Prime Minister General Soe Win receives Daewoo International Corporation Chairman and party

Nay Pyi Taw, 23 June — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win received Chairman of Daewoo International Corporation Mr Tae-yong Lee and party at Paunglaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw at 3.15 pm today.

Also present at the call were Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and Director-General Col Thant Shin of the Prime Minister’s Office.

The Chairman of Daewoo International Corporation was accompanied by Mr CM Rim, Mr KH Choi, Mr JH Kim, Mr GS Roh, Mr PS Kim and Mr YC Kang.

They discussed mutual cooperation in economic matters.

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Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.
Regional countries to address health problems in harmony

Myanmar is systematically implementing national level health plans for raising the health standard of the nation and providing better and more health care for the people.

In the process, the government has been opening hospitals, health care centres and specialist hospitals, appointing more physicians, surgeons and nurses, and installing sufficient number of modern medical equipment in the medical facilities across the nation including border areas.

The Ministry of Health is actively cooperating with the World Health Organization, UN agencies, relevant ministries and social organizations for control of the three major diseases — AIDS, malaria and TB. In addition, it is enlarging the horizon of cooperation with ASEAN members and regional countries to address the health problems and control new diseases.

Myanmar hosted the 8th ASEAN Health Ministers’ Meeting at the Sedona Hotel in Yangon on 21 and 22 June. The meeting focused on measures for prevention and combating infectious diseases inclusive of new diseases and AIDS occurring in ASEAN region and around the world, precautionary steps for prevention of possible spread of bird flu and subsequent possible outbreak of human influenza pandemic, wider health care services and improvement of traditional medicine and health and nutrition tasks.

As health problem does not occur only in a single nation or region, ASEAN regional countries as well as global countries are taking cooperative measures to cope the challenges on health problem.

By enhancing cohesion and setting up strong networks of continuous collaborative measures in the ASEAN countries including Myanmar and regional countries to take approach to health problems, the nation can prevent and control possible health problems, health emergencies and epidemics.

Donors invited to Waso robes offering ceremony

YANGON, 23 June — The Shwephonepwin Pagoda Board of Trustees will organize the 48th ceremony to offer Waso robes to Ovadaçariya Sayadaws of the pagoda and members of the Sangha from monasteries in the precinct of the pagoda in Pazundaung Township on Fullmoon Day of Waso, 9 July. Wellwishers may donate one set of robes worth K 3,000 to the Pagoda Board of Trustees.

Moeaung Association (Yangon) to donate Waso robes

YANGON, 23 June — Moeaung Association (Yangon) invited its members to participate in the association’s 2nd Waso robe offering ceremony to be held at Kyaukseintwin Dhammayon in Shwedagon Pagoda Road on 15 July. Those wishing to donate offerings at the ceremony may contact Ph 241723, 503198, 095164598, 519529.

Books, magazines donated to self-reliant village libraries

YANGON, 23 June — Wellwishers U Kyaw Nyunt (Kyaw Nyunt Yi)-Daw Wah Wah Kyaw and family donated books and cash altogether amounted to K 2.74 million including 400 books worth K 0.64 million, 650 copies of Pyinmana magazine worth K 1.3 million and K 1 million for self-reliant village libraries at Information and Public Relations Department at 22/24 on Pansodan Street, here, this afternoon.

Director-General of IPRD U Chit Naing accepted the donations and expressed thanks. Also present on the occasion were retired Professor U Tun Aung Zan of Institute of Paramedical Sciences and retired professor U Tun Aung Myo, Tel: 095015520 and 203497 and Sar Aung (Yangon) to donate Waso robes

U Kyaw Nyunt-Daw Wah Wah Kyaw donate books for self-reliant village libraries to IPRD Director-General U Chit Naing. — IPRD

9th Founding Anniversary of Pantawintawun Tawya 27 June

YANGON, 23 June — Under the aegis of Presiding Nayaka Pantawintawun Tawya Sayadaw Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Paññhasara, a ceremony to mark the ninth anniversary of Pantawintawun Tawya in Taikkyi Township will be held at Dhamma Thukha Beikman on the Tawya on 27 June noon. At the ceremony, K 5,000 each will be provided to 50 outstanding students and K 2,000 each to 360 students from the cultural training courses.

The meditation course will be opened from 28 to 30 June. Wellwishers wishing to donate a dawn ‘soon’ worth K 150,000 and a day’s meal worth K 30,000 may contact the Weyawutsa Group, Tel: 055-20259, U Aung Myo, Tel: 095015520 and 203497 and Daw Tin Tin Win, Tel: 640181.
Russia, Italy agree to open energy markets

MOSCOW, 22 June — Russian and Italian leaders said on Tuesday their countries will open energy markets to each other's investors.

Following talks in the Kremlin, Russian President Vladimir Putin and Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi agreed on access by Russian energy companies to the Italian market in exchange for access by Italian companies to oil and gas extraction in Russia.

“*In fact, we are implementing the Energy Charter’s supplementary protocol without formally ratifying the document in Parliament.*” Putin was quoted by the ITAR-TASS news agency as saying.

Despite European pressure, Russia has not ratified the Energy Charter, a document that would require it to open its export pipeline network and other energy assets to foreign investors.

Prodi said Italy and Russia have opened “a new phase of energy cooperation.”

“We no longer have the relations of a seller and a buyer. Russia will be present on the Italian market in the production of electric power,” the Italian leader said.

The two leaders also witnessed the signing of an agreement between Russian aircraft maker Sukhoi and Italian aerospace and defence company Finmeccanica on cooperation in a civilian aircraft project.

Ancient painted potteries are on display at Liwan Pottery Museum in Liwan Village, about 80 kilometres away from Xining, capital of southwest China’s Qinghai Province on 21 June, 2006. The village boasts over 2,000 ancient tombs dating back to the NewStone Age and the Bronze Age. Some 40,000 relics have been unearthed in the village, including over 20,000 painted potteries. —INTERNET

EU’s Barroso warns on US “protectionism”

LONDON, 22 June — European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso has warned that a rising tide of protectionism could endanger European investment in the United States, the Financial Times reported on Wednesday.

Barroso said he had spoken to US President George W Bush, several times about the risk of introducing new barriers on investment because of worries about globalization or terrorism.

“We want to make sure that the security concerns that we respect can be dealt with in a manner that is not detrimental with our overall political relations, specifically on trade and investment,” he told FT Deutschland, the German sister paper of the Financial Times. “We deplore all decisions when there is — because of a security concern — the restriction of the free flow of capital,” he said.

Brazilians launch $5bn plan to help farmers


The plan, announced at the third Family Agriculture and Reform Fair, will offer 300 million US dollars in credit to cooperatives and farmers who decide to borrow between 2,500 and one million dollars.

The plan also creates an organization called the Brazilian Technical Assistance and Rural Extension programme, which will send 20,000 experts to 4,000 rural regions.

Agriculture Minister Guilherme Cassel said the government’s plan, part of the National Family Agriculture Reform Programme (Pronaf), would make its first disbursements in July.

“We can proudly say that those who did not have money, now have money,” Cassel said.

“Our idea is that by the end of the 2006-2007 harvest season, we will be able to make expert help universally available, and that all of Pronaf’s farmers will receive qualified and guaranteed help, as well as the loan, he added.

Brazíl’s main family farming organization Via Campesina (Peasant Road), praised some aspects of the plan, such as agricultural insurance, technical assistance and a government promise to buy some of the food produced by the farmers. — MNA/Xinhua

“Big Brother” All-Stars revealed, really

SYDNEY, 22 June — Julie Chen kicked off the seventh season of Big Brother Wednesday night with a casting special that revealed the identities of the 20 returning housemates who will vie for a chance to be in Big Brother: All-Stars.

Of course, CBS.com revealed the same names earlier this month, effectively rendering last night’s reveal a bit anticlimactic. In April, the network announced that this season of the house- arrested reality series will be an all-star version, with 12 or 14 of the housemates a second shot.

The contestants who comprised the 20 finalists were warned not to do anything to reveal their identities prior to last night’s casting special. Unfortunately, CBS.com didn’t get the memo. — Internet

A scenic road sign stands amid burnt forest while firefighters conduct a burn out along the scenic route of Highway 89A in Oak Creek Canyon as the Brix Fire threatened the area near Sedona, Arizona, on 21 June, 2006.—INTERNET
Study says southern California vulnerable to earthquake

LONDON, 22 June — An earthquake may occur in southern California soon caused by the movement of a fault in the area, a study has said.

The San Andreas fault runs through almost all of western California from north to south. The land on the western side of the fault is moving north while the land on the eastern side down south, according to a study published on Thursday in the weekly journal Nature. The friction caused by the opposite movements of the plates may trigger huge earthquakes, if the pent-up energy is not released by minor movements, known as creep, Yuri Fialko, a seismologist with the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in La Jolla, California, was quoted as saying.

Fialko conducted the study using satellite imaging and data from Global Positioning System (GPS) monitors from 1985 to 2005. According to his study, the energy accumulated from the slips, the opposite movements of plates, is substantial and is not being released by creep.

In conclusion, the scientist warns that an earthquake may soon strike. A major earthquake rattled San Francisco in 1906.

Former senior official says Iraq may ask US to go nuclear

The Australian daily on Wednesday quoted Armitage as saying in an interview that the most optimistic scenario following a US withdrawal would be that Iraq would become a loose federation where violence is worsening. "Five years after the overthrow of the Taliban, the ordinary people don’t see much change in their lives," he said.

Armitage is equally gloomy about Afghanistan, especially in the south part of the country, where violence is worsening. "Five years after the overthrow of the Taliban, the ordinary people don’t see much change in their lives," he said.

Parents pinch pennies from piggy banks

SYDNEY, 23 June — One in four Australian parents regularly "borrow" money from their children’s piggy banks to pay for anything from bread to luxury holidays, a survey said on Wednesday.

Mums are more than twice as likely to raid their children’s savings than dad, with 35 per cent of mothers confessing to the crime compared with 16 per cent of fathers. But almost nine out of 10 still believed they were setting a good example of financial management for their tiny tycoons.

Fund management firm Bankwest surveyed almost 400 parents or guardians of children aged 17 or under. "I am guilty of the crime myself," Paul Vivian, Bankwest’s head of retail deposits, told Reuters. "If you can’t find any money, you know the one place you can always rely on is the kids’ piggy banks. But my wife

Expert says Brazilian snake venom helps treat heart attack patients

RIO DE JANEIRO, 22 June — Tests made at the Brazilian Federal University of Sao Carlos (UFSCar), in Sao Paulo State, showed that a protein found in the venom of the Brazilian snake Urutus can help heal and regenerate injured tissue, such as damaged tissue found in heart attack victims, a professor of UFSCar’s said on Tuesday.

Professor Heloisa Sobreiro Selistre de Araujo, from UFSCar’s Physiological Science Department, explained that depending on the poison’s concentration level, ALT-C, the name given to the poison’s protein, could increase or inhibit the formation of new blood vessels.

In low concentrations, ALT-C can promote the formation of new blood vessels, Araujo said. This makes the protein a possible base for drugs that treat conditions caused by inappropriate vascularization, like heart attacks, diabetic wounds and even erectile malfunctions.

In high concentrations, the protein produces the inverse effect, inhibiting the creation of new blood vessels, an effect potentially useful for the treatment of cancer.

Although both effects were tested by UFSCar’s scientists in mice, Araujo said they would focus their research on the tissue regeneration possibilities presented by the protein. These possibilities seemed to be more promising, he said.

Wen Jiabao signs pacts with S Africa, Angola

CAPE TOWN, 22 June — China secured a series of agreements with South Africa and Angola on Wednesday to strengthen political ties and bolster trade relations with the key African nations.

The pacts, ranging from cooperation on maritime affairs and vessels from the armed police, held talks with President Thabo Mbeki in Cape Town.

Wen arrived in South Africa on Wednesday from Angola and held talks with President Thabo Mbeki in Cape Town.

Wen has agreed to extend more than 2 billion US dollars in credit to Angola to help the oil-producing nation rebuild its war-ravaged economy, adding to the 3-billion-US-dollar credit line Beijing has already agreed with Luanda.

It will also cap textile and clothing exports to South Africa to help the country’s industry to develop, following criticism from local trade unions that cheap Chinese goods are costing jobs.

“We are willing to take self-restrictive steps and measures to restrict the export of Chinese textiles to South Africa in order to ensure the stability of the textile market in this country,” Wen told reporters.

The pact will significantly cut Chinese imports into South Africa for a range of goods, particularly clothing and textiles."
China committed to partnership with Bangladesh

BEIJING, 22 June — A senior Communist Party of China (CPC) official said here Wednesday that China values ties with Bangladesh and is committed to promoting the two countries’ comprehensive partnership.

“China and Bangladesh are friendly neighbours and the bilateral cooperation in politics, economy, trade and cultural fields has produced fruitful results over the past 31 years,” said Luo Gang, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, in a meeting with Mohammed Abdul Jalil, general secretary of the Bangladesh Awami League.

In 2005, China and Bangladesh announced the forging of a long-term and mutually beneficial comprehensive partnership. Luo expressed his appreciation to Jalil for Bangladesh’s support for China on issues including Taiwan and human rights.

“China is ready to work with Bangladesh and continue expanding bilateral reciprocal cooperation to continuously enrich and promote the China-Bangladesh comprehensive partnership,” Luo said.

Luo said the CPC valued friendly relations with Bangladesh’s parties including the Bangladesh Awami League. He said he hoped such friendly inter-party relations would promote bilateral ties.

Jalil said his country firmly abided by the one-China policy.

He also expressed his appreciation to China for its long-term assistance.

New landslide technology may save lives

LONDON, 22 June — A pioneering new technique designed by Loughborough University in Britain to help predict landslides could save hundreds of lives worldwide, if trials prove successful.

The Acoustic Real-time Monitoring System gauges the stability of slopes by listening to soil movement. It is hoped that this radical new system will be more sensitive to slope changes and more robust than traditional methods, a Press release by the University said on Tuesday.

Dr Neil Dixon, Senior Lecturer in Geotechnical Engineering at Loughborough University, said: “Around the world, lots of people are killed every year in landslides. Slopes are not always monitored but, if there is an indication that a slope may fail, instruments like this may help to give early warning. “Slope stability can reduce rapidly in a matter of hours or even minutes. A warning five or 10 minutes earlier than is currently possible might be enough to evacuate a block of flats or clear a road — and save lives in the process,” said Dixon.

The device uses a tube inserted into the slope, with a sensor on top to pick up the high frequency sounds that come from moving soil particles underground.

More men than women hospitalized for asthma

NEW YORK, 23 June — Women are significantly more likely than men to go to the emergency department because of asthma-related symptoms and to be admitted to the hospital, a Canadian study shows. It is not that women have more severe asthma, the researchers say. Rather, it seems that women perceive their asthma symptoms as worse than men do. Sex bias on the part of healthcare professionals may also factor in to the higher admission rates for an asthma attack among women.

To investigate sex differences in hospital admission rates for asthma, Dr Akerke Baiergenova from McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario and colleagues reviewed the records of 31,490 asthmatics between 18 to 55 years of age who visited Ontario emergency departments during a recent 1-year period.

Women not only made up the majority of all emergency visits (62.2 per cent), they also accounted for a greater percentage of hospitalizations (7.4 per cent versus 4.5 per cent for men), the researchers report in the Annals of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology.

These differences could not be explained on the basis of asthma rates or severity in men and women. Even women with low asthma severity scores were still more likely to be hospitalized than men with moderate scores, Baiergenova’s team reports.

Israel charges US settler with arms smuggling

JERUSALEM, 22 June — Israeli police said on Wednesday they were holding a US citizen from a Jewish settlement in the West Bank on suspicion he tried to smuggle a super rifle into Israel for attacks on Palestinians.

Shmuel Gefrayset, 39, from California, was arraigned by an Israeli court on charges of illegally importing the rifle, ammunition and bullet-making equipment. Gefrayset said he had intended to give the weapon to the Israeli Army.

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Thailand forecasts season of storm and flood

BANGKOK, 22 June — Thailand is warning residents across Thailand are advised on Wednesday to closely follow weather forecasts by the Meteorological Department, as throughout this year’s rainy season devastating tropical storms might occur.

Heavy downpours and rainstorms are forecast throughout the country from June through November, with torrential flows of rainwater expected in Thailand’s northern valleys, inundating urban areas, and storm waves rising 2.5 metres high in the Gulf of Thailand, department officials said.

Several tropical storms are anticipated to form in South China Sea, near the Philippines, and move toward the shores of Vietnam before hitting Thailand’s upper regions between August and September, the official Thai News Agency said.

Rainstorms are expected to affect lower Thailand in October and November.
Australian scientists develop vaccine for blood flukes

Canberra, 22 June — Australian scientists have developed a vaccine for parasitic worms, known as blood flukes, that affect 200 million people worldwide. The vaccine works by stimulating the immune system to help the body detect the worm and in trials has reduced the rate of infection by more than 60 per cent, Australian Associated Press reported on Wednesday.

Blood flukes, which are found in the still, fresh waters of the tropics in developing countries, cause bladder cancer, renal failure, liver fibrosis and even death. Head of the Helminth Biology Laboratory at the Queensland Institute of Medical Research Alex Loukas was quoted as saying that his team’s vaccine could save thousands of lives because it was a more practical solution than the existing treatment. “There are drugs available that do kill this parasite, but the problem is that people have to keep taking those drugs their entire life and it was vital to give children access to high quality mental health care tailored to meet their needs. — MNA/Xinhua

One in 10 British children has mental health disorder

London, 22 June — One in 10 children below the age of 15 in Britain has a mental health problem and the prevalence of mental disorders is on the increase, doctors said on Tuesday.

The British Medical Association warned in a report that with an estimated 1.1 million children needing access to specialist mental health services, the current provision was struggling to cope. “These problems have a huge impact on families and carers as well as on the individual,” it said. Children from poorer backgrounds, those in care, the children of asylum-seekers and those who have witnessed domestic violence are all at a higher risk of developing mental health problems, the BMA said. Those problems could range from sleep disorders, temper tantrums and eating disorders to severe mental health problems, the BMA said.

The BMA said that the government’s mental health white paper was an important step, but that more needed to be done to ensure children received the help they needed. “It is a sobering thought that there are 1.1 million children who need help with their mental health, and that more needs to be done to ensure they get it,” the report said. — MNA/Xinhua

Earthquake jolts southern Gansu

Beijing, 22 June — Chinese seismological network has monitored that an earthquake measuring 5.0 on the Richter Scale struck southern Gansu Province in northwest China at about 05:28 hours (Beijing Time) on Wednesday.

The epicentre was determined to be located at 33.1 degrees North Latitude and 105 degrees East Longitude, about 30 kilometres east to the seats of Wenzian and Wudu counties, both in southern Gansu. There has been no immediate casualty report.— MNA/Xinhua

Pentagon confirms two bodies found in Iraq

Washington, 22 June — The Pentagon said on Tuesday that two unidentified bodies were found south of Baghdad but did not confirm they were the US soldiers who were abducted by Iraqi guerrillas last week, CNN reported. An Iraq defence official said earlier the soldiers who went missing were killed and their bodies were found in a area south of Baghdad where a group linked to al-Qaeda said it had abducted them.— MNA/Reuters

Over one-third EU population have no basic computer skills

Brussels, 22 June — Over a third of people in the European Union (EU) aged between 16 and 74 had no basic computer skills in 2005, said Eurostat, the statistical service of the EU, on Tuesday.

Overall, 37 per cent of the people in this age bracket have no basic computer skills. The percentage was slightly higher for women (39 per cent) than for men (34 per cent). The survey also showed notable differences between member states, between age groups and between different education levels, said Eurostat.

Among the 17 member states for which data are available, e-literacy rate was less than 60 per cent in six countries: Greece, Italy, Hungary, Cyprus, Portugal and Lithuania. In five other countries, less than a quarter of the population were non e-literate: Denmark, Sweden, Luxembourg, Germany and Britain.

Among older people the non e-literacy proportion was higher. In the EU on average, 65 per cent of people aged 55 to 74 had no computer skills. This percentage ranged from 27 per cent in Sweden and Sweden to 93 per cent in Greece.— MNA/Xinhua

Iraqi speaker demands US probe in new deaths

Baghdad, 22 June — The speaker of Iraq’s Parliament asked the US Ambassador on Wednesday to investigate the killing by US troops of “many innocent people” at a poultry farm in a village northeast of Baghdad.

The US military, in the spotlight over murder charges it has brought against troops accused of killing Iraqis, said all 15 people killed in Tuesday’s raid near Baquba were gunmen.

Aides to parliamentary speaker Mahmoud al-Mashhadani said in a statement that he had asked US envoy Zalmy Khalilzad to launch a “quick and transparent investigation”.

“The speaker demanded the US forces stop such... mistakes,” it said. “The Iraqi leadership should not fail to take action in order to stop the bloodshed of... Iraqis.”

Mashhadani is a Sunni Arab, elected in April to an office reserved for the minority under power-sharing conventions to distribute posts among Sunnis, Kurds and majority Shites.

On Tuesday, the US military said its forces hunting Sunni guerrillas linked to al-Qaeda killed 15 gunmen in simultaneous raids. Residents of Qadari Ali al Shalin village 13 kilometres (nine miles) north of Baquba said the dead were employees of a poultry farm.

The Sunni Muslim Scholars Association, which is sharply critical of the US occupation, condemned “this crime”. — MNA/Reuters

Microsoft sees future in robots

Los Angeles, 22 June — Software giant Microsoft Corp sees the future and it is robots.

The Seattle-based company on Tuesday previewed a set of new software tools that aims to give developers a simpler way to design robots and to create and test programmes that operate a wide range of machines — from toys to floor sweepers to those used in factory production lines.

“We believe this is a key part of the future of computing,” said Microsoft Robotics Group general manager Tandy Trower, who called robots the next evolution of the personal computer.

While the fragmented robotics market is now in its infancy, Trower said forecasts call for the industry to grow into a multibillion-dollar market in the next five to 10 years.

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These problems could range from sleep disorders, temper tantrums and eating disorders to behaviour problems or depressive and obsessive disorders.

Vivienne Nathanson, head of BMA Ethics and Science, told a news conference it was vital to give children access to high quality mental health care tailored to meet their needs.— MNA/Xinhua

Japanese customers check meat packs at a Tokyo meat shop on 21 June, 2006. Japan’s agriculture minister has dismissed as “nonsense” threats by US lawmakers to impose up to 2.7 billion dollars in sanctions unless Tokyo quickly resumes imports of US beef.—INTERNET

Trade show visitors look at a compact Swedish suitcase satellite system on display at the CommunicAsia 2006 exhibition in Singapore on 21 June 2006. East Asian countries lead the world in embracing digital home products, led by high-tech powerhouses Taiwan and South Korea, a US research firm said.—INTERNET

The US sent in new deaths
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Mrs Benazir Bhutto became prime minister in Pakistan. Mrs Golda Meir became prime minister in Israel. Mrs Corazan Aquino became president in the Philippines. The Philippine President at present is Mrs Gloria Macapagal Arroyo. Mrs Margaret Thatcher is former British prime minister. Now, German Chancellor is Mrs Angela Merkel. And there are many female state leaders in the world especially in Asia. I notice that all those female leaders are those who preserve the lineage concerned and get married to men of their own peoples.
Bago Division striving for cultivation...
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plans of the Government and five rural development tasks by making field trips to the grassroots level.

He noted that Bago Division is striving for cultivation of monsoon paddy to meet the target of 3 million acres. Therefore, Kyaukkyi Township is to put 80,000 acres of land under monsoon paddy. In addition, all are to grow new crop items pepper and physic nut including 10 main crops on a manageable scale and commercial scale. Furthermore, domestic pedigreed poultry is to be raised at every house and duck breeding is to be extended on a commercial scale. As such, township economy and per capita income of local people will rise. In conclusion, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than urged all to carry out beautifying and sanitation tasks in the town.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than cordially greeted those present.

Next, they viewed ploughing and nurturing of monsoon paddy along the road of Kyaukkyi and returned to Nay Pyi Taw.

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Sanitation tasks carried out in Yangon City

Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspect repaving of Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township. — MNA

YANGON, 23 June — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected repaving of Mindhamma Road in Botataung Township this morning.

On arrival at Water Treatment Plant in Thanlyatsun, the commander and the mayor heard reports on process of water treatment in the plant and gave instructions.

The commander and the mayor also inspected unblocking of drains in Kamayut and Hline Townships and repaving of Mindhamma road with asphalt in Mayangon Township, and left instructions there.

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Royal Gold Luxury Soap sets foot in Myanmar market

YANGON, 23 June — Royal Gold Luxury Soap Factory in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone-2 has marketed its quality soaps with a pleasant smell.

The 80-g soap enriched in Paul Kernel Oil Leather and can prevent the damage of skin and kill bacteria.

The natural organic soaps of six colours — violent, red, blue, green, pink and black — also make fair complexion. The black colour soap is enriched with vitamin-E.

Royal Gold Luxury Soap Factory uses raw materials from Europe, Singapore and Malaysia and Japanese technology to produce its new products.

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The best time to plant a tree was twenty years ago.
The second best time is now.

Delegations visit downtown Yangon

Delegates who attended 8th ASEAN Health Ministers’ Meeting visit Shwedagon Pagoda.

HEALTH

YANGON, 23 June — Deputy Ministers, senior officials from ASEAN member countries, China, Japan and Republic of Korea, the Deputy Secretary-General and officials of the ASEAN Secretariat who attended the 8th ASEAN Health Ministers’ Meeting, the Second ASEAN+Three Health Ministers’ Meeting and First ASEAN+China Health Ministers’ Meeting hosted by Myanmar visited Shwedagon Pagoda, Drugs Elimination Museum and Myanmar Gems Mart this morning.

Member of Pagoda Board of Trustees U Ba Shwe conducted the delegations around the Pagoda. The delegations later signed the visitor’s book and posed for a documentary photo.

On arrival at Drugs Elimination Museum, Curator Police Lt-Col Htay Aung conducted the guests around the museum. Later, they went to Myanmar Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road. — MNA

Prizes presented to winners in contests to mark International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

YANGON, 23 June — In commemoration of the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking which falls on 26 June 2006, the prize presentation for the painting, cartoon, poster, song, essay and wall magazine competitions was held at No 2 Basic Education High School in Latha Township this morning.

School girls sang the national anthem and school songs.

Headmistress Daw Khin Ohn Myint explained the purpose of holding the ceremony.

The headmistress and officials presented prize to Ma Aye Myat Thu who stood first in the central level song composing contest, first in the painting contest and third in the poster contest, prizes to winners in the essay, painting, cartoon, poster and wall magazine contest and gifts to the teachers. — MNA

Latha BEHS No 2 Headmistress Daw Khin Ohn Myint presents prize to Ma Aye Myat Thu who stood first in central level song composing contest marking International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. — MNA
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according to its policy programmes. They join the association of their own volition to take part in the task to bring about development and stability to the nation. The association has been running with systematic organizational and management programmes to carry out regional development undertakings. Thanks to the public support, the membership strength has reached over 23 million.

Quantitative strength must be developed to qualitative efficiency. Improvement of individual qualification will promote the collective strength of the association. Constant learning is required to promote individual qualification.

At the course, the trainees had made wider discussions to enhance belief and conviction, qualification, leadership skill and cooperation in addition to studying national security and defence subject and national development subject to solve the current problems. The trainees will have to increase the membership strength with good leadership they have conceived. The members will be able to acquire unity in mind and work only if they are able to appreciate leadership skills and realize the aim.

Projects are being implemented to ensure stability and economic and education development the requirements to build a new nation. The association has been implementing the future programmes to take part in the task effectively. Its future programmes are to serve the national and public interest. The members should explain the nation-building task in connection with the future programmes. Only then will the association win greater public cooperation. The association has the duty to implement the project to develop rural areas where over 70 per cent of the nation’s population live.

More than 8 million member farmers and 5 million member workers are working together with the farmers and workers across the country to boost agricultural production for the improvement of their socio-economic life. The association will also contribute towards the well-being of the people. In addition, cooperation is needed to grow more physic nut plants in order to produce bio-diesel, he said. Nowadays, it can be seen that the government is not losing sight of its goal of building a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation. It is implementing the seven-point Road Map. Now the association is actively participating in the successful implementation of the Road Map as well as in the mass rallies in support of the National Convention.

U Htay Oo said the State is now on the road to peace and stability and development. However, some internal and external elements and foreign media, ignoring the development of the country, are meddling in Myanmar’s internal affairs. So it is the duty of the association to guard against any forms of danger. In reality, peace and stability as well as development of a country is much wanted by its people only. Moreover, it is only the people who know the prevailing conditions of the country. Anyway, the well-being of the State is dependent upon its people only. That is why all the members of the association are urged to lend themselves to the tasks for regional development in cooperation with authorities concerned.

Later, U Htay Oo urged the trainees to be aware of the importance of their duties realizing the actual situation of the country and to try to become the ones on whom the State can rely; to try to become the ones who have confidence and conviction upholding the policies of the association; to try to inculcate true patriotism into all the national people; to strive for the successful implementation of the seven-point Road Map of the State; to cultivate the habit of understanding the cause of leadership and following orders of superiors and the sense of unity; to organize the people to participate in the tasks of peace and stability of the State and regional development; and to guard against any dangers.

After the ceremony, U Htay Oo and CEC members cordially greeted the trainees. A total of 205 USDA secretaries and executives at state/division and district levels attended the course which started on 22 May. —MNA
YANGON, 23 June — As a gesture of hailing the Myanmar Women’s Day, which falls on 3 July 2006, a ceremony to donate cash to Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation was held at the meeting hall of MWAF on Thanlwin Road in Bahan Township this afternoon.

It was attended by President of the federation Daw Than Than Nwe, Vice-Presidents Daw Khin Lay Myint and Daw Khin Thet Htay, CEC members and wellwishers.

The president and the vice-presidents accepted K 300,000 donated by wives of members of the State Peace and Development Council; K 3 million by YCDC; K 500,000 each by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and the Ministry of Transport; K 100,000 each by the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs and the Ministry of Health; K 500,000 each by Union Solidarity and Development Association and Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association; K 300,000 by Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs’ Association; K 7.5 million by Major Maung Lat (Retd)-Daw Nan Yin Yin (Soe San Hostel, PyinOoLwin); K 200,000 by the Ministry of Information; K 100,000 by Finance Department of MWAF; Brig-Gen Sithu Tin Pe (Retd)-Daw Thein Hsaing (Writer Ma Myat Lay) and 23 wellwishers; K 50,000 each by three wellwishers and K 20,000 by Ma Thiri Myint.

Certificates of honour were presented to the wellwishers.

President Daw Than Than Nwe expressed gratitude.

Today’s donations from 77 wellwishers amounted to K 37,123,000. — MNA

**POEM:**

Our Myanmar Women’s Day

* For the economic interest of our Myanmar
  Our Myanmar women
  Are alert and united.

Our Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation
  Was established
  3rd Day of the month of July
  Is our Myanmar Women’s Day
  We shall remember that
  Till eternity.

* We do not depend on strangers
  Just because we are women.
  We’re patriots, and don’t discard our kin.
  We intend to keep our lineage intact
  We are not grudgeful
  But our women’s hearts are tough
  Born and bred in Myanmar.
  True Myanmar safeguard our kin
  Simple and straightforward.

* Our cultural heritage
  Does not deviate or veer away
  To rid ourselves
  Of human trafficking, terrorism
  We rally and strive together
  With Women’s Federation leading
  Taking up the legal stand points
  And with a wide economic outlook
  Women of all ages
  Keep coordinating always.

* We pay attention to education
  Of our young sons and daughters
  Rally around and help
  To get them into schools.
  Donate as much as we can
  With decent hearts
  Eldest daughter is mother, it’s said
  With that feeling and goodwill
  Loving-kindness multiplies
  For long-felt feeling.

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Troop withdrawal starts in southern Iraq

SAMAWA (Iraq), 23 June — The governor of Iraq’s southern province of Muthanna said foreign troops formally began their withdrawal on Thursday, days after Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki announced a handover of security in the region.

“The withdrawal of the Multi-National Forces from Muthanna Province starts today. It will take more than a month to complete this withdrawal,” Governor Mohammed al-Hasani told a news conference in the provincial capital Samawa.

Officers from the British-led force hitherto responsible for the largely Shiite province said, however, that the process of moving British, Japanese and Australian troops out had already begun. It would be complete by the end of July. — MNA/Reuters

More than 14% lack health insurance in US

WASHINGTON, 23 June — More than 14 per cent of Americans lacked health insurance last year, a slightly lower share than 2004, according to federal statistics published on Wednesday.

The survey, by the National Centre for Health Statistics, also found that 8.9 per cent of US children were not covered by health insurance.

The issue of health-insurance coverage is at the centre of an extended debate over health care in the United States, which relies mostly on employers to cover workers.

On Wednesday officials in San Francisco said they were pressing ahead with plans for funding health care for 82,000 residents who do not have medical insurance, at a cost of 200 million US dollars a year.

The centre’s report says that in 2005, 41.2 million Americans, or 14.2 per cent of the population, were uninsured when its survey was conducted. It said 51.3 million had been uninsured for at least part of the prior year and 29.2 million, or 10 per cent, had been uninsured for more than a year. The study is based on a regular survey of more than 98,300 people.

The NCHS, part of the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, found that insurance coverage varied widely among states, from 6 per cent without health insurance in Massachusetts to more than 24 per cent without in Texas.

More than 70 per cent of adults and 62 per cent of children had private insurance coverage, while nearly 30 per cent of children and 11.5 per cent of adults had some sort of public insurance such as the State Children’s Health Insurance Programme, Medicare or Medicaid. — MNA/Reuters

Philippine police arrest men holding $3.2t of fake bills

MANILA, 23 June — Philippine police have arrested three men with some 3.2 trillion US dollars of fake bills in a bus terminal in southern Cagayan de Oro City, the Philippine News Agency reported on Thursday.

Police made the arrest Thursday after putting the three men under a month-long surveillance and the fake money could have been produced in the province of Misamis Oriental neighbouring Cagayan de Oro, the report quoted police as saying.

Police would hand over the counterfeit greenbacks to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), or Philippine Central Bank, before the filing of formal charges against the suspects for violation of law against counterfeiting, said the report. — MNA/Xinhua
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**DONATE BLOOD**
Comedian Jerry Lewis back home from hospital

Los Angeles, 22 June —Comedian Jerry Lewis is back home in San Diego after spending a week in the hospital undergoing treatment for a minor heart attack and a case of pneumonia, his publicist said on Tuesday.

The 80-year-old entertainer was released from the hospital on Saturday and is recuperating aboard the yacht in San Diego where he makes his home during the summer, his Las Vegas-based spokesman Candi Cazau told Reuters.

However, Lewis is pressing ahead with plans to transform his classic comedy film "The Nutty Professor" into a stage production that he hopes to premiere at the Old Globe Theatre in San Diego early next year and eventually take to Broadway.

Fire fighters and gas company workers are engaged in emergency operation at the gas leakage accident site in Hangzhou, capital city of east China's Zhejiang Province, on 22 June, 2006.

SINGAPORE to train 5,000 toilet cleaners

SINGAPORE, 22 June — Singapore aims to train 5,000 of its 22,000 toilet cleaners by offering them relative courses, Channel NewsAsia report said on Wednesday.

Some 50 cleaners will take part in the city state's first Restroom Cleaning and Maintenance course to learn things like how to identify and get rid of hidden urine crystals, as well as the different toilet bowl designs to effectively kill trapped bacteria.

The course costs about 100,000 Singapore dollars (about 63,000 US dollars) to organize and more such courses will be conducted at the Singapore Polytechnic, according to the report. It is expected that the efforts will help raise both the standards of cleanliness in Singapore's toilets and the professional level, salary and morale of local cleaners.

The Singapore-based WorldToiletOrganization set up the world's first Toilet College in the city state last year, aiming to transform cleaners into all-round toilet managers.

MNA/Reuters

Growth rate of Israeli millionaires doubles world average in '05

Jerusalem, 22 June — The number of millionaires in Israel increased by 12 per cent in 2005, nearly two times the global average, local popular newspaper Yediot Ahronoth reported on Wednesday.

Citing latest data by the Israeli branch of investment house Merrill Lynch, the newspaper said that there were 7,400 millionaires in Israel in 2005, who owned over one million US dollars in cash, excluding real estates, holdings in private companies and mortgaged property.

The world's millionaire population grew by 6.5 per cent in 2005, reaching 8.7 million.

The high growth rate of Israeli millionaires was due to a larger number of mergers, acquisitions and capital market offerings by local companies in the past year, according to the report.

MNA/Xinhua

“Congo virus” kills man in Pakistan

Islamabad, 22 June — A patient of suspected Congo Crimean virus died on Tuesday at a private hospital in Pakistan's southern port city Karachi, a TV channel reported.

Haji Gul Kakar, a resident of Quetta and infected with Congo Crimean virus who was shifted to Karachi from Khuzdar in Pakistan's southwestern Balochistan Province for medical treatment last week, on Tuesday died at hospital's Intensive Care Unit (ICU) due to Crimean Congo Haemorrhagic Fever (CCHF), Geo TV reported.

According to the report, Kakar was brought at Aga Khan Hospital in Karachi with complaint of severe fever. His early diagnosis showed that he was suffering from malaria.

However, on rapid decrease in his blood platelets, tests were performed to ascertain whether he was suffering from any haemorrhagic fever like dengue or Congo Crimean. Tests showed that he was infected with Congo Crimean virus.

Kakar was treated with utmost care and adopting all kinds of precautionary measures, and unfortunately passed away this evening.

MNA/Xinhua

S’pore Minister says globalization, technology impact on education

Singapore, 22 June — Globalization and rapid technological evolution have considerable impact on education in the 21st Century, Singapore's Minister of State for Education and Manpower Gan Kim Yong said here on Wednesday at the inauguration of the World Education Forum.

"In today’s knowledge-based economies, human resources have become the key competitive advantage of many countries. The education of a country’s citizens therefore becomes a critical factor in determining its future," Gan noted.

He said that as economies are becoming increasingly interdependent, countries like Singapore, which do not have abundant natural resources, need to give their people the best education they can afford so as to develop their potential to the fullest.

"We must prepare our people and encourage them to adopt a global perspective," Gan stressed.

As for the impact of technology on education, new information and communication technologies such as Internet and multimedia player have changed the way of teaching, while students are more able to use technology as a learning tool, according to the Minister.

"We must therefore capitalize on these emerging technologies to improve the effectiveness of our education system," he said.

Themed "redefining the learning paradigm", the three-day forum provides education policy makers, academics and practitioners with a platform to share their views and learn from each other's experience.

MNA/Xinhua

The first China made chip which is used for ground transmission of digital TV is shown on 20 June at the International Film & TV Market, one of four major activities of the 12th Shanghai Television Festival.

INTERNET
Italy go through with win over Czechs

HAMBURG, 23 June — Italy clinched top spot in World Cup Group E on Thursday, eliminating the 10-man Czech Republic with a 2-0 victory.

A 26th minute header from substitute Marco Materazzi gave the Italians the lead before the Czechs were reduced to ten men just before the break with the dismissal of Jan Polak. Substitute Filippo Inzaghi rounded goalkeeper Petr Cech to roll the ball past the dive of Czech Republic goalkeeper Petr Cech to provide the opening goal.

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Happy birthday

Wishing Haji U Than Tin a very happy 85th Birthday and many happy returns.

Dear wife, Hajima Daw Khin Hla Tin.
Dear children:-
Nilar Than, Zaw Than-Pale, Win Win Than.
Dear grands:-
Sant Darli, Hanezar, Rihanna, Melissa & Luther.

China has more than 420 million mobile users

BEIJING, 23 June — The number of China’s mobile phone subscribers reached more than 420 million at the end of May, reported the Ministry of Information Industry on Wednesday.

Statistics show that the number increased by 27.39 million in five months, more than twice the increase of fixed-line users. There are 57 million more mobile subscribers than fixed-line users.

The average monthly increase in mobile users has been between three million and four million in the past year, said the ministry.

China’s mobile subscribers have been growing steadily since they out-numbered fixed-line phone subscribers in October 2003.

Along with the increase in mobile phone subscribers, the volume of text messages climbed 46.3 per cent from the first five months of the previous year to 167.95 billion.

The ministry also said that in the January to May period this year China’s total post and telecommunications revenue reached 287.82 billion yuan (around 35.97 US billion dollars), up 11.4 per cent on the previous year.

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR Saturday, 24 June, 2006

Weathr Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Friday, 23 June, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Mandalay, Magway and Yangon Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan State, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Homalin (2.17) inches, Gwa (1.57) inches, Katha (1.03) inches, Kayankpyu (0.82) inch and Nyaung U (0.36) inch.

Maximum temperature on 22-6-2006 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 23-6-2006 was 71°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 23-6-2006 was (92%). Total sunshine hours on 22-6-2006 was (4.5) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 23-6-2006 were nil at Mingaladon, KabyAye and Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (22.52) inches at Mingaladon, (30.47) inches at KabyAye and (35.24) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (KabyAye) was (4) mph from Southeast at 15:30 hours on 22-6-2006.

Bay influence: Monsoon is weak in the Andaman Sea and north and east central Bay and moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 24-6-2006.

Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Shan, Kayah and Chin States and Mandalay, Magway and Bago Divisions, fairly widespread in Rakhine State, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: General decrease of rain in the whole country.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 24-6-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 24-6-2006: One or two rain or thunderstorms with sunny period. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 24-6-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Weather outlook for last weekend of June 2006: During the coming weekend, rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Yangon Division and isolated in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Division.
**Bago Division striving for cultivation of monsoon paddy to meet the target of 3 million acres**

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects development of Kyaukkyi Township

**YANGON, 23 June —** Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by officials of the SPDC Office, left for Yeni of Bago Division on 21 June morning.

Accompanied by Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko and officials, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than proceeded to Kyaukkyi and met with Tatmadawmen and family members at the hall of Kyaukkyi Station.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met with departmental personnel, members of social organizations and local people at the hall of the local station. He heard reports on development of the township presented by local authorities.

After attending to the need, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said that the State Peace and Development Council is implementing the border areas and national races development plan, the 24 special regions plan and five rural development tasks for equitable development of all regions of the nation. Development of the plans reflect progress of the entire nation including border areas.

He added that only when peace and stability and prevalence of law and order prevails, will the region develop. Therefore, locals are to join hands with officials for ensuring peace and stability of the respective regions. Likewise, service personnel are to undertake development of Kyaukkyi Township.

**Improvement of individual qualification will promote USDA’s collective strength**

**USDA concludes Advanced Management (Special) Course**

**YANGON, 23 June —** Union Solidarity and Development Association concluded its Advanced Management (Special) Course No 1 for executives at USDA training school in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, this morning.

Delivering the opening address at the ceremony, Secretary-General of USDA U Htay Oo said that the USDA was formed with youths, who will serve the national duty with sincerity and energy, as the pillar. It is an honour to the association to witness its members taking part in the endeavours to ensure national stability and development during the 12 years. It will always stand as the national forces serving the country’s interest.

USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo speaking at closing ceremony of Advanced Management (Special) Course No 1. — MNA

The national goal is the emergence of a peaceful modern developed and discipline-flourishing democratic state. The members who are people within the people are joining hands with the public to reach the goal according to correct and objective programmes.

The country should be built with true national strengths — the government, the Tatmadaw and the people. Our Three Main National Causes — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty — has been laid down as the national policy. The 12 objects are the base to implement the national policy. The results for the three strengths have produced sound foundations for the nation.

All the developments are heading towards the goal — a peaceful modern developed and discipline-flourishing democratic state.

The members do not emerge from a different class, but from within the people of all regions. They are to join the association with the noble mind to discharge the national duties.

**WORLD CUP 2006**

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