## Four political objectives
- 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
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- 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

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**Contributions of entrepreneurs in nation-building endeavours indispensable for nation**

State regards entrepreneurs as its colleagues

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**YANGON, 19 April**

—Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, who accompanied Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe on his tour of Rakhine State, yesterday morning met with the chairman of Thandwe District Peace and Development Council and members, the chairmen of Thandwe Township and Taungup Township Peace and Development Councils and members, departmental officials, entrepreneurs, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association and social organizations and town elders at the hall of the local battalion in Thandwe, Rakhine State.

Also present on the occasion were members of the State Peace and Development Council, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Lt-Gen Thiha Tin Aung Myint Oo, Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council and members, the chairmen of Thandwe Township and Taungup Township Peace and Development Councils and members, departmental officials, entrepreneurs, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association and social organizations and town elders at the hall of the local battalion in Thandwe, Rakhine State.

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When we study the speeches of the SSNA leaders, we have come to know that their words have come from their hearts and they spoke in view of serving the people’s interest.

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General Thura Shwe Mann meets with officials in Thandwe.—MNA

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Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.
Strive for regional development

The government of the Union of Myanmar is fulfilling all the necessary requirements to strengthen the national economy and enhance the living standard of the people.

Development of the agriculture sector plays a pivotal role in our effort to strengthen the national economy. Therefore, the government and national entrepreneurs of the private and cooperative sectors are working together for the development of the agriculture sector. The government, on its part, is rendering assistance to the entrepreneurs in order that they can fully participate in all national endeavours.

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe often visits states and divisions, inspects regional and national development projects and construction work there, fulfils requirements and gives guidance to responsible personnel. During his visit to Rakhine State, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe met with those responsible at the Annawdaw Yeiktha Hall in Thandwe on 18 April. At the meeting, the Head of State stressed that a region could develop only if it had two or three main economic industries, that the private sector was being encouraged and entrepreneurs given more rights as there were difficulties and limitations facing the government in carrying out some matters and that development of each region called for active and enthusiastic participation of national entrepreneurs.

Better transport is the key to the development of a region. This being so, the government is building new roads and bridges the length and breadth of the Union for regional development and for higher living standard of the people. Also in Rakhine State, as in other states and divisions, new roads and bridges are being constructed for development of trade and production. Out of the nine bridges being built on the Kyaukphyu-Maei road, six have been finished. The remaining three - Thanthamache, Thazintanpauk and Wanphike bridges - are going to be completed soon. While the government is fulfilling the requirements for regional development, national entrepreneurs and farmers are required to grow more paddy for food security for the people in the region.

In addition to the main industry, local farmers and people should also engage in the cultivation of rubber and pepper and the breeding of shrimps. We would like to call on the entire national entrepreneurs to strive for regional development in accordance with the guidance of the Head of State.

Summer golf training course on 22 April

YANGON, 19 April—With the aim of turning out new generation youth golfers and enabling the players to systematically play golf, Han Golf Masters organized summer golf training courses starting from 22 April at Pan Hlaing Golf Course.

The courses include basic training courses and round-the-course training and each will last 3 weeks. Those interested are to enlist in person at No 15 A Kanbawza Road, Shwetaunggya Ward, Bahan Township (phone number 542989). — MNA

Tube-well donated for Cintamuni Pagoda in Singu

YANGON, 19 April—Organized by Hsimee 9900 Association of Insein, a ceremony to donate cash for sinking tube-well at Cintamuni Pagoda in Myogon ward in Singu, NyaungU Township was held on 17 April (Myanmar New Year Day) at Wahktantaung Monastery in Insein Township.

First, the congregation received the five precepts from Sayadaw U Tekkhanyana. Patron of the association U Soe Win explained matters on all-round renovation of the pagoda. Next, wellwisher U Win Lwin-Daw Aye (a) Daw Aye Myint Sein and family donated K 450,000 to officials. — MNA

Workshop on registration law of business groups

YANGON, 19 April—Workshop on registration law of business groups organized by Myanmar Computer Industrialists Association will be held on 23 April from 10 am to 12 noon at the MICT Park in Hlini Township.

Members of MCI and those interested may attend the workshop. For further information dial 552238. — MNA
Indian PM presents birth certificate to Musharraf

NEW DELHI, 18 April—Evoking nostalgia for Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Sunday afternoon handed over to him his birth certificate and a painting of the Haveli in old Delhi where the visiting leader had spent his early childhood.

After their two-hour long talks at Hyderabad House here, Singh presented to Musharraf a large painting of the Neherwali Haveli in Chandhi Chowk, where the Pakistani President’s family lived before it migrated across the border. Musharraf was also gifted three birth certificates—his own and those of his elder brother and sister. The birth certificates were presented in brown leather folders.

Musharraf and his siblings were born in Lala Girdhwaral Maternity Hospital located in Kamla market here.

Musharraf's visit to India fruitful

NEW DELHI, 18 April—Visiting Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf ended his hectic meetings with Indian leaders on Sunday by achieving remarkable results in pushing forward the peace process with India, adding that Singh was in favour of increased transportation, border movement of people, cross-line of control and border trade to help the process and to resolve more complex problems in the future.

The Prime Minister referred to the assurance given in last January’s joint statement that no part of Pakistani territory would be used for terrorist activities against India and this had helped in opening up opportunities, improving relations and taking them forward.

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Shanxi Province to shut down 404 heavily polluting enterprises

TAIYUAN, 18 April—Shanxi Province will shut down 404 heavily polluting companies by 30 June this year, in a bid to improve the environment and restructuring the local economy, said sources with the provincial government on Sunday.

The first group of 383 heavily polluting enterprises in the province had been closed by 31 March. They include coal, coking, electricity, metallurgical, chemical and building materials companies.

The provincial government stressed that authorities at the county level must take charge of eliminating the heavily polluting enterprises with the worst result in environmental protection. Shanxi is a major coal production base in China. — MNA/Xinhua

Import of edible vegetable oils plunges at Shenzhen Port

SHENZHEN, 18 April—The import of edible vegetable oils through Shenzhen, a boomtown facing Hong Kong, went down by 38.9 per cent to 88,000 tons in the first quarter of the year, according to the local Customs.

The imported edible vegetable oils were worth 150 million US dollars, a drop of 42.6 per cent from a year earlier.

According to the Customs, imported soybean oil made up 21,000 tons and dropped by 48.2 per cent and rapeseed oil made up 30,000 tons and dropped by 33.4 per cent, while palm oil jumped by 63.6 per cent to 12,000 tons.

A Customs officer attributed the changes in imported edible oil varieties, especially soybean oil, to the implementation of a set of new standards for imported soybean oil and new state standards of edible oils beginning on 1 October, 2004. — MNA/Xinhua

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The attack occurred on Saturday night when guerrillas fired mortar rounds at the base, the military said in a statement. Three of the wounded were evacuated for treatment. The rest sustained minor injuries and two of them have returned to duty, according to the statement.

The attackers fled from the area to a nearby mosque, but Iraqi security forces failed to capture them after searching the area, it added.

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1,556 US soldiers killed in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 18 April—As of Monday, 18 April, 2005, at least 1,556 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,104 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department. The figures include four military civilians.

The AP count is two higher than the Defence Department’s tally, last updated at 10 am EDT Monday.

The British military has reported 86 deaths; Italy, 21; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, eight; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Kazakhstan and Latvia one death each.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,418 US military members have died, according to AP’s count. That includes at least 1,071 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military’s numbers. — Internet

Miss World 2004, Peruvian Maria Julia Mantilla Garcia, receives a kiss from an Acehnese boy during her visit to a village in Indonesia’s Aceh Province on 18 April, 2005. — Internet

Thai children welcome their new president

BANGKOK, 18 April—Children from a nursery school near Government House here, welcomed Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra on Monday.

Thaksin, who is on a European tour, left for France on Tuesday afternoon.

Thaksin administration

BANGKOK, 18 April—The Thai government is formed by the pro-government United Front for Democracy against Dictatorship (UDD), a political movement that had defeated the Thaksin’s administration in 2006.

The new government will be led by Thaksin Shinawatra, who was elected prime minister in February’s general election. The new cabinet is expected to be announced within a week.

The UDD has promised to hold free and fair elections, to end corruption and to fight against poverty. — AP

Thailand plans committee to back Surakiart’s bid for UN post

BANGKOK, 18 April—Thailand plans to set up a working committee to run the country’s campaign to support the Deputy Prime Minister, Thiti Satharth, for the post of secretary-general of the United Nations in the next month or so, the state-run Thai News Agency reported Sunday.

Considerable progress has been made in securing backing for Surakiart, especially at the recent 4th ministerial meeting of Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) in the Pakistani capital of Islamabad, Jakrapob Penkair, a senior member of the Prime Minister’s Office, was quoted by the agency as saying.

Most Asian countries at the meeting wanted to see an Asian candidate elected to replace Kofi Annan, he said. — MNA/Xinhua

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S Korean President returns from Germany, Turkey tour

SEOUL, 18 April — South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun returned home Monday after winding up his eight-day tour of Germany and Turkey, which focused on enhancing bilateral economic ties and other issues of mutual and international concern.

Roh began his first overseas trip of the year on April 10 when he flew into Berlin for a five-day state visit there to meet with German President Horst Koehler, Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder and other political, economic and cultural figures.

The German leaders supported South Korea's bid to resolve the nuclear issue on the Korean Peninsula peacefully through the six-party talks and urged North Korea to return to the multilateral talks.

During the state visit, the South Korean President for the first time made publicly his stance over Germany's bid to become a permanent United Nations Security Council member on last Thursday. Roh said South Korea would extend its support if Germany succeeded in persuading the US to agree on raising the number of UNSC standing members.

South Korea, along with Italy, Pakistan and other countries, hope the United Nations will add more UNSC's standing members instead of permanent members. Roh and German leaders agreed to make joint efforts to increase the volume of two-way trade to 20 billion US dollars in the near future, up from 16.8 billion dollars last year.

While Roh was in Germany, the two sides signed 12 memorandums of understanding on cooperation in the fields of digital multimedia broadcasting, electronic government, information technology, regulations and the information superhighway.—MNA/Xinhua

China may issue 1st law on introducing overseas experts in 2005

WUHAN, 18 April — China’s first law on introducing overseas experts may be issued in 2005 in order to help better find the experts China needs and protect their rights in the country, said Li Bing, deputy director-general of State Administration of Foreign Experts Affairs (SAFEA).

In an exclusive interview with Xinhua, Li said SAFEA had already proposed the draft law to be deliberated. “The law may promote the internationalization and standardization of China’s practice of introducing foreign experts, and help us find the most needed experts, especially those senior experts in the fields of finance, law, international trade and high technology,” she said.

Foreign experts play very important role in promoting China’s social and economic construction. According to the National Statistics Bureau, every year China introduces more than 240,000 foreign experts. Since China took the reform and opening-up policy in late 1970s, it has altogether introduced over 2.5 million foreign experts in the fields of agriculture, education, manufacturing and news reporting.

Li said these experts brought their advanced technology and managing experience to China, and made great contribution to China’s economic progress and enterprise reform. Moreover, such personnel exchanges actively promote the trade cooperation between China and foreign countries, which not only benefit China but also foreign countries.

"Through telling their experience in China, they let people in their countries know more about China,” Li said.

She said China is still a developing country, and it needs a lot of experts to develop its western region and northeastern industrial base.

“We welcome more foreign experts to join us, and make full use of their wisdom to helping China’s economic development.” Li said.— MNA/Xinhua

Closed-circuit TV to halt oil smuggling in Thailand

BANGKOK, 18 April — To halt “rampant smuggling” — especially of oil — the Thai Government plans to install closed-circuit television at every border checkpoint nationwide in a bid to prevent revenues slip across the borders.

Deputy Finance Minister Varathep Ratanakorn was quoted by the Thai News Agency as saying Sunday that the “candid camera” monitors would improve the flow of revenues into national coffers as distant witnesses would inhibit the cross-border slide of illicit exports and the subsequent illegal departure of potential revenues.

The plan will be implemented as Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra has ordered concerned government agencies to keep a close watch on large-scale smuggling of goods, especially oil, from Thailand to the neighbouring countries, he said.

Customs officials at border checkpoints must improve efficiency, Varathep said. Closed-circuit television will be installed at every border checkpoint, along with electronically-controlled X-ray devices for shipping containers, he added.

MNA/Xinhua

Soldiers from Forts Stewart, Benning die in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 18 April—Two soldiers based in Georgia have died in Iraq over the past few days, military authorities said Monday.

The Pentagon said Army Specialist Aleina Ramirez Gonzalez, 33, of Homigual, Puerto Rico, of the Fort Stewart-based 3rd Infantry Division was killed in a mortar attack in Tikrit on Friday. Pvt 1st Class Steven F. Sirkko, 20, of Portage, Ind, died Sunday in Muqdadiyah, Iraq, of non-combat related injuries, officials said. Sirkko was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, of the 3rd Infantry's 3rd Brigade, based at Fort Benning.—Internet

US aid worker killed in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 18 April — A US humanitarian aid worker and two others were killed on Saturday in a suicide car bomb attack on a convoy on Baghdad's airport road, a US Embassy spokesman said on Sunday.

Marla Ruzicka, 27, the founder of the Campaign for Innocent Victims in Conflict, was killed by the bombing attack while driving behind a private security convoy, said the spokesman.

Five people were wounded in the incident and taken to a US military hospital, he added, without giving the identities of the other two dead.

MNA/Xinhua

Saoiun Pearl project in Ho Chi Minh City kicks off

HO CHI MINH CITY (Vietnam), 18 April — The construction of highest buildings in Vietnam's southern Ho Chi Minh City, 37-storey apartment blocks and complexes owned by a Hong Kong-Vietnam joint venture, started on Saturday.

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Thick smoke rises above the crude oil pipeline near Fatha, between the Kirkuk oil fields and the Baji refinery in northern Iraq, after guerrillas attacked it on 19 April, 2005. — Internet
China’s e-commerce industry to grow at over 50% annually

BEIJING, 18 April — China’s e-commerce, in a crucial stage of development, is to grow at over 50 per cent every year, said Song Ling, chairman of China Electronic Commerce Association.

“E-commerce has become an important part of people’s life and also a strong driver of China’s market economy,” said Song at the eighth China International E-commerce Conference held here Sunday.

In recent years, e-commerce has been expanding fast with annual sales rising at 40 per cent on average. According to Song, Beijing’s transaction volume of e-commerce reached 66.6 billion yuan (8.27 yuan against US dollar) last year, Shanghai over 70 billion yuan, and south China’s Guangzhou 23 billion yuan.

Sri Lanka to frame new laws to curb tsunami relief fraud

COLOMBO, 18 April — Sri Lanka is planning to frame new legislation to curb corrupt officials from swindling tsunami relief aid. The government is faced with serious complaints of misappropriation of international assistance for tsunami hit victims by corrupt officials.

The victims have also been complaining of slow progress in the relief operations even after three months of the tragedy.

Nearly 40,000 were killed with another 500,000 displaced in the island’s coastal lines when ravaging tsunamis hit these areas with devastating effect on 26 December last year.

The country was blessed with an unprecedented outpouring of international goodwill to the tragedy. The government said that there have been instances of arrest made of the grassroots public officials for misappropriation of relief goods and there had also been cases of relief items being found on shelves of traders in the areas. — MNA/Xinhua

Iran raps US deadline on Iran-EU nuclear talks

TEHERAN, 18 April — Iran lashed out Sunday at a reported US deadline of next summer set for the ongoing nuclear talks between Iran and the European Union (EU).

“I don’t want to put a timeline on it, but I think we probably want to make sure this summer and see where we are and see how far we’ve gone,” Rice was quoted.

Rejecting the deadline, Asefi said Iran also opposes any prolongation of the talks and is trying to come to a quick conclusion.

“Teheran will not let the Europeans waste any time, and I hope that the new round of talks next Tuesday will yield a conclusion,” Asefi said.

The United States accuses Iran of developing nuclear weapons covertly and supports a referral of Iran’s case to the United Nations Security Council.

However, Washington has softened its stance recently and showed willingness to support EU’s diplomatic efforts.

Iran, rejecting the US accusation as “politically motivated”, has held five rounds of nuclear talks with the EU since it suspended its highly sensitive uranium enrichment activities in November 2004 to build confidence. The ongoing negotiations have been stalled with no prospecting stances of both sides.

The EU insists Iran should halt all its work on building nuclear fuel cycles, while Teheran claims it will never give up its legitimate rights to nuclear technology. — MNA/Xinhua

Hu Jintao says China values friendship with Cuba

BEIJING, 19 April — At a meeting on Monday with Raul Castro Ruz, second secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba, Chinese President Hu Jintao said the Communist Party of China (CPC) and the Chinese Government very much value their traditional friendship with Cuba and hope to push bilateral ties to a new high.

Hu, who is also CPC general secretary, recalled pleasant memories of his visit to Cuba last November and spoke highly of the achievements of the Cuban Communist Party, government and Cuban people in their socialist constructions.

Hu said that Sino-Cuban relations have endured the tests of time and history in the 45 years since the two nations forged a diplomatic relationship, noting that the two countries have inherited a tradition of friendship in the new century and scored new progress in bilateral ties in a strategic manner.

The Chinese and Cuban Communist parties are both unswerving "electronic signature act" started to take effect, which set the milestone of China’s e-commerce development.

The eighth China International E-commerce Conference was launched by China Electronic Commerce Association and organized by Xinhua net.com.

Nepali King’s visit to regain int’l confidence

KATHMANDU, 19 April — Nepali King Gyanendra’s upcoming visits to Indonesia and China’s Hainan Province this week is an opportunity to regain the international community’s confidence, an expert said here on Monday.

“This visit will be significant in bridging the communication gap between Nepal’s Foreign Ministry and our neighbouring countries,” Surya Prasad Shrestha, former ambassador to Britain and an expert on Nepal’s foreign affairs, told reporters.

Since the king will take Nepal’s case to two major international fora, “it’s an opportunity to demonstrate Nepal’s foreign policy,” Shrestha said.

The visit will also be helpful in consolidating Nepal’s independent identity in the international fora, he added.

King Gyanendra will visit Jakarta of Indonesia to attend the Asian-African Summit on 22-23 April and the Bo’ao Forum for Asia Annual Conference on 24-25 April in China. — MNA/Xinhua

Danish PM pays visit to Thailand

BANGKOK, 19 April — Danish Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen will pay an official visit to Thailand on Monday as the guest of the Thai Government. Upon his arrival in Bangkok on Monday, the Danish leader and his entourage are scheduled to hold a plenary meeting with the Thai Government led by Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra.

His entourage includes senior Danish Government officials and his wife. The Danish Prime Minister and his entourage will then travel to Thailand’s southern resort province of Phuket, one of the country’s six Andaman provinces hit by the last December tsunami, to attend a memorial service for those killed in the natural disaster. — MNA/Xinhua
India among ten countries in tomato gene sequencing

NEW DELHI, 19 April — India, with nine other countries, has started gene sequencing of tomato as part of an international project aimed at increasing the vegetable’s yield, nutrition and disease resistance properties.

The process which is likely to be completed in the next five years would serve as a global source of information on tomato and help improve its nutritional and disease resistant varieties, Professor Akhilesh Tyagi of the Department of Plant Molecular Biology, University of Delhi, has said.

“Full genetic information of tomato will greatly enhance conventional breeding strategies and enable the generation of new crop varieties with improved disease resistance,” he said adding yield increase was the foremost concern.

After completion, the project would help scientists pin point desirable characteristics in the genetic make-up of the tomato that could be introduced into other plant varieties through conventional breeding techniques, he said.

Tomato, a significant commercial crop worldwide, is a model plant species for studying quality traits in all fleshy fruit bearing plants, he said adding “beta carotene, that is found in tomato, is known for its anti-cancerous quality”.

Its qualities such as preventing heart disease and boost immunity could also be introduced in other plants, he said.

Information about the genetic make-up of tomato and utilization of the available knowledge base to improve the quality of the vegetable are the two components the scientists, at present, are looking at, he said. The sequencing would help improve the vegetable’s nutritional quality, its beta carotene content and increase its shelf-life, Tyagi, who is also the project coordinator in the country, said. “Once the gene sequencing of the vegetable is known, it would throw open more possibilities of tomato gene to be utilized in other plants for specific requirements,” he said. — MNA/PTI

Singapore issues new edition of Emergency Handbook

SINGAPORE, 19 April — Information on how to deal with situations such as tsunami threats or power failures are included in the new edition of Singapore's Civil Defence Emergency Handbook issued on Sunday.

According to Channel NewsAsia report on Sunday, the fifth edition of the series also provides the public with knowledge on how to act in a chemical incident and what should be stored in a ready bag. Residents are required to collect the book at places like Community Clubs and Neighbourhood Police Centres this year to enhance involvement by individuals and communities in emergency preparation.

The Singapore Civil Defence Force issued the first edition of the handbook in 1990 and used to deliver a copy to the doorstep of each household in the city state. — MNA/Xinhua

Three Gorges Project to start construction of power station

WUHAN, 19 April — China Yangtze River Three Gorges Project Development Corporation (CYRTGPDC) has been given the green light to restart a new underground power workshop whose construction postponed earlier this year out of environmental concern.

Having undergone an environmental impact appraisal of the State Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA), CYRTGPDC signed contracts for prospecting, designing and building the new underground power workshop for housing six generators, each with an installed capacity of 700,000 kilowatts, which will be built in the mountain on the southern bank of the Yangtze, China’s longest river.

SEPA in early January ordered a halt to the construction of 30 large projects across the country, including the new underground power workshop affinity to the Three Gorges Project, which failed to pass the environmental impact assessment by SEPA.

Pan Dachong, a CYRTGPDC official in charge of construction matters, pledged to go ahead with the new underground power workshop “in strict compliance with requirements of SEPA”.

By now, a vast majority of the postponed projects have resumed construction after essential adjustments were made, sources from SEPA noted.

The new underground power workshop with the Three Gorges Project will cost more than 6 billion yuan (some 720 million US dollars) and will be completed in 2009.

By then, 90 per cent of the water in the Three Gorges Reservoir will be used for generating hydro-electricity. Launched in 1993, the Three Gorges Project is being built in three phases on the middle reaches of the Yangtze River. — MNA/Xinhua

Foreign investment in Indonesia increase by 173%

JAKARTA, 18 April — Indonesia’s non-oil foreign direct investment (FDI) approvals in the first three months of 2005 jumped by 173 per cent to 4.28 billion US dollars over the same period last year, the Indonesian Investment Coordinating Board (BKPM) said here Saturday.

The BKPM approved 285 new projects with investment commitments of 2.69 billion US dollars, compared with 225 projects worth 454 million dollars during the same period last year, BKPM said. The board also approved 81 expansion projects worth 684.5 million US dollars against 67 projects worth 699 million dollars during the same period last year.

Singapore’s non-oil exports rose 6.2% in March

SINGAPORE, 19 April — Singapore’s non-oil domestic exports (NODX) sustained a healthy growth of 6.2 per cent to 11.88 billion Singapore dollars (about 7.2 billion US dollars) in March as compared with the same period of last year.

According to the figures released by the International Enterprise Singapore (IESG Singapore) on Monday, the exports of electronic products rose 4.8 per cent in March, reversing the decline of 3.6 per cent in the previous month. The NODX of non-electronics sector continued to grow by 7.6 per cent in March, mainly supported by the strong exports of petrochemicals and primary chemicals to countries including China, as well as a large shipment of oil rig to the United States. — MNA/Xinhua

China to boost economic reform with all-out efforts

BEIJING, 19 April — Year 2005 is a vital year for China’s economic reform, as its government goes all out to push forward the comprehensive reform in its agricultural economy, state-owned enterprises, system surroundings of private sectors, financial systems, taxation, pricing, investment and income distribution.

According to a circular issued on 4 April by the State Council on deepening economic reform, China will continue its reform on rural taxation, improving the rural land system, and deepening reform concerning grain and cotton circulation.

The circular calls for acceleration of reforms on state-owned enterprises, supporting reform on the monopoly industries.

The government will improve the system environment of private sectors so as to better protect the interest of privately-owned firms and provide financial convenience for them, according to the circular.

It also calls for speeding-up financial enterprise reform, and steady reform on interest rate and exchange rate systems. The Renminbi exchange rate should be kept basically stable at a reasonable and equilibrium level, according to the circular.

The country will further its reform on treasury management, improve the tax rebate system and push forward investment system reform, according to the document, which also demands more flexible pricing systems. — MNA/Xinhua

One-week-old saltwater crocodiles are held during feeding time at Sydney's Taronga Zoo on 18 April, 2005. — Internet
Regional development work
inspected in Hsenwi Township,
Shan State (North)

YANGON, 19 April — Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, accompanied by departmental officials, arrived at Se-U Village basic education middle school in Hsenwi Township on 16 April afternoon. State Superintending Engineer U Kyaw Min Thein reported on construction of a new school building and staff quarters.

Regional national race leader U Kan Na and officials also reported on tasks to be carried out for development of Se-U region, requirements, digging of a canal for irrigation of farmland and a plan to supply hydro-electric power. After inspecting the construction of the school building, the commander viewed the 30-acre pomelo, orange and lichee plantations of U Kan Na, and summer paddy plantations of local battalion and local farmers. On arrival at the 2000-acre plantation of Hshnswelh high yield paddy strains in Myomakwin, the commander heard reports by officials on yield of 2523 acres of summer paddy for 2004-2005, distribution of paddy strains for monsoon paddy cultivation and irrigation tasks through Phnekhm and Namnyin dams.

In the evening, the commander visited Sanlaung model village station hospital where he comforted patients and inspected wards, operation theatre and OPD. Next he visited Shan State (North) Maha Thingyan Pandal and watched the dance performance of Yein troupes. Later, the commander and wife attended the prize-distribution for the Yein troupes.

Commander attends tree-planting ceremony of Ayeyawady Division Forest Department

YANGON, 19 April — A tree-planting ceremony of Ayeyawady Division Forest Department took place in Kanthaya Garden in Pathein yesterday morning. It was attended by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing and wife, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Tint Swe and officials of the command, local authorities, departmental officials, social organizations and guests.

First, Division Forest Department Director U Win Myint reported on distribution of seeds and nursery plants for the rainy season to the townships of the division. Ayeyawady Division Forest Department will distribute 700,000 nursery plants of Thitshitein and 200,000 other nursery plants. — MNA

Sawmills in Thanlyin and Dalla
to produce value-added products

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Group led by Sao Hkm Hpa,
related groups declared
unlawful association

The Government of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Home Affairs
Notification No (1/2005)
Yangon, 11th waxing of Tagu 1367 ME
(19 April 2005)

Declaration of unlawful association

1. The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council believes that the aims and acts of the group led by renegade Sao Hkm Hpa, son of the late Nyaungshwe Sawbwa Sao Shwe Thaik, its members and other related groups and individuals endanger the law enforcement of the Union of Myanmar, stability of the State and peace and tranquility of the entire people.

2. Hence, the Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council, acting under section 16 of the Unlawful Associations Act, hereby declares the above-mentioned group and other related groups unlawful association as per interpretation of section 15 (2) of the Unlawful Associations Act.

By order,
Maj-Gen Maung Oo
Minister
Ministry of Home Affairs

First Straits Forum held in HK to boost communication

HONG KONG, 19 April — A number of elite gathered at a forum here Monday to discuss the current relationship across the Taiwan Straits and its prospect from economic and cultural perspectives.

Speaking at the first “Straits Forum” with the theme of “Cross-Straits Relationship in the New Century”, Wu Den-Yih, former mayor of Gaoxiong City, said exchanging views across the Taiwan Straits is of great significance, and whatever beneficial to boosting communication and understanding between the people across the Straits should be encouraged by both sides.

Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung
inspects No-10 Sawmill in Thanlyin.—FORESTRY

YANGON, 19 April—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Aung Thein visited Sawmill No 10 in Thanlyin yesterday afternoon.

Officials reported on functions of the mill, and progress of repairing of machinery and installation of machines in the mill.

The minister inspected the production process and gave instructions on production of value-added products, installation of finger joints, and production lines.

The mill is being run jointly by the MTE and the Asia World Co Ltd, and the products will be exported.

MNA
Head of State meets with entrepreneurs to ensure regional development.

He said that in his tour of Taninthayi Division, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe met entrepreneurs. At the meeting, the Head of State gave guidance on the government’s attitude towards the entrepreneurs, saying that the government has been making relentless efforts for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and development nation while striving for ensuring the emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic system. In the process of ensuring the emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic system the government has organized the entrepreneurs as a force on which the nation can rely.

Contributions of the entrepreneurs in nation-building endeavours are indispensable for the nation. That is why the State regards the entrepreneurs as its colleagues.

The State, on its part, is providing all the necessary assistance to the entrepreneurs whenever the Head of State meets with them.

To be able to grant work permits and provide assistance for the entrepreneurs and to protect them in accord with the law, the government has been trying its utmost in this regard. They are in Thandwe region to provide necessary assistance if any and to add the momentum of regional development. If the entrepreneurs do business with the aim of serving the interests of the State and the people, their endeavours will contribute much to regional development, thereby enhancing the socio-economy of the national people.

In accordance with those objectives, the Head of State in his tour met with local people, townswelders and entrepreneurs and provided all the necessary assistance to them in the interests of the region and their own.

Next, entrepreneurs and local authorities reported on regional development and requirements. Next, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thura Shwe Mann said efforts should be made to extend the cultivation of perennial crops like rubber that can be grown not only in plains regions but also in mountainous areas.

He said local farmers thought that only entrepreneurs with a large amount of capital can undertake agricultural and livestock breeding works. If one tried hard regional undertakings on manageable scale would be successful, he added.

Entrepreneurs are engaged mostly in services and trade and still not much in production. He urged them to make efforts for progress of agriculture, livestock breeding, especially production of industrial sectors.

The government would give encouragement to import substitute, export and land-based industries and crops grown in newly reclaimed lands are allowed to export, he said.

Active participation of the people is important for national development. Significant achievements have been gained due to the united efforts of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw on self-reliance basis. With cooperation and endeavours of the people national development will be made.

If the people realize the government’s goodwill towards them and its confidence in and reliance on them, heads of departments, service personnel and social organizations will participate more in nation-building tasks. Therefore, efforts of the service personnel are very important, he said.

He called for making concerted efforts for regional and national development with the same belief and firm concept after realizing the government’s goodwill and national goals.

After the meeting, the General cordially greeted those present.

General Thura Shwe Mann cordially greets local authorities, entrepreneurs, USDA and social organization members and townswelders.—MNA

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Commander, mayor inspect upgrading task in Yangon City

YANGON, 19 April—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin this morning inspected tasks for upgrading of Yangon City and gave necessary instructions to officials concerned.

They inspected repaving of Bayintnaung Road in Hline Township, Strand Road in Kyimyindine Township and Banyadala Road in Tamway Township and renovation of Thakayta Old Baily Bridge and gave necessary instructions.—MNA

/Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspect tarring of roads. —MNA
Minister meets final year students of Yangon Cooperative Degree College

YANGON, 19 April — Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min met with final year students of Yangon Cooperative Degree College who will undergo practical training at banks, hotels and shopping centres at the meeting hall of the ministry this morning.

Also present on the occasion were officials of the ministry and Central Cooperative Association, the principal and teachers of the degree college, owners and officials from Cooperative Bank, Myawady Bank, KBZ Bank, Traders Hotel, Mba Yeik Nyo Royal Hotel, Summit Park View Hotel, Blazon Shopping Centre and Sakura Co.

First, the minister delivered a speech and the principal of the college read the programme of the on-job training for the students. The manager of the human resources development division of the Traders Hotel extended greetings.

A total of 92 final year students of Yangon Cooperative Degree College will undergo practical training for a month. — MNA

Crops plantations, construction projects inspected

YANGON, 19 April — Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye on 12 April morning viewed thriving plantations of cold season crops, sunflower and groundnut in Matupe Township, Mindat District, Chin State.

Next, the commander heard a report on 1,400-acre field of summer paddy cultivated with the water from Taung Creek dam in Tharakhan village in Htilin Township, Sagaing District, Mandalay Region. The commander gave necessary instructions and viewed the paddy plantations.

On arrival at the work site of Ponnya mountain tunnel project in Pakhutku-Gantgaw-Kalay rail-road section, the commander heard a report by Engineer in-charge U Maung Maung Thwin on work progress. Next, the commander inspected overpass rail-road near Ponnya mountain tunnel and progress of construction of the tunnel and gave necessary instructions to officials. — MNA

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article to Nyunt Han (Kyayaw), best Ngwetayi article to Tin Tun Oo (Culture), Myawady poem to Ko (Tekkatho), Ngwetayi poem to Myelat Min Lwin, and Ngwetayi cartoon to Maung Tin Yu, and second prize for Myawady colour photo contest to Mar Lar (Tekkatho), Ngwetayi poem to Myelat Min Lwin, Tin Tun Oo (Culture), Myawady poem to Ko and Sakura Co.

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe presented gifts to 37 employees each of which has ten year service through WO I Myint Myint Kyi, best editing award (Myawady TV) to WO II Lwin Mar Htwe, best editing award (international news) Surgeant Win Win Khaing, best production award to Sergeant Nwe Nwe Myaing, best newscaster award to WO II Hla Kyaw Moe of Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare who won second prize in military code of conduct contest, Capt Thein Shwe Win of Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare who won third prize in military code of conduct contest, third prize (novel) to Sergeant Clerk Khin May Thaung, Maung Phyo Myat Oo and Ma Nwe Nwe Tun of Mandalay BEHS-1 who won first prizes in the 8th Inter-School State/Division Tennis (Mini) Contest.

Judge Advocate-General Maj-Gen Soe Maung presented gifts to Lt-Col Tint Lwin of Myawady Publishing House who won second prize in extempore talks contest, Capt Tin Tun Oo of Myawady Publishing House who won second prize in public relations and psychological warfare who won first prize in military code of conduct contest, Capt Zaw Moe Lwin of Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare who won first prize in military code of conduct contest (Grade-I), Ma Khin May Thaung, Maung Phyo Myat Oo and Ma Nwe Nwe Tun of Mandalay BEHS-1 who won first prizes in the 8th Inter-School State/Division Tennis (Mini) Contest.

Col Nyo Win, Lt-Col Maung Maung Oo, Lt-Col Tint Lwin, Lt-Col Khaw Hsan and Lt-Col Aung Thu of Ministry of Defence presented gifts to technicians who contributed towards Myawady TV Broadcasting Unit and Myawady Publishing House.

Afterwards, a dinner was hosted and Myawady modern music band presented entertainment programmes to those present. — MNA
Lu: Before and during the previous year's Grandpa:

In the later periods, they were saying that Lu:

Those quarters were shouting calls for Grandpa:

Yes, the three friendly nations have Grandpa:

Before the festival, I watched on TV our Lu:

I kept Sabbath only on the New Year Grandpa:

Come Maung Ka Lu. Did you keep Lu:

Ka Lu: From the New Year Day. I was in Mandalay enjoying the Thingyan Festival. This year’s Mandalay Thingyan was more crowded and grander than the previous year’s. Cultural troupes from countries of Mekong basin and ASEAN also took part in it.

Grandpa: Good. I saw the troupes on TV. The Mandalay Thingyan was as crowded and magnificent as usual. It was amazing for me to see decorated floats representing Thailand, Yunnan Province of the People’s Republic of China and Myanmar. Guests from ASEAN countries took part in the festival and praised Myanmar. Their remark was that Myanmar was a beautiful and hospitable nation for visitors from all over the globe.

Grandpa: Yes, the three non-friendly nations have showed that they knew the slanders of the persecutors would be in pretty trouble. Grandpa: Oh it’s Myanmar New Year. It is not proper for us to talk about the ones who commit sins with deeds, words and mind. Let’s discuss something auspicious. The nation put into service a number of new bridges including the mammoth Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine), new dams, and new hydel power stations in the early 2005. It also inaugurated the Nannyaung Tower in the archaeological region of Bagan. The tower opened on 10 April this year is 198 feet high. The diameter of the 13-storey building is 54 feet.

Lu: It is an auspicious news welcoming the New Year. Some foreign radio stations interviewed national traitors taking refuge in foreign countries concerning the matter. They wished to downplay the value of the auspicious news. But the more they see it from the negative point of view, the greater value it has. Every destructive word uttered from their mouth is a positive sign for us. So, the more they uttered evil words, the more positive signs we get.

Advanced methods were used in building the earthquake- and wind-resistant building. Three 11-seater elevators are installed at the building. From the top of the tower, the visitors can enjoy the scenic beauty and fine ancient structures of Bagan. Yes. The Government commissioned into service the Tikyit coal-fired power plant in Pinlaung Township, Shan State, on 12 April. Of the two turbines of the plant, one is generating electricity at present.

Grandpa: A large number of power stations have been built in the nation. For hydel power stations, they can generate electricity at full capacity during the rainy season. But in summer, sometimes they may face water shortage to run their turbines at full capacity. But a coal-fired power station has no reason to stop running, except from mechanical breakdowns. Moreover, Tiky region is producing enough coal for the plant.

Lu: Up to now, the Government has built 172 dams, and is building another 35. It has also erected over 200 river water pumping stations. Thus, the nation’s sown acreage at present is 26.6 million acres, up from 24.8 million in 1988. The Government is in the process of transforming to mechanized farming system.

Grandpa: We will have to develop the industrial sector for national economic development. The nation now has 19 private industrial zones, 42,707 private industries, 833 State-owned industries and 8,500 cottage industries. It has found natural gas off the Rakhine coast. India is planning to lay a pipeline to buy gas from the offshore field. The Yadana offshore field is producing a large volume of natural gas. A pipeline was laid via Taninthayi Division to export the gas to Thailand.

Elements from outside and inside the nation were trying to stop the pipe-laying project by saying that the project had harmed the natural environment; and that forced labour was being used in implementing it. The destructionists were envious of the pipeline and the building of railroads, motor roads, dams, bridges, power stations, schools including institutions of higher learning and hospitals. But for our nation, the new infrastructures are developing signs. It is not strange that the alien saboteurs do not wish to see Myanmar enjoying progress. But I wonder whether theinate destructionists born in the nation are against the nation’s developments.

Grandpa: Let it be. If they really love the country, they should not break the laws, and become fugitives begging financial aids from aliens and acting as their stooges. But they are nothing for our nation.

Lu: The brigade 11 of the SSNA led by U Kan Na unconditionally exchanged arms for peace at Se-au village, Hseinwi Township, Lashio District, northern Shan State, on 12 April. A total of 176 members of the brigade, including commander U Kan Na, deputy commander U Indira, battalion 19 commander U Sai Nyunt, battalion 25 commander U Hkm Mon and battalion 27 commander U Pwan Wan attended the ceremony held at the village and presented their arms and ammunition.

Grandpa: Personnel concerned made speeches at the ceremony.

Lu: The words of U Kan Na and his men came out from their hearts. Because of the colonialist divisive plot, the group had not trusted the previous governments. So, they were indecisive to join hands with the Government and to serve the people’s interest, but continued to follow the arms struggle line. In his speech, U Kan Na said that they had quit the armed struggle line forever, as he and his men had come to realize that as long as they continued to follow the armed struggle line, they would not win the people’s support.

Grandpa: When we study the speeches of the SSNA leaders, we have come to know that their words have come from their hearts and they spoke in view of serving the people’s interest.

It is a auspicious news welcoming the New Year. Some foreign radio stations interviewed national traitors taking refuge in foreign countries concerning the matter. They wished to downplay the value of the auspicious news. But the more they see it from the negative point of view, the greater value it has. Every destructive word uttered from their mouth is a positive sign for us. So, the more they uttered evil words, the more positive signs we get.

Grandpa: Is that so Maung Ka Lu?

Lu: It is more than that.

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(Translation: TMT)
Russia to launch foreign satellites from Baikonur Cosmodrome

MOSCOW, 19 April — The Russian Government has given permission to the Defence Ministry to launch three foreign satellites from its Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan on a contractual basis, the government Press service said Monday.

A Proton-M rocket will blast off from Baikonur to put into orbit Malaysia’s Measat-3 and Canada’s Anik-F1P telecommunications satellites. A US Galaxy 14 telecommunications satellite will also be launched from the base on a Soyuz-FG rocket.

The Press service said.

The Federal Customs Service has been asked to give clearance to the satellites and ancillary equipment that will temporarily enter the Russian territory “with full exemption from Customs duties, taxes and without the use of economic bans and restrictions,” the Press service said.

Foreign specialists are also allowed to visit the Defence Ministry’s facilities where preparations for launching the satellites are underway.

Earlier this year, the government authorized the ministry to use space and defence facilities at the Planetary Cosmodrome for launching research satellites for Britain, Iran, Norway, Germany, Japan and the European Space Agency.

Death toll from Marburg epidemic rises to 235 in Angola

Luanda, 19 April — The epidemic of Marburg hemorrhagic fever in Angola has claimed 235 lives out of 257 confirmed cases since it broke out six months ago, health officials have announced.

The latest report raised the toll by two deaths and two new cases, all in the northern Uige Province.

No new cases had been reported for the previous 24 hours in six of the seven provinces in Angola on alert for the Ebola-like disease. The six provinces are Luana, Cabinda, Malanje, Kuanza-North, Kuanza-South and Zaire, officials said on Sunday.

The World Health Organization, the United States Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, and Doctors Without Borders have deployed teams in Uige to combat the virus.

Spreading through contact with bodily fluids, Marburg can kill rapidly. As there is no vaccine against it.

Canadian Govt announces changes to immigration rules

OTTAWA, 19 April — The Canadian Government announced Monday changes to Canada’s immigration rules that will make it easier for immigrants to reunite with their parents and grandparents.

Immigration Minister Joe Volpe also announced Monday that rules have been loosened for international college and university students, making it easier for them to work part-time in this country while they study.

The measures are aimed at addressing complaints reducing the backlog of citizenship applications and cutting the waiting period for applicants in half.

Applicants currently face up to a two-year wait for a decision.

“This will ease the pressure that is currently placed by all of those who are in the queue to come here,” Volpe told a news conference.

On family reunification, the Immigration Department’s goal is to cut down on the massive list of about 100,000 cases they have on file and process three times the number of applications a year — from the current 6,000 to about 18,000 in 2005 and in 2006.

The government will allow waiting parents and grandparents to use “multiple entry” visitor visas to allow them to visit their family in Canada while their sponsorship applications are being processed.

Under the new rules, applicants over the age of 55 who fulfill the residency requirement will no longer have to take the language and knowledge tests required for citizenship, Volpe said.

As for foreign students, they have previously only been able to get on-campus jobs while attending school in Canada.

Under the relaxed rules, they will be able to look for employment off-campus. “International competition for talented international students is fierce and today’s announcement moves Canada even further ahead,” said Volpe.

He also announced incentives for foreign students to work outside of large urban centres. International students can currently work in the country for only up to a year after graduation.

But if they take jobs outside Canada’s three big cities of Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver, however, they will be able to work for up to two years after graduating under the new rules.

Global airlines to go e-ticketing in 2007

Macao, 19 April — International Air Transport Association (IATA) Director General and CEO Giovanni Bisignani announced here on Monday that IATA airlines would stop printing paper tickets by the end of 2007.

Delivering the opening keynote speech at the 54th annual conference of the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA), Bisignani said that the global air transportation is undergoing the most difficult time ever. IATA needs to simplify the business in order to cut cost and improve efficiency. In this revolution, there will be five core projects: 100 per cent e-ticketing by the end of 2007; bar-coded boarding passes; radio frequency identification for baggage management; common use of self-service kiosks for check-in and paperless cargo.

Among the projects, e-ticketing is the top priority, said Bisignani. Elaborating that eliminating nine US dollars for each air ticket means three billion US dollars in savings globally each year. It also means more convenience for customers and opportunities for travel agents to operate more flexibly.

On IATA’s agenda, 19 per cent of tickets processed through IATA were e-tickets by the end of 2004. By the end of 2005, it will be 40 per cent. IATA will stop printing paper tickets by the end of 2007.

He said that over the next three years, IATA would work with airlines large and small to help them prepare. He emphasized that eliminating paper tickets will open up tremendous opportunities for travel agent partners, and make settlements more efficient. It will create a win-win-win situation for customers, airlines and agents.

IATA is the global trade association that represents and serves 270 airline members who comprise 98 per cent of scheduled international air traffic. It also provides a wide range of products and services to airlines, travel agencies and other partners in the air transport industry.

Netherlands reiterates One-China policy

The Hague, 19 April — The Dutch Foreign Minister Bernard Bot and Defence Minister Henk Kamp on Monday reiterated the Dutch Government’s One-China policy.

They made the remarks while holding talks with Chinese Defence Minister Yingluckiang-chao.

Cao expressed his appreciation for this stance by the Dutch Government, saying that China is willing to make concerted efforts with the Netherlands to further improve bilateral relations.

Cao said that relations between China and the Netherlands should be further promoted on principles of equality and mutual benefit.

Bot and Kamp highly praised the enormous economic achievements of China and the important role China has been playing in international affairs.

The Dutch Government has attached great importance to furthering improvement of bilateral relations, hoping that both countries will try to cooperate in more areas.

Cao arrived here Saturday for a three-day visit to the Netherlands. He is leaving Tuesday for Denmark, last leg of his four-nation tour.
INVITATION TO TENDER

(TENDER NO.2/T) MPE/LBO (1)/ 2005-2006)

1. Sealed Tenders are invited by the Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise, Ministry of Energy for the supply of (6,000) Metric Tons and (1,500) Metric Tons Lube Base Oils and Additives.
2. Tender closing Date: (28-4-2005) at (12.00) noon.
3. Tender Documents and detail information are available at the Department of Finance, Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise, No. (23), Min-Ye-Kyaw-Zwa Road, Yangon, during office hours commencing (19-4-2005) on payment of one hundred (100) FEC per set.
4. Only bid from tenderer who has purchased tender documents officially from Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise will be accepted for evaluation.

Managing Director,
Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV BOUGAIN VILLA VOY NO (081)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V. BOUGAIN VILLA VOY NO (081) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 20.4.2005 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will be on the premises of M.I.P. A copy of the bill of lading for this vessel will be available onboard the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted before their interview date.

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Interested candidates are requested to submit their applications with updated CV, photo, educational credentials and copy of Labour Registration and address to Human Resource Department, Hotel Nikko Royal Lake Yangon, No. 40, Namuk Road, Tel: 544500, Yangon before their interview date.

Notes: Position with asterisk (*) should submit their CV and application in advance.

Walk-in interview at the respective date is available.

156 Pakistani fishermen back home from India

ISLAMABAD, 18 April — Up to 156 Pakistani fishermen left for their homes on Sunday by a train from India, the official Associated Press of Pakistan reported here.

They were released from the jails of India’s Jamnagar and Kutch districts of Gujarat, said the report. The move comes in the backdrop of Pakistani President General Pervez Musharraf’s three-day visit to India as part of confidence-building measures, the report said.

“These fishermen will be escorted up to the Indo-Pakistani border and handed over to officials across the border at Wagah,” the report quoted Jamnagar District Superintendent of Police Manoj Shashidhar as saying. — MNA/Xinhua

Jordan airline chosen to ferry peacekeepers in Haiti

AMMAN, 18 April — The United Nations has chosen the Jordan Air to operate a number of charter flights between Beijing and Central America to transport peacekeepers in Haiti. Jordan’s state-run television reported Sunday.

The via Amman flights will ferry international peace keeping forces working in Haiti, the airline’s Executive Chief Mohammad Khashman said upon the arrival of second flight to the Amman Airport.

Jordan has been chosen by the UN to transport the international peace keeping forces working for the world body, he added.

Khashman stressed that “the company seeks to highlight Jordan’s role as a regional air flight centre to link countries in West with East and North with South with a view to boost the air carrier industry in supporting the national economy.” — MNA/Xinhua

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.
Second best time is now.

Swiss coach falls into ravine, 12 dead

GENEVA, 18 April — A bus carrying 27 people fell into a ravine in south Switzerland on Sunday, leaving 12 holiday makers dead and the others injured, the authorities said.

The accident occurred near the village of Orsières when the coach left the small central Swiss town of Kallnach for the Italian port of Savona. It was driven along a wet mountain road with 24 Swiss tourists, two drivers and a tour guide aboard.

The vehicle skidded and rolled several times before plunging into the ravine of 200 metres in depth. — MNA/Xinhua

ISS” crew may be expanded to three

MOSCOW, 18 April — The International Space Station (ISS) may have a third crew member in July if US space shuttles resume regular flights to the Station, Russian and European space officials was quoted by ITAR-TASS as saying Sunday.

The European Space Agency (ESA) hopes to sign a contract with Russia on a long-term mission of its astronaut onboard the ISS, Daniel Sacotte, director of the ESA manned space programmes, told a Press conference at the Russian Federal Space Agency (Roskosmos)’s mission control centre outside the capital Moscow. — MNA/Xinhua
US study finds possible targets for anti-retroviral drugs

LOS ANGELES, 19 April — More than 100 host genes linked with the replication of retroviruses have been found in a latest research, which may lead to new therapies for AIDS, scientists said on Sunday.

The increased frequency of drug resistance in isolates of the AIDS virus, HIV, makes identification of new antiviral targets an urgent necessity. Host genes required to support the replication of HIV are a potential source of such novel targets, but relatively few appropriate target genes have been identified in animal cells thus far. In this new study, researchers at the University of California, Irvine, used yeast genes to mimic the genes of retrovirus. Their results are reported in the May issue of Genome Research.

Many organisms harbor mobile genetic elements that are non-pathogenic molecular relatives of retroviruses. In budding yeast, these mobile elements, called Ty or transposable yeast elements, encode proteins that are homologs of retroviral proteins.

The proteins encoded by Ty elements and the steps of the life cycle in yeast are similar to the steps encoded by retroviruses and their life cycles in animal cells, said Suzanne Sandmeyer, lead investigator of the study.

The researchers believe that these simple elements

Turkey condemns flag incident in Greece

ANKARA, 18 April — Turkish Foreign Ministry on Sunday condemned the disrespectful attitude toward the Turkish national flag in the Greek War Academy, Anatolia News Agency reported.

According to the Turkish General Staff, two officers and five military students went to Greece last Monday upon an invitation from the Greek War Academy. On Tuesday night, the Turkish military students went out to join a formerly scheduled programme and when they came back to their room they saw a desecrated Turkish flag on which they were ugly and dirty terms.

“The incident seems to be a provocation attempt,” said the Turkish ministry in a statement, asking the Greek authorities to find those responsible for this incident. “We want to believe that the Turkish students are going on the right direction and will not be hurt by irresponsible parties, individuals,” it said. After the incident took place, commander of the Greek Land Forces General Yasar Buyukhan called his Turkish counterpart and apologized.

The Greek commander assured Buyukanit that the individuals responsible for the flag incident will be brought to justice.

Relations between the two countries were strained due to territorial disputes over the Aegean.

Greece to benefit from Burgas-Alexandroupolis pipeline

ATHENS, 18 April — Greece will benefit from 30 and 50 million dollars annually from the transportation of oil via the Burgas-Alexandroupolis oil pipeline, the country’s Deputy Development Minister George Salagoudis said on Sunday.

The minister made the statement at a Press conference in Thessaloniki, commenting on the tripartite agreement signed last week in Sofia by Bulgaria and Russia vis-a-vis the cross-border pipeline, Athens News Agency reported.

The 285-kilometre pipeline to carry Russian oil from Burgas in Bulgaria to Alexandroupolis in northern Greece has an estimated investment cost of 750-800 million US dollars with an annual capacity of 35 million tons of oil.

The pipeline, which is expected to forge a new outlet for Russian oil and for oil from the Caspian Sea to Europe and America, will supplement a sea route through the Bosphorus for transportation of the product in the region.

Greece’s prestige was being upgraded, immediate economic benefits will ensue, and new jobs will be created both during the construction of the pipeline and during its operation, while it will also serve as a permanent source of development for Thrace, Salagoudis said.

He also anticipated that the pipeline would spark the creation of new enterprises. He explained that according to the preliminary blueprint for the pipeline’s route, the pipeline would not pass through inhabited areas but through plains areas.

Unusual heavy rain kills 1 in Zanzibar

DAR ES-SALAAM, 18 April — The heaviest rain in 13 years has claimed the life of at least one people and left several others homeless in Zanzibar, according to reports reaching here on Sunday. The rain, lasting 36 hours over the weekend and registering 149 millimetres with the meteorological station on the Indian Ocean archipelago, flooded houses in several areas in Zanzibar. The Zanzibar State Radio cautioned local residents to take measures against possible outbreak of water-borne diseases while the Zanzibar disaster control committee is expected to meet to discuss the situation.

Dust cloud from Africa disrupts air traffic in Greece

ATHENS, 18 April — A thick cloud of dust particles, carried by strong winds from North Africa, covered several parts of Greece on Sunday, causing cancellations and serious delays in air transport due to low visibility.

The dust cloud reached Attica Prefecture and several other regions of the country at noon on Sunday, restricting visibility to a few hundred metres and creating a stifling atmosphere.

Southern Greece, and particularly Crete, was most seriously affected by the dense dust cloud, which was carried by storm force winds in the Aegean reaching velocities of up to 90 knots.

Crete was the hardest hit by the phenomenon, as all air and sea traffic to the island was cancelled.

Aegean Airlines cancelled its flights to Iraklion, while it was also dubious whether an Olympic Airlines afternoon flight would take place, due to low visibility at the Nikos Kazantzakis International Airport.

A shell oil tanker seen in China on 18 April, 2005. — INTERNET

Denmark’s Crown Prince Frederik (L) and his Australian-born wife Crown Princess Mary smile while wearing Japanese happi coats at the opening of a new Japanese headquarters of Danish pharmaceuticals company Novo Nordisk Pharma Ltd in Tokyo on 18 April, 2005. — INTERNET

Jackie Chan to visit Cambodia’s landmine project

PHNOM PENH, 19 April — Hong Kong action movie star Jackie Chan will make a second visit to Cambodia from Wednesday to Friday as a goodwill ambassador of the UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF) and the UN Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS).

Chan, popularly known in Cambodia as “Chhin Long”, will visit school and community mine risk education and landmine and UXO (unexploded ordnance) removal projects in Battambang province, UNICEF said in a Press release on Monday. He will also have an audience with Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni.

Chan made his first goodwill mission to Cambodia in April 2004, when he joined other global celebrities as goodwill ambassador. During his stay, Chan visited projects for children and families affected by HIV/AIDS as well as landmine risk education and removal projects near Siem Reap.
Paula Radcliffe, Martin LeL win London Marathon

London, 19 April—Britain’s Paula Radcliffe clocked a record for a women’s only race of 2 hours 17 minutes and 42 seconds to win the London Marathon for the third time on Sunday while Kenya’s Martin LeL beat a high-quality field to clinch the men’s title.

LeL clocked two hours seven minutes 24 seconds to finish ahead of world champion Jaouad Gharib of Morocco, who was timed in 2:07:49 and South Africa’s Hendrik Ramaala in 2:08:32.

Radcliffe, who was the highest-ranked female runner, will start her next marathon in New York City on 12 May. She is aiming for a third world record and a 15th straight victory over the distance.

Kenya’s Ndereba defends Boston Marathon women’s race

Washington, 19 April—Defending champion Catherine Ndereba of Kenya became the first four-time woman’s winner of the Boston Marathon on Monday, finishing the course with a time of two hours, 25 minutes and 13 seconds.

Ndereba’s victory in the 109th world’s oldest annually contested marathon came from behind to overtake Ethiopia’s Elfeshen Alenu, who took second place in 2:27:03. The women’s course record is 2:20:43 set by Margaret Okayo of Kenya in 2002.

Haile Negussie of Ethiopia set a new world record in 2:07:15 in 2005. Negussie was the first man to break the three-hour barrier and will be aiming for a third victory this year.

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Sporting of Lisbon joins Braga on hounding Benfica

Lisbon, 19 April—The Sporting of Lisbon joined the Sporting of Braga on their hounding to the leadership of Benfica, with its victory over the Moreirense, the “last one” of the championship, which was defeated at home (1-3) at the game that closed the 29 journey of the Soccer League of Portugal.

Both Sporting teams have only one point less than the Benfica, which with 55 points, will keep the leadership this week after the tie to one with the Uniao of Leiria accomplished last Saturday. Goals of Douala, at the minute 32; Sa Pinto, at the 70 and Liedson, at the 74, were responded by one of Fernando, at the 70 and Liedson, at the 74, of the Moreirense. This allowed the Sporting of Lisbon, second place now, to embrace new ambitions on the League and hound a Benfica that cannot hide the scoring crisis that has been suffering last weeks.

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FC Barcelona’s Brazilian Ronaldinho celebrates his first goal against Getafe during their Spanish League football match at the Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona. Barca won 2–0.—Internet

Lille near Champions League spot with derby win

Paris, 19 April—Second-placed Lille were on course for a Champions League spot when they grabbed a 2-1 home victory over Racing Lens in a French First Division League match on Saturday.

Substitute Nicolas Favarge put the winner from close range with a minute left, following up after a penalty by midfielder Philippe Brunel had been saved by Lens goalkeeper Charles-Hubert Itandje.

Lille are now 11 points behind leaders Olympique Lyon, who entertain Paris St Germain on Sunday. With five matches remaining after the weekend, Lyon took almost certain to win a fourth consecutive title. Olympique Marseille’s bid for a Champions League berth suffered a blow as they slumped to a 2-1 home defeat by Ajaccio. Midfielder Yohann Daccourt opened the scoring on 25 minutes before setting up Brazilian striker Edson for the struggling Corsican side’s second goal in the 53rd minute.

Marseille reduced the arrears six minutes later thanks to Senegal defender Habib Beye before leaving the Velodrome pitch under deaning book.

Hypypia targets big league finish

London, 19 April—Sami Hyypia believes Liverpool cannot afford any setbacks in the Premiership if they are going to take fourth spot.

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“I was a similar problem to Athens but there was no danger of me being glycogen-defeated again. I knew if I dropped I would be able to get rid of the cramp and concentrate properly again.”

Radcliffe soon picked up the pace again and her winning time was the fastest ever in a women’s-only race, beating the previous best of 2:18:56 she set on her debut in 2002.

Two years ago she set the world record of 2:15:25 when she ran with the men, but insisted victory — her fifth international marathon win — was the main goal this time.—MNA/Xinhua

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Liverpool are now three points and two places off Everton in fourth place in the Premiership and their Merseyside rivals have a game in hand.

“Boalton is back in the race,” said Hyypia - after the Trotters leapfrogged Liverpool into fifth place following a 2-1 win at Charlton.

“The only way we have five more league games left to play and they cannot drop any points either.

“It has been a strange season. The top three have gone a long way in front and unchallenged, everyone else is fighting for fourth and now there are a few teams coming through from the back.”

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The three first places have easy commitments on the next journey: Benfica will visit the Estoril Praia; Sporting de Braga will be at the Penafiel field and the Lisbon, at home, will play against the Academica of Coimbra. —MNA/Xinhua
Australia hosts int’l anti-chemical, biological weapons forum

CANBERRA, 19 April — An international forum on fighting chemical and biological weapons began in Sydney, Australia on Monday.

The key topics of the four-day meeting will be anti-terrorism measures and improving export controls of chemicals used in such attacks.

It is the first time for Australia to host the forum since it was set up 20 years ago, Australian Broadcasting Corporation radio reported.

The forum, called the Australia Group, is an informal arrangement which aims to allow exporting or transshipping countries to minimize the risk of assisting chemical and biological weapon (CBW) proliferation.

It has 38 members including the United States, Britain, Japan, France plus the European Commission.

The group meets annually to discuss ways in which the national level export licensing measures of its members can collectively be made more effective in ensuring would-be proliferators are unable to obtain necessary inputs for CBW programmes, which are banned under international law.

Australia is the permanent chair of the group. Opening the meeting, Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer said chemical and biological weapons present a real and deadly threat.

MNA/Xinhua

UN says gender gap in primary education still wide

GENEVA, 19 April — More of the world’s children than ever are going to school but millions of girls are still denied a basic education, the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) said here on Monday.

Some 125 out of 180 countries are on course to reach educational gender parity by 2005, but three regions — Middle East/North Africa, South Asia and West/Central Africa — will not meet the gender parity goal set by the UN as part of its Millennium Development Goals, says a newly-launched UNICEF report.

“Education is about more than just learning. A girl out of school is more likely to fall prey to HIV/AIDS and less able to raise a healthy family,” UNICEF Executive Director Carol Bellamy told a Press conference here.

A “quantum leap” is needed both to break down the barriers keeping girls out of school and to make school available to all children, Bellamy said.

The report says poverty and the mother’s education are two of the important factors determining a child’s chances of going to school. The prevalence of HIV/AIDS, civil conflict, child labour, child trafficking and natural disasters all have a clear impact on access to school, it added.

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WHO says destruction of fatal flu virus samples to finish soon

GENEVA, April 19 — All labs that received samples of a fatal flu virus in test kits, except for those in the United States, have destroyed the virus, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Monday.

The destruction of the virus samples is still ongoing in the United States, and is expected to be completed shortly, the United Nations health agency said in a statement.

The WHO statement criticized the College of American Pathologist in the United States, on fighting chemical and biological weapons being destroyed the virus, the

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WEATHER

Tuesday, 19 April, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin, Rakhine, Mon, Kayin States, Bago and Yangon Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above normal in Shan and Chin States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Monywa and Magway (43°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 18-4-2005 was 103°F. Minimum temperature on 19-4-2005 was 71°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 19-4-2005 was 65%.

Total sunshine hours on 18-4-2005 was (11.0) hours approx. Rainfalls on 19-4-2005 were nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2005 were (0.63 inch) at Yangon Airport, (1.69 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (0.32 inch) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (21:40) hours MST on 18-4-2005.

Bay influence: Weather is generally fair in the West Central Bay and partly cloudy in Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 20-4-2005: Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Possibility of isolated light rain or thundershowers in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 20-4-2005: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 20-4-2005: Partly cloudy.
YANGON, 19 April—A coordination meeting took place at the Myanmar Fisheries Federation this morning to exhibit a Tilarpia fish market festival to be organized by the Myanmar Fisheries Federation and the Myanmar Fisheries Association with the arrangements of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries on 30 April and 1 May.

Present were Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, departmental heads, Chairman of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) and CEC members, officials, restaurateurs, and guests.

The minister delivered a speech on the occasion. Joint-Secretary of the Committee for holding the festival U Win Kyaing gave an account of the agenda, and an expert U Tin Maung Than and Chairman of the MFF U Than Lwin, nutritional value of the fish, and the breeding, growth rate, and export of the species.

Next, the officials replied to the queries raised by the journalists.

After the meeting, a luncheon with dishes of the fish was served to those present.

The festival will be held in the compound of the Myanmar Fisheries Federation at the corner of Bayintnaung Road and Hsaywa Street in West Gyogon Ward, Insein Township, from 3 pm to 8 pm on 30 April and 1 May.

The pavilions of the Fisheries Department, the MFF, MFA, Myanmar Prawn Breeding Entrepreneurs Association, Myanmar Marine Products Producers and Exporters Association, the feedstuff factories, companies related to fish breeding, fish breeding entrepreneurs, and fingerlings producers will be staged at the festival.

Moreover, with the aim of dissemination of Tilarpia fish cooking methods to the people, two roast fish shops, three shops (Chinese style), two shops (Myanmar style), two shops (Indian style), and two Mohinga (Myanmar traditional snack) shops will also be staged, and a fish dish competition will be held at the festival.

A variety of Tilarpia fish and fish products will be on sale at reasonable prices, and vocalists will entertain the visitors with songs. — MNA

YANGON, 19 April—The Myawady TV Broadcasting Unit celebrated its 10th anniversary in conjunction with the prize-presentation of Myawady Publishing House at the unit in Hmawby this evening.


On the occasion, the Secretary-1 delivered a speech and presented prizes for Myawady novel to Maung Yi Thwe, Ngwetayi novel to Ma Win Le Phyu, Myawady short story to Sein So Oo, Ngwetayi short story to Maubin Lwint Kyaw, best Myawady article to Nyunt Han (Kyudaw), best Ngwetayi article to Tin Tun Oo (Culture), Myawady poem to Ko (Tekkatho), Ngwetayi poem to Myelat Min Lwin, and Ngwetayi cartoon to Maung Tin Yu, and second prize for Myawady colour photo contest to Mar Law Win (Myitthasi).