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

True patriotism

* It is very important for everyone of the nation wherever he lives to cultivate and possess strong Union Spirit.
* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to uphold and safeguard.

Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Papua New Guinea

**YANGON**, 16 Sept— On the occasion of the Independence Day of Papua New Guinea, which falls on 16 September 2005, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Sir Paulius Matane, Governor-General of Papua New Guinea.— MNA

Senior General Than Shwe felicitates Mexican President

**YANGON**, 16 Sept— Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Vicente Fox Quesada, President of the United Mexican States, on the anniversary of the Independence Day of the United Mexican States which falls on 16 September 2005.— MNA

Satisfactory accomplishments can be seen in holding state and division level performing arts competitions

Leading Committee for Organizing 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions holds second meeting

**YANGON**, 15 Sept — The second coordination meeting of Leading Committee for Organizing the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions comprising members of the panel of patrons was held at the National Museum on Pyay Road at 4 pm today with an address by State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein. Also present on the occasion were members of panel of patrons of the committee Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, (See page 8)

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects posters, postcards and background designs for 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.— MNA
**Active work for rural development**

The State Peace and Development Council has been striving for all-round development of the nation through the implementation of the border area development plan, the 24-region special development plan and the rural development plan. Thanks to these development plans, rural and urban areas are now enjoying unprecedented development.

As rural people constitute seventy percent of the nation’s population, the development of the nation depends on that of rural areas. This being the case, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance for rural development by laying down the five rural development tasks for smooth and easy transport, water supply for drinking and agricultural purposes, higher educational standard, better health care services and economic development.

To meet the health and social requirements of rural people plays an important role in translating the five rural development tasks into action. Therefore, steps are being taken to make sure that requirements are being fully met and the five rural development tasks are being properly implemented. Central Executive Committee Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint recently visited Natgyichang village, Paung Township, Mon State.

Development of the education sector in Natgyichang village of Paung Township in particular is encouraging. The basic education high school (branch) of Natgyichang village was just a primary school in 1963. In 1981, it became a middle school. Therefore, a youth who had passed the eighth standard examination had to travel seven miles to Paung to attend the high school there. Regarding the health care services, educational talks on TB, HIV/AIDS, ovarian cancer and breast cancer were held.

These activities show that the government is doing whatever is necessary for the development of the education and health sectors not only in urban areas but also in rural areas in accordance with the five rural development tasks. Therefore, the entire national people, on their part, are required to take an active and enthusiastic part in rural development endeavours being carried out by the government.

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**New books available at Sarpay Beikman book stall**

**Yangon, 15 Sept** — Prize winning works of Pakkoku U Ohn Pe Manuscript Award Contest and Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award Contest are now on sale.

Such books are Myanmar Land Utilization and 21st century written by Tun Aung Kyaw who won the second prize in science and applied science genre. With success and other short stories written by third prize winner Nan Moe Saw Aung in the short story genre, and “Ma Shwe Ye! Are you satisfied?” by prize winner Thein Zaw (Shweli Oo) in the short story genre.

The books are available at Sarpay Beikman Bookstall on Merchant street, new Yadanabon Market (second floor) Mandalay and agents from Yangon and country side. — MNA

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**Foreign Minister sends felicitations to Papua New Guinea**

**Yangon, 16 Sept** — On the occasion of the Independence Day of Papua New Guinea, which falls on 16 September 2005, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to the Right Honourable Sir Robbie Namaili, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Papua New Guinea. — MNA

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**Foreign Minister sends felicitations to United Mexican States**

**Yangon, 16 Sept** — U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Dr. Luis Ernesto Derbez Bautista, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the United Mexican States, on the anniversary of the Independence Day of the United Mexican States which falls on 16 September 2005. — MNA

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**Member of Myanmar Accountancy Council leaves for Lao PDR**

**Yangon, 15 Sept** — Member of Myanmar Accountancy Council Director-General U Myo Myint of the Auditor-General’s Office left for Lao People’s Democratic Republic by air this morning to attend the 84th ASEAN Federation of Accountants Council Meeting to be held in Vientiane of the Lao PDR from 16 to 18 September.

The director-general was accompanied by Certified Public Accountant U Kyaw Toe who is also member of Myanmar Accountancy Council. — MNA

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**Military Code of Conduct Contest held**

**Yangon, 15 Sept** — The second four-monthly Military Code of Conduct Contest was held at Konmyintha Hall of the Ministry of Defence, here this morning. Commandant of the Camp Commandant’s Office of the Ministry of Defence Maj-Gen Hla Aung Thein and officials viewed competition of the contestants. Altogether 32 contestants took part in the officer level contest, 47 at the WO level contest, 58 at the Sgt and Cpl level contest and 32 at the Pvt level contest. — MNA

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**Archaeological buildings in Pyay_Mayway Division inspected**

**Yangon, 15 Sept** — Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung heard reports on findings for damages of ancient Bawbawgyi Pagoda because of heavy rain presented by Director-General of Archaeology Department U Kyaw Win and officials in ancient Srikhsetra (Hmauzwa), Pyay, on 11 September.

Officials of Archaeology Department, Ministry of Construction and Ministry of Science and Technology submitted reports on renovation for the pagoda.

Next, the minister inspected Srikhsetra Archaeological Museum.

On 12 September, the minister and party visited Sandal Wood Monastery in Pwintbyu Township.

At Beikthanae, the minister inspected construction of the Beikthanae Archaeological Museum and gave necessary instructions.

On 13 September, the minister looked into progress in construction of Archaeology Technological Training School (Pyay) in Pyay and left instructions on opening of the diploma course in the first week of November.

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**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

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**Director-General U Myo Myint of the Auditor-General’s Office seen at the airport before departure for Laos**

The director-general was accompanied by Certified Public Accountant U Kyaw Toe who is also member of Myanmar Accountancy Council. — Audito-General’s Office
Talabani says US could withdraw 50,000 troops by year end
WASHINGTON, 14 Sept — The United States could withdraw as many as 50,000 troops from Iraq by the end of the year because there are enough Iraqi forces ready to begin taking control of parts of the country, Iraqi President Jalal Talabani told the Washington Post.

In an interview with the newspaper that was published on Tuesday, Talabani said he would discuss reductions in US forces during a private meeting with President George W Bush and said he thought the United States could pull some troops out immediately.

"We think that America has the full right to move some forces from Iraq to their country because I think we can replace them (with) our forces," Talabani said. "In my opinion, at least from 40,000 to 50,000 American troops can be (withdrawn) by the end of this year."

After the newspaper contacted the White House and Pentagon for comment, a senior adviser to Talabani called The Post to say the Iraqi President did not intend to suggest a specific timeline for withdrawal. "He is afraid... this might put the notion of a timetable on this thing," the adviser told the newspaper. "The exact figure of what would be required will undeniably depend on the level of attack (and) the level of Iraqi capability." MNA/Reuters

Malaysia’s Govt employees urged to improve efficiency
KUALA LUMPUR, 14 Sept — Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak on Monday urged employees in government departments and agencies to improve work efficiency to help sharpen the competitive edge of the Malaysian Government.

The staff in government departments should provide highly reliable service and have zero tolerance for errors or substandard performance, Najib said at the 10th Civil Service Conference held here.

"As these figures showed that Malaysia's competitors were making much better improvement, Najib noted, it was time for the employees in the Malaysian public sector to re-examine their performance and ensure their service was up to the international standard."

MNA/Reuters

Suicide bomb kills at least 15 police in Baghdad
BAGHDAD, 15 Sept— A suicide bomber rammed his car into a police patrol in Baghdad on Thursday, killing at least 15 members of an elite unit, said a police official.

Police officials had said earlier that the blast killed 10 policemen and five civilians.

The official said the suicide bomber in the southern Baghdad district of Dora attacked the force as they were riding in a truck. At least 21 people were wounded.

The violence followed a series of bombings and a shooting which killed over 150 people on Wednesday. Guerrillas are waging a relentless campaign against the US-backed government and have killed thousands of police, security force members, civilians and officials. The guerrillas are mostly former members of toppled Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein’s security forces or Muslim militants, mostly from other Arab countries, who say they are fighting a holy war against US troops. — MNA/Reuters

Local residents view the damage at the scene of a suicide car bomb attack in Baghdad on 14 September, 2005. — Internet
Hu calls for more dialogue, cooperation among developing countries

MEXICO CITY, 14 Sept — Chinese President Hu Jintao on Monday called on developing countries to strengthen dialogue, promote mutually beneficial cooperation and improve trade and investment to speed up their development.

Addressing the Mexican Senate, Hu said today’s world is undergoing drastic and complicated changes, and peace and development remain the main trends of the times.

On the one hand, with the increasing development of multi-polarization and economic globalization, as well as the rapid development of technology, all the countries are promised unprecedented development opportunities, he said.

But on the other hand, there are still many uncertain and unstable factors in the world, which pose strong challenges to the countries in the world, especially the developing ones, he added.

These factors include regional conflicts and wars, the widening gap between the North and the South, and traditional and non-traditional security issues, such as trade barriers, financial risks, the deterioration of the environment, natural disasters and highly infectious diseases, he explained.

The Chinese President said the realization of a bright future for all the human race needs solidarity and further cooperation among all countries.

Peace, development and cooperation are the common wishes of all peoples, and common development through solidarity, cooperation and reciprocity is the aspiratio of the peoples of developing countries, Hu said.

In recent years, he noted, the developing countries have been continuously strengthening cooperation and their overall economic power has obviously been increased.

MNA/Xinhua

Singapore, Kuwait sign second MoU on e-government cooperation

SINGAPORE, 14 Sept — Singapore and Kuwait signed the second memorandum of understanding (MoU) on e-government cooperation here on Tuesday, Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts (MICA) said in a statement.

Under the MoU, Singapore will serve as an adviser to Kuwait on information technology (IT) and e-government matters, and the two countries will also work together to select suitable private sector suppliers to implement Kuwait's e-government projects.

"More specifically, Singapore will assist Kuwait in the drafting of the RFP (Request for Proposals) specifications at the pre-tendering stage, and will assist in the evaluation of RFP submissions and recommend suitable e-government solution providers at the tendering stage,” MICA Minister Lee Boon Yang said at the signing ceremony.

He added that the move will further strengthen and enhance the friendship between the two countries and contribute to the socio-economic development of both sides. Lee signed the MoU with Sheikh Ahmed Al-Abdullah Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah, Minister of Communications and Health of the State of Kuwait. — MNA/Xinhua

Four ASEAN countries launch air patrols over Malacca Straits

KUALA LUMPUR, 14 Sept — The littoral states along the Straits of Malacca and Thailand on Tuesday started joint air patrols in the Royal Malaysian Air Force base.

Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak launched the "Eyes in the Sky" operations at the air base located in Subang, about 20 kilometres southwest of Kuala Lumpur.

Singaporean Defence Minister Teo Chee Hean and representatives of Indonesia and Thailand witnessed the joint patrols.

The littoral states of Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia will each contribute two aircraft for the operations while Thailand will act as an observer at the initial stage. The planes will conduct two patrols per week along the designated areas, the official Bernama news agency reported.

Najib, who was also Defence Minister, said the joint patrols testified ASEAN’s solidarity and its willingness to work together to safeguard its waters.

"It is also a clear signal to the international community that we are serious about it, we mean business and are willing to pool our resources to help maintain safety and security in the strategic waterway,” Najib said.

According to local media reports, Najib, who proposed the "Eyes in the Sky" concept this June in Singapore, said in early August that the littoral states had agreed to carry out joint air patrols over the Straits of Malacca starting from September.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraq slams US detentions, immunity for troops

BAGHDAD, 14 Sept — Iraq’s Justice Ministry has condemned the US military for detaining thousands of Iraqis for long periods without charge and wants to change a UN resolution that gives foreign troops immunity from Iraqi law.

Speaking to Reuters, Justice Minister Abdul Hussein Shandal also criticized US detentions of Iraqi journalists and said the media, contrary to US policy in Iraq, must have special legal protection to report on all sides in the conflict.

"No citizen should be arrested without a court order," he said this week, complaining that US suggestions that his ministry has an equal say on detentions were misleading.

"There is abuse (of human rights) due to detentions, which are overseen by the Multinational Force (MNF) and are not in the control of the Justice Ministry," said Shandal, a Shiite judge respected for standing up to Saddam Hussein on the rule of law.

Killings and unjustified arrests of Iraqi civilians by US troops risked going unpunished, he said, because of UN Security Council resolution 1546, which granted US-led forces sweeping powers following their overthrow of Saddam in 2003.

"The resolution ... gives immunity to the MNF and means taking no action against the MNF no matter what happens or whatever they do against the people of Iraq," Shandal said.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam to strongly modernize banks in 2006

HA NOI, 14 Sept — Vietnam needs over 31 million US dollars to modernize banks, including the construction of an inter-bank electronic payment system, local newspaper Saigon Liberation reported on Tuesday.

Over 26.4 million dollars are needed to build the system, and 5 million dollars to upgrade information technology and communication networks of the State Bank of Vietnam. Up to 80.3 per cent of the money will come from foreign loans.

Local banks in Vietnam are competitively weak and likely to lose their market share to foreign rivals during the international economic integration process, local experts said, noting that Vietnamese commercial banks are much less competitive in terms of capital, manpower, technology, management, service and market. — MNA/Xinhua

A metropolitan official checks Bangkok’s main pipelines after unusually heavy rains hit the city on 15 September, 2005. Thailand’s weather bureau has warned of possible flooding in parts of the country. — Internet
Centenarians in Japan number record 25,606

Tokyo, 13 Sept—Centenarians in Japan will number a record 25,606 by the end of this month, surpassing last year’s previous high by more than 2,568, the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare said on Tuesday ahead of next Monday’s Respect for the Aged Day, a national holiday.

Women continue to make up the vast majority of centenarians, accounting for 85 per cent, and topping 20,000 for the first time, the ministry said. For the first time, there will be more than 20 centenarians per 100,000 people—at 20.05 precisely—making up one in every 5,000 people.

India calls for enhanced global coop to tackle natural disasters

NEW DELHI, 13 Sept—India on Monday asked the global community to enhance cooperation and strengthen the response mechanism to tackle natural disasters.

Inaugurating the two-day Asia-Pacific Regional Group meeting of the International Search and Rescue Advisory Group (IN SARAG) in the capital on Monday, India’s Minister of State for Home Affairs S Regupathy emphasized the need to consolidate the communications network among the national authorities, international disaster managers, non-governmental organizations and other agencies so that those affected receive rapid and appropriate assistance.

Delegates from 23 countries are participating in this meeting, organized by the Indian Government.

India also underlined the importance of ensuring that measures are in place for prevention, mitigation and response and in an effective and coordinated manner to natural disasters in the country and its neighbourhood.

Addressing the delegates, the United Nations assistant secretary-general for humanitarian affairs and deputy emergency relief coordinator, Margareta Wahlstrom, said that India’s experience in handling natural disasters is extremely valuable to make an effective strategy for a quality response to natural calamities.

The Indian Government has recently created a National Disaster Management Authority chaired by the Prime Minister to create a complete synergy and to integrate all parts of the disaster management cycle.

Established in 1991, IN SARAG is an inter-governmental network under the United Nations umbrella, which deals with Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) and related disaster response issues.

US slammed for Iraq media deaths

NEW YORK, 15 Sept— A media watchdog has criticized the US military for consistently failing to investigate the killing of journalists in Iraq by its forces.

The report by the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists, or CPJ, said US troops had killed 13 journalists since the US-led war started in March 2003, and at least 40 other reporters had been killed in the conflict.

“Several of the 13 deaths suggest indifference by US soldiers to the presence of civilians, including members of the Press,” the CPJ said in a statement.

The report also examined the deaths of 21 media support staff who were killed in Iraq, two by US forces.—INTERNET

Typhoon “Khanun” leaves at least 14 dead, nine missing in China

BEIJING, 13 Sept—At least 14 people were killed and nine others were missing in China by Monday noon after Khanun, the No. 15 typhoon of this year, slammed into the Chinese mainland on Sunday.

The typhoon, which is described as the strongest that hit the country this year, also left nearly 5.5 million people and 2.25 million hectares of cropland affected in Zhejiang, Fujian, Anhui and Shanghai, according to the State Food Control and Drought Relief headquarters.

Premier Wen Jiabao and Vice-Premier Hu Liangyu urged on Tuesday the governments in the typhoon-affected areas to make timely weather forecast and full preparations against Khanun.

More than 1.35 million people have been evacuated to safe places and some schools and kindergartens in Shanghai and Anhui were ordered to close on Tuesday, according to the headquarters.

The typhoon, which slammed into Taizhou City of Zhejiang Province at 14:50 pm on Sunday, had churned through the province and neighbouring municipality of Shanghai by Tuesday noon, moving northwestward at a speed of 25 kilometres per hour.

Khanun has brought strong wind and rainstorms as well as serious damages to the Chinese Mainland.

In the most-hit province of Zhejiang, the total economic losses caused by the typhoon was estimated at 6.89 billion yuan (649 million US dollars), said officials of the provincial flood control and drought relief headquarters.—MNA/Xinhua

Man with gun arrested near Turkish PM

ANKARA, 14 Sept — A man arrested near Turkish Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan on Monday had a gun and may have planned to kill him, a state prosecutor said.

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“Their four parents drowned in a nursing home when it should have been evacuated. I cannot say it any plainer than that,” Foti said, his voice rising with anger. The Manganos were found unresponsive in an advanced state of decomposition, Foti said, though it is presumed that they drowned when the storm hit.

Foti declined to say if the Manganos remained at the nursing home throughout the storm or if they fled before it struck on 29 August.—MNA/Reuters

Iran slams warning on referral of nuclear issue to UN

Moscow, 13 Sept—Iranian Vice-President Gholamreza Aghazadeh said here on Monday that referring his country’s nuclear issue to the UN Security Council cannot be justified, and threatened with tough reactions should that happen.

Germany, France and Britain, the so-called European trio that has been in talks with Teheran to persuade it to scrap uranium enrichment, bristled at Iran’s August move to re-new uranium conversion activity and warned of backing a US push to bring Iran before the UN Security Council for sanctions.

Aghazadeh, who also heads Iran’s nuclear energy agency and is in town to meet Russian officials including Foreign Minis- ter Sergei Lavrov, said there are no technical or legal reasons for referring Iran’s nuclear issue to the UN Security Council.

“Let me assure you we are not seeking dividends in exchange for suspending our nuclear activity either at the talks with the ‘European trio’ or with Russia. What we are interested in is creating an atmosphere of trust and transparency before the whole world so as to con-vince everyone that we are conducting peaceful re-search,” Aghazadeh was quoted by the Interfax news agency as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

Zaza, a four-year-old cheetah at the Smithsonian’s National Zoo, grazes one of her five cubs, which is five-month-old in Washington on 8 September, 2005.

INTERNET

Boxes of Nintendo Co.’s new game console Game Boy Micro are stacked at an electronic appliances store in Tokyo on 13 September, 2005. The new mobile phone-sized game console attracted better-than-expected orders on its debut on Tuesday, though less than Game Boy Advance SP had done, retailers said.—INTERNET

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MNA/Xinhua

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Singapore’s first all-female cockpit crew flies Jetstar flight

SINGAPORE, 14 Sept—The first all-female Singaporean cockpit crew comprising Captain Anastacia Gan and her fellow female co-pilot Camille Williams flew a Jetstar flight to Bangkok on Tuesday.

According to Channel NewsAsia report at night, Captain Gan used to be with the Republic of Singapore Air Force for 22 years. She was recruited by SilkAir, Singapore Airlines’ regional arm, as the first female Singaporean pilot before she joined the local low cost carrier Jetstar.

Most of the passengers on board felt alright and comfortable about the flight, expressing no concerns about the all-female cockpit crew, said the report.

The only male working on the flight was steward Derek Tan. —MNA/Xinhua

Rising petrol prices drive up inflation in Britain

LONDON, 14 Sept—Britain’s consumer price index (CPI) inflation rose to 2.4 per cent in August from 2.3 per cent in July fuelled by rising oil prices, figures from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) show.

Crude prices drove fuel higher, taking CPI to its highest level since records began eight years ago, the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) reported on Tuesday.

The average cost of a litre of petrol went up by around 3 pence in August, the ONS said, adding petrol prices fuelled the rise in CPI, contributing nearly 0.08 percentage points to the annual CPI rate.

It was the second consecutive month that petrol prices had driven inflation higher than the 2 per cent target set by the government.

Food prices also had an upward impact, as did clothing and footwear as their price comebacks after the summer sales were greater than a year ago.

Headline retail price inflation (RPI), which includes housing costs, fell from 2.9 per cent to 2.8 per cent year-on-year, whereas the underlying rate of RPI fell from 2.3 per cent to 2.4 per cent in July.

“The increase in inflation in August was primarily due to higher prices for fuel and some food items, while core consumer inflation actually edged back down to 1.7 per cent after spiking up to 1.8 per cent in July from 1.5 per cent in June,” said economist Howard Archer, at Global Insight. —MNA/Xinhua

Three kidnapped Turkish engineers freed in Iraq

ANKARA, 14 Sept—Three Turkish engineers who were kidnapped about two months ago in Iraq were freed, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported on Tuesday.

The three who were freed by guerrillas on Monday in Bajji, east of Baghdad, returned to Turkey via Habur border gate, the report said.

Fatih Yigit, one of the engineers, said they were kidnapped on 16 July, 2005, adding “the guerrillas who kidnapped us threatened to decapitate us every night and they wanted all Turkish companies to end their business relations with US forces. They wanted our company to withdraw from Iraq.”

Turkish Foreign Minister Abdullah Gul indicated that the release of three Turkish hostages in Iraq was a pleasing development. —MNA/Xinhua

Three small islands in Indonesia managed by foreigners

JAKARTA, 14 Sept—Indonesian Maritime Affairs and Fisheries Ministry confirmed that most small islands in the country are now being managed by foreigners for economic gain.

“The government does not forbid these foreigners to run businesses on these small islands. But it would be far better and more beneficial if it is done by Indonesians,” Director General for Marine Resources, Small Islands and Coastal Areas Widi Agus Pratikto said on Tuesday.

Citing examples, he said the Raja Ampat Islands in Papua were now being managed by Dutchmen, the Karimunjawa Island in Central Java by Australians, Komodo Island by an American group and Sanggalagi island by Malaysians.

Foreigners intending to run a business on small islands generally get married with local women to make it easier to obtain the necessary permits from the regional authorities, Antara news agency quoted Agus as saying.

The islands were mostly used to set up tourism or fish breeding ventures, he said. —MNA/Xinhua

Main suspect in Australian Embassy bombing sentenced to death

JAKARTA, 14 Sept—The South Jakarta District court on Tuesday rendered a capital punishment to a man accused of taking part in the plotting and executing of the bomb attack near the Australian Embassy compound on 9 September, 2004.

Iwan Darmanaw alias Rois was found guilty of “engaging in an evil conspiracy to attack the Australian Embassy and providing shelters to other perpetrators,” presiding judge Roki Panjaitan said.

The verdict meets the prosecution demand read during the 11 August hearing.

The attack claimed the lives of 11 people and injured more than 200 others. —MNA/Xinhua

World oil price to drop to $50 per barrel in one year

BEIJING, 14 Sept—A chief economist of the journal Economist said here on Tuesday that the international oil price is expected to fall back slowly to 50 US dollars a barrel in one year.

When meeting with economic analysts of Xinhua news agency, Robin Bew, a chief economist with the Economist Intelligence Unit of the Economist magazine predicted that the international oil price will drop back slowly with the slowing down of the global economic growth in the next two years.

Strong demand is the cause of the recent soaring oil price, in contrast supply reduction leading to the oil crises in the early 1970s and 1990s, said Bew.

So the recent oil soaring trend will not exert a big impact on global economic growth, he said.

However, as the economic growth of major economic bodies such as China, the United States, Western Europe and Japan are slowing down, Bew predicted that global oil demand will rise more slowly.

Bew predicted that in 2006, the international oil price would fall back to some 50 US dollars per barrel.

“With more oil fields coming on streams and the continuing slowing trend of world economic growth, the gap between oil supply and demand will enlarge and the oil price will drop to 40 US dollars per barrel then,” he said. However, if incidents that will lead to sharp supply reduction occur, there will be possibility that international oil price will hike in short term, he said.

In the supply and demand of the international oil market, there is no shortage of supply of crude oil, said Robin Bew.

But the tension between oil supply and demand is so tight that any incidents that may lead to supply reduction may give reasons for the hiking of oil price in the futures market, he said.

However, with the slowing down of the global economy and the widening gap between demand and supply, speculators will finally lose the point and leave the market, he said. —MNA/Xinhua

An artist’s impression of a statue of the late Hong Kong kungfu superstar Bruce Lee to be erected in Hong Kong. The two-metre-high statue, titled ‘Bruce Lee Statue: Star of the Century’, will be the first such statue to be unveiled in the city on 27 November, 2005 to celebrate Lee’s 65th birth date. —INTERNET


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In the last summer of 2005, my colleagues of universities asked me to give a series of field reports on fisheries biology through the New Light of Myanmar because they know I like traveling by boat to survey rivers to gain biological knowledge. This article is intended for my colleagues from upper Myanmar universities, scholars of universities, administrators of fisheries, as well as for fisheries biologists in neighboring countries. There are two branches of fisheries biology. One is the study of the natural history of the stocks and is concerned with how the fish spawn, grow and feed. The other branch is the study of the dynamics of population, the rate of which grow, die and reproduce. The definition of the stock is needed to know before you read the article. Definitions of stocks are almost diverse, but the one favored by most biologists is a single interbreeding and intermingling unit of one species of fish. We must try the first problem which is to determine what stocks of fish are in existence in the rivers of Myanmar, and then we must conserve them. Webster says that conservation is a deliberate or thoughtful preserving and protecting. This definition seems to imply preventing against exploitation. Fisheries biology must be learnt as first step. Candidates of M Res degree in Dagon University, May Thwe Soe and Khin Hnin Soe had conducted the ichthyological surveys on the Bawle River and the Hline River respectively.

The drainage pattern of the Bawle River and the Hline River is a Ya Zoo type. The Bawle River and the Hline River flow with pools and riffles, making it a good site for inland fisheries. These rivers are in spate during monsoon and fishery workers are busy with necessary preparations for fishing implements. Inland fisheries are based mainly on extended seasonally inundated plains. Altogether five species of air-breathers and nineteen water-breathers are observed in the Bawle River. Altogether six species of air-breathers and eighteen species of water-breathers fresh water fishes are found in the Bawle and Hline Rivers. The water-breathers get oxygen from surface of water and air-breathers obtain oxygen from atmosphere.

The different varieties of the fish can be divided mainly into these two categories. Our study examined how natural river systems helped its fisheries development and also examined economic value of fisheries. In addition to the contribution to the fisheries, rural people can gain great benefits of higher incomes. However, inland fisheries of the Bawle River and the Hline River suffered from the unsustainable exploitation through habitat changes and degradation of the resources. Fish resources can maintain its role to contribute a great economic importance to riparian zone, if their habitat and the resources are kept properly. The habitat improvement will be very costly and will require high expertise. Thus general gradual increase in population of Yangon Division, the requirement for production and distribution of fish has markedly increased. Fish is also a valuable energy source. After the year 2000, the fisheries lesses is responsible for replenishing fish seed into the water, worth (1-5%) of the lease value every year. The record of annual fish seed replenished varied from 1.87 million in 2001 to 2002, 2.47 million in 2002 to 2003 and 1.06 million in 2003 to 2004. Future economic value of fisheries can be expected of carps. (Ngagyin, Ngamyit, etc.)

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Objective of the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

— To vitalize patriotism and nationalism;
— To preserve and safeguard Myanmar cultural heritage;
— To perpetuate genuine Myanmar music, dance and traditional fine arts;
— To preserve Myanmar national character;
— To nurture spiritual development of the youths;
— To prevent influence of alien culture; and
— To strengthen national unity and Union Spirit.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an address at the second coordination meeting of Leading Committee for Organizing 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. — MNA

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an opening speech. He said that Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions have been organized 13 times consecutively since 1993. Thus, members of the committees have had much experience for holding the competitions, the Work Committee and sub-committees have been set up, and duties and functions have been assigned to them. Under the leadership of the Organizing Committee Patron the Prime Minister, the Leading Committee had held meetings to coordinate the tasks. Afterwards, committees and sub-committees, on their part, are making preparatory tasks for the competitions.

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He requested that members of the panel of judges are to perform their tasks without subjectivity and partiality.

The Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions are to be held for successfully realizing three of four social objectives: Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation; Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character; and Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit.

Hence, all the officials are to strive for the successful holding of the competitions as a national duty on a grand scale.

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe reported on organizing of the leading committee, the work committee and sub-committees and their coordination, teaching of performing arts in states and divisions and tasks have been undertaken for successful holding of the 13th Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competitions.

Next, Secretary of the leading committee Col Tint Hsan reported on tasks that have been undertaken by the committee and sub-committees and future tasks. (See page 9)
Satisfactory accomplishments...

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Chairman of the Sub-Committee for holding the performing arts competitions Director-General of the Fine Arts Department U Ngwe Tun reported on duration of the competitions, venues and dates and songs for contestants.

Officials of sub-committees on scrutinizing, invitation and accommodation, fund raising and prize presentation, information, transportation, health, and work inspection also reported on tasks that have been undertaken committee-wise and future tasks.

Members of the panel of judges for music, song composing, puppet, drama, dance, and singing reported on progress of the panel of judges concerned for successfully holding the competitions.

Next, those present joined in general round of discussion. Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein fulfilled the requirements of respective sub-committees for armed groups returned to the legal fold and as a result, Kachin State has now enjoyed fruitful results of peace and stability along with prevalence of law and order.

Now, the three development projects are well under way for ensuring equitable development of all parts of the nation. The Government is taking measures for upgrading Hopin to a town. In the process, emphasis is to be placed on agriculture and livestock breeding for higher standards of socio-economic life of local people. He called on departmental officials to do their bit for regional development.

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Three development projects...

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rubber farm, mixed cropping of rubber and pigeon pea on 55 acres, stockpiling of 16,500 rubber saplings, sending Tatmadawmen to the course on rubber growing methods to conduct multiplier courses.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions on small-scale farming of respective regiments and units, preventive measures against fire, and cooperation with the Myanmar Perennial Crops Enterprise for speedy growing with scientific agricultural methods.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint viewed plantations of rubber, and mixed cropping from observation tower and attended to the needs of the farm.

They inspected the thriving paddy fields of farmer U Maung Kunn near Taungni Village in Mogaung Township. Officials gave an account of the fields.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint held an meeting with departmental officials, members of social organizations and town elders at Teza Hall in Hopin and dealt with regional development tasks. The head of Township General Administration Department reported on facts about the region, progress of growing 22,097 acres of monsoon paddy, 644 acres of beans and pulses, 372 acres of edible oil crops, and 1,369 acres of perennial crops, achievement of food security of the region, socio-economic, education, health and transport sectors of the region. Officials concerned gave supplementary reports.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint provided assistance for regional development, saying that in the past, Hopin was just a village and lagged behind in development. Besides, instability was rampant across the region. In contrast, during the time of the Tatmadaw Government, national race implementation projects are well under way for ensuring equitable development of all parts of the nation. The Government is taking measures for upgrading Hopin to a town. In the process, emphasis is to be placed on agriculture and livestock breeding for higher standards of socio-economic life of local people. He called on departmental officials to do their bit for regional development.

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Commander makes tour round Yangon South District

YANGON, 15 Sept.—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council/Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspected development tasks in Twantay, Kungyangon and Kawhmu townships in Yangon South District yesterday afternoon.

The commander inspected Panthaita Bridge Project across Panthaita River on Hlinethaya-Dalla-Twantay Road in Hlinethaya Township, Yangon North District, and gave instructions on measures for ensuring earlier inauguration of the bridge and provided assistance for the project.

He viewed 11 miles and one furlong long Hlinethaya-Dalla-Twantay Road, the 4,000-foot earth road, and Twantay Bridge Project near Phaya Nakto Village in Twantay Township. The commander held an meeting with service personnel, members of social organizations and locals in Kungyangon Township and attended to the needs for regional development tasks.

Afterwards, he inspected the construction of a concrete tank and sinking of a tube-well near Kawhmu-Kungyangon Road, and pilot monsoon paddy fields near Kamarpar Village in Kawhmu Township.

The commander met departmental officials, members of social organizations and local residents in Kawhmu Township to coordinate regional development tasks. He dealt with assistance being rendered for agricultural, education, health, economic and trade prospects and supply of safe potable water.

He also looked into Kawhmu Township People’s Hospital (16-bed), harvesting of monsoon paddy in the fields of Kawhmu Township Agricultural Mechanization Department, and the dredging of Kabin Creek near Kabin Village. Kane Village-tract, Twantay Township.—MNA
Functions of Kharam Rubber Factory in Thanbyuzayat inspected


Minister Maj-Gen Saw Lwin explained production of the factory and rubber availability and urged the entrepreneurs to participate in tasks for improvement of the factory.

The commander gave instructions on extended growing of rubber and supply of raw materials for boosting rubber production.

Next, they attended to the requirements of the entrepreneurs.

Officials of Myanma Tyre and Rubber Industries reported on production of the factory and supply of rubber raw materials to the factory.

Afterwards, the minister inspected production process of the factory and instructed the officials to make utmost efforts for exceeding the target of rubber production, growing new rubber saplings, purchase of rubber raw materials and minimizing loss and wastage.

Wheelchairs donated to the disabled

YANGON, 15 Sept — Latter Day Saints Charity today donated 500 wheelchairs to the Social Welfare Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.

At a donation ceremony held at International Business Centre (IBC) here, Mr Sott F. Hansen, Regional Director of the charity, explained the purpose of the donation. Country Director of the Charity Mr Kelvyn H Cullimore and wife presented the documents related to the donation to SWRR Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa.

The wheelchairs will be handed over to homes for the aged, training schools for the disabled, Myanmar Sports Federation and Myanmar Disabled Federation.

The minister presented the certificate of honour to the country director of the charity. — MNA.

Torrential rains cause landslides and floods in Magway and Taninthayi divisions

YANGON, 15 Sept — The rising waters of Kyichaung creek caused by continuous torrential rains since 10 September carried away a bridge on Kyaukhtu-Htilin road in Kyaukhtu, Saw Township, Magway Division on 12 September.

The heavy rains also caused landslides and inundation at mile post 4/3 of the road. Local Township Peace and Development Council, departments and organizations are repairing the road to prevent traffic jams on it and for the convenience of travelers.

The 24-hour heavy rains poured since 13 September also caused floods and landslides at three places — mile posts 31/2, 45/5 and 48/6 — on Myeik-Taninthay road in Myeik, Taninthayi Division, on 14 September. The commander and Tatmadawmen of the regional tactical operation command, and departmental personnel are repairing the road to prevent traffic jams.

A hill slope landslide occurred at Kyaukka village in Palaw Township, on 14 September due to torrential rains.

The landslide killed two villagers and injured some villagers and destroyed some houses.

With the leadership of Palaw Township PDC, departmental personnel and social organizations are carrying out relief work at the disaster-hit area. — MNA.

Social and Cultural Working Group...

The leader and members of social and cultural work committee of MWAF greets students at Dagon Township BEHS No 3 and Kyaungyindine Township BEHS No 5. — MNA

Applications to be submitted for matriculation examination 2006

YANGON, 15 Sept — Myanmar Board of Examinations has already announced matters related to the matriculation examination to be held in 2006.

Applications of the exam will be sold at fixed price for the students who are going to sit the examination, at its office beginning 3 October.

The identity cards are divided into two colours. The green-coloured cards are for the students with combination subject Nos 1, 5, 6, 7 and 8 and the pink-coloured cards are for the ones with combination subject Nos 2, 3 and 4.

The external students are to buy the applications at their Township Education Officer’s Office and to submit their applications at the latter’s in which they live beginning from 3 to 31 October.

The schoolheads are to buy the applications for the students who are going to sit the examination in BEHS (Branch) and Affiliated Schools and to collectively submit the applications at the office of MBE from 15 November to 15 December 2005.

Those who fail to submit their applications to the designed place according to schedule would not be allowed to sit for the examination.

The applications and stamps are available at MBE (Zwegabin Hostel) on the campus of Hlme University, Hlme Town. — MNA

Russia warns US against new nuclear doctrine

BERLIN, 15 Sept — Russian Defence Minister Sergei Ivanov warned the United States on Tuesday against any change of its doctrine to allow pre-emptive use of atomic weapons, saying it would prompt others to seek nuclear arms.

A draft revision of the US Defence Department’s nuclear operations doctrine was made available at the weekend, outlining the use of nuclear weapons to pre-empt an enemy’s attack with weapons of mass destruction.

“Lowering the threshold for use of atomic weapons is in itself dangerous,” Ivanov told a news conference ahead of a NATO defence ministers meeting in Berlin.

“Such plans do not limit, but in fact promote efforts by others to develop (nuclear weapons),” said Ivanov, who was speaking through an interpreter. He said he hoped US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld would inform him if such a change to the US military doctrine were planned.

The draft “Doctrine for Joint Nuclear Operations”, dated March 15, revised the “discussion of nuclear weapons use across the range of military operations” According to the document, combatant commanders could request approval from the President to use nuclear weapons under a variety of scenarios, such as to pre-empt an enemy’s use of weapons of mass destruction against the United States, multinationals or alliance forces or civilian populations. A Defence Department spokesman said at the weekend the document had not yet been given to Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. It is due to be signed within the next few weeks by the director of the Joint Staff, the spokesman said. The unclassified document was available on numerous web sites such as Global Security.org, a defence policy web site. A Pentagon site, however, listed the document as unavailable. — MNA/Reuters
China spent 245b yuan on social development, social security in 2004

BEIJING, 15 Sept — China made great efforts to improve social development and spent a total of 245.2 billion yuan on social services and social security in 2004.

Chen Fujin, Vice-President of China National School of Administration, made the remark at the Second China-Europe Senior Forum on Government Management held here on Tuesday.

Chen said in 2004 China’s central budget spending for science and technology, education, culture, health and sports amounted to 98.7 billion yuan (some 12.2 billion US dollars), an increase of 3.5 per cent compared with the previous year, and a total of 146.5 billion yuan (some 18.1 billion US dollars) was spent from the central budget for social security, increasing by 18.1 per cent.

Chen said China has done a lot of work in innovating social management. Governments at all levels have kept increasing spending on social services, and a stable social security system which mainly contains endowment insurance, unemployment insurance and medical insurance has been set up, he said.

Growing spending from central budget on rural areas’ social services has gradually improved rural areas’ social development which has lagged behind in towns and cities, said Chen, adding that China’s social relief ability has also been greatly raised, and the central government allocated 3.8 billion yuan (some 0.4 billion US dollars) of disaster relief subsidy in last year and helped 68 million disaster-hit people.

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Malaysian defence sector urged to catch up with latest technology

KUALA LUMPUR, 15 Sept— Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak on Tuesday urged the national defence sector to keep abreast of the latest defence science and technology.

Malaysia cannot afford to be left behind in advances in defence technology, despite the absence of direct military threats, Najib, who was also Defence Minister, was quoted as saying by the Bernama news agency.

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Second militant gets death for Jakarta embassy blast

JAKARTA, 15 Sept — An Indonesian court on Wednesday sentenced a second Islamic militant to death for helping plot and carry out last year’s suicide car bomb attack outside the Australian Embassy in Jakarta.

The court said it found Ahmad Hasan guilty of helping build the one-ton bomb with Malaysian fugitive Azahari bin Husin, a senior militant linked to al-Qaeda and the alleged mastermind of the attack that killed 10 Indonesia.

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Greek textile industry suffers three-year recession

Athens, 14 Sept. — The textile industry, one of the traditional sectors of the country, has suffered a significant downturn resulting in the three last years, the industry said on Tuesday.

A report by Hellastata said consolidated sales of the industry reduced 16.3 per cent in the textile sector and 18.6 per cent in the clothing sector, compared with the same period in 2004.

Pre-tax, interest and amortization earnings were down by 20.7 per cent and 62.6 per cent, respectively, over the same period. An increase in raw material prices, higher labour costs, compared with increased competition from third countries (India, China, Turkey), countries with comparable lower costs — led to a significant increase of imports in Greece with domestic and European textiles industries losing significant market shares.

Recession signs are highlighted by the fact that total revenues by the 426 larger textile companies for 2004 were 2.4 per cent lower compared with 2003, the report said.

China to publicize thousands of life
sanitation standards

Beijing, 14 Sept. — China has set up thousands of sanitation standards for public life, to which people can get free access on Internet, an official with Ministry of Health (MOH) was quoted as saying by Tuesday's Beijing News.

Hua Xinjun, an official in charge of laws and regulations with the MOH, said so far the MOH has drafted and issued more than 1,800 items of sanitary standards covering food, environment, radiation, occupation diseases and cosmetics.

Hua said by the end of this year, the standards will be publicized on the official web site of the MOH, the growing trend that he said was a win-win situation for the two countries.

But he added: "There's no denial that our bilateral trade has developed fast and to such a large scale, it is inevitable that we may have some frictions."

The politically sensitive US trade deficit with China set another record in July, hitting 17.7 billion US dollars.

On other issues, Hu promised to work on ways to prevent infringement of intellectual property rights and to seek progress in the six-party talks aimed at ending North Korea's nuclear weapons program.

Talks between the United States, China, Russia, Japan, South Korea and North Korea over Pyongyang's nuclear ambitions resumed this week in Beijing.

Bushi said that he planned to address range of issues with Hu in their bilateral meeting, including economic matters, North Korea's nuclear ambitions and Iran.
Surge in Malaysian tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka in first half year

COLOMBO, 14 Sept— Malaysian tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka have recorded a 68-per-cent increase for the first half of this year compared to same period last year, the paper quoted Sri Lanka Tourist Board (SLTB) sources as saying.

This was mainly due to all stakeholders in Sri Lanka's tourism industry coming on board to boost tourism of the country that is fast recovering from last year's tsunami, the paper said.

The country's key hotels, tour operators and travel industry associations have developed the Sri Lanka's image by implementing medium and long term campaigns, promotional programmes and participating in exhibitions which have affected the influx of Malaysian tourist arrivals.

Total Malaysian arrivals recorded 10,132 in 2004, while it was 9,331 in 2003.

Two shot dead at exclusive London store

LONDON, 14 Sept— Two people were killed in a shooting at one of central London's most exclusive department stores on Tuesday, police said.

A man and a woman, both aged about 30, were pronounced dead at the scene of the shooting at the Harvey Nichols Store in the upmarket Knightsbridge area of London.

A police source said it appeared the gunman killed himself after shooting the woman on the ground floor of the shop, known as the store of choice for Britain's rich and famous. "No one else is being sought in connection with this incident," he said. Police would not comment on reports that the pair had been in a relationship.

No details of the dead will be released until their families have been informed, a police spokesman said.

An eyewitness told BBC television that police had informed staff the gunman was a security guard who used to work at the shop. "The waitress we spoke to had apparently been informed by police ... that it was an ex-security guard who had walked into Harvey Nichols, shot dead one of the girls behind the make-up counter and then shot himself," Charlotte O'Leary told the BBC.

The shooting happened at 7:45 pm (1845 GMT), about 15 minutes before the store was due to close.

One in 10 British men suffer from low fertility

LONDON, 14 Sept— About one in 10 men in Britain could be suffering from poor fertility, a report said on Tuesday.

While fertility problems are frequently linked to women, research by Zurich Union Healthcare suggests that men are also contributing to the problem. Sky News reported. Their Male Fertility Study estimated that 9 per cent of Britain's 28.5 million men, or more than 2.5 million in total, could be suffering from low fertility. A survey of general practitioners (GPs) also revealed growing concern about the effect of male infertility.

China to raise N-power generating capacity to 40 mn kw by 2020

BEIJING, 14 Sept— China plans to increase its installed capacity of nuclear power to 40 million kilowatts by the year 2020, accounting for 4 per cent of the country's total installed capacity at that time, a senior government official said here on Tuesday.

China's current installed nuclear power capacity takes up less than 2 per cent of the total installed power generation capacity, compared with the world average of 17 per cent, said Zhang Guobao, deputy director of the State Development and Reform Commission.

"It seems insignificant to expand the share to 4 per cent, but it means a fast growth rate and needs tremendous efforts if we want to reach the goal," Zhang said at a Press conference hosted by the Information Office of the State Council, the country's Cabinet.

China now has 11 nuclear power generating units in operation include five in Qinshan Nuclear Power Plant in east China's Zhejiang Province and four in Daya Bay and Ling Ao Nuclear Power Plant in the southern province of Guangdong.

The other two units are under construction in Tianwan Nuclear Power Plant of Jiangsu Province, east China.

The total installed power generation capacity of China is expected to exceed 500 million kilowatts this year as new units with a combined capacity of more than 65 million kilowatts will be put into operation, Zhang said.

Some of the country's coastal regions have been experiencing power shortage in the past three years though monthly power supply has been growing at a two-digit rate for nearly 40 months in a row.

China's gross domestic product grew by 9.5 per cent while power supply increased by the 15.3 per cent last year.

In the first half of this year, power supply increased by 13.2 per cent year-on-year.

Three guards injured in shootout in Johannesburg

JOHANNESBURG, 15 Sept— Three security guards were injured in an early morning shootout with robbers armed with pistols and AK-47s in a business park in Johannesburg on Wednesday.

Police spokesman Constable Sefako Xaba said police joined in the shootout shortly. More than 200 empty cartridges were fired on the ground afterward.

Xaba said that police did not know how many robbers were involved. Some robbers ran away, and others escaped in four of six vehicles they used to enter the Northlands Business Park at North Riding.

"One vehicle was left behind, filled with computer equipment," he said, "another was abandoned nearby."

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**SPORTS**

**Last-gasp Arsenal ruin Thun’s Champions League debut**

LONDON, 15 Sept— An injury-time goal by substitute Dennis Bergkamp gave 10-man Arsenal a 2-1 victory over Thun on Wednesday to deny the Swiss outsiders a memorable Champions League debut.

There were no slips for Udinese, however, also playing in Europe’s top club competition for the first time, as they thumped Panathinaikos 3-0 with a hat-trick by Italy international Fabrizio Miccoli.

Juventus won 2-1 at Club Bruges to make it a clean sweep of wins for the four Italian clubs after AC Milan and Inter Milan won on Tuesday.

Ajax Amsterdam grabbed an injury-time equalizer to draw 1-1 at Sparta Prague while Benfica also scored a last-gasp goal to beat Lille 1-0.

Bayern Munich won 1-0 at Rapid Vienna, Barcelona won 2-0 at Werder Bremen while Manchester United were held to a goal-less draw at another Champions League debutant Villarreal — after striker Wayne Rooney was sent off and the Spaniards hit the bar in the last minute.

Thun were playing in the amateur Swiss Third Division nine years ago but showed that they had come a long way by beating dynamic Kiev and Malmo in the qualifying rounds.

The trip to Arsenal demanded a further step up and they responded to the challenge to reach halting goal-less, with Arsenal reduced to 10 men just before the break with a red card for striker Robin van Persie.

**Liverpool make dream start with 2-1 win at Betis**

SEVILLA (Spain), 14 Sept— European champions Liverpool began the defence of their crown with an authoritative 2-1 win away to debutants Real Betis in their opening Group G match on Tuesday.

The Merseysiders, who had to come through three qualifying rounds to earn the right to defend the trophy they won in dramatic fashion against AC Milan last season, stunned the Spaniards with two quick-fire goals in the first 14 minutes.

French striker Florent Sinama-Pongolle opened with a delightful lob just two minutes into the game and Spanish midfielder Luis Garcia squeezed a first-time shot at the near post to make it 2-0 before Betis had time to react.

King’s Cup winners Betis finally found their rhythm towards the end of the first half and pulled a goal back when midfielder Arzu steered the ball past keeper Pepe Reina six minutes after the break, but Liverpool weathered the storm to hold on for an important away win.

Benitez sprang a surprise by leaving inspirational captain Steven Gerrard on the bench and deciding to play Sinama-Pongolle in preference to Djimi Traore and Reina.

The Spanish exiles Garcia and Miccoli had cut a fine pass into his path from the left.

**Juventus victory overshadowed by Vieira red card**

BRUSSELS, 15 Sept— Italian champions Juventus opened their Champions League campaign with a 2-1 victory in Bruges, but ended the match with 10 men after Patrick Vieira was sent off in the last minute.

Former Arsenal midfielder Vieira was dismissed for a second bookable offence after the stubborn home side had given their illustrious visitors a fright.

Second half goals from Pavel Nedved and David Trezeguet had put Juventus in control but Bruges hit back in the 85th minute through Jeanion Yulio Matondo to set up a pulsating finish.

Bruges pushed hard for an equalizer after Vieira’s red card but Fabio Capello’s team hung on for the victory. — MNA/Reuters

**Benfica beat Lille thanks to Miccoli’s injury time goal**

LISBON, 15 Sept— An injury-time goal by substitute Fabrizio Miccoli gave Benfica a 1-0 win over Lille in Champions League Group D on Wednesday to give the Lisbon team a big boost after their worst domestic start ever.

Benfica put the pressure on the French team but spectacular play by Beninese goalkeeper Tony Sylva kept Benfica at bay until two minutes into injury time when Miccoli headed a cross from the left by substitute Pedro Mantorras.

Lille, who qualified for Europe’s elite competition by surprisingly finishing runners-up to Olympique Lyon in Ligue 1 last season, played their usual counter-attacking game. — MNA/Reuters

**Lyon shock Real 3-0 in stylish opener**

LYON (France), 14 Sept— Olympique Lyon opened their Champions League campaign in style with a 3-0 home victory over a weakened Real Madrid in a lively Group F match on Tuesday.

Three first-half goals in quick succession helped Lyon sink the nine-times European champions and strongly suggest they could make an impact in Europe after leaving the showcase club competition in the quarter-finals the last two seasons.

Lyon’s tactic was made easier by the fact that Real, making yet another sluggish start to the season, were missing France playmaker Zinedine Zidane and Brazilian striker Ronaldo through injury and suspension respectively.

French striker John Carew opened the scoring for the four-times French champions against the run of play on 21 minutes when he surprised Real Madrid goalkeeper Iker Casillas by deflecting a Juninho free kick with a header.

Brazilian midfielder Juninho needed no help to double the advantage from another free kick from nearly 30 metres out five minutes later.

France forward Sylvain Wiltord effectively killed the tie on 31 minutes when he made it 3-0 with a magnificent volley from a fine backward pass by defender Anthony Reveillere.

Real, who looked the most active side until Lyon opened the scoring, paid a heavy price for nervous defending but escaped further punishment when Casillas brilliantly saved a Juninho penalty on 42 minutes.

The visitors threatened on eight minutes when a trademark powerful free kick from Roberto Carlos flitted from the post.

The set piece followed a foul on Real’s latest prodigy, Brazil’s Robinho, who gave the Lyon defence plenty of trouble at first before fading along with rest of his team.

Roberto Carlos had another chance on 19 minutes with an angled shot that Lyon goalkeeper Gregory Coupet managed to block. — MNA/Reuters

**Liverpool’s late Sneijder goal saves Ajax a point against Sparta**

PRAGUE, 15 Sept — A last-gasp goal from Wesley Sneijder salvaged Ajax a 1-1 draw with Sparta Prague in their Champions League Group B match on Wednesday.

Ajax had been chasing the match since the 66th minute when Sparta substitute Miroslav Matusovic fired home from around 23 metres into the top right-hand corner after picking up a deflected ball.

Sparta had made a cautious start, allowing Ajax to attack and the Dutch side had the better of the chances throughout.

They finally levelled in the dying seconds through Sneijder.
CASH DONATED: U Sein Tin and family of Room No 10, Building 26, U Witara Housing Estate, Dagon Township, recently donated K 150,000 to Htanzigon Home for the Aged through Joint-Treasurer U Maung Maung Gyi. — it

6th UN General Assembly opens

UNITED NATIONS, 15 Sept.—The 6th UN General Assembly opened here Tuesday with the Assembly’s new president Jan Flaisal announcing “renewed energy and determination” to tackle the problems facing the world body and the world at large. “When we go into this work, we should be reminded of two important realities. One, the expectations and dreams of our peoples for this organization. The other, the sombre realities in this world which must also be felt by us in these halls,” he said. He listed terrorism attacks, poverty, disease, disarmament and non-proliferation as some of the challenges facing the international community.

“We need to reflect on why an organization which was set up to ‘save succeeding generations from the scourge of war has been unable to prevent ethnic cleansing, mass killings and even genocide. It is time for us all to stop saying never again,’” the opening session of the 6th General Assembly was postponed several times as negotiators from a core group of 32 countries made last-minute effort to come up with a draft for the UN summit scheduled for Wednesday.

MNA/Xinhua

WEATHER

Thursday, 15 September, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hrs MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin State and lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin and Kayah States, upper Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan and Rakhine States, Mandalay and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Taninthayi Division and isolated heavyfall in Mon State. The noteworthy amounts of rain recorded were (in mm): Mawlamyine (3.03) inch, Mawlamyine (1.69) inches, Pathein (0.83) inch. Maximum temperature on 14-9-2005 was 87 °F. Minimum temperature on 15-9-2005 was 71 °F. Relatice humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 15-9-2005 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 14-9-2005 was (1.3) hrs approx. Rainfalls on 15-9-2005 were (0.27) inch at Mingladon, (0.20) inch at Kabar-Aye and (0.08) inch at the central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (78.46) inches at Mingladon, (80.87) inches at Kabar-Aye and (86.22) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba- Aye) was (15) mph from Northeast at (06:05) hours MST on 15-9-2005.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in North Bay and Monsoon is moderate to strong in Central and South Bay and vigorous in Andaman Sea.

Special feature: According to the observations at (06:30) hrs MST today, yesterday’s land depression moving west over Thailand has weakened to a low pressure area over Delta area of Myanmar this morning at (06:30) hours MST. It is forecast to move westwards into the East Central Bay during the next few hours.

Forecast valid until evening of 16-9-2005: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Chin and Kachin States, Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan and Kayah States and Mandalay Division and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Mon State, Taninthayi and Yangon Divisions. Degree of certainty is 80%.

State of the sea: Frequent squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40-45) mph.

Look for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 16-9-2005: Intense rain which may be heavy at times. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 16-9-2005: Partly cloudy.

“Flood Warning”

(Issued at 13:00 hrs MST, 15-9-2005)

According to the (06:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madark (1048) cm. It may reach the danger level (1070) cm during the next (48) hours commencing noon today.

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Prime Minister sends felicitations to Papua New Guinea

YANGON, 16 Sept—On the occasion of the Independence Day of Papua New Guinea, which falls on 16 September 2005, General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to the Right Honourable Sir Michael Somare, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea. — MNA

Three development projects are well under way for ensuring equitable development of all parts of the nation

Lt-Gen Ye Myint goes on inspection tour around Kachin State

YANGON, 15 Sept—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, together with Chairman of Kachin State PDC Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, Brig-Gen Myint Hein of Mogau Station, senior military officers and officials, inspected thriving paddy fields along the road to Mogau and tasks for maintenance of Shwebo-Myitkyina road on 13 September morning.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party viewed progress of putting 100 out of 1,000 acres under rubber being undertaken by the local station at 8th Mile at the junction of Mogau-Hopin-Shwebo Road and Phakant Road in Mogau. Brig-Gen Myint Hein reported on the

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Social and Cultural Working Group of MWAF donates teaching aids to disabled students

YANGON, 14 Sept—Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation is taking part in the development tasks of the State for ensuring improvement of education, health and economic sectors for women. To contribute towards the Inclusive Education programme being implemented by the Ministry of Education, Leader of Social and Cultural Working Group Dr Daw Sanda Aung and party of MWAF donated teaching aid to Kyimyindine BEHS No 5 and Dagon BEHS No 3 where disabled students are learning education, yesterday.

At Kyimyindine BEHS No 5, they cordially greeted 24 blind students of ninth and tenth standards and presented one cassette, tape and related parts each to them.

One blind schoolgirl expressed gratitude.

Similarly, they proceeded to Dagon BEHS No 3. They cordially conversed with 61 deaf students and donated 100 dozens of exercise books and 100 dozens of pencils to them. One deaf student spoke words of thanks.

Also present on the occasions were the chairperson of Yangon Division Women’s Affairs Organization and members, members of Yangon West District and Dagon Township WAOs. Yangon Division WAO made cash donations for Kyimyindine School for the Blinds, Khawegyan School for the Blinds and Mary Chapman’s School for the Deaf.

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However, inland fisheries of the Bawle River and the Hline River suffered from the unsustainable exploitation through habitat changes and degradation of the resources. Fish resource can maintain its role to contribute a great economic importance to riparian zone, if their habitat and the resources are kept properly.

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The leader of Social and Cultural Working Group of MWAF and party present teaching aid to students of Dagon BEHS No 3 and Kyimyindine BEHS No 5. — MNA