Yunnan TV interviews General Soe Win

YANGON, 7 July — Yunnan TV of the People’s Republic of China on 4 July interviewed Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win at Expo Garden Hotel in Kunming, PRC.

In his reply to the question concerning the mutual beneficial cooperation between the two countries, he said that Myanmar and China have enjoyed close and friendly relations since historical times. The close kinship between the two neighbours is unique and special and has been characterized as “Paukphaw” relationship.

Myanmar was among the first countries to recognize the People’s Republic of China at its birth in 1949. Diplomatic relations between the two countries were established on 8 June 1950 and the relationship has grown from strength to strength.

The close relations nurtured by the leaders of the two countries are strong. They are based on the Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence which the two countries initiated over 50 years ago.

Myanmar and China as close friends and neighbours are supportive of each other. They stand by each other in international forums and work together for peace and stability in the region and the world.

China is a major trading partner of Myanmar. It also provides substantial economic assistance to Myanmar.

Myanmar will strive to ensure mutually beneficial cooperation grows in years ahead as China’s economy develops in leaps and bounds.

Myanmar will endeavour to fulfil her role in facilitating free flow of goods and peoples between China and fast developing countries in South and Southeast Asia.

Yunnan TV of the People’s Republic of China interviews Prime Minister General Soe Win.—MNA

Prime Minister General Soe Win and party visit Stone Hall of World Horti Expo Garden in Kunming, Yunnan Province. —MNA

Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.
PERSPECTIVES
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Promote human and institutional capacity for social infrastructure development

Prime Minister General Soe Win of the Union of Myanmar, together with his counterparts from the People’s Republic of China, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam, attended the second GMS Summit held on 4 and 5 July in Kunming, Yunnan Province, the People’s Republic of China. Also present at the summit were ministers, deputy ministers and senior officials from respective countries.

At the summit, Heads of State and Government of GMS discussed common principle governing GMS cooperation, infrastructure for development, improving the trade and investment environment and resource mobilization and deepening partnership.

At the discussions, Prime Minister General Soe Win said, “As social environment infrastructure development is essential for realizing our vision of common prosperity, we must continue to strengthen those areas and join hands to create the enabling environment to achieve this end.”

The Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) possesses vast natural resources and offers immense opportunities for economic development. It is therefore appropriate that the GMS programme was initiated in 1992 with the objective of promoting economic and social development among the six countries — Cambodia, the People’s Republic of China, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam — by strengthening economic linkages.

We must forge ahead towards sustainable development and overcome the challenges posed by poverty and development gap. To overcome those challenges, greater effort will be needed in promoting human and institutional capacity for social infrastructure development.

At the end of the summit, respective ministers and senior officials from the six GMS nations inked the four agreements of a framework agreement — the GMS Cross-Border Transport Agreement, MoU on Control and Prevention of Infectious Diseases in GMS, Agreement on Regional Power and Trade and MoU on Cooperation, Rules and Guidelines.

We believe that the Second GMS Summit will surely enable the nations in the Greater Mekong Subregion to promote human and institutional capacity for social infrastructure development through mutual trust and cooperation.

Meeting on Performing Arts Competitions held

YANGON, 7 July — The first coordination meeting of the Leading Committee for Organizing the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions took place at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street in Dagon Township this afternoon, with an address by Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman of the Leading Committee 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, leading committee members, chairmen of the working committee and subcommittees, and others.

Maj-Gen Myint Swe, in his address, said that including this year, the competitions have been held for 13 times since 1993. It would take place on a grand scale this year. To promote and propagate Myanmar traditional culture as well as Union Spirit and National solidarity, the competitions are held every year. The committee members were to make suggestions for successfully holding the competitions, he added.

Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung explained progress of the tasks being undertaken. The chairmen of the committees and the officials discussed a wide range of topics.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the commander. — MNA

Ministers tour Kachin State, Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions

YANGON, 7 July — Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung met officials of the Myanmar Timber Enterprise and the Forest Department at Kachin State Forest Department in Myitkyina on 4 July. The minister instructed them to make endeavours to achieve success in the designated tasks, carry out tasks during the monsoon and root illegal timber extraction out.

He also met the staff of Shwegu Township Forest Department on 6 July.

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung and Minister for Communications, Posts and Telecommunications Brig-Gen Thein Zaw arrived at the briefing hall of the 500-acre special teak plantation of Htigyaing Township Forest Department at milepost No 77 on Mandalay-

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Myanmar Gazette

YANGON, 7 July — The State Peace and Development Council has appointed Deputy Principal U Maung Maung of Myingyan Degree College of the Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) under the Ministry of Education as Principal of the same college on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties. — MNA

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe delivers an address at the first coordination meeting of Leading Committee for Organizing the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. — MNA

Bhamo-Myitkyina Road. Director U Ye Tint and Staff Officer U Yi Htwe reported on establishment and conservation of forest plantations, growing of forest plantations on either side of the road and special teak plantations. The Ministers planted teak saplings at the plantation and viewed thriving plantations.

At Yayin Nursery in Thabeikkyin Township, they heard reports on functions of the township FD by Staff Officer U Myint Lwin. In addition, they viewed the nursery in Okkan Village and the post office in Madaya Township. — MNA

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China signs bilateral aviation agreements with 22 EU nations

BEIJING, 5 July—China has so far signed bilateral aviation agreements with 22 European Union member nations, according to the source from the General Administration of Civil Aviation of China (CAAC).

China has established good cooperation with European nations, since the first Sino-French aviation agreement in 1966. Up to date, there are 226 passenger flights and 60 cargo flights between ten Chinese cities and 15 European cities of 13 EU member nations.

In terms of technological cooperation, Chinese airline companies have ordered or leased 316 Airbus aircraft by the end of May. From 1999, both China and EU jointly held technological development project, involving flight safety standard, production management, customer assistance and air traffic control. China and EU will further enhance aviation cooperation, in order to promote Sino-European economic and trade relations, said Gao Hongfeng, deputy director of CAAC. —Xinhua

US military drone crashes in northern Iraq

BAGHDAD, 5 July—A US military surveillance drone crashed in Iraq's northern city of Mosul on Tuesday, the US military said.

The unmanned plane downed on a factory in the commercial district of Duvasa in central Mosul, causing a minor fire before the US military forces reached the scene to remove the wreckage, the military said.

It said the crash, on a roll-on roll-off vessel carrying US cargo to be used in the reconstruction of Iraq, happened in the early hours of 30 June. The ship was on route to Umm Qasr when the incident happened.

"They fired shots and held the crew at gun point and stole cash and the crew's personal belongings," the IMB said.

No injuries were reported.

Armed robbers target US cargo ship near Iraq port

LONDON, 5 July—Thieves armed with guns have raided a US-flagged cargo ship close to Iraq's main port of Umm Qasr, the International Maritime Bureau (IMB) said on Tuesday.

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US-led coalition naval forces have stepped up patrols in and around Iraq's territorial waters after a string of high profile security scares. Piracy has raged two supertankers close to Basra's oil export terminals and a wheat-carrying ship anchored close to Umm Qasr was boarded by an armed gang.

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London bombs kill at least 37

LONDON, 7 July—At least 37 are dead and about 350 others injured after a series of four transport system, Scotland Yard said.

A Chinese woman looks at a model of the flagship of Zheng He at an exhibition of the 600th anniversary of Zheng's first voyage in Beijing, on 6 July, 2005. Zheng, a Chinese admiral, sailed around Southeast Asia and made it as far as Africa in the 15th Century. —Xinhua

Chinese Govt organs urged to make maximum effort to save resources

BEIJING, 5 July—The Government Offices Administration of Departments under the CPC (Communist Party of China) Central Committee and the Government Offices Administration of the State Council recently jointly issued a circular urging all governmental departments to take strict resource-saving measures.

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao wrote a note on the circular requiring governmental organs at all levels to pay intensive attention to resource-saving so as to be good models in building a resources-saving society. China has sensed the increasing strain on energy, minerals, water, land and other natural resources, which lay the foundation to guarantee sustainable economic and social development.

Government departments should voluntarily accept supervision from the public, Wen said.

In a recent speech on building a resources-saving society, Wen encouraged government officials to wear plain clothes instead of Western-style suits and neckties to attend internal meetings and other less important official activities, which is a measure to keep down energy consumption from air conditioning.

Power-wasting, such as in government buildings that keep lights on even in the daytime or throughout the night, should be prohibited, he said in the speech.

According to the circular, all government departments should keep their air conditioners' temperature down in the summer above 26 degrees Centigrade, and switch off air conditioners when no one is in the room. —Xinhua
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**YANGON, 7 July —**

Organized by Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation, a ceremony of Myanmar Women’s Day was held in Kengtung on 3rd July.

Present on the occasion were organizer of Shan State East Daw Khin Mya Chit, member panel of patron of Shan State (East) WAO Daw Nu Nu Yi, Chairperson of Shan State (East) WAO Daw Myint Myint Ohn, member Nwe and Secretary of Tachilik District WAO Daw Yin Yin Mya. Member of Kengtung Town-ship of Shan State (East) WAO Daw Nan Hwun Titi acted as master of ceremo-nies and Daw Nan San Hwan, co-master.

Chairperson of Shan State (East) WAO Daw Myint Myint Ohn delivered an address on the oc-casion.

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Chairperson of Shan State (East) WAO Daw Myint Myint Ohn delivering an address at the ceremony of Myanmar Women’s Day.

Chairperson of Shan State (East) WAO Daw Myint Myint Ohn presided over the meeting together with Patron of Kengtung District WAO Daw Cho Cho, Chairperson of Monghset District WAO Daw Nwe.

In her address she said Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation represents over 27 million of women in the country accounting for 50.3 percent of the country’s population. Membership applications of WAO amounted to 1.3 million. A total of 17 organizations of women affairs were formed across the nation. Myanmar women enjoyed equal share of opportuni-ties with the men in the course of Myanmar history. Moreover they side by side with the men participated in the interests of family, organiza-tion and the country. It was obviously seen that the women managed to carry out the tasks efficiently just like the men. They played a leading role in economic sector. For the time being, the women sector made progress in the fields of education, health, science and tech-nology and IT technology, sports, culture, social wel-fare and so on. MWAF will see development of

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Myanmar women condemn any acts to prolong insurgency in the state

Dr Daw Phyu Phyu Soe of Shan State (East) Women Affairs Organization said that she continued to say that there are baseless accusations and pressure put on Myanmar. International Labour Organization accused Myanmar of forced labour, recruitment of minors, armed conflicts. The US put pressure on Myanmar in human trafficking and alternate chairman in ASEAN 2006. As the US imposed trade sanction on Myanmar, garment factories in Myanmar were closed down and strength of workers was reduced. Therefore, their family members are facing financial hardships. Hence, MWAF absolutely opposes political pressure, unjust accusations and sanctions put on Myanmar. The consequences of economic sanctions are harmful to progress of living standard of Myanmar women. That is why the mass of Myanmar women will seek ways and means to solve these problems. Furthermore, MWAF opposes one-sided bullying behavior of big countries into small ones.

The entire Myanmar women denounce the acts of expartriate Sao Hkam Hpa and his accomplices who acts to destroy the nation as she does not love the nation. She has lived in foreign countries for over 30 years. She is under the influence of her foreign masters. As she is a minion of foreign masters, she has been trying to break up the national unity and cause a civil commotion in the nation. A group of traitors are urging foreign entrepreneurs to withdraw their investments from Myanmar. With the sole intention of grabbing power, they are urging foreign nations to impose economic sanctions on Myanmar and to prevent tourists from visiting the nation.

Since its assumption of the State power, the Tatmadaw government has pledged to build a discipline-flourishing democratic nation. It is now in the course of developing and modernizing the nation step by step to lay a foundation for emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic state.

The government has held the National Convention in 1993. The women ordered 86 delegates of her party to leave the Convention in 1995 to destroy the success the Convention had achieved then. Her intention was to hold a convention as they wished. At the convention, she and her party intended to set up a federal nation and new states that would cause disintegration of the Union.

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Sit’s drug bandit group formed alliance. Myanmar women condemn any acts to prolong insurgency in the state by applying media weapons. With the assistance of western blocs, ABASDF, NCUG and NLD (LA) are launching terrorist acts. Preventive measures were taken in some incidents, but innocent people and monks lost their lives and were wounded.

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Those who are relying on alien nations rather than on their motherland are misinforming foreigners who have no knowledge of Myanmar’s traditions, customs and culture. In consequence, certain western nations are putting one-sided pressure on the nation, causing adverse effects on the nation and the people. Besides, fugitive destructive elements under instigation of their masters are perpetrating terrorist and destructive acts more and more.

Some big nations are putting pressure and using ILO as a political forum to install a puppet government in Myanmar. She called on the entire women to make combined endeavours hand in hand with congenial organizations in the interests of the nation and the people.

Member of Division OWA Daw Yee Yee Cho said that in successive periods, Myanmar women have been handing down fine traditions to the fellow women. Thanks to the government’s unremitting efforts, the nation is enjoying fruitful results in all aspects.

Various nations, Myanmar women have fully enjoyed their rights. Myanmar has faced a lot of bitter experiences that are different more or less from other nations’. So it is totally impossible to directly copy other nations.

Some persons in collusion with internal and external destructive elements are committing destructive acts with the intention of seizing the State power. Among them is a person who is distorting world nations from providing assistance, visiting the nation and making investments in Myanmar but is asking international community to impose economic sanctions against the nation and to provide the nation with assistance only when she comes into power. Even though she was presented 77 international awards and US dollars, she has spent no money out of it on nation-building undertakings.

As a national duty, Myanmar is cooperating with her neighbours, ASEAN nations, regional nations and international community in its drive for elimination of narcotic drugs.

Due to economic sanctions against the nation, many young women have fallen victim to human traffickers. The US and its allies are making an unjust demand that ASEAN member nations must not give the alternate chairmanship if Myanmar does not lift restrictions on Daw Su Kyi, and if it fails to honour human rights.

To make the situation worse, ABSDF is constantly committing terrorist and destructive acts as it is not in a position to face the Tatmadaw. She called on the entire women to make constructive efforts, while adhering to announcements and directives adopted today by the MWAF.

Member of Ayeyawady Division OWA Daw Aye Aye Aung said that in Myanmar history, the entire Myanmar women participated in the every struggle for the nation with their high capabilities. Similarly, the entire women hand in hand with the people are to wage encroachment harming peace and stability, unity and sovereignty of the State.

Nowadays, the country has restored peace and stability and it speeds up development tasks. Therefore, all the people enjoy fruitful result of unprecedented developments. It is obvious that the persons without nationalist spirit who want to take power through the short cut way and rely on stances of foreign countries are applying various ways and means to disturb the development process of the nation.

They air fabricated news through foreign broadcasting units. Furthermore, some western big countries and their accomplices are imposing economic sanctions on the country and disintegrating national unity.

FTUB led by expatriate Pyi Thit Nyunt Wai (a) Maung Maung is committing destructive acts with instigation of some big countries and some international organizations. It was an act of some big countries that put pressure on the Government of Myanmar so as to install their puppet government.

Pyi Thit Nyunt Wai (a) Maung Maung, son of U Nyunt Wai of NLD, was a manager of Gems Salesroom of Myanmar Gems Enterprise. Action was taken against him for loss of jewellery in August 1999. He absconded as a fugitive to other country in 1989 and joined Da Nya Ta.

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NCGUB of expatriate Sein Win and other related groups are jeopardizing political, economic and social progress of the people including all the Myanmar women's

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It was known to all that expatriate Maung Maung was announced as a wanted fugitive on 15 August 1997 because he sent Myo Aung Thant and Khin Kyaw together with explosive applications to assassinate the State leaders and explode foreign embassies and other main points in Yangon in June 1997. He provided cash assistance to Shwe Mann (a) Zeyar Oo and Naing Kyi Zaw (a) Zaw Kyi out of nine culprits including terrorist Naing Yekkha seized with explosive equipment in July 2003. However, terrorist Maung Maung as representative of ICFTU complained against Myanmar concerning forced labour in 1991. The ILO formed the fact finding mission to look into the matter. In this regard, the Ministry of Home Affairs issued Order 1/99 prohibiting forced labour, if it really exist in the country. But the ILO made an unjust decision.

Due to misconduct of Pyithit Nyunt Wai (a) Maung Maung concerning the decision of ILO, 160 garment factories were closed down in 2003 and over 80,000 workers lost their jobs including over 70,000 women workers, and they together with the family members numbering over 400,000 are facing financial hardships. Entrepreneurs had to give a compensation of over K 1.2 billion and over 80,000 FECs to the workers who lost their jobs. So, investment of the entrepreneurs decreased in the country.

Myanmar girls open ceremony to mark Myanmar Women’s Day by signing the song at city hall in Pathein. — MNA
Myanmar welcomes foreign direct investment

Myanmar has a comprehensive and attractive foreign investment law that assures benefits for investors. We will continue to strive to ensure that more investment flow into the country. Land has been developed for a planned industrial zone at Thilawa port near Yangon. We are confident that Shanghai companies which have carried out a feasibility study earlier this year will set up their factories there and succeed.

Myanmar welcomes foreign direct investment. It has a comprehensive and attractive foreign investment law that assures benefits for investors. We will continue to strive to ensure that more investment flow into the country. Land has not yet been tapped. Mutually beneficial cooperation is proceeding well between China and Myanmar in a number of fields. Many are also in the pipeline. Transportation linkage is key to cooperation between the two countries. Only when the linkage is good and efficient can there be unimpeded flow of goods and peoples. For this reason, efforts are being made to improve the infrastructure. Increased cooperation in the transportation sector will lead to even closer cooperation in several sectors including trade.

Moreover, mutually beneficial cooperation between the two countries can be promoted by using advanced technology from China to develop the vast natural resources in Myanmar. Myanmar also has abundant arable land which would be exploited using advanced techniques from China for mutual benefit.

He welcomed the investments from China to proceed with mutually beneficial cooperation.

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Myanmar and China have extended…

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The Autonomous Region is included in the Greater Mekong Subregion nations cooperation programme, he said. He said he hoped to see increased cooperation in the volume of bilateral trade between Myanmar and the region.

Prime Minister General Soe Win said that he got the opportunity to attend the China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit held in Nanning last November. The beautiful region is gaining progress in all aspects. The region is home to various nationalities. The Prime Minister said, he has witnessed the region’s endeavours for progress and prosperity of all its nationalities. Myanmar also has many national races, and the government has been in the process of developing the infrastructures in all sectors for social development of all the national races. Myanmar and the People’s Republic of China are nations enjoying bilateral fraternal relations since yore. The two nations have extended bilateral trade based on friendly relations. The two countries at present are extending bilateral economic relations based on common interest in addition to cooperating in the international affairs. Myanmar will expand its cooperation with the Autonomous Region, the Prime Minister said.

Also present were Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Myanmar Ambassador U Thein Lwin, Director-General of State Peace and Development Council Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein and heads of department. The hosts attending the meeting included Vice-Governor of the Autonomous Region Mr Li Jinzao and senior officials.

YANGON, 7 July — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win arrived back here on 5 July afternoon after attending the 2nd Greater Mekong Subregion Summit held in Kunming, Yunnan Province, the People’s Republic of China. Deputy Governor of Yunnan Province Lu Bin and officials, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thien Lwin and embassy staff saw Prime Minister and party off at Kunming International Airport.

The ministers and Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein also arrived back on the same flight. During their stay in China, Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut on 4 July discussed electric power sector with Chairman of Sichuan Machinery and Equipment Import and Export Co Ltd Mr Yao Yuning at Expo Garden Hotel. General Manager of the Central China Power Grid (CCPG) Miss Xiong Hengxi called on Minister Maj-Gen Tin Htut in the afternoon. — MNA

Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut receives General Manager Miss Xiong Hengxi of Central China Power Grid (CCPG) in Kunming. — MNA

Prime Minister General Soe Win being seen off at Kunming International Airport by Vice-Governor of Yunnan Province Mr La Bin. — MNA

Prime Minister General Soe Win being seen off at Kunming International Airport by staff of Myanmar Consul-General. — MNA

Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut receives Chairman Mr Yao Yuning of Sichuan Machinery and Equipment Import & Export Co Ltd in Kunming. — MNA
Myanmar women...

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They tried to have Myanmar dismissed from the UN and the ILO. In collusion with neo-colonialists, they made attempts to bar Myanmar from entering the ASEAN. They are trying to divide the Tatmadaw and the people, and launching slanderous accusations against the nation. Thus, they should be put under control in the interest of the people. Myanmars have a saying which goes, “A woman can even destroy her own nation”. Men and women have the equal responsibility to build the nation and preserve and safeguard the cultural heritage. But women will have the equal responsibility to safeguard the interest of the nation and the people. Some global powers have a wrong view on Myanmar in three aspects: they are demanding Myanmar to copy the changing process of the western nations; giving priority to an individual rather than social changes; and viewing Myanmar from the pessimistic out look. 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India to oppose non-traiff barriers at G-8 summit

NEW DELHI, 6 July — India along with other G-5 developing countries will oppose attempts by the G-8 industrialized nations to erect non-tariff barriers in the garb of promoting clean energy and arresting climate change.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, who is leaving Wednesday for the G-8 summit in Gleneagles in Scotland, will articulate developing countries’ stand along with other G-5 members to Press for “common and differentiated reponse” to deal with climate change and sustainable development.

Singh, who will participate in the three-day summit from 6 July as a special invitee, will forcefully demand that the protection of intellectual property right (IPR) be relaxed for use of cleaner technology along the lines of the concessions given for dealing with HIV/AIDS menace. “We are working with five developing countries on some kind of action plan on the issue relating to climate change, energy and sustainable development”, Foreing Minister Shyam Sharan told reporters on the eve of the Prime Minister’s visit.

Apart from India, other members of G-5 are China, Brazil, South Africa and Mexico. All G-5 countries will meet ahead of their meeting with the G-8 leaders on 7 July.

G-8 industrialized nations comprise US, Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, and Italy and Russia.

Sharan warned that the developing countries cannot be penalized for the greenhouse gas emission which is due to the lopsided development policy being pursued for decades by the industrialized countries. — MNA/PTI

13 more polio cases found in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 6 July — The World Health Organization’s (WHO) branch in Indonesia said here Tuesday that 13 new cases of polio have been found in Indonesia, bringing the total cases of the crippling disease to 79.

The spokesperson of the organization country branch of Indonesia Sari Setiogi told Xinhua by telephone that the new cases were found in western Java Island.

“The thirteen cases were found in West Java Province and Banten, bringing the total cases to 79,” she said.

The Indonesian Government has been launching a fresh-massive anti-polio vaccination, targeting 6.4 million children in the Province of West Java, Banten and Jakarta.

The spokesperson said that the number of infected children in Indonesia could rise as there have been many samples of blood being tested originated from children who had never been vaccinated.

The outbreak of the crippling disease re-emerged in May in Indonesia that had been free from the disease since 1995. The first case was in West Java Province’s regency of Sukabumi, about 100 kilo-metres from Jakarta.

The virus of the disease in Indonesia is reported to be similar with those found in Yemen and Java Province’s regency of Sukabumi, about 100 kilo-metres from Jakarta.

China's booming textile industry lacks globally recognized brand names

JINAN, 6 July — "Made in China" as they were, very few garments rolled out by textile firms of the world’s most populous nation bear globally recognized brand names like Pierre Cardin and Chanel.

Despite its status as a leading textile producer, China is not recognized as a brand powerhouse in the world. China still lacks brand names of its own, both for garments and textile machinery.

That is why a shirt made in China and embedded with a foreign brand sells expensively on the world market, but only 20 per cent of the profit goes to the Chinese factory.

Chinese homemade textile machineries are rarely available even at domestic workshops, most of whom have imported high end production facilities from Germany, Japan and South Korea.

“We’ve bought Brother brand sewing machines from Japan,” said Li Jian, a quality control inspector at Leinuo Garments Co in east China's Jiangsu province.

Five Americans held by US military in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 7 July—The American military is holding five US citizens, apparently including a Los Angeles filmmaker, among more than 10,000 detainees in Iraq on suspicion of possible terrorist or other criminal activity, the Pentagon said on Wednesday.

All of the five are being held without charges or access to lawyers.

Three have dual Iraqi citizenship, one dual Iranian citizenship and a fifth man, arrested late last year in Iraq, dual Jordanian citizenship.

Of the four arrested this year, one was taken into custody in April, two in May and another in June.

Defence Department spokesman Bryan Whitman declined to identify the five. But the New York Times and Los Angeles Times on Wednesday identified one as Cyrus Kar, 44, an aspiring filmmaker from Los Angeles who was arrested in Iraq in May.

Kar's Los Angeles-based rela-
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The organizations said in a statement that debt repayment was not a priority for Zimbabwe which faces a deepening humanitarian crisis.

“We therefore call upon the government of Zimbabwe and other G-77 governments to stop all foreign debt repayments and instead utilize the resources they have in poverty reduction and developmental initiatives,” the organizations said.

It was immoral for the G-8 governments to Press for debt service repayments when research had shown that Zimbabwe’s human development indicators had dropped significantly and basic needs could not be met, with the result that the majority of the country’s citizens lived well below the poverty line.

The groups exhorted the G-8 governments to increase development finance and improve the quality of its aid to enable Zimbabwe to eradicate poverty and achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

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Around 40 per cent of Africa’s total exports are agricultural produce but the continent has suffered fierce competition from wealthy nations which spend about 150 billion dollars a year to subsidize their farms.

In addition, the AU called upon donor countries to fulfill their aid pledges and immediately and speed up the distribution of aid.

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CARICOM hopes to defend economic interests

HAVANA, 6 July — The countries of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) will strengthen their common foreign policy to pro
tect their economic interests in the international arena, Jamaican Prime Minster Percival James\n Patterson said on Tuesday in Castries, capital of Saint Lucia.

Patterson, who heads the ministerial sub-com
tee of CARICOM for External Economic Nego
tiations, made the announce
tment at the 26th summit of the regional forum in Castries.

“The most important thing is that we have to adopt a common foreign policy,” Patterson said when briefing the partici
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NASA satellite witnesses comet ultraviolet outburst

LOS ANGELES, 6 July—The collision between the Deep Impact probe and comet Tempel 1 Sunday night briefly lit the dim comet’s surface and exposed a section of ancient and virgin material from the comet’s interior for the first time, raising the comet’s ultraviolet level quickly and dramatically, said the researchers with NASA’s Swift Satellite programme on Tuesday.

More observations – surface material heated to 2,000 degrees by the impact – X-rays have not been detected yet but analysis will continue throughout the week.

“X-rays are expected to be emitted from newly-liberated sub-surface material lifted into the comet’s coma, which is then illuminated by the high-energy solar wind from the Sun. It takes about a day, however, for the material to reach the coma.”

“Some called it fire-works, but it really was more like ‘iceworks’,” said Keith Mason, who organized the Swift observations.

“Much of the comet is ice. It’s the other stuff deep inside we’re most interested in — pristine material from the formation of the solar system locked safely below the comet’s frozen surface. We don’t know exactly what we kicked up,” Mason said in a statement. The Swift satellite, launched by NASA on October 7, 2004, is designed to observe distant, natural explosions called gamma-ray bursts and create a map of X-ray sources in the universe, far more energetic “fire-works.”

Robosoccer may beat human champions around mid 21st Century

CHENGDU (Central China), 6 July—Robosoccer team may beat the human champions around mid 21st Century, a leading scientist with FIRA China said on Monday.

Speaking at the 6th National Robosoccer Tournament at Xihua University in Chengdu, Hong Bingrong, a professor at the Harbin Institute of Technology and president of the Federation of International Robosoccer Association China, said the ultimate goal for robosoccer teams is to play against their human counterparts and finally beat the human champions around mid 21st Century.

He also compared the feat to the triumphant IBM’s Deep Blue supercomputer against Russian chess grandmaster Garry Kasparov in 1997.

The more important goal for robosoccer, however, is the breakthrough in the process of making that dream come true, which might be exploited for the good of mankind, Hong said.

He also outlined a plan for China’s robosoccer to develop in three steps, beginning with the half-dependent and finally leading to the pseudo-human.

Hong was the first endorser of Ph.D. in computer science in the Chinese Mainland since late 1970s.

US prosecutor in leak case demands journalists be jailed

WASHINGTON, 6 July—A prosecutor on Tuesday urged a federal judge to put two journalists in jail, instead of home detention, for refusing to reveal their sources leaking the identity of a CIA agent.

Special Counsel, Time magazine had handed over Cooper’s notebooks in the investigation. An investigation has been going on for nearly two years over the disclosure of the identity of CIA officer Valerie Plame. Her name was first published in a July 14, 2003 column by Robert Novak, who cited two unidentified senior Bush Administration officials as his sources.

Subsequently, Cooper wrote a story on Plame, and Miller gathered material but never wrote an article. His unclear whether Novak has testified or been subpoenaed. US District Judge Thomas Hogan has found Cooper and Miller in contempt of court for refusing to divulge their sources.

He has scheduled a hearing on Wednesday to consider the sentence for the two journalists, who each could face up to 120 days in jail.

Disabled-friendly infrastructure stressed in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 6 July—Nepal Society of Disabled organized a one-day workshop here on Tuesday focusing on infrastructure concerning the “Special Needs People” in Nepal.

In Nepal more than 10 out of 100 people are estimated to be suffering from one or the other form of disability, which means nearly 2.4-2.7 million people in the country are disabled. “The United Nations Charter guarantees the disabled inherent rights to live full and active life with dignity, but the disabled in Nepal have not been able to utilize their fundamental rights as enshrined in the Constitution as they have not equal access to public services,” Govinda Adhikari, member of Nepali Disable Service National Coordination Committee, said at the workshop.

There are only a few laws and legislation to safeguard and promote the rights of the disabled in all aspects of life, and the basic needs of the disabled are consistently overlooked.

“The committee prompted a programme, the main objective of which is to build disabled-friendly infrastructure such as accessible pathways, roads with pavement and accessible toilets or latrines,” Adhikari noted. “The disabled should have solidarity with their movement, in the commitment for building disabled-friendly infrastructure.”

Prem P. Niraula, a disabled, said, “The programme realized the need for improved infrastructure facilities and barrier-free environment for the people with disabilities.”

Cross-Strait experts discuss agriculture cooperation

BEIJING, 6 July—Nearly 80 agriculture scientists and technologists from the Chinese Mainland and Taiwan convened here on Tuesday to discuss closer agricultural cooperation across the Taiwan Straits.

The Sixth Cross-Strait Young Scientists’ Academic Symposia, which is organized by the China Association for Science and Technology (CAST) and the Taibei-based Straits Academic and Cultural Exchange Association (SACEA), focuses on the multiple functions of agriculture and the current development of modern agriculture.

Xu Shanyan, vice CAST president, said at an inaugural to the three-day symposium that the Chinese Mainland and Taiwan have strong complementarity in agriculture.

Tropical fruits, flowers and vegetables, for which Taiwan is well known, could find new and thriving markets in the Mainland, Xu said.

Greek needs help tourism bureau to publicize Attica

ATHENS, 6 July—Greek Tourism Development Minister Dimitris Avramopoulos announced on Tuesday that the government was setting up a metropolitan tourism organization to help entice travellers to Athens and Attica.

The outlook was favourable for tourism in Athens but emphasis should be laid on improving the quality of the sector’s product, Avramopoulos told an annual assembly of the Union of Attica Hoteliers.

However, the state-owned Greek National Tourism Organization would work to publicize city breaks in Athens and elsewhere, he pledged.

The union’s president, George Tsakis, urged the government and the private sector to help redfine Attica’s image in order to promote an identity separate from other areas vying for tourists.

Cyprus, Syria to sign investment agreement

NICOSIA, 6 July—Cyprus and Syria have decided to further develop cooperation in trade and solar energy and will sign an investment agreement in October. Visiting Syrian Minister of Trade and Economy Amer Hosni Lufi and Cypriot Minister of Economy Makis Keravnos met here Tuesday and agreed to launch a high-level political dialogue between Syrian and Cypriot businessmen to explore ways of cooperation.

Keravnos said after the meeting that Syria is due to sign an agreement with the European Union and Cyprus would offer its help for closer cooperation in various fields.

Annan congratulates London’s victory in Olympic bid

UNITED NATIONS, 7 July — UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan has congratulated London on its victory in the Olympic bid, UN spokesman Stephane Dujarric said on Wednesday.

In a statement issued by the spokesman, Annan said he was delighted by the city’s success, and had no doubt that this will be a magnificent international sporting event.

“Good for the world, good for the United Kingdom,” Dujarric quoted the Secretary-General as saying.

“Obviously, others are disappointed today as this was a hotly contested decision,” Annan said. “And I am sorry for the other cities that did not make it this time around.” However, he stressed “the intensity and drama surrounding the choice is a good omen for friendly international competition on and off the sports field.” — MNA/Xinhua

Chirac hopes “good luck” to Britain for 2012 Olympics

PARIS, 7 July — French President Jacques Chirac on Wednesday wished “good luck” to the British after London won the right to host the 2012 Olympics, said a statement released by his office.

“Good for the world, good for the ¨our city will be yours in 2012” it said.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Jacques Rogge announced Wednesday in Singapore that London was elected hosting city, beating its arch-rival Paris in a dramatic finale.

Chirac who went defending Paris bid in Singapore, heard the news on the flight taking him to Gleneagles, Scotland, where the summit of the Group of Eight most industrialized countries is to be held on July 6-8. He had talks on board with Paris Mayor Bertrand Delanoe, according to Chirac’s office.

London will become the first city to stage the Olympics for a third time after holding them in 1908 and 1948, while Paris has now failed with three successive bids for the Games of 1992, 2008 and 2012.

Crowds in London’s Trafalgar Square celebrate as the announcement is made that London will host the 2012 Olympics. London, on 6 July, 2005. — INTERNET

London wins 2012 Olympics Games in down-to-the-wire vote

SINGAPORE, 7 July — London beat Paris by a slight margin to win the right to host the 2012 Olympic Games after the International Olympic Committee cast their votes here on Wednesday.

The race was so tight that it went down to the fourth and last round before London pulled off a 54-50 victory over Paris.

The other three candidate cities, including Moscow, New York and Madrid, were eliminated in the first three rounds successively.

The bid, featuring five world-class cities, had been billed as being the tightest race in the Olympic history.

Paris had been regarded as the favourites throughout the whole bidding process, but London launched a strong challenge to the front-runners before taking the top sporting prize.

It was a bitter blow for Paris who had bid for the Games for the third time in the last 20 years while London succeeded in its first attempt.

London’s final pitch to the 117th IOC Session seemed to have tipped the balance in favour of the British capital as the city’s bid committee made their case in a very emotional way.

During their presentation on Wednesday London has set themselves apart from the other candidate cities by focusing on the importance of getting more young people involved in the sports.

“I think a lot of members used their hearts instead of their brains to vote,” said IOC member Gerhard Heiberg.

“I was very much an emotional thing,” he referred to the emotional speech by the London bid committee.

British Sports chief Sue Campbell told Xinhua that London’s bid concept has made somewhat different.

“The thing we are most proud of is we were very focused on young people and children, and the future of the Olympic movement,” she said.

New York to push development of Olympic Sports

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(from page 10)
clothes produced by gar-
ment factories in Myanmar. Over 70,000
Myanmar women lost
their jobs. Therefore, I
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serving in the interests of
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ganization, to attend and speak at the ILO con-
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to put political pressure
on Myanmar. I would like
to urge the government to
leave the ILO.
Since 1996, Myanmar
has been carrying out the
human trafficking preven-
tion tasks in cooperation
with NGOs and INGOs.
In 2003, Myanmar and
Australia signed MoUs on
prevention of human traf-
ficking in Asia. Myanmar
hosted a ministerial level
meeting and six countries
inked Commit MoU at the
meeting.
A total of 377 human
traffickers were arrested
from 2002 to 2003 and
932 victims were saved.
In 2004, 440 human traf-
fickers were arrested.
However, some western
countries turned to a blind
eye to Myanmar's achieve-
ment in human trafficking prevention ac-
tivities. Under the pretext
of democracy, the US and
its allies are putting pres-
sure and placed economic
sanctions.
ABSDF and FTUB
organized by expatriates
committed destructive acts in Myanmar. ABSDF
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set up in border area in
November 1988 and or-
ganized terrorist attacks.
In December 1996, a time-
bomb set by members of
ABSDF - blasted in Kaba/Aye Maha Pasana Cave.
In the blast, five
people died and 17 were
injured.
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Maung Maung is also a
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misconduct in 1989, he
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should declare the FTUB
which disturb the devel-
oment of the State and
community peace and
tranquility as an unlawful
association, she said.
In conclusion, she
pledged that all Myanmar
women shall strive to
gether with the govern-
ment and the people till
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modern and developed
discipline-flourishing
democratic nation.

China continues search for missing Peking Man skulls

BEIJING, 7 July—“Mankind can give up many things, but there is one thing that we cannot ever abandon—that is our ancestors,” said Gao Xing, an expert of ancient vertebrates, with the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS).

“The secret of the missing Peking Man skulls and other relics remains a trans-century secret that embodies crea-
tion and destruction, and civilization and barbarism,” Gao said when talking about the resumption of the work to search for the Peking Man skulls and other relics which went missing during the World War II.

A special committee for searching for the missing relics, led by local gov-
ernment and consisting of non-governmental organizations, was established in Beijing’s Fangshan District, home to the Peking Man skulls, on Saturday.

Nie Yuzao, secretary of the Fangshan District Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC), and Qi Hong, acting director of the Fangshan District government, will take charge of the Work Committee for Searching for Missing Peking Man Skulls.

Experts and advisers for the committee include Wu Xinzi, an academician with the CAS and a

Paleoanthropologist, Zhou Guoxing, pro-
fessor of anthropology and prehistorical archaeology and Jia Yuzhong, son and former secretary of Jia Lampo, one of the
finders of the Peking Man skulls.

The first fossilized Peking Man skull was found by Chinese
Paleoanthropologist Pei Wenzhong at Zhoukoudian, 48 kilometres southwest to Beijing proper, on 2 December, 1929. It is dated as 400,000 to 500,000 years old. The skull fossil and other relics dis-
covered at the site, such as stone and fire
ashes, prove that Homo erectus was living in the slopes of the Zhoukoudian site. After Pei, Jia Lampo and others found another five intact fossilized skulls of the Peking Man in the 1930s. In 1941, at tempts were made to send the five skull-
caps and other precious fossils to the
United States when the Japanese troops occupied Beijing after the “July 7 Lugou Bridge Incident” in 1937 which marked the comprehensive invasion of Japan against China.—

WEATHER

Thursday, 7 July, 2005
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30
hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather
has been partly cloudy in Kayah State and lower
Sagaing Division, rain have been isolated in Man-
dalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan and
Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Bago and Yangon
Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas.
The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were
Kawthong (2.13) inches, Bago (2.01) inches, Myek
(1.46) inches, Shweygin (1.42) inches and Lashio
(1.38) inches.

Maximum temperature on 6-7-2005 was
88°F. Minimum temperature on 7-7-2005 was 68°F. Rela-
tive humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 7-7-2005 was
95%. Total sunshine hours on 6-7-2005 was (4.8)
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ingch at Mingaladon, (0.83) inch at Kaba-Aye and
(1.57) inches at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since
1-1-2005 were (34.13) inches at Mingaladon, (31.22)
ings at Kaba-Aye and (34.09) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon
(Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (18:10)
hours MST on 6-7-2005.

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Forecast valid until evening of 8-7-2005: Rain
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lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions,
scattered in Shan State, upper Sagaing and Bago
Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas.
Degree of certainty is 80%.

State of the sea: Temporary squalls with rough
seas are likely in Myanmar waters. Surface wind
speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong
monsoon.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area
for 8-7-2005: One or two rain or thundershowers.
Degree of certainty is 80%.

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for 8-7-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain or
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It was attended by the regional organizer of Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation, officials, the chairperson and heads of department of Division WAO, leaders of working groups, the secretary, executives and members of division, district and township WAOs, members of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, the Union Solidarity and Development Association, War Veterans Organization, Red Cross Society, auxiliary fire brigade, and townswelders, totaling some 770.

Chairperson of Division WAO Daw Aye Aye Kyaw presided over the ceremony together with head of Division WAO organizing department Daw Than Than Lwin, leader of Division WAO group of prevention of violence against women and rehabilitation Daw San Kyin, Obstetric and Gynaecologist of Pathein People’s Hospital Dr Daw Than Than Aye and Lecturer of Myanmarsar Department of Pathein University Daw Khin Mar Myint, Member of Pathein Township WAO Daw Myat Lay Ngon acted as MC and member Daw Thandar Aung, as co-MC.

The meeting chairperson gave a speech, saying that under the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe the MWAF was founded with lofty aims to serve the interests of the State and the people and to represent the entire Myanmar women. Myanmar women showed brilliant performances in independence struggles at risk to their lives and are now playing an active role in nation-building tasks standing shoulder to shoulder with their male counterparts. (See page 6)