State Peace and Development Council Chairman
Senior General Than Shwe
accepts credentials of Ambassador of Japan

Four political objectives
- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, prevalence of law and order
- National reconsolidation
- Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

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

Four social objectives
- Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Breeze after the storm

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Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.
Seven members quit Sagaing Township NLD

**Yangon, 2 Nov** — Member U Ohn Ngwe of National League for Democracy of Nyaungbintha Village of Sagaing Township of Sagaing Division on 26 September, members U Yi, U Tin Win, U Thaung Shwe, U Kan Shein and U Khin Maung of Kyakhat Village on 2 October and U Khin Maung Lay of Tegyi Village on 10 October resigned from the NLD of their respective regions, chantin slogans such as “Our Three Main National Causes and the seven-step Road Map must be successful” and holding placards that read ‘We favour peace and stability’, ‘We oppose unrest and violence’ and ‘Beware of skyful liars RFA, VOA and BBC’. Similar processions were held in Rezkhabar with the participation of over 5,000 people on 24 October, in Rezkhabar with the participation of about 5,000 people and Kyikha with over 2,000 people on 25 October. Likewise, over 7,000 people walked in procession in the urban area of Chipwe of Kachin State on 25 October. On 28 October, about 8,000 people participated in the ceremony to walk in procession in Pauk Township of Magway Division. In addition, over 27,000 people of Nay Pyi Taw Tanon and over 35,000 people of Nay Pyi Taw Lewe walked in procession in the respective townships. Similar processions were organized in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay Division with the participation of over 28,000 people and Patheingyi Township with over 15,000 people, chanting slogans and holding placards. — MNA

**HK Express Airways launches maiden flight to Yangon**

**Yangon, 2 Nov** — A ceremony to welcome a flight of Hong Kong Express Airways of Hong Kong Special Autonomous Region of the People’s Republic of China was held at Yangon International Airport, here, this morning.

Flight No UO 791 of Boeing 737-800 of Hong Kong Express Airways landed at the airport at 9.50 am. Present at the ceremony were Director-General U Tun Hlaing of Department for Civil Aviation under the Ministry of Transport, officials from the departments under the ministries, staff of Hong Kong Express Airways and local and international airlines.

Hong Kong-Yangon-Hong Kong flight of Hong Kong Express Airways will fly twice a week on every Tuesday and Thursday.

The maiden flight landed here with 27 passengers and took off with 11 passengers. — MNA

**People in Chin and Kachin States, Magway Division, Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay Division denounce recent protests**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 2 Nov** — The people of Falam, Haka, Matupi, Mindat, Kanpetlet, Reekhdar, Rezwa and Kyikha of Chin State, Chipwe Township of Kachin State, Pauk Township of Magway Division and Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township, Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township and Chanayethazan and Patheingyi Townships of Mandalay Division who favour stability of the nation, prevalence of law and order and peace and tranquillity regarded the protests instigated by some monks and NLD members as a threat to peace and stability.

On 23 October, over 16,000 people of Falam, over 7,800 people of Haka, about 13,500 people of Matupi, about 11,000 people of Mindat, over and 1,200 people of Kanpetlet walked in procession to denounce the recent protests in their respective regions, chanting slogans such as “Our Three Main National Causes and the seven-step Road Map must be successful” and holding placards that read ‘We favour peace and stability’, ‘We oppose unrest and violence’ and ‘Beware of skyful liars RFA, VOA and BBC’. Similar processions were held in Reekhdar with the participation of over 2,300 people on 24 October, in Rezwa with the participation of about 5,000 people and Kyikha with over 2,000 people on 25 October.

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**Lake Inle Division**

- Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

**Local people in Patheingyi express desire to denounce recent protests.** — MNA

**Perspectives**

Saturday, 3 November, 2007

Preserve and safeguard national spirit and culture through the might of performing arts

The prize-distribution ceremony for the 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions was held at the City Hall in Nay Pyi Taw on a grand scale on 1 November with an address by Patron of the Committee for Organizing the Performing Arts Competitions Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thih Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo.

The Myanmar performing arts has been flourishing as a bank of Myanmar culture and custom up to date as it has emerged through a combination of preservation and innovation of traditions and culture. The perpetual existence of the national culture and style without harming the original modes can be attributed to the fine traditions of Myanmar in preserving own culture and traditions.

And the preservation and promotion of the Myanmar performing arts through the Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions has contributed a lot to further flourishing of Myanmar traditions and culture. The Myanmar performing arts and literature highlight ethics and codes of conduct of the Myanmar society.

It is incumbent upon each and every citizen to continue preserving the race, religion and culture as Myanmar performing arts, national characters as well as national prestige and integrity have been flourishing up to date.

Therefore, the artists are to equip the new generation artists with national spirit and culture through the might of performing arts while raising of the momentum of achievement gained from the Performing Arts Competitions.
Rice asked over immunity granted to Blackwater guards

WASHINGTON, 1 Nov—US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice was asked to respond to reports that her department offered immunity to Blackwater security guards involved in a shooting incident in Iraq last month. In a statement to the Secretary of State, Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman and Democratic presidential candidate Joseph Biden said that Rice should explain whether Blackwater security guards had been granted immunity from prosecution when the State Department investigated the shooting.

The New York Times reported on Tuesday that Blackwater guards gained the limited-use immunity during an inquiry by the State Department’s investigative arm, the Bureau of Diplomatic Security (BDS).

Limited-use immunity, as officials told the newspaper, means that security guards were promised they would not be prosecuted for anything they said in their interviews with the authorities as long as their statements were true.

“Press reports today indicate that DS (Department of State) agents offered grants of immunity to Blackwater employees after the 16 September shooting incident in Baghdad. Are these reports accurate?” Biden said. “If so, who authorized these grants of immunity? Was there consultation with the Department of Justice prior to such grants of immunity?”

Citing unidentified officials close to the BDS investigation, the report said that only prosecutors at the Justice Department have authority to grant such immunity, but they had no advance knowledge of the BDS arrangement.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) took over the case on 3 October and has since then begun to re-interview Blackwater employees without granting any immunity to assemble independent evidence of possible wrongdoing.

State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said that the FBI was conducting its own investigation and had not yet decided whether would seek such immunity.

“It is important that the FBI’s investigation be allowed to proceed, and that the Department of Justice be consulted as to whether immunity would be granted,” McCormack said.

The latest case in what has become an increasingly lucrative business for pirates prowling the waters of the lawless country. The US Navy said coalition forces patrolling the Red Sea region had opened fire on pirates who seized a chemical tanker on Sunday, destroying speedboats the hijackers typically use in their raids. Vessels often have little choice but to pass along the Somali coast, which sits along an important shipping route between the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean. The International Maritime Board has urged to stay 200 nautical miles from the coast, but many drift closer.

The world’s maritime body says there have been at least 26 reported hijackings off the Somali coast in 2007 and several boats in the region are currently being held by gunmen. MNA/Xinhua

Russia ‘terrorist’ bus bomb kills eight, injures 56

MOSCOW, 1 Nov—At least eight people were killed and 56 others were injured on Wednesday in an explosion on a bus in the Russian city of Togliatti and authorities said they were treating the suspected bombing as a terrorist act. The early morning explosion on the bus, which came as people travelled to work in the rush hour, was probably caused by about one kilogramme (2.2 pound) of explosives, local police sources were quoted by local news agencies as saying.

Interfax said eight people were killed and 56 others injured in the incident, including passengers and bystanders. Some of those injured were in a critical condition, Interfax said.

“A criminal case under the clause for terrorism has been opened,” Vladimir Artykov, the governor of the local Samara Region, where Togliatti is situated, was quoted as saying by RIA news agency.

He said prosecutors had also opened criminal cases for murder and the illegal storage of explosives. MNA/Reuters

Four killed in UAE factory blaze

DUBAI, 1 Nov—Four people were killed and eight were wounded in an explosion at a factory in the United Arab Emirates, the state-run WAM news agency said on Tuesday.

Two people were killed in the fire that destroyed three factories manufacturing lubricants, glass and paper in the emirate of Sharjah, and two others had died later in hospital, WAM said. Seven cars were also destroyed in the blaze that began on Monday evening.

Sharjah police said the fire, which began five hours, caused serious damage in Industrial Zone 13, destroying 10 storage tanks carrying 12,800-
A monk who daily visits our house for alms food once said that those with low reasoning power and poor experience put all the blame on others; those with normal reasoning power and normal experience blame themselves; and those with good reasoning power and rich experience tried to find out the root cause of a problem and seek a way to solve it.

Firstly, I would like to present some salient points about myself. I never speak loudly and indiscreetly. I have suppressed my feelings for many times. So, I want to say something. I was in the tenth standard when the 1988 unrest occurred. In the same academic year, some of classmates were in the ninth standard because they failed the examination. At that time, a variety of rumours were spreading across the nation. I was just a high school student without any experience about unrest. So, I trusted in all what I heard, and the hearsay raised my blood pressure, provoking my emotional feelings. Being a young man, I was unable at all to control my feeling of making sacrifices owing to the words of instigation such as “Won’t you people carry out any movements for that?”

Many youths became hot-blooded, trusting in the deceptions of some politicians who, staying in safe places, conspired plots and agitated the people. Some friends of mine and I claimed that we would never act without our own initiative, and we would never get ourselves used by others. However, in practice, we were unable to make correct decisions due to lack of experience and maturity.

Fortunately, before I took part in the movements, I held discussions with my friends about many historic events such as backgrounds of successive Myanmar kings, social and political affairs in those times, Myanmar people’s living conditions in the times of the British and the Fascists, untold stories faced by Myanmar people, movements carried out in unison by national leaders and the people in the pre-independence period, the situation in which the people had to live in a state of panic in the post-independence period, the political situations in the parliamentary democracy period in which self-centered politicians who deceived the people for votes, tried to sow enmity among Tatmadaw members in the interests of their parties, the Caretaker Government that emerged according to the historical needs, the Revolutionary Council Government, and the founding of the Myanma Socialist Programme Party according to the prevailing conditions. We also gained knowledge about the wedge driven among national races the colonialists, racism, the historical background and methods of insurgent groups that emerged due to their sticking to sectarianism. Moreover, we studied strengths and weaknesses of international policies.

We came to understand that we needed to catch up with prevailing conditions, to view all situations, we liked or disliked, from both points of views, and to listen to the words of both sides. Only then would it be possible for us to weigh the situations correctly. We did not know much about politics. As an ordinary public member, I noticed that those who carried out politics with their concepts did not look forward to opportunities. They were satisfied if their efforts came to fruition and they preferred to live as ordinary members of the public. Such persons were organized and used at will by political opportunists.

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We had gained a lot of experience and learned lessons. As I had tried to become a student only after taking time and spending money, I thought that I should also become a professional in a certain field. So I and my friends continued studying the different branches we were interested in. I joined Government Technical Institute as I took interest in that subject. It was encouraging that while I was at the institute, the national economy was beginning to grow. There emerged a lot of local companies, joint-ventures, foreign investments, manufacturing and other services in the country within a short time. I was a dreamer then. I thought I would be able to do the job I like as soon as I finished my studies. But I didn’t want to be a civil servant.

A civil servant has to carry out a duty in a disciplined, precise way with goodwill without mistakes. Civil service rules and regulations are systematically laid down. That was why thinking that becoming a government employee was not that easy, I planned to work for a certain private company.

What a coincidence at the time! Some so-called experienced politicians shouted that foreign businesses should not be set up in Myanmar; investments should not be made; the existing foreign businesses should be closed down; relations should be cut; and economic sanctions should be imposed on the country. The development of the State is first and foremost important regardless of under what system or under whose rule. Think it carefully that what would happen and who would get into trouble. Consequently, I had to earn my living by opening a small grocery in my ward.

Our family didn’t have enough money to send me abroad to work. I didn’t want to work as a civil servant. With some companies closed down and some withdrawing from the country, I had to choose the most suitable job I should do. No need to say who was directly affected adversely due to such cuts and sanctions. I thought then that such politicians could not consider as much as we could. Or it might be their aim to serve their purpose in disregard of the impact on others. Did they succeed actually? Their evil acts might lead the ordinary people like us who are not rich and daily wage earners to get poorer and poorer.

Eventually, we had to put blame on our fate. But I made a decision that I would stay away from politics as well as such destructive elements. I accept the idea that confidence comes from own experiences coupled with own consideration. I have never joined any organizations as I love freedom and want to speak out if necessary without taking sides with anyone.

I have led a peaceful life by doing my own small business. As time went by, in last September there broke out monks’ protest marches. Initially, they recited parittas and then they came to make political demands holding various placards and flags.

We Myanmar people love living and going round in groups. And we are very curious. Under any circumstances, we want to see an incident with our own eyes if we have never seen it before. Some might have participated in the protest marches together with the protesters, supporters and on-lookers because of their curiosity and interest. There might be also some who participated in the protests as they were ignorant of the true situation of the incident and the ulterior motive of the protesters.

What I would like to say is that most of the people in our street want to live and earn their living in a peaceful way. They take no interest in other things. Some, as they had time, went and saw the protest marches and spread their rumours. When I told them that they should consider whether the incidents were possible or not, they looked at me as if I were their enemy. If I did my own job without going out to witness the incidents, I was again threatened.

I don’t think they should do so. It would be a devastating blow to the future of our democratic nation if there were any anarchic acts by forming mobs and personal grudge whenever such disturbances occurred. Whatever we do, we should do it thoughtfully. Whatever we do, we need to look at it from all angles, political, social and religious affairs. There is one more thing that if one refuses to do a thing that another one is doing, the right of the former must be acknowledged. We have to stand on our own feet. We have to lead a life by ourselves without any assistance from any organizations.

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Ceremony to clarify true situation in response to statement of UN Country Team held in Myanmar

The United Nations Country Team in Myanmar issued a statement concerning Myanmar on 24th October, 2007. The statement said that it is urgently needed to address the deteriorating humanitarian situation in the country; and that although it acknowledged the efforts of Myanmar government to build schools, hospitals and roads, there were no fundamental rights of people.

Although Myanmar is fully cooperating with the United Nations, the statement of the UN Country Team tarnishes the image of Myanmar by feeding the international community with wrong information.

On 25 October, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar sent a letter to the UN Country Team in Yangon to strongly reject the unusual statement.

On 31 October, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs again sent a letter to UN Secretary-General’s office to reject the unusual statement saying that the statement is not in conformity with the motto of UN Day 2007, that the facts on social standard, social, health and education sectors mentioned in the statement are not based on firm evidences or true data and thus it does not reflect the objective conditions of Myanmar.

Moreover, a ceremony to clarify the true situation in response to the statement of UN Country Team in Myanmar was held at the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development here at 11.10 am today.

Present on the occasion were Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Kyaw Thu, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Col Thurein Zaw, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and Diplomats, UN Resident Coordinator and representatives of UN agencies, departmental heads, officials of social organizations and invited guests.

Minister U Soe Tha explained the situation concerning the statement issued by UN Country Team in Myanmar on 24 October.

The following is the clarification made by Minister U Soe Tha—

The United Nations (UN) Country Team in Myanmar issued the Statement on the United Nations Day, 24th October, 2007. The UN Country Team stated that many of fundamental rights such as achieving development, prosperity, peace, security and dignity are not yet a reality for the people in Myanmar and that the people struggle everyday to meet basic needs and the urgent necessity to address the deteriorating humanitarian situation in the country.

The statement is one-sided and entirely ignores Myanmar’s present development situation.

Regarding Myanmar’s development, a Press Conference was held on 17th December 2006 and Myanmar social economic development was presented thoroughly at that Press Conference. The topics included economic growth, trade, investment, infrastructure development and development initiatives.

The Country’s economic system was changed into market oriented system in 1988. Short-term economic plans were implemented commencing 1992-1993. During the plan periods, the country’s economy increased 3 times in the first four-year, 1.5 times in the second five-year and 1.8 times in the third five-year plans respectively.

In implementing the short-term four-year and five-year plans, the agriculture sector expanded by 1.3, 1.4 and 1.4 times, industry sector expanded by 1.6, 1.7 and 2.9 times and services sector also expanded by 1.3, 1.5 and 1.9 times respectively. The total sown area had increased to 50.9 million acres from 23.8 million acres showing an increase of 2.1 times. A total of 197 new dams and reservoirs were built during the last 18 years.

The per capita GDP had increased by 3 times in the first four-year plan, 3.7 times in the second five-year plan and 4.3 times in the third five-year plan. Per capita GDP was 295,774 kyats in the year 2006-2007. The United Nations Country Team stated that Myanmar’s estimated per capita GDP is less than half of that of Cambodia or Bangladesh. Myanmar is one of the countries in the transitional economy. She has not reached fully market economic system yet as well as not yet fully integrated into the world economy. The current foreign exchange rate does not represent a true exchange rate. Per capita GDP in dollar deriving from using market current exchange rate does not represent true per capita GDP.

The Integrated Household Living Condition Assessment Project was jointly implemented by UNDP and Myanmar in 2004. The survey result indicated that the proportion of people below the poverty line at the union level stood at 32%. The ADB Key indicators for 2007 shows the proportion of people below poverty line in Bangladesh is 40% in 2005, 34.7% in Cambodia in 2004 and 32.7% in Lao PDR in 2003. It can be observed that the proportion of people below poverty line in Myanmar is not much different from that of neighbouring countries. The survey result also indicated that Myanmar’s poverty line for 2004 was 162,136 kyats, whereas the per capita GDP for the year 2004 was 167,202 kyats. Thereby, the per capita GDP was higher than the poverty line at that particular year.

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The share of food expenditure in Myanmar is 68.2% of total expenditure and UN Country Team described 7% lower than the actual figure. In the year 2006-2007, the production of rice, meat, fish and prawn increased by 2.4, 5.6 and 4.2 times respectively than that of 1988. In Myanmar, shelter is one of the basic needs. According to the survey results, 94.2% of population owns their dwellings and 99% of households have access to secure tenure.

The share of expenditure for agricultural sector, processing and manufacturing sectors, construction sector and social sector are the highest in the total budget during the last six years. The expenditure for social sector increased yearly and spent at least 8% and above. The expenditure for the social sector increased between 30% to 60% every year. The share was 12.4% in the last year.

The expenditure for education sector increased between 40% to 65% every year and the health expenditure increased around 100 per cent every year in the last six years with the exception of the year 2005-2006.

As regards the education sector, the UN Country Team has incorrectly presented the fact that the number of children who completed the basic education in Myanmar is less than 50% of total number of children.

The Ministry of Education has given official presentation on the efforts made for the upgrading of education sector as well as achievements in Myanmar in the Press Conference held early December 2006 in Nay Pyi Taw. However, the UN Country Team in Myanmar has ignored the achievements of education sector and emphasized on the old and outdated data. Such kind of false expression may affect the credibility of the United Nations.

In reality, the rate of students who have completed the primary education and attended the middle school has reached to 78.35% in 2006 from 45.6% in 1998. The Ministry of Education has launched the Thirty-Year Education Plan and six phases of 5-year programmes in order to upgrade the education sector in Myanmar.

The total number of high school in 2007 has increased to 190% comparing with that of the year 1988. Likewise the number of middle school increased by 53.8%, teachers increased by 49.3% and students increased by 49.6%.

A total of 1,037 schools have been opened in the border areas and attended by more than 180,000 students. Students who have completed the primary education could be able to pursue middle school education through the expansion of post primary school every year, and a total of 6,200 post primary schools have already been opened up to 2007.

"All School Age Children in School Programme" has been launched throughout the country and as a result, school intake rate has reached to 98.01%. The literacy rate is 94.75%. Necessary measures have been taken to meet the international level of curricula and syllabuses of the basic education.

At the same time, the quality of teachers have also been upgraded.

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Secretary-1 attends dinner, ceremony to present certificates of honour to maestros, panel of judges

National customs and character are to be handed down from generation to generation for the perpetuation of the country and the people.

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Nov — A ceremony to present certificates of honour to the maestros and the panel of judges who supervised the 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions was held in conjunction with a dinner at City Hall here yesterday evening, attended by Patron of the Committee for Organizing Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thaha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo.

Also present on the occasion were members of the SDPC Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, the ministers, members of the leading committee, the auditor-general, the deputy ministers, the director-general of the office of the State Peace and Development Council, departmental heads, chairmen and members of the work committee for organizing the competitions, the sub-committee members, the judges, the supervisors from states and divisions and cultural troops.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thaha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo was welcomed by Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, members of the Leading Committee, the chairman and members of the Work Committee at the City Hall.

The Secretary-1 delivered an address saying that with the lofty aims Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions have been held every year. In doing so, the quality and essence of Myanmar culture can be promoted owing to the concerted efforts of the maestros. Furthermore, the competitions have gained momentum and success because of the promotion of the quality and extension of categories of the competitions.

It is a noble custom that the dinner is held in honour of the maestros yearly. Led by the maestros, the contestants across the nation have competed in all levels of competition and it reflects the capability of preservation and promotion of culture and traditions.

Our nation has a fine tradition that Myanmar traditional culture has been promoted and propagated in the successive periods. Although there has been an interrelation between Myanmar culture and that of neighbouring countries, we have safeguarded our traditions and culture by promoting them. It shows the strength of culture and nationalistic spirit of the maestros.

At present, the government is committed to promotion of national culture as a national duty and encouraged the capability and cultural skill of the maestros. Nowadays, the influence of alien culture is gaining momentum through modern communication technologies and the relationship with the world nations. It is found that some are attempting to culturally and spiritually expand influence on the developing nations including Myanmar with the help of advanced information and communication technology. Therefore, the developing countries are engaging in the task for preservation and promotion of their traditional culture.

While preserving the cultural heritage of the nation, national customs and character are to be handed down from generation to generation for the perpetuation of the country and the people.

On behalf of the government, I would like to thank the artistes for their relentless efforts for preserving and safeguarding the national cultural heritage and for promotion of traditional cultural arts.

I would like to request artistes to make efforts for turning out a new generation who can preserve and promote the traditional cultural heritage.

To flourish the traditional cultural heritage which has been preserved for successive eras, it is necessary to nurture the culture without harming its original essence.

In conclusion, I would like to urge all of you to make efforts for success of traditional cultural performing arts competitions in the coming years. May all of you blessed with good health and peace of mind.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Thaha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo presented certificates of honour to artistes aged 70 and above. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presented certificates of honour to members of panel of judges for singing contests, dancing contests and song composing contests.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo presented certificates of honour to judges for contests of playing musical instrument and to masters of ceremonies.

On behalf of artistes and judges, U Min Naung, a judge for the modern/oldies song contest, spoke words of thanks.

Afterwards, those present were entertained with songs and dances. Next, the dinner was held in honour of artistes and judges. After the dinner, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thaha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo cordially greeted the artistes and members of panel of judges.

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Prizes awarded to winners in 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presents certificate of honour to a member of panel of judges. — MNA

Lt-Gen Maung Bo presents certificate of honour to a member of panel of judges. MNA

Contestants and standing of states and divisions in 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

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Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Htet Ko Htoe of Mandalay Division who stood first in the basic education level (15-20 age group) boys’ piano contest respectively; and first prizes to Maung Thura Aung Myat Min San of Mandalay Division and Maung Swan Htet of Mandalay Division, the second prize to Maung Ko Ku Aung of Yangon Division, the third prize to Maung Waing Lamin Aung of Yangon Division and the special prize to Maung Sai Khay Hlyam of Shan State in the basic education level (5-10 age group) boys’ piano contest.

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Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein gave prizes to U San Htwe of Rakhin State and U Kyaw Myint of Ayeayawady Division who stood firsts in the amateur level (first class) men’s mandolin contest, U Min Zaw of Bago Division, second, and U Tin Win of Yangon Division, third; first, second and third prizes to Maung Maung Lwin (a) Pauk Khaung Maung Lay of Yangon (See page 11)
Strengthening and weaknesses of 15th performing arts
competitions reviewed

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Nov—A coordination meeting took place at the
Ministry of Culture here this afternoon to review the
15th Myanmar Traditional and Cultural Performing Art
Competitions.

Chairman of the Leading Committee for the
competitions, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command
Maj-Gen Wai Lwin in his speech said that the
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another. The meeting was thus held.

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YANGON, 2 Nov—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of
Ministry of Defence inspected tax-free
markets, here, this
morning and gave
necessary instructions to
officials concerned.

At 6.30 pm, Lt-Gen
Myint Swe of Ministry of
Defence arrived at the
tax-free market at the corner
of Razadarit Road and
Anawrahta Road in Ward
38 of Dagon Myothit (North) Township where he
was welcomed by Chairman of Yangon
Division Peace and
Development Council
Commander of Yangon
Command Maj-Gen Hla
Htay Win, Vice-Chairman
of Yangon City
Development Committee
Vice-Mayor Col Maung
Pa, departmental officials,
the chairman of Yangon
East District PDC and
officials.

accompanied by the
Commander and party, Lt-
Gen Myint Swe visited
sales of goods at reasonable prices at the
markets. After hearing the
reports, Lt-Gen Myint
Swe left necessary
instructions.—MNA

Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe
presents a prize to a winner in amateur level
(first class) men’s piano contest. — MNA

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amateur level (second class) men’s mandolin contest
respectively; the first prize to Maung Nyi Nyi Lwin of
Yangon Division, Maung Zaw Zaw Aung of Rakhine
State and Maung Nyan Wint Aung of Mandalay Division
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mandolin contest respectively; Maung Toe Toe of
Yangon Division, Maung Chan Hein Aung of Yangon
Division and Maung Hein Lin Aung of Mandalay
Division in the basic education level (10-15 age group)
boys’ mandolin contest respectively; and first and second
prizes to Maung Sithu Tun of Yangon Division and
Maung Po Po Htet Aung of Ayeyawady Division in the
basic education level (5-10 age group) boys’
mandolin contest respectively.

Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint presents
a prize to a winner in amateur level
(first class) men’s xylophone contest. — MNA

Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung
Min handed prizes to Daw Mya Hnin Yi of Yangon
Division who stood first in the amateur level (first class)
women’s mandolin contest, Daw Ohnna Kyaw of
Mandalay Division, second, and Daw Ohnma
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Zin Win of Yangon Division and Ma Tin Zar Nway of
Kachin State in the amateur level (second class) women’s
mandolin contest respectively; first and second prizes to
### INVITATION TO TENDER

Myanmar Paper and Chemical Industries invites the following sealed tenders for the renovation and upgrading of existing Yeni No(2) Paper Mill on Turn-Key basis.

1. To renovate and upgrade the existing pulp mill to meet the design capacity of 40 ton per day.
2. To renovate the existing paper mill to meet the original design capacity of 30 ton per day.
3. To install a cardboard paper producing plant with a production capacity of 20 ton per day.

At present, the existing Yeni No(2) Paper Mill Plant condition is able to produce only 15-18 tons on Kraft Sack Paper per day.

Tender documents are available at the office of the General Manager (Project), Myanmar Paper and Chemical Industries of the Ministry of Industry (1), Office No (41), Nay Pyi Taw, commencing on 12th November 2007.

Bids are to reach the Director General, Directorate of Industries, Ministry of Industry (1), Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, on or before 1st February 2008.

Any Tender received after that date will not be considered.

Tenders will be accepted only from Tenderer who has purchased Tender Documents officially.

Myanmar Paper and Chemical Industries reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without furnishing reasons.

Managing Director
Myanmar Paper and Chemical Industries

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Win Mu Tin M.A., H.G.P., B.B.G.,

For AMGEN INC.

P. O. Box 60, Yangon

DATED: 3 November 2007

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### US benefits from service trade with China

**WASHINGTON, 1 Nov—**The latest trade data has shown that America benefited a lot from the service trade with China, said a commentary carried by Tuesday’s The Wall Street Journal.

“The US trade deficit with China is such a hot political issue in Washington these days that it’s easy to forget the gains America reaps from doing business with China,” said the article, adding the latest trade data on services make for an enlightening reading.

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No further details were immediately available. — MNA/Reuters

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### London police arrest 12 in 1970s child abuse inquiry

**LONDON, 2 Nov—**Police said on Thursday they have arrested 12 people in connection with allegations of child abuse in the 1970s and 1980s.

The 10 men and two women were detained in the New Milton and Lymington area of the New Forest and at Steventon in Hertfordshire.

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No further details were immediately available. — MNA/Reuters
China, Jordan celebrate anniversary of diplomatic ties

BEIJING, 2 Nov — Jordanian Embassy to China held here on Wednesday a reception to mark the 30th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Jordan and China.

Chinese State Counsellor Tang Jiaxuan and Jordanian King Abdullah II Bin Al-Hussein attended the reception.

Tang said bilateral relations between China and Jordan have made remarkable progress over the 30 years with closer exchanges and cooperation and deepening friendship.

China will join hands with Jordan to carry forward the traditional friendship and create a brighter future of China-Jordan ties, Tang said.

Abdullah said Jordan supports China’s important role in international affairs and hopes to strengthen bilateral cooperation in politics, economy and trade, investment, culture and education.

China starts developing new heavy-duty carrier rockets

TIANYIN, 1 Nov — China is building a new range of carrier rockets designed to send heavy-weight satellites into space, boosting the current carrying capacity by nearly three times, a space expert has said.

The Long March 5 rockets will be able to carry payloads of up to 25 tons for low earth orbit satellites, up from the current limit of 9.2 tons, said Wu Yansheng, president of the China Academy of Launch Vehicle Technology (CALT), which is developing the new series of launch vehicles.

“Meanwhile, the carrying capacity can reach 14 tons from the current 2.6 to 5.4 tons while sending satellites into geosynchronous orbit, like Chang’e-1,” Wu said.

China’s first lunar probe, Chang’e-1, named after a legendary Chinese goddess who flew to the moon, blasted off on a Long March 3A carrier rocket at 6:05 pm on 24 October from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in southwestern Sichuan Province.

In addition to bigger capacity, the Long March 5 rockets will be designed using pollution-free technologies, Wu said.

“The new generation of carrier rockets are expected to blast off within six to seven years,” said Ma Xingrui, general manager of the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation.

The Long 5 March rockets will lift off from a new space launch centre in Wenchang, in the southern island province of Hainan.

The new centre, the fourth in China, is expected to be completed in 2012 and formally put into use in 2013.

The new series of rockets will be made in a new base located at the Binhai New Area in the northern port city of Tianjin, and construction on the base has kicked off on Tuesday.

The first phase of the carrier rocket base, to cover 3,000 mu (200 hectares) in area, will be completed at the end of 2009.

A total of 4.5 billion yuan (600 million US dollars) will be invested in the project, said Yu Liegui, deputy head of the Commission of Science Technology and Industry for National Defence.

California wildfires unleash climate-warming carbon

WASHINGTON, 2 Nov — California wildfires pumped nearly eight million metric tons of climate-warming carbon dioxide into the atmosphere in just a week, about one-quarter as much as fossil fuels do in that state in a month, scientists said on Wednesday.

The release of carbon dioxide in wildfires is part of the natural cycle in which burning plays an important role, the scientists reported in the online journal Carbon Balance and Management.

And the eb and flow of carbon that is alternately sucked up and emitted by plants is different from that spewed by fossil-fuelled factories and vehicles.

Overall, the study estimates that fires in the contiguous United States and Alaska release about 290 million metric tons of carbon dioxide a year, equivalent to 4 to 6 per cent of US emissions from the burning of fossil fuels like coal and oil.

These figures are hard to pin down because of the challenge of figuring out how much carbon was tied up in the plants that burned, and what percentage of the plants actually went up in flames in different kinds of fires, said Jason Neff of the University of Colorado at Boulder, a co-author of the study.

MNA/Xinhua

Russia warns foreigners not to meddle in elections

MOSCOW, 2 Nov — The Kremlin warned foreigners on Wednesday not to interfere in Russia’s parliamentary elections after it cut sharply the number of Western observers permitted to view the polls, drawing criticism from the United States.

“No country will accept any attempts from abroad to try to influence it,” Kremlin deputy spokesman Dmitry Peskov told a news conference. “It’s a matter of sovereignty of the country.”

Peskov was speaking after Europe’s main democracy watchdog, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), said Moscow had imposed “unprecedented” restrictions on its observation mission to the December 2 elections.

The vote is widely viewed as a referendum on President Vladimir Putin’s almost eight years in power. Polls suggest his United Russia bloc will win an overwhelming majority of seats but the opposition has complained that Putin’s backing gives the party an unfair advantage.

OSCE spokeswoman Uldur Gunnarsdottir said Russia had invited a maximum of 70 observers for a short-term mission to December’s vote — less than a quarter of the number sent for the last such elections in 2003, and for a shorter period.

MNA/Reuters

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MADRID, 1 Nov — Real Madrid hit four goals in a devastating first-half spell as they stormed to a 5-1 away win over Valencia at the Mestalla on Wednesday.

A second-minute strike from Raúl, a Ruud van Nistelrooy double and a superb shot from defender Sergio Ramos put Bernd Schuster’s side 4-0 up after just 37 minutes while Robinho added a classy fifth midway through the second half.

The win left Real four points clear of Villarreal at the top of the table and five ahead of Barcelona, who are away at Valladolid on Thursday. Villarreal moved into second spot after a crushing 3-0 win at home to basement side Levante, the goals coming courtesy of an early strike from Guillermo Franco, a Giuseppe Rossi penalty and a Pascal Cygan header.

Levante, the only side in the Primera Liga yet to post a win this season, remained anchored to the foot of the table with just one point from 10 games.

Atletico Madrid moved up to fourth, level on 20 points with Barca after a highly entertaining 4-3 win over Sevilla at the Calderon. Argentine forward Maxi Rodríguez put 3-2 up with a spectacular flying volley 20 minutes from time and midfielder Jurado added a fourth with a classy finish before Luís Fabiano pulled back a late goal back for the visitors with his second of the night.

Valencia sacked their coach Quique Sanchez Flores after Sunday’s 3-0 defeat at Sevilla, but if the move was designed to spark a reaction from the team it backfired spectacularly as Raúl put Real in front with just over a minute on the clock.

The Real striker stroked home from the edge of the area to score his fifth goal of the season after Robinho had sliced his way through the ragged Valencia back four.

Strike partner Van Nistelrooy missed a double opportunity to extend his side’s lead moments after, but the Dutchman atoned for his error when he scored a delightful second on 25 minutes.

Roma win Derby 3-2 Milan thump Sampdoria

All of Serie A’s top three points behind while Juventus and Fiorentina are four adrift. Mid-table Milan move above Sampdoria after a third league win this season.

Roma, without injured skipper Francesco Totti, went behind in the 129th Rome league derby when Lazio striker Tommaso Rocchi took advantage of slack defending to score after 12 minutes.

Ajax beat Heerenveen 3-1 to reach last 16 of Dutch Cup

ROTTERDAM (Netherlands), 1 Nov — Ajax Amsterdam swept into the last 16 of the Dutch Cup with a 3-1 home victory over Heerenveen on Wednesday.

John Heitinga opened the scoring after seven minutes and Hedwiges Maduro doubled the lead 20 minutes later.

Striker Klaas Jan Huntelaar settled the third round tie on the counter-attack midway through the second half before Michael Bradley scored a consolation goal for the visitors.

Anthony Lurling struck 11 minutes from time to earn NAC Breda a 3-2 away win at Sparta Rotterdam.

Ronnie Stam and Sander van Gessel scored first-half goals to put Breda in the driving seat, only for Nourdin Boukhari and Sjaak Polak to level for Sparta after the break.

German Cup holders Nuremberg out on penalties

BERLIN, 1 Nov — Second Division Carl Zeiss Jena knocked holders Nuremberg out of the German Cup on penalties in the second round on Wednesday.

Nuremberg, who are struggling this season in the Bundesliga, led in normal time and again during extra-time but could not finish off a Jena team that eventually came through after 111 minutes.

The Super League champions overcame the cup holders twice from 19-year-old Costas Mitroglou in the 39th minute.

It was the first time the Super Cup has been played since 1996.

Meanwhile, Super League clubs Panathinaikos and Panionios reached the fifth round of the Greek Cup with wins at Ethnikos Asteras and Kastoria.

Panathinaikos overcame Ethnikos Asteras 3-1 despite playing with only 10 men after the 44th-minute dismissal of Argentine midfielder Sebastian Romero.

The Greens were already 2-0 ahead thanks to goals by Darnel Dóyé and Vangelis Mantzios and Mantzios extended the lead just after the interval. Ethnikos Asteras reduced the deficit after 66 minutes courtesy of Mimitis Benisokos.

Panionios won 3-2 at Kastoria, storming into a 3-0 lead before the hosts gave the UEFA Cup hopefuls a scare by pulling two goals back.

Third Division Foistras play AEK Athens on Thursday and Ethnikos host OFI.

Liu Xiongwei (L2) of Guangzhou competes in the men’s 200m race finals at the 6th Chinese City Games in Wuhan, capital of central China’s Hubei Province, on 1 Nov, 2007. Liu won the gold medal of the event with 21.16 seconds.

SPORTS
Iraqis ready to take control of oil terminals

IRAQI OIL TERMINALS
(Northern Gulf), 2 Nov — Iraqi soldiers aboard the patrol boat scan the waters around them before they give permission to US sailors to approach the Gulf oil terminal.

For the first time since US-led forces toppled Saddam Hussein more than four years ago, Iraqi soldiers are taking charge of protecting the country’s greatest assets against insurgents under a plan to hand over control to Iraqis.

“The Iraqis are doing the job,” said Australian Captain Philip Spedding, who manages coalition Northern Gulf operations. “They’re the ones manning the gun positions and the radar, talking on the radio. It’s close to a transition point on the terminals.”

Iraq’s southern oil fields and export facilities have largely escaped the kind of insurgent attacks that had regularly hit pipelines and oil installations in other parts of Iraq.

But Iraqis guarding the two terminals point to neighboring states and saboteurs as potential threats. An armed Iranian lookout post is visible from one of the terminals.

Rival Shi’ite militias are vying for control of oil exports in southern Iraq, which contains the otherwise landlocked country’s only access to the sea, as British troops gradually hand over control to Iraqis.

Sailors from US-allied countries have been training Iraqis since soon after the 2003 invasion, in an effort to rebuild a Navy devastated by sanctions and wars.

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- Come into my life
9:05 am International news
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People’s Desire

☆ We favour stability.
☆ We favour peace.
☆ We oppose unrest and violence.

Who are the winners, who the losers from violent protests?

☆ Due to violence and unrest
  Peace-loving people have to live in state of alarm
  Learning of students disrupted
  Commodity flow stagnant
  Vendors have hard times
  Passenger transport services delayed

☆ Due to violence and unrest
  Only the notorious neo-colonialists benefited
  Instigators covertly earning dollars
  Expatriates and ax-handles living in luxury
  Followers of colonialists earning handsome dollar rewards

☆ RFA, VOA and BBC airing skyful of lies
☆ RFA, VOA and BBC saboteurs, watch your step!
☆ The public be warned of
  killers in the air waves —
  RFA, VOA and BBC

☆ Skyful liars attempting to destroy nation
☆ BBC lying
  VOA deceiving
  RFA setting up hostilities
☆ Beware! Don’t be bought by those ill-wishers