committing terrorist acts in Myanmar. As you journalists have known, the Vigorous Myanmar Student Army claimed responsibility for the bomb explosion at Zugyi House in Yangon on 24 December 2004. In connection with this, one Maximilian Wechsler presented a review on the Internet. He said that the Vigorous Myanmar Student Army while advocating activities, the other hand, he is organizing movements to launch terrorist acts.

Most of Myamners are earning their livelihood simply by pursuing education and doing businesses. They do not have any intention to oppose the Myanmar Government. Thus although the opposing expatriates are enticing them very hard to make anti-Government conspiracies and plots of internal and external destructive elements are, in fact, aimed at disturbing stability and security of the nation and the people through various ways and means, they never consider the interests of the nation and the people. Instead they aim only for their own interests and seek chances for their party or group to seize power. Their acts indeed are desperate and terrorist.

Next, Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Deputy Minister U Pe Than and Brig-Gen Chin Yi replied to queries raised by media persons. The press conference ended at 10 am.

A photo shown at the press conference. — MNA

WEATHER

Tuesday, 1 January, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (3˚C) below normal in Chin and Shan States, Yangon Division, (3˚C) to (4˚C) above normal in Rakhine and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Pinlaung (5˚C), Lashio, Namhsam, and Loilin (6˚C) each.

Maximum temperature on 31-1-2005 was 97˚F. Minimum temperature on 1-2-2005 was 58˚F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 1-2-2005 was 72%. Total sunshine hours on 31-1-2005 was (8.3) hours approx. Rainfalls on 1-2-2005 were nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 4 mph from North-east at (11:55) hours MST on 31-1-2005.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 2-2-2005: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kakhin and Chin State, upper Sagaing Division and generally fair in the remaining areas.

State of the sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Generally fair weather in the whole country.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 2-2-2005: Fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 2-2-2005: Fair weather.
At the invitation of Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, a goodwill delegation led by Supreme Commander of Royal Thai Armed Forces of the Kingdom of Thailand General Chaisit Shinawatra arrived here on an official visit to Myanmar this morning.

Members of the goodwill delegation led by Supreme Commander of Royal Thai Armed Forces General Chaisit Shinawatra were welcomed at the Yangon International Airport by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, senior military officials of the Ministry of Defence, Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal and Military Attaché Colonel Prissapa Suvanatat. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and General Chaisit Shinawatra went to the dais in the reception hall of the airport and took the salute of the Guard of Honour.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and General Chaisit Shinawatra inspected the Guard of Honour. General Chaisit Shinawatra and party went to No 1-Tatmadaw Guest House.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye hosted dinner in honour of Supreme Commander and party. — MNA