Established 1914

Four economic objectives

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

YANGON, 6 NOV — To be able to provide health care services to older persons, a three-storey hospital for the aged was opened at Hninzigon Home for the Aged on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Bahan Township this morning.

At the opening ceremony, Chairman of the Home Administrative Board U Maung Tin extended greetings.

Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Chairman of the Administrative Board of the Home U Maung Tin, Vice-Chairman Lt-Col Kyaw Shein (Retd) and well-wisher U Ko Ko Htoo cut the ribbon to open the hospital.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe in the company of Yangon Command Li-Gen Myint Swe pressed the button to unveil the signboard of the hospital.

After the opening ceremony, the commander and officials visited the hospital and asked after the patient older persons.

The construction of the hospital (120-bed) started on 1 November 2004. The three-storey hospital measuring 90 feet by 70 feet is of reinforced concrete. One lift is installed at the hospital. Those wishing to donate cash to the funds of the hospital may contact the Hninzigon Home for the Aged Administrative Board. — MNA

Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe opens three-storey 120-bed hospital for the aged

Second Myanmar Junior World Ranking Grade 5 Tennis Tournament commences

YANGON, 6 NOV — The 2nd Myanmar Junior World Ranking Grade 5 Tennis Tournament was opened on a grand scale at Theinbyu Tennis Centre, here, this morning.

Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint delivered an opening speech.

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After that, the opening matches were held at the designated places.

Players of Myanmar, Canada, Croatia, Germany, India, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, the Philippines, Singapore, the Republic of Korea, Thailand and Britain are taking part in the tournament which will be held up to 11 November.

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Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.
Work in concert for success of ACMECS work programmes

The opening of the Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) Summit was held at the Yellow Room of the Santi Maetiri Building in Bangkok, Thailand, on 3 November morning.

Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win, Thai Prime Minister Dr Thaksin Shinawatra, Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun Sen, Lao Prime Minister Mr Boumhang Vorachith and Vietnamese Prime Min- ister Mr Phan Van Khai attended the meeting and made speeches on the occasion.

In his address, Prime Minister General Soe Win said that encouragement is to be given to government organizations and private sector to participate in the tasks for successful implementation of the objectives; that partner countries are to be invited to take part in the tasks; and that regional cooperation and national level cooperation are effective ways to narrow the development gap among the nations.

The Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) Summit was held in Bagan, Myanmar in November 2003. The meeting adopted the Bagan declaration and future work programmes to widely and effectively carry out the tasks in the region.

In his address, the tasks should be launched through cooperation and effective use of particular qualities and natural resources of each member nation. Myanmar, being a ACMECS member nation, has to take responsibility for successful implementation of agricultural and industrial cooperation as a leading coordinator.

After the opening ceremony of the ACMECS, the Second Informal ACMECS Summit followed. At the Summit, the Prime Ministers of the ACMECS member nations discussed promotion of trade and investment, cooperation in agricultural and industrial sectors, extension of transport services among member nations, enhancement of tourism industry, energy efficiency, extended production of bio-fuel, development of human resources, cooperation in prevention against bird flu and other infectious diseases, exchange of views on organizing the Third ACMECS Summit, and preparations for issuing the declaration of the Second ACMECS Summit.

Next, the Prime Ministers of Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam signed the declaration of the Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) Sum- mit, and declaration on Partnership in Combating Avian Influenza and Other Infectious Diseases.

All in all, we firmly believe that all the ACMECS member nations will work in concert for successful implementation of future work programmes laid down by the Second ACMECS Sum- mit through regional cooperation and national level cooperation.

Cash donated for paying respects to doyen literati

YANGON, 6 NOV — To commemorate the Sasedaw Day, a cash donation ceremony for paying respects to doyen literati, organized by Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, took place at Dolphin Restaurant, Kandawgyi, yesterday evening. It was attended by Chairman of MWJA U Hla Myint (Ko Hsang), U Tin Kha (Takkatho Tin Kha), CEC members and wellwishers.

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UMFCCI PERSONNEL LEAVE: UMFCCI Vice-President U Aung Lwin, CEC member U Khin Myint and Executive U Aye Lwin left for Vietnam on 3-11-2005 to attend Third Myanmar-Vietnam Joint Trade Committee Meeting in Hanoi. UMFCCI President U Win Myint and officials see them off at the airport.—MNA
Hu Jintao calls for further cooperation between China, Russia

BEIJING, 5 Nov — Chinese President Hu Jintao on Friday called for more and better cooperation between China and Russia, in a bid to further enhance the Sino-Russian strategic and cooperative partnership.

Hu said that while meeting Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Yefimovich Fradkov, who is here for the 10th regular meeting between Chinese and Russian prime ministers. “The Sino-Russian strategic and cooperative partnership kept growing this year and showed great vigour,” Hu said. Chinese and Russian leaders met four times and reached consensus on major issues this year, he said.

The two countries signed a joint statement on international order in the new century and launched strategic security consultation, according to Hu.

The two countries have also carried out sound cooperation in politics, trade, economy, energy, investment and military sectors, and coordinated closely on international and regional affairs, he noted.

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India to give free medical treatment to 20 more Pakistani children

NEW DELHI, 5 Nov — India on Thursday said it would give free medical treatment to 20 more children from Pakistan, raising to 60 the number of such patients receiving the treatment.

The Government of India has sanctioned free medical treatment of another batch of Pakistani children, External Affairs Ministry spokesman Navtej Sarna said here.

This scheme enables needily and seriously ill children of Pakistan to get quality medical treatment free of cost in India.

Under the scheme launched early last year, the Indian Government pays the air fare and accommodation for the child and one guardian. Most of the Pakistani children treated so far were heart patients who were treated at Narayana Hrudayalaya Hospital in Bangalore and Escorts Hospital in Delhi.

The scheme is being implemented through the Indian High Commission in Islamabad— MNA/PTI

Malaria kills 400 Ugandans daily

KAMPALA, 5 Nov— A new research report on the use of dichloro diphenyl trichloroethane (DDT) to control malaria has said that the disease kills about 400 Ugandans daily. The report which was quoted by local Press on Friday indicated that those killed by the disease are mostly children and pregnant women.

According to the Ministry of Health, malaria remains the number one killer disease in the country and consumes 10 per cent or 34 million US dollars of the ministry’s annual budget for the drugs and services. The research was carried out between May and August 2005 in areas which were spread with DDT. It examined the effects of DDT on humans and the environment and also recommended the control use in fighting malaria.

Gabriel Bininya, the chief researcher and lecturer at Makerere University said that whereas allegations have come up against the use of DDT, results have shown no direct association between DDT and human defects like impotence, infertility, neurological deficits, congenital abnormalities or cancer.

He said that the contrary, the results showed a very fecund society in areas where the chemical was applied in the country about 45 years ago.— MNA/Xinhua

Philippine authorities hold evidence on US military rape case

MANILA, 5 Nov — Philippine authorities said that the evidence is strong against six US servicemen accused of gang-raping a 22-year-old Filipina at suburban Bay north of Manila, a local newspaper reported on Friday.

There were witnesses, including the Filipino driver of a rented van where the alleged rape took place after an annual US-Philippine joint military exercise, and a confession was even found inside the van, Philippine Daily Inquirer quoted Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) administrator Armando Arreza as saying.

Charges have already been filed against the US servicemen on Thursday afternoon, Arreza said, with the preliminary hearing set early next week, possibly Monday. “We have requested that the case be expedited in the interest of both parties,” he said.

The complaint filed with the local prosecutor’s office identified the US servicemen as Keith Silkwood, Daniel Smith, Albert Lara, Dominic Duplantis, Corey Barris and Chad Carpenter. — MNA/Xinhua

Four US soldiers killed in Iraq fighting

BAGHDAD, 6 Nov— Three US soldiers were killed in separate incidents across Iraq on Friday and a fourth died in a traffic accident on Saturday, the US army announced.

A soldier was killed by a roadside bomb as his patrol passed on Friday in the east of Baghdad, and a second one “was killed by small-arms fire” south of Baghdad.

Both soldiers belonged to Task Force Baghdad, the military command in charge of operations in and around the capital.

And a soldier assigned to the marine force in charge of operations in the western province of Al-Anbar “died of wounds after his vehicle hit a mine” near the town of Habbaniyah, just west of Fallujah, some 50 kilometers (30 miles) west of Baghdad. On Saturday, a US service member was killed and three others injured “in a non-combat related vehicle accident” at Ali Base, an air base near the southern city of Nasiriyah, 350 kilometers (220 miles) south of Baghdad— Internet

US soldiers climb between rooftops during a patrol of western Baghdad on 5 Nov, 2005.—INTERNET

Thai women group aims to become world’s 7th largest automobile exporter

BANGKOK, 5 Nov— Thailand will become the world’s 7th largest automobile exporter later this month when the country’s annual automobile production reaches one million units for the first time.

When the ambitious target is reached, which is due between November 17-24, the Thai kingdom will also become the world’s 14th largest automobile producer, according to the Federation of Thai Industries (FTI).

“A real time on-line monitoring system is being launched 24 hours within these two weeks, linking all local automobile manufacturing plants, to find out the one million locally produced automobile,” Deputy Prime Minister and Industry Minister Sutid Jungnurangreangkit was quoted by the Thai News Agency as saying on Friday.

He said he believed that the country’s automobile production would reach 1.15 million units by the end of this year and the annual automobile production would reach two million units over the next five years.— MNA/Xinhua
Zimbabwe attacks Britain for dragging UN into dispute

HARARE, 5 Nov — Zimbabwe on Friday attacked Britain for dragging the United Nations into its "bilateral differences" over land reform with the country.

This follows this week's attempts by Britain to pressure the United Nations to condemn Zimbabwe over a clean-up campaign the country carried out early this year to clear sites of slum, in which thousands of illegal housing structures were demolished.

United Nations Secretary-General, Kofi Annan issued a statement, following "pressure" from British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw and Prince Charles, expressing concern over the plight of people affected by the clean up campaign, according to the Zimbabwean Government.

In response, Foreign Affairs Minister Simbarashe Mumbengegwi said it was most regrettable that Britain was continuing to "abuse" the UN framework to try and settle scores with Zimbabwe.

"Over the years, Britain has tried to drag her bilateral dispute with Zimbabwe onto the agenda of the United Nations even at the expense of the rules and procedures governing the conduct of business in the world body," the minister said.

Zimbabwe, the minister said, was already working with a UN country team on a cooperation framework to assist people affected by Operation Restore Order, and had since indicated to the world body that it only required "complimentary assistance". He said the government was developing a cooperation framework under its housing delivery programme based on lasting shelter solutions and not on some "fictitious humanitarian crisis".

"Zimbabwe is committed to producing a lasting solution to the shelter requirements of all its citizens under the clean up campaign," he said.
Recently, I paid a visit to Bagyi Phyo to have a chat with him.

**Phyo:** Hello, long time no see. Where have you been lately? Have duriang and green tea.

**Author:** Thank you. My youngest son has gout since he was born. His knee is getting worse, and now he can’t walk. I’ll study more treatment this year. So, I had to earn extra money for his medical treatment. He’ll have to undergo an operation in Dawei Hospital before school. That’s why I haven’t visited you these days.

**Phyo:** You’re right. You have to earn enough money in advance to cover all the costs. But, the Ministry of Health is implementing a motto for needy patients to receive medical treatments at low costs. If a needy person is to be hospitalized, he should let the officials know his financial situation. And they will provide assistance for him as much as they can.

A: I’ve heard of it, too. The cost-sharing system means needy patients just need to contribute whatever cash he can.

**Phyo:** We Myanmar people have a fine tradition of extending cooperation when the nation is being constructed in various aspects. By the way, the conference of World Health Organization held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 21 June 2000 issued the World Health Report 2000. It incorrectly stated the health standard of Myanmar was poorer than other nations.

A: I think it was due to the instigation of the big powers.

**Phyo:** You’re right. WHO said the big power was interfering in the affairs of UN agencies and it later knew that the report lacked true facts.

A: It’s no longer secret. The Ministry of Health of our nation won the World No-Tobacco Day award in 2004 that WHO awarded. That went down in the annals of our nation.

**Phyo:** The truth will come out one day. By the way, I learnt at the press meet 4/2005 held at the Ministry of Information in Yangon on 15 May 2005, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan clarified that a well-known organization of a big nation conducted a course on explosives for some members of armed insurgent groups in border areas starting from the second week of December 2004, and the well-known organization provided 100,000 US dollars for expatiate Sein Win of NCGUB under the heading of assistance for refugees.

A: So did I.

**Phyo:** The Myanmar Language programme VOA aired at 6 pm on 19 May that Myanmar people knew a super power meant the US and the well-known CIA.

A: That’s their guess. They can think as they like.

**Phyo:** May-7 bomb blasts of terrorists left many innocent people dead and wounded. According to the list of casualties on 12 June, the bomb blasts killed 23 people and wounded over 100. Do you know why the terrorists launched vicious attacks on a small nation like Myanmar? If you do, tell me something about that.

A: Our nation is situated between South Asia and Southeast Asia. It lies between the two heavily populous nations. After the cold war, West bloc was interested in Myanmar located in strategic area as it wanted to keep the regional nations under its domination. In 1988, Myanmar saw the spread of the neo-colonialists and the Tatmadaw had to take up State’s duties. NLD that won the 1990 election stuck to the policy of confrontation against the government before the launch of writing a draft State Constitution instead of cooperating with the government. As you know, the West bloc provided various forms of assistance for their lackeys to come into power with the intention to overthrow the Tatmadaw government because it understood that to gain its self-interests, the government that would come into power must be a puppet one. However, now it’s virtually hopeless attempting to install a puppet government, therefore, as the saying that goes “One sprinkles sand on the morsel of meat for which one has no share to eat”, it committed such a ruthless act to tarnish the image of the government, to create a public panic and to instigate mass demonstration resulting from poor basic needs and general discontentment.

**Phyo:** You’re right. Myanmar plays a strategic role in the region of Asia and the Pacific and BIMSTEC. If Myanmar is totally under the domination of a big nation and its puppets come into power in the country, that will threathen regional nations including neighbours that have already gained unity, and that also poses a grave danger to peace and stability of the region. The West bloc nations must have destructive tactics to topple the governments of the nations that refuse to follow them and that don’t get along with the West bloc.

A: Certainly, I have read the book “Political Warfare” by American mediaman John Scott that features so many political tactics such as diplomatic means, economic sanctions, media propaganda, instigating mass demonstrations, deceptive acts, intimidations, violence, and isolating them from their friendly nations and supporters for weakening the power of enemies, and destroying them if possible.

**Phyo:** I see. Neo-colonialists are applying the destructive tactics of West bloc against our nation.

A: Elaborate it, please.

**Phyo:** In 2003, the US Congress approved the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act 2003 under the Senate and House of Representatives to impose economic sanctions against Myanmar. The EU also imposed economic sanctions against the Tatmadaw government. These acts are like the destructive tactics, aren’t they?

A: Yes, they are.

**Phyo:** I think you have also heard that the previous successive press conferences clarified that our nation is gaining development momentum in economic and political sectors for transforming into a democratic transition. But, internal and external destructive elements are launching three-pronged attacks from underground, aboveground and from abroad to disrupt the national development.

A: You’re right. I notice that their attacks on our nation have got more frequent since the National Convention resumed.

**Phyo:** Those are some of their destructive tactics. Recently, BBC aired a false news story imminent on change in the State leadership to create public panic and to cause inflationary effects of price rises. They had to make the countries in the region to be their followers and instigated the nations to put pressure on Myanmar. But, it was unsuccessful. So, again they drove a wedge between UN agencies and the nation. They instigated UN agencies to leave Myanmar, and then put all the blame on the nation.

A: The US 2005 report stated that Myanmar was at the bottom of the list of the nations of human trafficking campaigns. It also accused the nation of failing to make effective efforts to combat narcotic drugs. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs rejected that statement. As a matter of fact, those were just exaggerations based on false news.

**Phyo:** Their last attack on our nation was that they instigated well-known Vaclav Havel and Desmond Tutu to submit a report of accusations against Myanmar to the UN Security Council.

A: In accordance with the political warfare, they regarded Myanmar that is opposed to alien domination, as their enemy nation. And they are isolating our nation from friendly nations and supporters. So, we Myanmars need to be vigilant against their wicked tactics.

**Phyo:** Yes, we will have to be aware of the dangers of their acts.

A: The government, the people and the Tatmadaw are cooperating in building a modern developed nation to catch up with world nations in line with the motto “The strength of the nation lies within”. And the seven-point Road Map is being implemented and the National Convention is being convened for democratic transition. But, internal and external destructive elements who cannot bear to see national progress are resorting to a broad variety of wicked means to interfere in the internal affairs of our nation. In this regard, what should national people do for perpetuation of our nation?

**Phyo:** In my opinion, we national people must uphold the national policy or Our Three Main National Causes namely Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity, and perpetuation of sovereignty. We must try our best to be fully equipped with Union Spirit. And we must wipe out the dangers of internal and external saboteurs through the might of national unity, in case our nation will fall into the servitude again. Only then will our nation exist as long as the world does.

A: Thanks for your elaboration.

**Phyo:** No need to mention it. May I continue my conversation. I’ll remember it might be in the time of the APPL government. At the UN General Assembly, the permanent UN resident representative of Myanmar and also the ambassador presented Myanmar’s opinion on the bloc of Soviet Union and the bloc of the US syring each other for the political and military gains. He used a Myanmar saying “Men of the same trade know each other’s secrets” to compare it to the mounting tension between the two blocs. Then, the delegates from world nations applauded the similar. The destructive tactics of the neo-colonialists are no longer secret in the world. So, we need to be constantly vigilant against all their acts and movements.

A: Yes, it’s high time we national people were constantly vigilant against destructive acts and movements.

**Phyo:** According to Loka Niti (Buddhist instructions in ethics), a wise man shall stay far away from forthcoming dangers, and shall bravely tackle the dangers and deceptions. If I would like to call for collaborated and harmonious cooperation of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw to adhere to the teaching of Loka Niti so as to see the acts and movements of neo-colonialists in over-all perspective, and destroy the destructive acts of lackeys of neo-colonialists.

A: What a proper exhortation it is, Bagyi Phyo.

Translation: MS
Kyemon: 6-11-2005
Development of higher education in the time of Tatmadaw Government

Newly emerged universities and colleges

In the time of the Tatmadaw government, roads and bridges, factories, hospitals, schools, universities and colleges that will serve the interests of the nation and its people have been built throughout the country. In the past there were only 27 universities and colleges but now the number has reached 64.

The objective of building universities and colleges throughout the country is enabling the youth to pursue higher education within their arm’s reach. Nowadays, Myanmar’s education is developing significantly. There is no limit in pursuing higher education, and learning opportunities have been opened up to all youths along with regional and national development.

With the aim of turning out intellectuals and intelligentsia who are prerequisite for emergence of a modern and developed democratic nation, the government with farsightedness is building infrastructures in the education sector.

The table shows increase in the number of vocational education institutes, Arts and Science Universities, Degree Colleges and Colleges in the time of the Tatmadaw government.

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Mohnyin Government Technological College in Mohnyin township, Kachin State.
Botahtaung Basic Education High School No 1 facilitated with multimedia classrooms

YANGON, 6 Nov — A ceremony to put the multimedia classrooms into service was held at No 1 Basic Education High School in Botahtaung Township this morning, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe.

Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, Headmistrress Daw Khin San Myint and Chairman of School Board of Trustees Dr Tun Aung Zan formally opened the multimedia classrooms.

The commander unveiled the signboard of the multimedia classrooms, and inspected the study room, the computer-aided instruction room, the language lab, the electronic (video) room, the domestic science room and the art studio.

At Thazin Hall, the commander delivered an address, saying that the Government is nurturing the students to become indispensable resources of human beings by implementing the 30-year national education promotion plan in accord with the motto reading ‘The modern and developed nation will be built through education.’

Thanks to opening of the multimedia classrooms, the students will have the opportunities to apply modern teaching aids in learning the education, he added.

He called on teachers to polish their pupils through multimedia teaching methods to become qualified intellectuals and intellectuals. In conclusion, he thanked wellwishers for their donations and contributions for their performance for the emergence of the multimedia classrooms, and he urged all to maintain its durability.

Headmistrress Daw Khin San Myint and Chairman of SBT Dr Tun Aung Zan explained matters related to the multimedia classrooms.

The cash donation ceremony for the multimedia classrooms followed. The commander, the deputy minister and the director-general of Department of Education Planning and Training accepted K 3,141,000 — three sets of computers and accessories worth K 1,650,000 donated by U Thien Win (Patron of Shwe Thanlwin Co); K 571,000 by Patron of SBT U Aung Than and Chairman of Parent-Teacher Association U Wai Lin; K 120,000 by U Kyi Hwe-Daw Nan Hla Tun and old students; K 100,000 by U Kan Shwe-Daw Than Than Aye, Managing Director U Aung Win of Grand Wynn Co, U Myint Myint, Daw Khin Pyone Win and U Ko Gyi, U Tun Oo-Daw Aye Aye Win and No 3 Ward PDC, U Kyee Maung-Daw Sanda Oo, U Aung Maw-Daw San San Maw (Htet Restaurant), U Kyi Win-Daw Yin Kyi and Daw Thida Khin, U Mar La (Top Car Parts Shop) and U Kalar-Daw Tin Tin Win, U Maung Maung Aung (Managing Director of Thiri Win Loyan Construction Group).

Later, the ceremony ended with a speech by the Deputy Minister for Education.

Cash donated for tube-wells

YANGON, 6 Nov — The ceremony to donate cash for 16 tube wells took place at the office of Mandalay Division Maternal and Child Welfare Association Supervisory Committee on 29 October morning.

Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and wife Daw Khin Pyone Win family donated cash for a tube well, Mandalay Division PDC K 10 million, U Tin Maung-Daw Nan Hla Sein (Great Wall Co) K 2.6 million, U Aik San-Daw Yan Shin May K 1.3 million, Palace Specialist Clinic K 1.3 million, U Tin Myin-Daw Shu Yin K 3.26 million, U Yan Aung-Daw Yin Shwe (New Star Goldsmith) K 1.3 million, Daw Tin Tin (Aungmyin Trading) family K 1.2 million and U Aung Thu (Gyophyu Vehicles Association) donated K 500,000 to Mandalay Division MCWA Supervisory Committee.

After the donations, work coordination meeting of the supervisory committee continued and Chairperson of the committee Daw Khin Pyone Win made a speech.

On 30 October, Mandalay Division MCWASC and party went to Myin Wun Mingyi Taik Khettya Monastery in Maha Aungmyay Township and Pepin Monastery in Yhanlyet Maw and donated provisions.
**Rules on 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day Commemorative Painting and Sculpture Contests announced**

**Yangon, 6 Nov —** As a gesture of hailing the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day which falls on 27 March 2006, the Painting and Sculpture Contests and Exhibition Organizing Sub-committee, under the Poem, Literature, Music, Dance, Drama, Fine Arts and Painting and Sculpture Contests and Exhibition Organizing Work Committee chaired by Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, announced rules on the Painting and Sculpture Contests.

The Painting Contest will be divided into six categories — the primary level (school children from Pre-Primary School, the primary (junior) level (KG, first and second standards), the primary (senior) level (third and fourth standards), the middle school level (fifth to seventh standards), the high school level (ninth and tenth standards and technical and agricultural schools), and the open level (university, college and institute, State Schools of Fine Arts and Drama), and amateur and professional level contests.

The Sculpture Contest is open to all. But, contestants may take part in both of the events — the open class (plaster) and the open class (wood). All the contestants including amateurs, professionals and students may take part in both contests.

In the pre-primary and all basic education levels of the Painting Contest, the size of the entry must be 20" by 15" created by any colour and system. The entry must be endorsed by respective principals with the name of contestants, standard, school, township, date of birth, father’s name, full address and two passport size photos which must be sent to Education Planning and Training Department, No-123 Natmauk Road, Bahan Township, Yangon not later than 1 March 2006.

In the open division painting and sculpture contest, the works must be sent to the Secretary of Myanmar Traditional Artists and Artisans Asianon Central, 187, East Wing of Bogyoke Market, or the secretary of the organizing sub-committee, Tatmadaw Convention Hall, U Wisara Road, Yangon, not later than 1 March 2006.

Prizes will be awarded first, second and third prizes to the winners in Mandalay District-1, Mandalay District-2 and Mandalay District-3.

Chairman of the organizing sub-committee, Tatmadaw Convention Hall, U Wisara Road, Yangon, presented prizes to the winners in Mandalay District-1, Mandalay District-2 and Mandalay District-3.

**Cane weaving, singing and tailoring contests to be held for the disabled**

**Yangon, 6 Nov —** To hail the International Day for the Disabled which will fall on 3 December, skill demonstrations of disabled persons will be held on 23 and 24 this month. Open cane weaving contest for blind persons will be held at Khawechan school for the blind, No 132, Panbingyi Street; and open tailoring contest for those who are physically handicapped at the school for the disabled, No 65, Kyauklaung Pagoda Road in Mayangon Township.

Those wishing to take part in the contests are to contact the schools not later than 15 November. Prize winners will be awarded at the International Business Centre on 3 December. — MNA

**Talks on liver disease and liver transplant given**

**Yangon, 5 Nov —** Talks on liver disease and liver transplant, organized by Myanmar Medical Association and Win Myanmar Co Ltd, were given at Traders Hotel, here, this afternoon. It was attended by specialists, doctors and guests.

First, Liver Surgeon Dato Dr Kc Tan gave a talk on liver transplant and Miss Marry Lye clarified medical treatment of the hospitals under PGH Co Ltd and that everyone can have contacts with Win Myanmar Co Ltd, and the ceremony ended. — MNA
Yangon Station holds Kathina robes offering ceremony

**Yangon, 6 Nov —** Family of Yangon Station held its Kathina robes offering ceremony at the Dhammâyone in the Station this morning. It was attended by Yangon Station Commander Brig. Gen Myo Myint and wife, officers and their families. They offered the Kathina robes and provisions to the Sayadaws and shared merits gained. **MNA**

Deepcut Army barracks deaths probe criticized

**London, 6 Nov —** A review has criticized how police investigated the deaths of four young soldiers at an Army barracks in Deepcut, Surrey. Devon and Cornwall Police, called in to examine Surrey Police’s own investigation into the deaths, said on Friday the probe had been poorly led and lacked focus. But the review cleared Surrey detectives of any suggestion of collusion with the Army in reaching their conclusion that no one else was responsible for the deaths of the soldiers. The recruits all died from gunshot wounds at the Princess Royal Barracks at Deepcut between 1995 and 2002. The families of the recruits do not believe the soldiers killed themselves and on Friday repeated their calls for a public inquiry. Devon and Cornwall Police said they had found “confusion of roles and responsibilities” in the Surrey probe, and said it had been difficult to identify who was in charge of the investigation. It said the investigative focus of the inquiry may have also been reduced in the early stages of the probe because of a decision to widen the inquiry to include causes of suicide within the military. Surrey Police said many of the criticisms in the report were over procedural issues and that their investigation was “safe and sound”. “The bottom line is that after an intensive two-year review of our re-investigation, Devon & Cornwall Constabulary has assured us that they did not find any new lines of inquiry or evidence that we have missed,” said Surrey Police Deputy Chief Constable Brian Moore. **MNA/Reuters**

Customs Department offers Kathina robes

**Yangon, 6 Nov —** Customs Department of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue held its 27th Kathina robes offering ceremony at Dhamma Thukha Yeiktha on Shwedagon Pagoda Road in Bahan Township this morning. It was attended by Vice-Chairman of State Sangha Nayaka Committee Thayet Sayadaw Aggha Maha Suddhamajotikadaja Aggha Maha Kamathaniarciy Thuddanta Kesara and members of the Sangha, Director-General of Customs Department U Khin Maung Lin and wife, staff and their families. The Director-General and staff offered Kathina robes and provisions to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha. They also paid respect to 170 doyen staff and presented gifts to them. **MNA**

Dutch Customs make huge haul of fake sportswear

**Amsterdam, 6 Nov —** Customs officials at Rotterdam, Europe’s biggest port, have seized more than one million items of counterfeit branded sportswear since June and will destroy or recycle the clothes and shoes, the government said on Friday. Customs found the goods in about 80 containers from China that were destined for Russia and were mainly carrying sport clothes and shoes bearing counterfeit brand names. “This is the first time that Customs has exposed such a large case of imitation goods,” the Finance Ministry said in a statement. “More than one million items of clothing will be destroyed or recycled.” The inferior quality was the main thing that attracted attention. The clothes and shoes were also packed in an unconventional way in compact bundles. The ministry said the trademark holders had been informed. A ministry spokesman said copies of all the main sports brands were included in the haul, but declined to name specific firms. In the whole of 2004, the Dutch Customs seized about 8.6 million counterfeit goods, including about 217,000 items of clothing and accessories. **MNA/Reuters**

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* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
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Hu’s visit to four nations designed to increase mutual trust

BEIJING, 5 Nov — Chinese President Hu Jintao’s upcoming visits to Britain, Germany, Spain and South Korea are designed to increase mutual trust, expand common understanding, promote cooperation and strengthen friendship with the four countries, Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing said here on Friday.

Hu will visit the four nations from 8 to 19 November at the invitations of Queen Elizabeth II of Britain, German President Horst Koehler, Spanish King Juan Carlos I and South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun.

China attaches importance to the friendly relations with the four countries. During Hu’s current visit, he will meet top leaders of the four countries and discuss development of bilateral ties in a bid to promote all-round exchanges, said Li who briefed reporters on Hu’s trip at a press conference in Beijing on Friday.

Referring to Hu’s visit to Britain, Li said since China and Britain established the all-round strategic partnership in 2004, the two sides have maintained close contacts between parliaments, political parties and non-governmental organizations. Progress has been made in cooperation in the fields of trade, investment, finance, energy, science and technology, education and culture.

Hu’s visit will be conducive to strengthening mutual trust and expanding exchanges and cooperation, Li noted.

On Sino-German relations, Li said China and Germany have witnessed an increasing expansion of political mutual trust and economic cooperation. The cooperation in education, technology, environmental protection and legislation has achieved fruitful results.

The two sides keep good communications and coordination on major international and regional issues. Hu’s visit to Germany will help promote the Sino-Germany strategic partnership.

Referring to Hu’s visit to Spain, Li said China and Spain will further strengthen friendship and strategic cooperation. “Until India is further along in taking the necessary steps to fulfil our agreement, particularly separating its civilian and military facilities, our judgement is that it would not be wise or fair to ask the Congress to make such a consequential decision without evidence that the Indian Government was acting on what is arguably the most important of its commitments — the separation of its civilian and military facilities,” Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Nicolas Burns told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Wednesday.

The administration believed that it was better to “wait” before it asked Congress to consider any required legislative action “until India is further along in taking the necessary steps to fulfil our agreement”, he said.

Under the Agreement, reached between President George W. Bush and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on 18 July, the US would lift restrictions on the supply of reactors and fuel for India’s civilian nuclear programme provided New Delhi fulfilled a series of obligations.

China to become world’s No 1 tourist destination in 2017

NINGBO, 5 Nov — China will become No 1 tourist destination country in the world in 2017, three years earlier than the forecast by the World Tourism Organization (WTO), according to a Chinese tourist official.

The WTO has predicted that China will receive 137 million overnight inbound tourists in 2020, thus becoming world’s largest tourist destination.

“The goal may be achieved in advance by three years, according to the calculation by the National Tourism Administration (NTA) based on the booming industry of tourism in China,” said Zhang Jinlin, deputy director of NTA’s Planning, Development and Financial Department, at an investment fair for tourism held in Ningbo, a city in east China’s Zhejiang Province, three days ago.

Official statistics show that China received 41.76 million overseas tourists who spent at least one night on the Chinese Mainland last year, ranking fourth in the world. Tourism revenue hit 25.7 billion US dollars, ranking seventh in the world, according to a report about China’s tourism investment issued by NTA in Ningbo.

Basque leader sentenced for insulting Spanish King

MADRID, 5 Nov — Spain’s Supreme Court sentenced the leader of an outlawed Basque party to a year in prison on Friday for calling King Juan Carlos the “leader of the torturers”.

The court found that the comment by Batasuna leader Arnaldo Otegi at a news conference in 2003 broke a law prohibiting serious insults against Spain’s King.

Batasuna, accused by Spanish authorities of being the political wing of armed Basque separatist group ETA, was outlawed in 2003 for failing to renounce terrorism.

“We sentence Arnaldo Otegi, as criminally responsible for a crime of serious insults against Spain’s King, to a sentence of one year in prison,” the Supreme Court’s written ruling said.

Otegi is unlikely to serve his sentence because the offence is legally his first conviction, and is below the two-year minimum sentence required for a first offender to go to prison under Spanish law.

Otegi served a three-year jail term from 1987 to 1990 for participation in an ETA kidnapping, but that has been expunged from his record because it was more than 10 years ago.

Two charged with planning terrorist attack on Britain

LONDON, 5 Nov — Two men were charged on Friday under anti-terrorism laws with planning to carry out an attack in Britain, possibly on a hospital, police said.

Waseem Mughal and Younis Tsouli, both British and aged 22, were accused of conspiracy to murder and conspiracy to cause an explosion, along with other offences.

Meanwhile, the Bank said that oil prices would average $54 dollars per barrel in 2005 and $56 dollars per barrel in 2006.

The Bank said that East Asia’s economies in 2005 countered a series of threats, including rising oil prices and interest rates, the high-tech slowdown, and the end of preferential export quotas for garments.

“Economies in the region have adjusted well to some fairly serious shocks since the end of 2003, not least of which was the doubling of global oil prices,” said Jemal-ud-din Kassum, Vice-President, East Asia and Pacific Region of the World Bank.

WASHINGTON, 5 Nov — The World Bank said Thursday that East Asia’s economies should grow 6.2 per cent this year and next, compared with 7.2 per cent last year.

In its twice-yearly report on East Asia’s economies, the Bank forecast that China’s gross domestic product (GDP) would slow down to 8.7 per cent in 2006 from a likely 9.3 per cent this year.

Japan is showing signs a robust economic recovery, the Bank said. It estimated Japanese GDP growth at 2.3 per cent in 2005, up 1.5 percentage points from an April forecast.

According to the Bank, East Asia’s exports growth had slowed to about 16-17 per cent by mid-2005 from 30 per cent in mid-2004. That and the soaring oil prices were the main reasons for slower Asian growth.

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On Sino-Germany strategic cooperation, “New Delhi fulfilled a series of obligations. Progress has been made in cooperation in the fields of trade, investment, finance, energy, science and technology, education and culture.”
127 Malaysians killed in road accidents during festival season

KUALA LUMPUR, 5 Nov—A total of 127 people have been killed in road accidents in Malaysia over the past eight days as of Thursday, slightly more than the figure recorded during the same festival season last year, police said.

The fatal road accidents mainly occurred when the drivers lost control of their vehicles and rushed them into trees, or lamp posts, according to statistics by the traffic police.

MNA/Xinhua

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LOS ANGELES, 5 Nov—An engineer at a California defence contractor and three others who authorities say are “foreign intelligence officers” for China have been arrested and charged with stealing US military secrets, according to court documents.

Federal prosecutors declined to comment on Friday on the arrest a week earlier of the two married couples, who were taken into custody at Los Angeles International Airport as they prepared to board a late-night flight for China.

An FBI affidavit unsealed this week showed Chi Mak and his wife, Rebecca Lawah Chiu, were charged in an US District Court along with Chi’s brother, Tai Wang Mak and Tai’s wife, Fuk Heung Li, with theft of government property, conspiracy and transportation of stolen goods.— MNA/Reuters
The so-called crystal waveguide, which is made of silicon using conventional chip-manufacturing processes, has the potential to be used in future optical computer technology. By controlling the velocity of light to about 100 nanoseconds, it could be used in photonic crystal waveguides to control light. The use of these waveguides can help develop new technologies, such as photonic technologies that could be used in optical computers.
Russian youngster wins first position at China Grand Prix

BEIJING, 5 Nov — Andrei Griaizev of Russia won the first position of the men’s single dance at the China ISU Grand Prix freestyle on Friday.

The Russia youngster Griaizev scored a total of 71 points to lead the 12 skaters, followed by Chinese Li Chengjiang with 70.25.

The third place went to the 2005 world champion Stephane Lambiel of Switzerland.

Mourinho dismisses Robben row claim

LONDON, 5 Nov — Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho has dismissed rumours which alleged that he had a bust-up with Arjen Robben after the Dutch winger was substituted in the loss at Real Betis.

Robben, 21, was taken off with pain in his hamstring due to a problem which is thought to stem from his spine. “This situation is not easy and the boy is playing sometimes not feeling 100%.

“The reality is he is not playing well or feeling confident and this bad feeling in the hamstring coming from the spine is not good,” Mourinho said.

“It’s quite a strange situation, not a typical muscular injury. “We feel it’s not an injury that can become worse if he plays so sometimes we say ‘okay let’s go and try’. Although Chelsea’s doctors have diagnosed the problem, even Mourinho admits that “solving it is quite difficult as there is no miracle”. And the Portuguese stressed reports indicating the pair had fallen out after the 65th-minute substitution against Betis were wide of the mark.

“I understand what it looks like but he was injured again,” he added.

“I would say to you if he was disappointed because I changed him, but he was disappointed because he was injured.”

“He was making a sign from the pitch saying he couldn’t carry on. He was running a little bit out of control and disappointed because of the injury.”

Mourinho has offered to apologize if Robben does the same but the Arsenal boss, who has threatened to take some action, will stop me doing that. We are not in a dictatorship.

“I will take action if I want to take action. I have not decided yet. If people say my team plays bad football or they don’t like it I can take that. When I speak sometimes, I can say words that somebody else does not like, but I have never meant to offend anybody.” — MNA/Xinhua

Answers to yesterday’s Crossword Puzzle

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Ferguson threatens to ban England action

LONDON, 5 Nov — Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson has threatened to pull his players out of the November friendly between England and Argentina in order to prevent meaningless injuries.

He told the club magazine: “I’ve never had problems with competitive games but I’ll not risk my players in a friendly.

“I do not like friendly internationals. England have one this month and you can bet that Chelsea and Arsenal will be pulling their players out.

“And if I have the injury problems I have at the moment, I will be too.”

Wayne Rooney, Rio Ferdinand, Kieran Richardson and Alan Smith are all expected to be in Sven-Goran Eriksson’s squad for the match in Geneva on Saturday 12 November.

It is the first of only four international matches England will play before they head to the World Cup in Germany next June and Eriksson sees it as a vital part of the preparation process.

Wenger will not be silent on Chelsea

LONDON, 5 Nov — Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger claimed on Friday he is sick of his war of words with Jose Mourinho, but will talk about Chelsea if he chooses to do it.

The pair have exchanged words all week in a row started on Monday by Mourinho, who said Wenger was obsessed with Chelsea and called him “a voyeur”.

Now the Gunners chief was quoted by BBC as saying: “I will still give my opinion about Chelsea if I want to. Nothing will stop me doing that. We are not in a dictatorship.

“It was a personal attack (by Mourinho) and it was not involved with football.”

Mourinho has claimed his comments about Wenger are not personal, but said he attacked the Frenchman after Chelsea compiled a 120-page dossier containing his comments about the Premiership champions.

Wenger said on Friday that he was “amazed” such a dossier existed.

“I am satisfied with my performance today, said Li. “For me, the story is now over. I don’t talk about anybody,” Wenger said.

“I am amazed” such a dossier existed.

”I don’t want to speak about it any more,” Wenger said in the London Evening Standard on Friday.

“I will take action if I want to take action. I have not decided yet. If people say my team plays bad football or they don’t like it I can take that. When I speak sometimes, I can say words that somebody else does not like, but I have never meant to offend anybody.” — MNA/Xinhua

Celebrities to meet in Kenya over environmental progress

Nairobi, 5 Nov — World’s leading sportspersons and women are due to meet in Kenya next week to discuss progress made in sport and environment, the United Nations environment body announced here Friday.

The Sixth World Conference on Sport and Environment to be held in Nairobi on November 9-11 will be attended by leading sport and environment specialists among them athletes, footballers and cricketers, the Nairobi-based United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) said.

The conference organized by UNEP and International Olympic Committee (IOC) will also outline priority issues on sport and environment and address relevant strategies and policy guidelines for the following two years.

“The purpose of the conference will be to analyze progress made in sport and environment generally, and in the Olympic Movement in particular. It will discuss major themes related to policy support, strengthening of partnerships, developments and research,” the statement said.

The conference will be attended by representatives of governmental and nongovernmental institutions dealing with sustainable development, the UN system, and the Olympic family.

The statement said academic institutions and environmental organizations will also attend the three-day meeting which will be officially opened by Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki at the UN Headquarters in Nairobi. — MNA/Xinhua

Manchester City's Kiki Musampa of Congo, right, challenges Fatham's Steed Mulharnan of France for the ball during their English Premier League soccer match at Craven Cottage in west London, on 5 Nov, 2005. —INTERNET

Aston Villa's Milan Baros, left, shields the ball from Liverpool's Jamie Carragher during their English Premier league soccer match at Villa Park in Birmingham, England, on 5 Nov, 2005. Liverpool won the match 2-0. —INTERNET

Birmingham, England, on 5 Nov, 2005. —INTERNET
Thai PM says no transmission of bird flu from human to human

BANGKOK, 6 NOV—Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra confirmed here on Saturday that there has been no transmission of bird flu virus from human to human.

The Prime Minister said during his weekly radio address that so far 12 areas in Thailand’s six provinces, most of which are in the central region, have been found to be hit by avian influenza. Fowls which were suspected of having contracted the disease had been culled and public health officials are now watching closely to determine whether the areas remain infected with the disease, Thaksin added.

Meanwhile, a senior medical doctor said that 11 patients suspected of having contracted the deadly avian influenza in the country’s northern province of Chiang Rai earlier are not infected with the virus after all.

The medical expert, Dr Surin Sumnapun, assistant public health official in Chiang Rai, also told a Press conference on Saturday that tests on the 11 patients suspected of having contracted the disease were carried out and that it was determined that none of them suffered from avian influenza.

Motorists and cyclists pass through a heavy haze on a street in Beijing on 5 Nov, 2005. The Chinese capital and several provinces in the north and east were blanketed by dense fog, causing traffic accidents and delays and forcing authorities to close many expressways. —INTERNET

WEATHER

Sunday, 6 November, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Mon State, isolated in Shan State, Bago-Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) below normal in Chin State and Bago Division, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Mon and Kayah States, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, (5°C) above normal in Kachin State and about normal in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Ye (0.74) inch, Kyakikami (0.59) inch, Dawei (0.55) inch and Taunggyi (0.47) inch.

Maximum temperature on 5-11 November was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 6-11 November was 69°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 6-11 November was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 5-11 November was nil. Rainfalls on 6-11 November were nil at Mingladon and Kabu-Aye and (0.40) inch at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (101.50) inches at Mingladon, (100.83) inches at Kabu-Aye and (105.79) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kabu-Aye) was (5) mph from Northwest at (15:30) hours MST on 5-11 November.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (06:30) hours MST today, yesterday’s low pressure area over Andaman Sea still persists. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the South Bay and fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 7-11-2005: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Mon and Kayin States, isolated in Shan and Rakhine States, Bago Division and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Occasional squall with moderate to rough seas are likely Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of rain or thundershowers in low Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 7-11-2005: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 7-11-2005: Partly cloudy.
Commander assists in Kyaikmaraw Township

YANGON, 6 Nov — Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command, Maj-Gen Soe Naing, together with officials concerned, inspected thriving monsoon paddy fields, rubber plantations, and cultivation of summer paddy in Kawawn village in Kyaikmaraw Township on 2 November.

The commander and party then oversaw two-storey new school building 150 feet by 30 feet of Kawawn Village Basic Education Middle School and fulfilled the requirements.

The commander also contributed K 50,000 and 100 corrugated iron sheets to the school funds.

Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing proceeded to Shwe Wah Chaung Basic Education Primary School and donated K 350,000 and school furniture to the school and K 50,000 to WAO and MCWA.

He also offered provisions and 25 gallons of diesel to Sayadaw U Candima who is the abbot of the Shwe Wah Chaung Monastery.

The commander also met with members of Village Union Solidarity and Development Association and contributed K 50,000 to the development tasks of the village.

He then inspected Whapyankone village BEPS and donated a TV set, a DVD set, radio cassette, a 3K battery and inverter and K 40,000 to the school.

On arrival at Kyaukhaw BEPS, the commander donated K 2.7 million for constructing the new school building and K 30,000 to the school.

Cash donated, furniture provided and teaching aids supplied for Basic Education Middle and Primary Schools and health care centre in villages in Kyaikmaraw Township.

Rural development tasks undertaken

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Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing and party also inspected cultivation of paddy on either side of Pha Baung Creek.

At Phathin Village BEMS, the commander met with local people, the teachers and health staff, and attended to the needs. He also donated K 400,000 for rural health care centre, K 2.5 million for water supply project and K 50,000 to the school funds.

On arrival at Popbayone Shwe Monastery, the commander offered K 50,000 and provisions to the Sayadaw U Tejinda.

The commander also looked into Tada Village BEPS and contributed K 50,000 to the school funds.

Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing then viewed Kyokwe village BEPS and donated K 300,000 and 60 pieces of furniture for the school and K 50,000 to the school funds.

The commander and party arrived at Chaung Hngakhwa Village and met with local people, the teachers and members of social organizations and presented K 50,000 to the officials for constructing rural tar road.

After inspecting SHonywalya village BEPS, the commander contributed K 30,000 to the school funds. He oversaw the cultivation of paddy in Beinbyaw Village and gave necessary instructions to the officials.

Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa meets with officials and trainees in PyinOoLwin.—MNA

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AUNG THEIN (DAWEI)

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded

(7-11-2005)

Ye (0.74) inch
Kyaikkhami (0.59) inch
Dawei (0.55) inch
Taunggyi (0.47) inch