YANGON, 5 July — The Myanmar delegation led by Prime Minister General Soe Win arrived back here at 4.45 pm today by special flight after attending the 2nd Greater Mekong Subregion Summit held in Kunming, the People’s Republic of China.

The delegation was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, Vice-Chairman of the SPDC Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, SPDC member General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, SPDC members, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), the Chairman of Yangon (See page 8)

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Cultivate new-generation youths properly

The common goal of the entire national people living in the Union of Myanmar is the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democracy.

Development of human resources is the name of the game if we want to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation. Only healthy and educated human resources can do for perenniial existence and sustainable development of the nation.

Peace and stability, sound economic foundations and development of human resources are essential prerequisites for the emergence of democratic society and practice of democracy. Therefore, the government is implementing national education promotion plans for improving the educational standard, abilities and skills of new generations. The national education promotion plans enable more and more new-generation youths to pursue education and specialize in different branches of study including information and communication technologies.

As the government is taking educational promotion measures and carrying out educational programmes according to the demand of time and circumstances, great strides have been made in the educational sector.

The opening ceremony of the Special Refresher Course No 7 for the faculty members was held at the Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) on 4 July and it was attended by Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein. In his address on the occasion, the Secretary-1 said that it was necessary to sustain the development of the nation and cultivate the new-generation youths in such a way that they will develop in accordance with the requirements for the nation’s future. The world today is experiencing a rapid development in science and technologies and there are opportunities for economic growth for developing nations like Myanmar.

However, some big nations and their lackeys are making all kinds of hindrances to economic development of Myanmar and destructive elements within and without the nation are committing various acts of sabotage.

At such a time like this, it is necessary to turn out highly-qualified human resources and national forces that can do more for perennial existence and sustainable development of the nation. Therefore, we would like to call on faculty members of universities and colleges to cultivate the new-generation youths properly.

Monsoon tree planting ceremony held in Magway Division

YANGON, 5 July—Hailing Myanmar Women’s Day, monsoon tree planting ceremony was held in the compound of Magway Institute of Medicine on 2 July.

Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Committee Col Phone Maw Shwe, departmental staff, members of Union Solidarity and Development Association, members of the Women Affairs Organization, members of the Maternal and Child Welfare Association and auxiliary fire brigades and Red Cross Society planted altogether 3000 saplings of various kinds.

A similar ceremony was held in Shwetantit village, Pakokku township in Magway Division. Altogether 2,000 saplings were planted. — MNA

People’s Desire

* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Advice given to USDA Myanmar youths delegation bound for Japan

YANGON, 5 July — General Secretary of USDA Maj-Gen Htay Oo delivered a speech in meeting with USDA Myanmar youths delegation who are scheduled to attend the international youths development exchange programme, organized by Japanese Government Office to be held in Japan, at the meeting hall of USDA Headquarter on University Avenue this afternoon and delivered an address on the occasion.

Laotian Dy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister arrives

YANGON, 5 July — At the invitation of Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win of the Union of Myanmar, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lao People’s Democratic Republic Mr Somsavat Lengsavad arrived in Yangon by air this morning.

The visiting Laotian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Somsavat Lengsavad was welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Laotian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chanthy Bodosane and responsible officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Laos Embassy in Yangon. Laotian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs was accompanied by Director General of ASEAN-Laos Mr Sayakane Souravong and Secretary to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Detsada Soukhaseum. — MNA

Prizes for ASEAN Radio Quiz presented

YANGON, 5 July — Enthusiasts took part in ASEAN Radio Quiz of Radio Myanmar, held at the MRTV in June 2005. Of them, Daw Aye Aye Myint of Mayangon Township stood first, U Than Win of Mon State second, Maung Sai Min Htwe of Kawhmu Township third and Ma Ei Ei Phyo of South Okkalapa Township consolation prize.

The Radio Myanmar broadcasts facts on ASEAN countries at 9.45 am on every Saturday morning. The Quiz for July will be held at 10 am on 2 August. Those wishing to participate in it are to register at the MRTV.

Those interested may take part in it, regardless of qualification and age. Handsome prizes will be presented and transport charge of the candidates provided. — MNA

Don’t smoke
Hu says energy cooperation important for China, Kazakhstan

BEIJING, 4 July—Chinese President Hu Jintao said that energy cooperation between China and Kazakhstan is strategically important for the two countries to achieve common prosperity.

Hu said in a recent written interview here with Kazakhstan News Agency prior to his visit to Kazakhstan that the energy cooperation is an important component of the friendly cooperation between the two countries.

He said that China-Kazakhstan relations have scored all-round development since the two countries forged diplomatic ties, with high-level visits frequent and political mutual trust increasing day by day.

Remarkable achievements have been made in bilateral cooperation in such fields as economy, trade, public transportation, energy and security, Hu added. The two countries have always supported each other on issues concerning the national sovereignty and territorial integrity and scored effective cooperation in multinational occasions of the United Nations, Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), and the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia (CICA), Hu said, noting that the two countries have made contributions to the maintenance of regional stability and common prosperity.

"China is very pleased to note fruitful results made in the development of bilateral relations," Hu said.

Bangladesh’s forex reserves stand at $3b

DRAKA, 4 July—The gross foreign exchange reserve with the Bangladesh Bank stood at above three billion US dollars at the end of the current fiscal year mainly due to the central bank’s tight monetary stance to rein in the ballooning trade deficit.

Bangladesh Bank started to tighten its grip on foreign currency early this year as import surge surpassed export growth. The New Age reported Sunday.

The opening position of the gross foreign exchange reserve, as on 30 June, 2005, was 3016.88 million dollars, which was up from a year earlier but fell below the target fixed in the mid-term macro-economic framework in the poverty reduction strategy paper. —MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam’s GDP reaches new high

HANOI, 4 July—Vietnam’s gross domestic product (GDP) in the first half of this year was up 7.63 per cent year-on-year, Vietnam News Agency quoted local General Statistics Office as saying Saturday.

During the period, the agricultural sector recorded a 5-per cent year-on-year increase, while industrial production value went up 15.6 per cent. About 323 foreign direct investment (FDI) projects were newly licensed with a total capital of 1.87 billion US dollars. The capital averaged at nearly 5.8 million US dollars, doubling the figure of the last year’s corresponding period.

The six-month export turnover reached 14.44 billion US dollars, up from 2.05 billion US dollars in the same period last year. —MNA/Xinhua

1,744 US soldiers killed in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 4 July—As of Monday, 4 July, 2005, at least 1,744 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,343 died as a result of hostile action. The figures include five military civilians.

The AP count is four higher than the Defense Department’s tally, last updated at 10 am EDT Friday. The British military has reported 89 deaths: Italy, 25; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Kazakhstan and Latvia one death each.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,605 US military members have died, according to AP’s count. That includes at least 1,234 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military’s numbers. —INTERNET

Pertamina, Exxon negotiation must benefit both sides

JAKARTA, 4 July—Indonesian Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Purnomo Yusgiantoro has expressed the hope that further negotiations about the contract of Cepu Block in Central Java Province between state oil and gas firm Pertamina and US oil company ExxonMobil would soon reach a mutually beneficial agreement. "After the two sides reached an in-principle agreement on the extension of the Cepu Block contract, fresh negotiations are currently underway between Pertamina as owner of the practically untapped oil field and Exxonmobil about follow-up matters of the deal," Yusgiantoro was quoted by state-owned Antara news agency as saying here on Saturday.

Yusgiantoro said that if an agreement has been reached, the next step would be determining the various concessions in accordance with situation of each of the relevant administrative regions. Further talks would also be held on a split (production sharing) which the East Java and Central Java provinces would receive.

"The Cepu Block’s oil reserves account for about 20 per cent of Indonesia’s total oil and gas output. It is apparently for this reason the past and ongoing negotiations had been very tough," he said in Surabaya, the capital of East Java Province, Friday. Over last weekend, spokesman for the Cepu Block negotiating team Rizal Mallarangeng said that the Indonesian Government and ExxonMobil have reached an in-principle agreement so that the only thing left to be discussed in the extension of the contract are only procedural matters. — MNA/Xinhua

Koizumi tops income list of Japan’s party leaders

TOKYO, 4 July—Japanese Prime Minister and leader of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party Junichiro Koizumi earned 38.17 million yen (343,000 US dollars) in 2004, the richest among leaders of Japan’s political parties, according to a Parliament annual report issued on Monday.

The Premier’s income was 1.65 million yen (14.000 dollars) lower than the year before. Koizumi’s office said the decline was attributable to his reduced number of TV appearances that come with miscellaneous income compared with the previous year, when he was in high demand because of the LDP presidential election. Kyodo News reported.

Mizuho Fukushima, leader of the Social Democratic Party, came in second with 23.85 million yen (214,000 dollars). Katsuya Okada, president of the Democratic Party of Japan, was the third with 22.35 million yen (201,000 dollars).

The average annual income of Japan’s Parliament members dropped to a record-low 23.59 million yen (212,000 dollars) last year, declining for the third year running, the annual report said.

Against the backdrop of the decline few lawmakers appeared to have gained gains on land and other assets as well as a cut in bonuses from state coffers due to sluggish economy.

Yet, the lawmakers with income of more than 100 million yen (900,000 dollars) doubled to six from the previous year. —MNA/Xinhua

China children examine models of Chinese trains on display at the Modern Railways 2005 exhibition in Beijing, China, on 5 July, 2005. —INTERNET
The students of the college should strive to become good citizens understanding the government’s goodwill towards the national people and working for the good of the own regions while placing in the fore Our Three Main National Causes.

The government has spent K 69,827.75 million and over US $ 550 million in the task to develop the border areas including K 3,930.07 million for education sector of the border regions. In the past there were only a few schools in the border areas. Now the areas have 852 primary schools, 90 middle schools and 92 high schools. The Education and Training Department was formed under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs on 30 June 1999. Now there are 27 youth training schools and 21 women’s domestic training schools in the areas. A total of 1,908 boys and 341 girls are attending classes at the youth training schools, Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree Colleges were opened in Yangon on 15 June 2000 and in Mandalay in 12 July the same year for students of youth training schools who pass the 10th grade to pursue higher education. Producing of an adequate number of intellectuals and intelligentsia is important in building a modern and developed nation. The six aims of the two colleges are: to nurture nationalities youths to become equip with strong Union Spirit, and to enable them to enhance unity and amity among them, while pursuing education; to educate nationality youths to have firm belief in and safeguard Our Three Main National Causes — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, and perpetuation of sovereignty; to understand and preserve the traditions and culture and customs of the national races; to invigorate their will to work for developing the border areas and raising the living standard of the locals; to activate their will to energetically take part in the drive to modernize and develop the nation; and to actively play their respective roles in the task of developing their own regions when they have completed their studies.

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Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Minister for PBANRDA Col Thein Nyunt formally opened the hall. The Secretary-1 and party visited students learning lessons at e-education learning centre, audio visual language lab, and computer application room. At the assembly hall, they heard a report on salient points of the college presented by Principal U Myint Swe.

Located in the 31.516-acre college campus are one three-storey main hall, three three-storey hostels, one dining hall, and residences and halls for faculty members, one six-unit staff quarters, and one football field. Two three-storey hostels one for teachers and another for students and residences for vice-principal and department heads are under construction at present.

The college is conducting arts and science degree courses, civil, mechanical, electrical and electronic engineering diploma courses. 160 students are attending the masters degree courses. The college has produced 58 arts degree holders, 59 science degree holders and 83 engineering diploma holders.

YANGON, 5 July—The Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Division, launched its Special Refresher Course No 4 for Faculty Members at Yadana Hall of No 4 for Faculty Members at Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Minister Col Thein Nyunt formally open the main building of the Nationality Youths Resource Development Degree College (Yangon).

Government has placed emphasis on mass production of human resources in each and every sector. Special Refresher Course No 4 for Faculty Members opened

The minister in his speech said that today the world has been developing and advancing at speed and knowledge is on the forefront. So, the government has placed emphasis on mass production of human resources in each and every sector who are capable of raising the nation’s education standard and creating a promising future of the nation and the people.

Under the national education promotion plans, the government is implementing education promotion projects and work programmes to create more opportunities for youths to pursue education, to sharpen their educational skills, to enable them to learn their studies through information technologies and to choose the subjects they wish in accord with the advancements in the world. Now, the drive has yielded a lot of fruitful results.

As to the increase in the number of universities and colleges, there were only 32 universities in 1988, and now the number has surged to 156.

In the past, the educational institutions prescribed subjects on arts and science, technology, medicine and forestry only. Now, many universities and colleges have emerged in the new fields of computer, maritime, aerospace engineering, culture, and cooperatives.

For example, with regard to medical institutions, now there have emerged five medical institutes, two dental institutes, two institutes of nursing, two institutes of paramedical sciences, one institute of nursing and paramedical sciences, two institutes of pharmacy, and one university of community health.

And under the Ministry of Science and Technology are four technological universities, two universities of computer studies, one aerospace engineering university, 26 government technological colleges, 24 government computer colleges and 11 government technical institutes.

Simultaneously, in order to promote the higher education standard, the government has installed modern learning and teaching aids, IT-related computers and electronics and networks on IT, and founded international level workshops, laboratories, libraries, e-libraries, and modern research departments in universities and colleges.

It is also helping prescribe new subjects by combining new studies and branches through cross-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary method to meet international level in science and technology, thereby increasing learning opportunities for students.

Previously, under the Ministry of Education were 79 under-graduate courses, diploma courses, honour courses, and master degrees courses, and now there are 192 courses, honour courses, post-graduate diploma courses, master courses, master degrees...
Government has placed emphasis...

(from page 5) courses (theses) including 24 masters degrees courses (thesis), and 21 doctorate courses, accounting for 113 courses.

In addition, respective departments for development of human resources have opened 173 certificates courses, under-graduate courses, post-graduate courses, and masters degrees courses. Therefore, the number of universities and colleges under the Ministry of Education has reached 365.

The universities and colleges under the Ministry of Science and Technology have launched four doctorate degrees courses, 15 master degrees courses, and BE (Aerospace) degree course besides regular under-graduate courses, honour degrees courses, and post-graduate courses.

So far, the universities under the Ministry of Health have launched international level post-graduate medical courses — 29 master degrees courses on medicines, 28 post-graduate diploma courses, 30 doctorate degrees courses on practical medicine, and seven doctorate degrees courses on basic practical medicine.

As a result, success has been achieved in the higher education sector in creating learning opportunities, raising the education standard, and launching more courses in accordance with the national education promotion goals.

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Minister U Than Aung greets trainees — MNA

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that since time immemorial, national races have been living in Kachin State through thick and thin. Agriculture area in Kachin State increases from over 440,000 acres to 580,000 acres and production of meat and fish also increases up to three times.

Three medium hydel power stations have been built and two heavy hydel power stations are under construction. The number of basic education schools reached 137 while the number of teachers doubled. Now, there are 280,000 students in Kachin State. There was only one degree college in the past. However, one university, two degree colleges and two science and technological colleges have been opened in the state. Now, 350-mile long Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina Road and 417-mile long Union Highway linking Mandalay and Myitkyina have been built. Bala Min Hun Bridge which is 2,688 ft long across Ayeyawady River, above 180-foot long 15 bridges and under 180-foot long 226 bridges have been inaugurated. The number of hospitals in the state increases from 35 to 44.

All-round development including health, education and trade sector in Kachin State are invaluable for the State. Now, we enjoy the fruits of community peace and tranquility and development. Kachin State Women Affairs Organization organized the training courses for women in cooperation with social organizations. A total of 42 consolation camps were set up in the state. As part of the efforts to prevent human trafficking, Kachin State WAO held seminars on prevention of human trafficking 64 times. Websites stated that Guy Horton, a friend of Michael Aris, late husband of Daw Suu Kyi, was planning to compile and publish a book "Dying Alive: A legal Assessment of Human rights Violations in Burma. It is known that Horton had illegally sneaked into Myanmar territory for many times during the past five years, and is always making slanderous accounts on and accusations against Myanmar concerning sexual violence against women, human rights violations, forced recruitment etc. She urged Myanmar women not to believe these accusations. In conclusion, she pledged to fight those who interfere in the internal affairs of the State.

Member of Kachin State Women Affairs Organization Daw Yu Yu Kyi said there are better infrastructures on political, economic and social sectors due to the endeavors to ensure peace and stability and prevalence of law and order under the leadership of the government and we are now enjoying better opportunities. The government is participating in activities and programmes of the UN, ASEAN, BIMST-EC and GMS while practicing the five principles of peaceful co-existence in international relations. However, ILO, an international organization, is putting pressure on Myanmar. There was no accusation and pressure on Myanmar until 1988.

She said the government hand in hand with the people and the Tatmadaw has been carrying out the nation-building tasks day and night. She said Myanmar people are helpful to others and generous. They participate...
Senior General Than Shwe welcomes back...

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Division PDC Commander of Yangon Command, Ministers, Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Jinjun and embassy staff, heads of department and officials.

Together with the Prime Minister, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Director-General U Soe Tint, Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Director-General U Thaung Tun of the Political Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and departmental heads also arrived back on the same flight.

Prime Minister General Soe Win arrives in Kunming of PRC to attend 2nd Greater Mekong Subregion Summit

Yangon, 5 July — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win arrived by special flight at Kunming International Airport, the People’s Republic of China, at 4.20 pm on 3 July to attend the 2nd Greater Mekong Subregion Summit held in Kunming, Yunnan Province.

The Prime Minister was accompanied by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut, SPDC Office Director-General Lt-Col Pe Nyein, and departmental heads.

The Prime Minister and delegation members were welcomed by Mr Liu Sing, Vice-Governor of the People’s Government of Yunnan Province, provincial department heads, Myanmar Ambassador to the PRC U Thein Lwin, Acting Consul-General U Hauk Do Swan of Myanmar Consulate General and staff and their families.

A boy of the Consulate General presented a bouquet to the Prime Minister. Later, Prime Minister General Soe Win and party proceeded to Expo Garden Hotel in Kunming by car.

Prime Minister General Soe Win attends dinner to mark 2nd Greater Mekong Subregion Summit

Yangon, 5 July — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win attended a dinner hosted by Premier Mr Wen Jiabao of the State Council of the People’s Republic of China in honour of the 2nd Greater Mekong Subregion Summit at Yunnan Expo Ji Xin Banquet Dancing Hall at 6.30 pm yesterday.

The dinner was also attended by Premier Mr Wen Jiabao of the State Council of the People’s Republic of China, Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister Mr Bounnhang Vorachith of Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Thai Prime Minister Dr Thaksin Shinawatra, Prime Minister Phan Van Khai of Vietnam, President of Asian Development Bank Mr Haruhiko Kuroda, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thein Lwin, SPDC Office Director-General Lt-Col Pe Nyein, and departmental heads, ministers, deputy ministers and high-ranking officials of the PRC, Cambodia, LPDR, Thailand and Vietnam and specially invited guests.

Before and during the dinner, an orchestra played songs and after the dinner, the guests were entertained with a variety of dances.
General Soe Win thanks PRC for always supporting Myanmar whenever there arises a matter directly concerns Myanmar’s interest  

Mr Wen urges large Chinese companies, services to invest, set up joint ventures in Myanmar

Prime Minister General Soe Win holds talks with his counterpart Mr Wen Jiabao of the People’s Republic of China. — MNA

Yangon, 5 July — Prime Minister General Soe Win held talks with his counterpart Mr Wen Jiabao of the People’s Republic of China yesterday at Zhen Zhuang Guest House in Kunming, PRC.

General Soe Win thanked his Chinese counterpart Mr Wen Jiabao of the People’s Republic of China for her assistance to build ratified. Myanmar is among the first nations that acknowledged the People’s Republic of China since its proclamation. The valuable supports provided to China have cooperated with Myanmar in wiping out the border narcotic drug problem.

China will provide assistance for International Convention Centre project, Taikkyi Fertilizer project, and Paunglaung Hydel Power project phase 2. She will also provide deep-well rigs and related equipment to Myanmar and will continue to render cooperation for implementing hydel power projects in Myanmar.

China supports the proposal to upgrade border trade into formal trade. Both countries will have to implement the matter stage by stage. (See page 11)

The Sino-Myanmar fraternal relations are flourishing and strengthening more and more with the passing of times thanks to the successive leaders of the both nations who, with farsightedness, have established the bilateral relations based on the five principles of peaceful co-existence. 

Prime Minister General Soe Win said that the time is ripe to provide financial assistance to Paunglaung Hydel Power Project phase 2 and Taikkyi No 4 Fertilizer Plant, deep-well rigs and related equipment, and a loan of 200 million yuan as already agreed by Myanmar and China, and to upgrade the border trade to formal trade. Concerning the international sector, he explained Myanmar’s view on the UN reforms, inviting his counterpart to visit China at appropriate time.

Mr Wen said that this years is the 55th anniversary of the establishment of Sino-Myanmar relations. The Sino-Myanmar relations are developing based on the five principles of peaceful co-existence both nations have.
GMS Programme plays a vital role in promoting closer cooperation among the six countries that share Mekong River — Cambodia, China, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam

* Significant progress has also been made in establishing a telecommunications network for the subregion.
* The MoU to establish working mechanisms for the cooperation in the construction of the GMS Information Superhighway Network (ISN) was signed last December.
* An MoU on Planning and Construction of the GMS Information Superhighway Network will be signed tomorrow.
* It will lead to a cost-effective fiber optic cable system linking the GMS countries.

YANGON, 5 July — Prime Minister General Soe Win attended the Dialogue Session, Forum on Business Participation in the GMS, and GMS Leaders and Business Community Programme-2nd GMS Summit at Golden Grand Ballroom of Green Lake Hotel in Kunming, the People’s Republic of China on 4 July and discussed issue on infrastructure improvement.

Present were Premier of State Council of the PRC Mr Wen Jiabao, Prime Minister of Cambodia Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Lao people’s Democratic Republic Mr Bou phanh Voracith, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win, Prime Minister of Thailand Mr Thaksin Shinawatra, Prime Minister of Vietnam Mr Phan Van Khai, President of Asia Development Bank Mr Haruhiko Kuroda, the ministers from the PRC, Cambodia, LpDR, the Union of Myanmar, Thailand and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the deputy ministers, senior officials, the ministers from China in economic cooperation with countries in GMS, Governor of Guangxi Autonomous Region Mr Lu Bin, Secretary of Yunnan Committee of Communist Party of China Mr Bai Enpei, Governor of Yunnan Province Mr Xu Rongkai, Deputy Governor Mr Lu Pin and representatives of private businesses in the nations in Greater Mekong Subregion.

Premier of China Mr Wen Jiabao delivered an address. Delegates from business communities in private sector, Heads of States from China, Cambodia, LpDR, Thailand and SRV took part in the discussions. In his discussions, Prime Minister General Soe Win said: Thank you for giving me the floor. I would like to comment on the issue on infrastructure improvement. But since this is the first time that I am taking the floor at this Forum, allow me to begin by expressing my deep appreciation to our host for the warm welcome extended to us. The excellent environment in which we are meeting augurs well the success of this important gathering. I would also like to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation to the Distinguished Representative of the Chamber of Commerce of Cambodia (See page 11)

GMS countries can gain major benefits by cooperating in the development and use of the subregion’s natural resources. Subregional cooperation in energy development and supply will reduce the cost of electricity and assure a more stable supply. The Intergovernmental Agreement on Regional Power Trade was signed during the First GMS Summit in 2002. The MoU on the Guidelines for the Implementation of the Regional Power Trade Operating Agreement — Stage 1, to be signed at this Summit, will contribute to the establishment of regional power trading agreements among our countries.
The GMS Programme plays a vital role in promoting closer cooperation among the six countries that share the Mekong River—Cambodia, China, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam.

The programme, which initially focused on development of basic infrastructure has been broadened and deepened to include social sectors such as human resources, the environment, investment and trade and transport-related issues. But the fact remains that infrastructure development is key to economic growth. It is therefore appropriate that investment in transport infrastructure has been complemented by improvement of the regulatory framework for facilitating cross-border movement. A framework agreement—the GMS Cross-Border Transport Agreement—will simplify customs procedures and facilitate cross-border movement, minimize the need for transhipment and develop human resources by signed the GMS six countries. The GMS Information Superhighway Network (IISN) will be signed tomorrow. It will lead to a cost-effective fibre optic cable system linking the GMS countries. Other major infrastructure development programmes are to be undertaken include development of the Mekong River tourism development and road transport. GMS countries may gain major benefits by cooperating in the development and use of the subregion’s natural resources. The GMS countries can gain major benefits by cooperating in the development and use of the subregion’s natural resources.

General Soe Win thanks PRC... (from page 9) Also present on the occasion were Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Myanmar Ambassador to China, and Heads of Department.

The development of infrastructure and human resources and the protection of environment provide opportunities for private sector investments and trade in our subregion. While governments can provide the incentives for business and investments to flourish in the subregion, it is the private sector that must give substance to development by creating wealth out of our region’s rich natural and human resources. We must join hands and work together to achieve our goals.

Minister U Soe Tha and Vice Minister Mr An Ming exchange signed documents. — MNA

A Myanmar boy presents a bouquet to Prime Minister General Soe Win. (News on page 8) — MNA

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Israeli Cabinet rejects call to delay Gaza pullout

JERUSALEM, 4 July —

The Israeli Cabinet on Sunday overruling a pressing a proposal by Agriculture Minister Yisrael Katz to delay a planned pullout from the Gaza Strip until November.

While seven ministers voted against the proposal, only three — Finance Minister Yisrael Katz to delay a planned pullout from the Gaza Strip until November.

Jordon’s Badran Cabinet makes first reshuffle

AMMAN, 4 July —

Jordon’s Government of Adnan Badran, formed three months ago, made its first reshuffle on Sunday.

King Abdullah II approved the Cabinet reshuffle and the newly appointed ministers took the constitutional oath before the king.

After the reshuffle, the Cabinet members now increased to 29 from 26, with 8 new faces.

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Kazakh President decides to run for next re-election

MOSCOW, 4 July —

Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev announced on Sunday that he will seek his third term by running in the presidential election.

“The date of the election will be determined and I will certainly run for office as the Constitution allows,” he said in an interview with a Russian state television.

Zimbabwe to introduce food safety system

HARARE, 3 July —

The Standard Association of Zimbabwe (SAZ) plans to introduce an International Standard certification, ISO 22000, on food safety management to complement the government’s efforts to restore agricultural growth and enhancing food safety.

Speaking at the ongoing Zimbabwe National Chamber of Commerce Congress, SAZ director-general, Maureen Mutasa, said the standard would be introduced in September this year.

“With the current efforts to restore agricultural productivity in Zimbabwe, this standard is poised to play an important role in enhancing the safety of food not only for export but also for local consumption,” she said.

The standard was applicable throughout the food chain and could work in the area but also for local consumers with criteria such as ISO 9001 systems such as ISO 9001.

Greek PM vows to fight human trafficking

ATHENS, 4 July —

Greek Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis will pay a historic official visit to Turkey, the first of its kind in 46 years as ties between the two countries are close personal friends.

Karamanlis was one of the first distinguished guests at the marriage of Erdogan’s daughter in Turkey in 2004.

The last Greek Prime Minister to visit Turkey was Karamanlis, who ended to continue fighting human trafficking.

The Philippines is determined to continue fighting against human trafficking in an effort to convict human traffickers to be removed from the list of countries that fail to curb such “curses of the poor and transgender evil”, President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo said on Saturday.

In a speech on the progress of fighting human trafficking, the President said her country is making headway in the area but admitted that much would still have to be done to solve the problem.

She said the “modest yet significant” accomplishments of the Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking should be cited, reiterating her call for more assistance from law enforcement and the Department of Justice to increase efforts to combat human traffickers.

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At least 5,500 Angolans get anti-retroviral treatment

LUANDA, 4 July — At least 5,500 HIV-positives registered in Angola are currently enjoying anti-retroviral treatment, a report of the World Health Organization (WHO) and Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) on the increase of this type of treatment in the country.

According to the document available here on Sunday, the number of people receiving combined anti-retroviral treatment against HIV/AIDS in Angola has risen significantly as well as the expansion of concerned medicines.

These data are contained in the latest report of the said institutions on the progresses and strategies in the granting of anti-retroviral drugs to three million people in developing country until 2005, as part of the fight against the pandemic. WHO and UNAIDS recognize that despite this increment, the access to the medicines is still insufficient to cover the rising needs, and that the goal set might not be attained by 2005.

The report states that the number of people receiving anti-retroviral drugs has increased in all regions of the world, as well as the pace of expansion of the said institutions on the increase of this type of treatment in the country.

WHO vows to be committed to UN’s anti-HIV target

KOBE(Japan), 4 July — The World Health Organization has vowed to be committed to the United Nations goal of giving anti-HIV therapy to three million patients around the world.

The two organizations said in a report issued in late June that overall progress under the initiative is “unlikely to be fast enough to reach the target”. As of end of June, an estimated 1.6 million people had received the treatment, falling short of the milestone of 1.6 million set in the strategy to that month.

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Tenant jailed for throwing bottles from balcony in HK

HONG KONG, 4 July — A public housing tenant has been sentenced to four months in jail after being caught red-handed throwing three glass bottles from his balcony, the Hong Kong housing department said on Sunday.

Together with penalty points allotted earlier for hygiene-related offences, the tenant was served with a notice-to-quit after accumulating more than 16 penalty points under the marking scheme for tenancy enforcement, and is pending an appeal hearing. This is the most serious case detected by a special team in the parking committee which guards the department set up 18 months ago on a trial basis. They have successfully tracked down 12 offenders throwing objects from heights.

The three-member team mounted a round-the-clock surveillance at strategic locations by building complexes using public housing estates to detect and gather evidence to nail down offenders for such reckless acts.

According to Lau Kai-hung, deputy director of housing for estate management, an exhibition on the experience and expertise of the former police officers in information gathering and prosecution procedures, the team will assist estate management staff in the follow-up work and investigation. — MNA/Xinhua

Two million fish fry put back into N China river

HARBin, 4 July — About two million fish fry have been thrown into the Songhua River in Harbin City of China’s northermost Heilongjiang Province Sunday morning, the biggest-ever release of fish fry into the river in the past 15 years.

According to sources from the department of fishery under the municipal agricultural committee, the current release of fish fry includes the varieties of common carp, crucian carp, grass carp, silver carp. The Songhua River was abundant in fish resources in the 1960s and 1970s with fish categories reaching up to 79. — MNA/Xinhua

Asian AIDS response at risk unless coordination improves

KOBE, 4 July — The response to AIDS in Asia will be in jeopardy unless everyone works more closely together to reverse the epidemic, according to an announcement issued Sunday by a symposium under the 7th International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (ICAAP).

The symposium — “Three Ones in Action”, attended by representatives from donor countries, civil society and the United Nations, is one of the major sideline events at the ongoing ICAAP conference in Kobe, western Japan.

A single national AIDS authority is one of the pillars of the “Three Ones in Action” principle, which calls for one national AIDS action framework, one national AIDS authority and one system for monitoring and evaluation in each country.

“Unless more coordinated and harmonized action is taken by all players — including governments, civil groups, the UN and donor communities — the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) on HIV will not be achieved in many Asian countries,” the announcement said. The MDGs were agreed at a global UN summit in 2000.

At present, lack of harmonization places the AIDS response at risk, the announcement said, calling for better coordination among Asian countries in the response to avoid duplication and improve AIDS prevention programmes at country level.

“Without well-coordinated efforts, governments’ commitments and national capacity, most of the resources we have raised for our countries might go unused,” said Hong Son Hout, chairman of Cambodia’s National AIDS Authority and chairman of the symposium.

“We have a considerable pool of local technical resources upon which to draw in this region. We cannot allow these to be wasted,” he added.

Total resources available for the Asia and Pacific Region for AIDS amounted to 681 million US dollars in 2003.

Live 8 concert challenges Canadian Govt to battle Africa’s poverty

OTTAWA, 4 July— Renowned musical stars challenged the Canadian government to do more in helping poor countries when the Canadian part of Live 8 concerts kicked off on Saturday morning in Barrie, Ontario, in the south.

The event, hosted by Canadian comedians Dan Aykroyd and Tom Green, featured a lineup of Canadian musical royalty, including singer Tom Cochrane.

Cochrane kicked off the show with “Life is a Highway”, a song he wrote following his first “heart-breaking” visit to Africa. He then told the massive crowd that he was “heartbroken” by the poverty in developing countries ahead of the trip to Africa on Sunday.

The event, which follows five other concerts in Japan, South Korea, France, Britain and the United States, is aimed at raising awareness of poverty in developing countries ahead of a July 6 summit in Gleneagles, Scotland, and in the run-up to the G-8 summit, which will be held in Scotland.

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Sunflowers cover a field near the Tuscan City of Siena on 1 July, 2005. Global climate change will bring hotter, drier summers to the Mediterranean and hit two of the region’s biggest earners, agriculture and tourism, according to a study released by environmental group World Wildlife Fund on Friday. — Internet

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**Inter Milan join race to sign striker Gilardino**

**Rome, 5 July**—Inter Milan are interested in signing Italian striker Alberto Gilardino from Parma, club owner Massimo Moratti said.

“We’re interested in Gilardino and expressed an interest in Gilardino, we’ve been talking (with Parma) for a while,” Moratti was quoted as saying in La Gazzetta dello Sport on Monday.

“To tell the truth, we don’t need to reinforce our attack, but we’re talking about a very talented player that Inter has a right to bid for.”

Inter are the latest big side to join the race to secure the services of the 22-year-old next season.

City rivals AC Milan have openly

Defender Samuel to join Inter Milan

**Madrid, 5 July**—Real Madrid defender Walter Samuel will move to Inter Milan on loan for next season, reports said on Monday.

The deal would also give Inter an option to make Samuel’s move permanent for 16 million euro (19.1 million US dollars), sports daily Marca said.

The Argentine international joined Madrid a year ago from AS Roma for a reported fee of 22 million euro (26.2 million US dollars), but his erratic form earned him criticism.

Madrid would be expected to replace Samuel with English defender Jonathan Woodgate, who missed his first season with the club with a left thigh injury.

Inter is also reportedly close to signing Madrid’s Argentine midfielder, Santiago Solari.

IOC chief clears London over stadium row

**Singapore, 5 July**—The International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Jacques Rogge has cleared London of breaching the bidding rules in the race for the 2012 Olympics.

London bid committee found themselves caught by controversy after two Olympic consultants connected to the committee criticized a stadium in Paris at a Press conference on Monday.

Their comments could not come at a worse time given that the IOC will cast their votes on the host city of the 2012 Games in just two days.

Under the IOC’s rules on bidding for the Olympics, the candidate cities are not allowed to criticize their rivals.

While the stadium row is shaping up, Rogge stepped in by saying that no cities, but also between the two heads of state, Blair said: “It should not be seen like that at all.”

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Blair dismisses square-off with Chirac over 2012 Olympic bid

**Singapore, 5 July**—British Prime Minister Tony Blair said on Monday that there is no face-off between him and French President Jacques Chirac although both will be here to drum up support for their capitals’ bids for the 2012 Olympics.

Blair and Chirac, who are already at odds on EU farm subsidies and the EU budget, have appeared to be engaged in another face-off as London is posing a strong challenge to top favourite Paris in the bid for the 2012 Games.

When asked if the bid is not only about a competition between the two cities, but also between the two heads of state, Blair said: “It should not be seen like that at all.”

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Chirac flies to Singapore to defend Paris Olympic bid

**Paris, 5 July**—French President Jacques Chirac left Paris on Monday evening to defend Paris’ candidacy to host the 2012 Olympic Games before the International Olympic Committee (IOC), Chirac’s office said.

The IOC will announce at 19:30 time of Singapore on Wednesday the host city of the Olympic Games among five candidates: London, Madrid, Moscow, New York and Paris.

Paris presented their bid first at 9:00 a.m. local time (0100 GMT) followed by New York (0230 GMT), Moscow (0400 GMT), London (0600 GMT) and Madrid (0800 GMT).

The French President will meet British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who is already in Singapore since Sunday.

Whatever the IOC’s decision, both of them will then fly to Gleneagles, Scotland for the opening of G-8 (Group of Eight most developed countries) summit on the same day. —MNA/Xinhua
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(from page 7) in construction of pagodas, monasteries, roads and bridges and regional development tasks with genuine goodwill. The entire people are disappointed to hear accusations on forced labour in Myanmar.

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She said the US imposed sanctions on Myanmar. As a result, 160 garment factories were closed down and over 80,000 people including women workers lost jobs. All the people now realize the incorrect acts on workers and political issues. Therefore Myanmar should not take part in ILO. Myanmar women cannot accept the one-sided acts of NCGUB, ABSDF and FTUB and attempts to cause trouble to Myanmar people. She demanded that those organizations will be declared as unlawful associations.

Leader of work group of Myanmar Women's Rights Organization Daw Nan Hla Hla Aye extended greetings. She said external and internal destructive elements and media accused Myanmar of violating human rights and failing to take cooperative measures on prevention and elimination of narcotic drugs and human trafficking.

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All Myanmar women denounce expatriate Sao Kham Hpa who tried to break away from the Union, bomb blasts in Yangon and Mandalay
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