Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.
Strive in unison to achieve national goal

Patron of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe delivered an address at the fourth day of annual general meeting of USDA (2005) held at the Pyidaungsu hall of the USDA central training school in Hmawby Township on November 7.

In his address, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe said, “The national goal of our nation is to build a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline. This lofty goal is the concern of the entire national people and this must be unani-
mously accepted by every citizen who loves the motherland. The entire national people have to do their bit in unison to achieve the national goal.”

Stability of the State, strong economy and human resource development are essential for building a peaceful, modern, developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation. Since its assumption of the responsibilities of the State, the Tatmadaw government has been implementing projects for development of all the sectors while giving priority to peace and stability and national unity.

Thanks to the genuine goodwill and correct policy of the government, altogether 17 national race armed groups have returned to the legal fold and are now joining hands with the government and local people in regional development tasks.

The Union of Myanmar has a fine tradi-
tion that since yore various national races have been residing in the country together in unity and amity based on Union Spirit.

In placing emphasis on ensuring non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty, Union Spirit needs to flourish forever. The national people are to be fully equipped with Union Spirit whichever part of the country they live in.

Only then will the entire national people be imbued with true patriotism and awareness of national duty to safeguard the Union for its perpetuation and they will be able to do their bit in the drive for the nation to be on a par with international community.

At a time when efforts are being made day in, day out for emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation, we firmly believe that the entire national people will continue to actively take part in these endeavours.

Workshop on Narrowing the Development Gap held

YANGON, 10 Nov—The Workshop on Narrowing the Development Gap: Mid-Term Review of the IAI Work Plan and Strategizing the Implementation of the Vientiane Action Programme (VAP) was held at the Hotel Nikko on 9 and 10 November.

The workshop was attended by ASEAN Secretary-General Mr Ong Keng Yong, Directors-General of ASEAN, Former ASEAN Secretary-General Mr Rodolfo C Severino, the ASEAN Secretariat and the high-ranking officials concerning with four priority areas of IAI: Infrastructure, Human Resources Development (HRD), Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and Regional Integration from the CLMV (Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam) countries, ASEAN-6 countries. Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu delivered a keynote address at the opening session of the meeting.

Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) was launched in 2002 to narrow the development gap among members of ASEAN (CLMV countries) and original ASEAN-6. The initiative has been implemented by 6-year-work plan. In 2005, IAI Work Plan has passed the half-way point.

Prior to Mid-Term Review, Seminar on Narrowing the Development Gap was held on 4 July 2005 in Yangon successfully and attended by CLMV countries. At the seminar, CLMV countries brainstormed and made relevant recommendations to IAI to Mid-Term Review.

At the workshop, the implementation of IAI Work Plan was reviewed and made recommendations for strategizing for future direction of IAI Work Plan. Myanmar Chaired the Working Group on Information and Communication Technology IAI priority sector. — MNA

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Workshop on Narrowing the Development Gap in progress. — mna

Sixth Asia-Pacific Symposium on Information and Telecommunication Technologies continues

YANGON, 10 Nov—The second day session of the Sixth Asia-Pacific Symposium on Information and Telecommunication Technologies (APSITT) jointly organized by Yangon University of Computer Technology and Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation took place at Myanmar Info-Tech on Hline Campus, here, this morning.


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The second day session of Sixth Asia-Pacific Symposium on Information and Telecommunication Technology continues at Myanmar Info-Tech. — mna
Mahathir says world safety deteriorating

HAKARE, 9 Nov — Visiting former Malaysian prime minister, Mahathir Mohamad, said on Tuesday world safety has worsened judging by the increasing number of bombings and terrorist cases across the globe.

Mohamad said this in an interview with reporters soon after meeting Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe at State House.

“The world is still not safe today, in fact it is getting worse. For example, travellers are no longer safe because of terrorism while in different places such as America, bombings continue to occur,” he said.

He condemned the unipolar world now existing in world politics, saying it was an unfortunate phenomenon that other countries in the world could not tackle.

“It’s a bad thing that is happening but unfortunately we cannot do for the other side,” he said.

Meanwhile he described Zimbabwe as a rich nation with great potential for development.

He also spoke out in support of the government’s land reform programme that has seen thousands of landless blacks being given land.

“Zimbabwe is now independent and the Whites should know that what they had during the colonial period, they cannot have now,” he said.

He will leave Zimbabwe on Wednesday after a three-day official visit for Lesotho to attend the Southern African International Dialogue (SAID), a forum established to discuss various issues affecting the region and the way forward.

Mahathir retired as the Malaysian prime minister in October, 2003 after 22 years at the helm and was replaced by Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

Chinese foreign, commerce ministers to attend APEC meeting

BEIJING, 9 Nov — Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing and Commerce Minister Bo Xilai will attend the 17th APEC Ministerial Meeting from 15 to 16 November in Busan of South Korea.

APEC, which has 21 members, is the most important forum of economic cooperation in the Asian-Pacific Region. Aiming to promote multilateral trade system and eliminate trade barriers within the region, APEC has become an active force that helps make regional trade and investment more liberal and convenient, promote regional economic and technological cooperation and economic development.

According to Liu, the upcoming ministerial meeting will give priority to regional trade planning, economic and technological cooperation, trade and energy security, bird flu prevention and control, and anti-corruption.

Gunmen kill two Iraqi soldiers near Fallujah

FALUJAH (Iraq), 9 Nov — Gunmen ambushed an Iraqi Army patrol in a flashpoint town near Fallujah, west of Baghdad, on Tuesday, killing two soldiers and wounding five others, a local journalist told Xinhua.

The attack took place in the morning when unknown armed men opened fire at the Army patrol in Ameriyat al-Fallujah town, south of Fallujah, Abdul Rahman said.

In a separate incident, a suicide car bomber drove his explosive-laden car into a US military patrol late last night in the Garma Town, east of Fallujah, Rahman said.

The suicide attack destroyed a US Humvee, causing casualties among the soldiers aboard, he said. The powerful blast prompted the US soldiers to open fire haphazardly, wounding two civilians and causing damage in several nearby houses, he added.

Fallujah, a city some 50 kilometres west of Baghdad in the restive Anbar Province, along with nearby towns and villages, has witnessed frequent guerilla attacks against the US and Iraqi forces in the past two and a half years of violence.

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Thirteen killed, 34 injured in Iraq car bombings

BAQUBA, 10 Nov — 13 people, including seven Iraqi policemen and six civilians, were killed and 34 injured in three car bombs in different parts of Baghdad on Wednesday, medical and military sources said.

At least six people were killed and 25 wounded when two car bombs exploded near a police station and a mosque in a mainly Shia area of Baghdad. “Initial reports indicate that at least six Iraqi citizens were killed and 25 were wounded when two vehicle-borne improvised explosive devices went off near the Al Shaub Police Station and the adjacent Al Sharooofi Mosque,” the military said in a statement.

Seven Iraqi policemen were killed and nine people were wounded, including five staff aboard a vehicle were ambushed on Saturday by a group of armed men while they were travelling from Kaya in Uganda to Yei, a town in southern Sudan.

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British aid worker shot dead in southern Sudan

KHARTOUM, 9 Nov — A British aid worker working for the International Aid Services (IAS) was ambushed and shot dead by armed men in southern Sudan, a spokesman of IAS said on Tuesday.

Andreas Zetterlund said three members of its staff aboard a vehicle were ambushed on Saturday by a group of armed men while they were travelling from Kaya in Uganda to Yei, a town in southern Sudan.

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The attack was carried out by the Lord’s Resistance Army (LRA), Ugandan rebel group opposing the Ugandan regime, carried out the attack.

US forces secure the site where a suicide bomber attacked a police patrol, in the outskirts of the city of Baquba, northeast of Baghdad recently. — INTERNET
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need for progress and prosperity of the nation.

Because of the growing global divide in technology, wealth and opportunities for progress, it is the demand of the era to give priority to producing brilliant human resources for the nation to catch up with the global changes and developments. The government has been laying down and implementing national education promotion plans and harmonizing the basic and higher education sectors to produce sons and daughters of the nation, brilliant in the respective fields. In the higher education sector are the programmes to produce academicians in arts and science fields, engineers, architects, physicians and medical experts. Subject combination system has been introduced to the basic education sector to open greater opportunities for choosing academic fields in pursuing higher education. Changes have been made in the basic education to enhance the level of the higher education sector.

The government has been holding education conferences, with the participation of teachers, academicians and administrators, to practically carry out reforms in the basic and higher education sectors. Consequently, the government laid down and is implementing the special four-year national education promotion project and the 30-year national education promotion plans. The emergence of outstanding students is the result of the government’s systematic plans. At the ceremony, 49 students — 38 students of the science combination and 11 of the arts combination, Olympic maths competitions have been held from township level to state/division and central levels for tenth standard students for emergence of maths experts in the future. Ten students who won first to tenth positions in the central level competitions will be honoured at the ceremony.

School heads and teachers of the schools and Union Spirit of students. The government accepts that the successful fruits of the education sectors are the results of the efforts of teachers to develop human resources, with the combined strength of their experiences and goodwill in accord with the guidance. At present the government has been implementing multisectoral projects according to its lofty aims for national education promotion. As the education sector has been seeing successful results thanks to the cooperation of the people, to maintain and further develop the sector. Moreover, all the education staff, wellwishers, social organizations and parents and the people are urged to play their part in the successful implementation of the seven-point Road Map for emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic state.

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Central Working Committee of the Sangha Bamaw Monastery Sayadaw U Ba Ma Aung, who administered the Five Precepts, Lt-Gen Ye Myint donated Kathina robes and alms to the Sayadaw. Similarly, the commander, the Mandalay Mayor, and officials offered provisions to members of the Sangha. Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumarakabhivamsa delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits. Lt-Gen Ye Myint and wife Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint and local authorities together with wellwishers participated in the communal Kathina ceremony and alms offering ceremony. — MNA

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Also present were ministers, the chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, deputy ministers, NEC members, the director-general of SPDC Office and heads of departments, rectors, officials, and guests.

Next Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented first prize to Maung Zin Oo Maung of Dagon Township No 1 BEHS in Yangon Division and Maung Shine Zaw Aung of Yangon Institute of Practising High School, second to Ma Phyo Phyo May of Kamayut Town-ship No 2 BEHS in Yangon Division in arts combination (Branch) in Sagaing Division, third to Ma Khin Thu Thu Kyaw of Latha Township No 1 BEHS in Yangon Division, fourth to Maung Aung Ko Ko of Chanayethazan Township No 14 BEHS, fifth to Mo Yuzana Maung of Mandalay Township No 16 BEHS in Mandalay Division, sixth to Ma Phyo Phyo May of Mandalay Institute of Practising High School, seventh to Maung Aung Myint Lwin of Mandalay Division, eighth to Mo Myint Oo of Mawlamyine Township No 8 BEHS in Mon State, ninth to Maung Aung Myint Myat of Bago Division (West), tenth to Mo Myint Oo of Monywa Township No 1 BEHS in Mandalay Division.

Minister Maj-Gen Huo Hayo gives away a prize to an outstanding student of Kamayut Township No 2 BEHS in Yangon. — MNA

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Culture Deputy Minister inspects renovation of Bawbawgyi pagoda

Yangon, 10 Nov — Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Aye Win Maung, on 6 November, inspected renovation of Bawbawgyi pagoda, which was being carried out to renovate ancient Bawbawgyi pagoda in Thayaykittaya (Hmawza). On 7 November, the deputy minister attended the ceremony to open Archaeological Training School (Pyay) and Diploma in Archaeology Post Graduate Course (2005-2006). Present were Chairman of Bago Division (West) Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Hla Min and officials, the rectors of Culture Universities, incharge of Aus-Heritage of Australia, five archaeologists from India, two from Sri Lanka, two scholars from Mahidol University of Thailand, guests and trainees.

The archaeologists who attended the ceremony visited Bawbawgyi pagoda, Pa Ya, Laymyethna Pagoda, the wall and gates of Thayaykittaya Palace, Ya Naha cave and Bebegu Pagoda, the tomb of Queen Beikthano and Thayaykittaya Archaeological Museum on 6 and 7 November. — MNA
Military Attachés of foreign missions leave for Lashio, Muse

YANGON, 10 Nov — Military Attachés of foreign missions in Yangon led by Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in the Union of Myanmar Lt-Gen Myint Swe, accompanied by officials from the Ministry of Defence, left here by air this morning to visit Lashio and Muse regions in North-East Command area.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe sees off the military attachés at Yangon International Airport.—MNA

Let’s make analysis of NLD’s words and deeds

Maung Layt Lar

The article is a presentation of my studies that are totally free from antagonism towards any individual or organization, but based on sincerity and objective conditions. In other words, I have made an analysis of the words and deeds of the person and the organization concerned, after studying their real political life and experiences.

The chairman’s address and the announcements and reports of the National League for Democracy’s 17th founding anniversary concluded with slanders on the Tatmadaw government, with national reconciliation, dialogue, human rights and democracy as continual reasons.

In practice, the NLD is committed itself more to putting blame on others than to self-criticism. How much effect has the political system it has followed all along the course and its deeds had on the nation and the people? The NLD should review the effects to know whether they were good or bad and advantageous or disadvantageous.

As the NLD is formed under personal influence, all its political and organizational campaigns are launched with individual heroics. What it totally lacks is collective leadership.

Hence, all the failed decisions and leadership of the individual cause losses in the party’s political and organizational sector.

Of the NLD’s many faults, I would like to recount a summary of the political and organizational campaigns that left behind black marks in history.

NLD’s extraordinary relations with powers of the West obviously show its reliance on them. Diplomats and some members of the parliaments of certain nations can be seen visiting the party almost daily. Who can say for sure the party is free from directives and support of some big nations? There is an evidence leading to it. So, it is clear that the NLD is depending on outside forces instead of building its own strength within the nation.

The NLD is rallying international community to dismiss Myanmar from the UN to isolate her, to bar her from entering the ASEAN, stop providing assistance and loans for her, to dissuade tourists from visiting the nation, to press foreign companies to withdraw their investments from Myanmar and to put political and economic pressures on her.

Within an hour after the US government imposed economic sanctions against Myanmar, the woman party leader made an announcement welcoming the sanctions and thanking the US government, and threatened foreign companies that had investments in Myanmar, saying that the NLD after taking over the State power would not allow them to run businesses in Myanmar. The NLD and its leader were trying to commit a political crime with the intention of grabbing power by dragging the nation and the people into the quagmire of poverty and hunger.

The woman met with Albright of the US who visited Myanmar during her homeward journey after attending World Women’s Conference held in China in 1995. After her meeting with Albright, the woman ordered the NLD delegates to the National Convention to boycott it, and even challenged the government to choose dialogue or utter devastation.

In 2004, the government when it resumed the National Convention invited NLD delegates to attend it. But the NLD instead of attending the Convention was insisting on the two demands that were totally impossible to accede to during the time. The NLD did not attend the Convention on its own will. But the expatriates, terrorist insurgents and some powers of the West are slandering the government as if it did not permit the party to attend the Convention. The silence of the party spokesmen in this matter shows the NLD’s political insincerity.

What I have mentioned in the above paras are the political and organizational faults of the NLD during its 17 years of existence. In the announcements and speeches of the NLD always include the word “confrontation” that is totally in contrast with national reconciliation and dialogue. In this way, the party is drifting away from the course of democracy, and causing harm to the national interest.

I would say that some western powers and their cohorts that are popularizing the NLD in the international arena should review their policy of helping the party to grab power and toppling the Tatmadaw government. If they have real wish to see democracy flourishing in Myanmar, they should make a comparison between the Tatmadaw government’s endeavours for democracy transition and serving the national interest and the perpetration of the NLD to see who is constructive and who is destructive. Without having any partiality towards any side, they should make an analysis of the words and deeds of the NLD for making a correct and bold decision.

(Translation: TMT)

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The Union of Myanmar has been adopting new teaching projects to utilize the technologies emerging together with the advancing era and create an education environment equipped with ever-flourishing and developing knowledge. The higher education sector has seen the evolution of new teaching programmes in the time of the Tatmadaw government. The sector is now conducting master’s research degree courses and doctorate courses in addition to the existing degree and diploma courses.

Even in those degree and diploma courses, new subjects that meet the international standard have been added. Thanks to the integration of new academic fields according to the advancement of time, the nation now has 192 teaching programmes, up from only 79 in 1988.

The role of developing and invaluable education programmes, that meet the Southeast Asian standard, has become greater in developing and modernizing the nation.

New teaching programmes that help fulfill the regional needs are own inventions of the Myanmar people. The programmes are being implemented with greater momentum in social, economic and cultural fields of the regions of the industrial field work.

The higher education sector of Myanmar is leading towards quality development, opening opportunities to study and know about subjects on a wider scale and creating new academic fields for innovations, knowledge and analyses. The new diploma, honours, master’s degree, master’s research degree and doctorate courses introduced by the government meet the international standard, and are providing greater help in building a modern and developed nation.

The following table shows the increase in the number of courses in the higher education sector:

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Increasing number of diploma/degree courses of higher education sector

Development of higher education in the time of Tatmadaw Government

An official presents prize to a Myanmar doctorate degree holder who compiled papers on development of the nation.

Education opportunities even cover the task of running courses for professional subjects, produced by the higher education teaching programmes, in combination with the practical

Kennedy Centre

President receives China Culture Award

BEIJING, 8 Nov — Michael Kaiser, president of the US John F Kennedy Centre for the Performing Arts, received a Prize for Cultural Communication from Chinese Minister of Culture Sun Jiazheng here on Sunday for his role in Sino-US cultural cooperation.

At an awarding ceremony, Sun said that the “Festival of China,” jointly organized by China’s Ministry of Culture and the Kennedy Centre in Washington last month, has enchanted the US audience and helped strengthen the friendship between the two peoples, as well as the Sino-US constructive dialogue and exchange.

The minister said Michael Kaiser and his team had played a significant role in promoting the “Festival of China” and also in training Chinese personnel of art management.

An art management expert himself, Kaiser has devoted himself to the Sino-US cultural communication and helped train many Chinese personnel in the field, the minister noted.

According to Sun, Kaiser would soon leave Beijing for Shanghai to give lectures there.

Officials leave for Thailand

YANGON, 10 Nov — General Secretary of Myanmar Industrialists Association and also the general secretary of Myanmar Chemical Industry Association U Paw Hein and Joint General Secretary Dr Aung Win Maung left here for Bangkok, Thailand, yesterday to attend the 34th ASEAN Chemical Industrial Council Conference to be held from 9 to 10 November.

Officials leave for Thailand

Ancient church uncovered in Israel

Jerusalem, 8 Nov — Israel Archaeological Association (IAA) has unearthed an ancient church on the site of a security prison in northern Israel, the Jerusalem Post reported on Sunday.

The structure at Megiddo Prison dating back to the third or fourth century was believed by some archaeologists to be the earliest church ever found, the report said.

“Christian religious structures from this period are a rare archaeological find in Israel,” IAA excavation supervisor Jotham Teter said.

Archaeologists found an inscription written in Greek dedicating to Jesus and three other inscriptions on the mosaic floor of the structure, the report added. The site was unexpectedly discovered as Megiddo Prison planned to build a new security wing in the place.

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Measures are being taken constantly for nurturing the members to promote their mental and physical qualifications.

In this year, at central level, Myanmar Affairs and International Studies Course has conducted three times, Public Relations and Information Management Course three times, Diploma Course on Leadership Course one time, and Basic Journalism Course two times and over 1,400 members have completed respective courses. At state and division level, more than 4 million members have completed basic organizing course, course on study of Myanmar development, management course, course on national culture and morality, vocational training course, efficiency course, down future tasks yearly to which the associations at all levels have to see.

The delegates from respective states and divisions reported in detail on progress in implementing future tasks adopted in the AGM (2004). He called on the delegates to hold discussions thoroughly to formulate future tasks for the next year in accord with the seven objectives.

CEC members are supervising the tasks across the nation under the guidance of the patron to achieve success in organizing measures of associations at different levels, lift the conceptions and convictions of the members, and to successfully complete the future tasks adopted. The CEC members made field trips to the grass-roots level for 283 times

The government has been making endeavours unceasingly for ensuring strong national economy, raising the living standard of the people, and development of human resources.

In the process, the government has to carry out development tasks mobilizing the strength of the national forces. With the correct conception that the national development is the bounden duty of every citizen, national forces can be mobilized all the more.

As the saying ‘The strength of a nation lies at home’, the entire national people are sole national force. Each and every national has therefore to play an active role in the drive for national unity, peace and tranquility, and development.

Now, foundations on national solidarity and economic and social foundations have been completed due to the collaborated efforts of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw for stability, peace, strong national economy, and development of human resources. Being on the track to development the government is putting into motion the State’s seven-point Road Map for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline. In this regard, all the members are to lend themselves to the drive for successful implementation of the Road Map in cooperation with the national people. As regards nation building tasks, development of urban and rural areas as well as plains and border areas are being brought about in accordance with plans. Five rural development tasks namely supply of clean water for domestic use sufficiently; supply of cultivation water; ensuring better transportation; promotion of rural education; promotion of rural health care services; and promotion of rural socio-economic lives are being carried out with might and main. As a result, remarkable progress is being achieved in this drive. Together with the five rural development tasks, efforts are also being made for supply of electricity to rural areas. Rural libraries are also opened extensively. So far, 2,581 rural electricity supply projects have been implemented. Rural libraries have been opened in 35,678 villages. Emphasis is put on agricultural development (See page 9)

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Economic sector group No-3 holds meeting at AGM of USDA for 2005.

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The sector-wise discussions were held. Executive U Kyon Beiks of Chin State USDA, Secretary U Chi Ngwe of Homalin Township USDA, Executive U Nyi Naing of Tanintharyi Township USDA, Secretary U Myo of Pyay Township USDA, Joint-Secretary U Htay Aung of Ottinw Township USDA, Executive U Nyunt Win of Magway Township USDA, Executive Daw Kyu Kyu Maw of Thazi Township USDA, Executive U Nyunt Hlaing of Chaungzon Township USDA, Executive U San Aye Kyaw of Kyauktaw Township USDA, and Executive Daw Win Ni Kyaw of North Okkalapa Township USDA submitted reports on management sector.

One delegate was assigned the duty to discuss findings in the organizational sector at the third-day session of the annual general meeting. Meeting Chairman Joint-Secretary-General U Zaw Min gave the concluding remarks.

The Group No 3 for economic sector held its discussions at Myawady Hall. Secretariat Member U Aung Thaung presided over the meeting together with members of the panel of chairmen CEC member U Soe Thu, U Ohn Myint and U Maung Maung Thein. Yangon West District USDA Executive Daw Ei Ei Hlaing and Metmang Township USDA Executive Daw Nar Bo acted as MC and co-MC. Meeting Chairman Secretariat Member U Aung Thaung delivered an address. Next, participants of the discussions assigned the duty to one delegate who will submit findings in the economic sector at the third-day session of the AGM.

Afterwards, a group of members U Maung Maung Thein and U Ohn Myint gave instructions on the discussion. The discussions concluded with the remarks by the meeting chairman.

The Group No 4 held the discussions of social and cultural sector at Inwa Hall. Secretariat Member U Tin Htut presided over the discussion together with members of the panel of patrons U Tin Naing Thein, Dr Chan Nyein and U Maung Pa. Executive Daw Naw Yin Yin Su of Kawkareik Township USDA acted as master of ceremonies together with master of ceremonies Executive Daw Thin Thin Si of Kyunsu Township USDA.

Secretary Member U Tin Htut delivered an address. A delegate was assigned the duty to report on findings in social and cultural sector. Later, the meeting chairman gave the concluding remarks.

The discussions of the Group 5 on education sector was held at Tagaung Hall. Secretary-General of USDA acted as master of ceremonies together with master of ceremonies Executive Daw Thin Thin Si of Kyunsu Township USDA.

Secretary Member U Tin Htut delivered an address. A delegate was assigned the duty to submit findings in education sector at the third-day session of the meeting. Afterwards, the committee for compilation of the paper on education sector was formed. The meeting ended with the remarks by Secretary-General Member U Kyaw Hsan.

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In the afternoon session, Secretary-General U Htay Oo presided over the discussions together with CEC member U Aung Min and Thura U Myint Maung.

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Maung Htay submitted a report, saying that coorganized by the Sports and Physical Education Department, the sport training centers as well as football, volleyball and basketball were launched at the 15 places in the division for the fitness of 34,500 members in accord with the motto of USDA.

The Division USDA provided cash assistance to basic education schools. As a result of the cooperation with the Education Department in the enrollment of all school-age children, the success has been achieved up to 98.66 per cent of enrollment.

In health sector, the USDAAs at different levels participated in health talks, blood donations and opening rural health centers together with the Health Department.

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The USDAAs also encouraged the agricultural tasks of the rural people on the manageable scale and breeding on a commercial scale.

Khaupung Bridge (Naungyo) linking Taungoo and Ottadinw Townships at a cost of K 1.20 millions, Swa Creek Bridge at a cost of K 1.80 millions and lagueric roads were constructed.

The USDAAs took part in the donations and robe offering ceremonies at the pagodas in the division and donated over K 9.1 millions. The relief measures were also made to get drinking water in Taungoo and Madalse Town- ship and food, clothes, medicines and other stuff were also donated. This is why, the USDA participated in helping people from all sides.

At a time when there was no success for the groups of fugitives in creative acts in Myanmar, the group led by fugitives Sein Win tried to interfere in the Myanmar affairs with the assistance of abroad countries and, Harvel and Desmond Tutu submitted with a call on the UN Security Council to act the nation. Besides, NLD party voiced its support of the report. Regarding this, it proved that NLD party was following the ways of their teachers at abroad neglecting the national politics and interest of Myanmar since its National Convention with their one-sided decision. They also objected the international assistance for health, education and social sectors of the people using the various means including the plan to construct 500 schools in Myanmar under the sponsorship of Japan. — MNA

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The division is facilitated with about 5,000-mile roads including 1,172 miles of tarred roads linking China State, Mandalay and Sagaing Divisions.

For ensuring uplift of living standard of the local people, different levels of the association in Magway Division joining hands with UNDP, WHO, UNESCO, UNICEF, JICA, PSL, World Vision and local social organizations implemented rural social development projects.

The association members provided cash assistance to the rural region development tasks, transport sector, water supply tasks, education and health sectors. As part of effect to enhance health sector, free treatment was given to 4.127 eye disorder patients from Salin, Ngape, Yenangyounge and Thayet Townships.

Bio-gas power supply tasks have been launched successfully in Pazinneint Village of Kanma Township and Wakkathay Village of Taunglwinyi Township. Similar projects are being implemented in villages of Seikpyu, Gangaw, Minbu and Minhla Townships. In addition, rural areas of Aunglan, Kamna, Minhla, Sedeika, Hlin and Pwintbyu Townships enjoy facilities of power supply through turbine generators. In conclusion, he reported that more hydel power projects are being implemented in the region, and arrangements are being made for producing electricity from paddy husk-fired power generator in Hlin. — MNA

Persons equipped with patriotic spirit would safeguard the nation and its people

Mandalay District USDA Secretary U Thaung Wai

The delegated reported on the tasks implemented by State and Division USDAAs in one year on 4 November.

Secretary of Mandalay District USDA in Mandalay Division U Thaung Wai reported that the National Convention started holding with delegates from all walk of life. The delegates to NLD party also attended it. All delegates concerned were invited by the State with goodwill to resume the National Convention. When altogether 1071 delegates arrived to attend the National Convention, some bitterly refused to attend. They were not interested in the future prospects of the State and they were the ones who were eager to grab particular power. All voters gathered to hold signing ceremonies not to support them and their party in 2027 villages and 173 places in Mandalay Division from February to December in 1999. During the ceremonies, 2.91 million of voters out of 3.102 million did not support their party accounting for 93.24 % and so did other states and divisions.

A number of 4,000 merchants in collaboration with social welfare associations, religious associations, jade merchant associations, industrialists associations, astrologers, journal producers including writers attended the meetings organized by USDA.

As part of nation-building endeavours, executives and technical organizations met and approved a work programme to be made in Mandalay Division in accord with the guidance given by USDA on 15 December 2004 at Mandalay National Theatre. During the meeting, K 11 million each was provided to respective districts to (See page 15)
Late Henry goal gives France 3-2 win over Costa Rica

FORT-DE-FRANCE (Martinique), 10 Nov — France recovered from two goals down and had to wait for a goal from the Arsenal striker two minutes from time to win their first outing in this French-administered Caribbean Island.

The first defeat since RaymonD Domench took over after a quarterfinal exit from Euro 2000 was looming for France when Liverpool striker Djibril Cisse hit the equalizer with 10 minutes remaining.

Costa Rica opened the scoring against the run of play courtesy of striker Alvaro Saborio, who beat an offside trap to enter the box unchallenged and hit the back of the net on 14 minutes.

Midfielder Danny Fonseca gave Costa Rica, who have qualified for the 2006 World Cup in Germany, a 2-0 lead with a header four minutes from the interval.

Striker Nicolas Anelka, back for France after a three-year absence, reduced the arrears from close range four minutes into the second half.

France, who have gone 16 matches without defeat but struggled to qualify for the World Cup, go on to play Germany at the Stade de France on Saturday. — MNA/Reuters

Iran rejects EU request on enrichment suspension

TEHERAN, 9 Nov — Iran on Tuesday rejected a recent statement issued by the European Union (EU) which urges Teheran to fully suspend activities related to uranium enrichment before the two sides resume the stalled bilateral nuclear talks.

Iranian chief nuclear negotiator Ali Larijani Tuesday rejected the EU call to stop the uranium conversion facilities and condemned the EU for having gone "too far" in its criticism of Iran.

"The decision to end uranium conversion activities is a two-sided process," Rafsanjani stressed that confidence-building measures on its nuclear dispute.

The nuclear negotiations between Iran and the EU, starting after Teheran suspended all activities related to uranium enrichment in November 2004, have been scuttled since Iran in early August resumed the uranium conversion activities, the preparatory step for enrichment.

In response to Iran's defiant move, the IAEA in late September adopted a EU-drafted resolution, urging Iran to re-suspend all enrichment-related activities with the warning of referring its nuclear case to the UN Security Council.

Iran has rejected the resolution as politically motivated, saying that it will never return to the full suspension. — MNA/Xinhua

Celtic knock holders Rangers out of League Cup

GLASGOW, 10 Nov — Celtic knocked holders Rangers out of the League Cup with a 2-0 win over their rivals in Wednesday's quarterfinal to pile yet more pressure on under-fire manager Alex McLeish.

Shua Maloney rifled a spectacular 30-metre shot into the topright-hand corner after 27 minutes to open the scoring in a ragged first half at Parkhead.

Celtic began to dominate the match after Rangers' Greek defender Sotirios Kyrgiakos was sent off after a second book- ing when he applauded a foul on him in the 66th minute.

The home side sealed their place in the last four with eight minutes left as Bobo Balde challenged Rangers' German goal- keeper Stefan Klos for a ball into the box and as they collided and fell it bounced off the back of the keeper and into his own net.

"To get a result in an Old Firm game and to play as well as that is an added bonus. I thought we stayed above the atmosphere and above what's expected in an Old Firm game with tackles and so on," said Celtic manager Gordon Strachan.

Speaking about his first-half strike, Maloney told the BBC: "It was a massive thing in a game this size. To score a goal, especially the way we played in the first half when we struggled or I certainly did, was good.

"My manager has been giving me a bit of stick for not shooting enough. I'm quite pleased with the result in the end. There was not much between the teams and until they got a player sent off it could have gone either way."

Celtic join Livingston, Dunfermline Athletic and Motherwell in the semifinal draw on Saturday, 19 November. — MNA/Xinhua

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Iran rejects EU request on enrichment suspension

TEHERAN, 9 Nov — Iran on Tuesday rejected a recent statement issued by the European Union (EU) which urges Teheran to fully suspend activities related to uranium enrichment before the two sides resume the stalled bilateral nuclear talks.

Iranian chief nuclear negotiator Ali Larijani Tuesday rejected the EU call to stop the uranium conversion facilities and condemned the EU for having gone "too far" in its criticism of Iran.

"The decision to end uranium conversion activities is a two-sided process," Rafsanjani stressed that confidence-building measures on its nuclear dispute.

The nuclear negotiations between Iran and the EU, starting after Teheran suspended all activities related to uranium enrichment in November 2004, have been scuttled since Iran in early August resumed the uranium conversion activities, the preparatory step for enrichment.

In response to Iran's defiant move, the IAEA in late September adopted a EU-drafted resolution, urging Iran to re-suspend all enrichment-related activities with the warning of referring its nuclear case to the UN Security Council.

Iran has rejected the resolution as politically motivated, saying that it will never return to the full suspension. — MNA/Xinhua

Celtic knock holders Rangers out of League Cup

GLASGOW, 10 Nov — Celtic knocked holders Rangers out of the League Cup with a 2-0 win over their rivals in Wednesday's quarterfinal to pile yet more pressure on under-fire manager Alex McLeish.

Shua Maloney rifled a spectacular 30-metre shot into the topright-hand corner after 27 minutes to open the scoring in a ragged first half at Parkhead.

Celtic began to dominate the match after Rangers' Greek defender Sotirios Kyrgiakos was sent off after a second booking when he applauded a foul on him in the 66th minute.

The home side sealed their place in the last four with eight minutes left as Bobo Balde challenged Rangers' German goalkeeper Stefan Klos for a ball into the box and as they collided and fell it bounced off the back of the keeper and into his own net.

"To get a result in an Old Firm game and to play as well as that is an added bonus. I thought we stayed above the atmosphere and above what's expected in an Old Firm game with tackles and so on," said Celtic manager Gordon Strachan.

Speaking about his first-half strike, Maloney told the BBC: "It was a massive thing in a game this size. To score a goal, especially the way we played in the first half when we struggled or I certainly did, was good.

"My manager has been giving me a bit of stick for not shooting enough. I'm quite pleased with the result in the end. There was not much between the teams and until they got a player sent off it could have gone either way."

Celtic join Livingston, Dunfermline Athletic and Motherwell in the semifinal draw on Saturday, 19 November. — MNA/Xinhua

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(repair 26 primary schools in the division. The ceremonies to hail Union Day and National Convention were held in every district in the division. A ceremony at division level could be held at Mandalay National Theatre on 9 February 2005. During the ceremony, K 57 million were provided to carry out the tasks for power supply in ten villages, to sink tube-wells for portable water in 47 ones and to repair 28 primary schools. Without knowing Myanmar’s past history, Vaclav Harvel and Desmond Tu Tu submitted a report with a call on Security Council to act in the nation. In fact, they had never been to Myanmar and they accepted fugitives’ words without consideration and wrote the report. Internal and external destructive elements made Myanmar into trouble. Only the persons equipped with patriotic spirit would safeguard the nation and its people and continue to do its sustained progress. Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) will be completed very soon. In one year report stated that 67 earth roads stretching 85 miles, 17 gravel roads measuring 61 miles and 15 rural bridges were constructed. In the time of Tatmadaw Government, a total of 6,778 schools were opened. The number of Universities and colleges have risen up 156 from 32. Basic education schools increased up to 4,467 in Mandalay Division. The school going age rate increased up 97.46% from 68.4% in 1988. Self-reliant libraries were opened in 5,448 out of 5,743 villages in the division. The number of hospitals rose up 88 from 67, Paunglaung and Yeywa hydel power projects are under construction to generate over 1,000 megawatt. A total of 81 villages enjoy electricity through bio-gas. The remaining villages are being carried out to get electricity in the division. —MNA)

WEATHER

Forecast valid until evening of 11-11-2005:

Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kachin, Kayin States, Magway and Tanintharyi Divisions, scattered in Rakhine and Kayah States, Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (5°C) below normal in Chin State, (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Kayah and Mon States and Tanintharyi Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Thanlwin (2.28) inches, Coco Island (1.65) inches, Kyaikkami (1.61) inches, Gwa (1.38) inches, Shwegyin (1.34) inches, Sagain (0.87) inch and Mandalay (0.63) inch. Maximum temperature on 9-11-2005 was 85°F. Minimum temperature on 10-11-2005 was 65°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 10-11-2005 was 86%. Total sunshine hours on 9-11-2005 was (2.1) hours approx. Rainfalls on 10-11-2005 were (0.47) inch at Mingladon, (0.08) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.08) inch at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-11-2005 were (102.60) inches at Mingladon, (101.77) inches at Kaba-Aye and (106.46) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from West at (15:20) hours MST on 9-11-2005.

Bay inference: According to the observations at 06:30 hours MST today, the low pressure area over Southwest Bay has become unimportant. Weather is partly cloudy in Andaman Sea and Central Bay and cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

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

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

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 11-11-2005: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).
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* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
* National reconsolidation
* Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
* Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

**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

**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
* Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
* Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

The government has been holding education conferences, with the participation of teachers, academics and administrators, to practically carry out reforms in the basic and higher education sectors.

MEC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers an address at the ceremony to honour outstanding students of the 2004-2005 academic year and Olympic maths competitions. — MNA

**Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects progress of Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) Project**

YANGON, 10 Nov — Outstanding students of the 2004-2005 academic year and Olympic maths competitions were honoured this morning at Diamond Jubilee Hall here, with an address by Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

In his address, the Secretary-1 said that government’s adherence to the tradition of honouring outstanding students and schools that are producing brilliant students reflects its special consideration for the aim of producing highly-qualified human resources from the education sector. A special requirement for a developing nation like Myanmar is to possess advanced human resources, a strength to build the nation and raise her dignity.

The-maintenance and progress of infrastructure and sound foundations and prospects is a generation-to-generation task. Thus, uninterrupted emergence of intellectuals and intelligentsia is an important (See page 4)

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party left Sagaing and inspected installation of iron frames at the bridge by boat.

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