Lt-Gen Tha Aye tours Mandalay Division, inspects regional development tasks

**NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug—Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe and officials, looked into cleaning and beautifying tasks of Mandalay Railway Station roundabout in Chanayetharsan Township and Kandawgyi roundabout in Chammyatharsi Township.**

Mandalay, on 30 July and gave necessary instructions.

At the briefing hall of Yeywa Hydel Power Project, Lt-Gen Tha Aye heard reports of officials on the progress of the project. He then instructed to them to finish the project in time and to meet the standard and presented the fruit baskets to officials. (See page 8)

Positive scenes of Tachilek, a border town

**Article: Sai Thein (Kengtung) Photos: Htay Aung (Kyemon)**

On a trip to Tachilek, a border township, I happened to visit urban and rural areas, where agricultural and livestock farming has developed considerably. Tachilek Township in Tachilek District, standing at an altitude of 1285 feet, has favourable conditions to run agricultural farming on a vast scale. In the east of Tachilek is the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, and in the south, Thailand.

Occasionally, officials on their inspection tours of Tachilek call for growing vegetables and fruits, paddy and crops extensively; rendering assistance to agricultural farms, and breeding chicken, duck, pig, cow, goat and fish. Constant supervision and fulfillment of requirements by officials at all levels have led to agricultural development far better than expected in the township, home to various national races.

This season, the township collected 3,444,945 baskets of monsoon paddy from 44,507 acres, accounting for per acre paddy yield of 77.40 baskets. So, the paddy supply exceeds the demand of Tachilek, Tarley and Kenglat townships, whose populations total nearly 100,000. In addition, the township enjoyed a bumper harvest from over 2600 acres of summer paddy.

Under the arrangements of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council for extensive growing of edible oil and chick pea in 2008-2009, the township distributed seeds of 15 baskets of niger, 20 baskets of sunflower, seven baskets of chick pea and five baskets of lima bean to local farmers. Growing various crops and edible oil crops in all seasons, Tachilek is green all-year round. (See page 7)
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N-W Command Commander and Minister inspect monsoon paddy cultivation

NAV PYI TAW, 1 Aug—Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe and Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspected supply of water to farmlands through Kintet left tributary of Thaphanseik Diversion Weir, cultivation of monsoon paddy with the use of pump and monsoon paddy farmlands on 29 July. The minister also met the farmers who cultivated monsoon paddy and urged them to boost agricultural production and increase quality paddy strains.

Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe inspects pre-primary schools

YANGON, 1 Aug—Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, accompanied by Director-General U Soe Kyi of Social Welfare Department and officials, inspected No (3) Pre-Primary School of SWD in Tamway Township and the pre-primary school in Mingala Taungnyunt Township this morning. The respective school heads reported to the minister on the strength of staff and number of students as well as early childhood care and development being undertaken at the schools.

Press meet on Toshiba Notebook “New Art Collection” & Launch 2009 held

YANGON, 1 Aug—A press meet on Toshiba Notebook “New Art Collection” & Launch 2009 was held at Sedona Hotel here this morning. Director Daw May Phyu Thwe of Toshiba Notebook Lucky Bird Trading Co., Ltd. explained the purpose of holding the press meet on Toshiba Notebook “New Art Collection” & Launch 2009, sales of Toshiba Notebooks for 25 years and the new Toshiba Notebook Series at Silver Jubilee in 2009. The Toshiba invented the world earliest Notebook PC in 1985. Lucky Bird Trading Co., Ltd. has been doing business with Computer System Division of Toshiba Singapore Pte., Ltd. for two years.
China’s military celebrate 82nd anniversary

BEIJING, 1 Aug—China marked the 82nd anniversary of the People’s Liberation Army on Saturday with a call to the force once led by revolutionary Mao Zedong to play a lead role in maintaining social stability.

“We are the People’s Army under the absolute leadership of the Communist Party,” an editorial in the People’s Liberation Army Daily said. “Our military is a pillar of strength for the people’s democratic dictatorship and an important force safeguarding social stability.” The editorial addressed to the PLA and the People’s Armed Police said safeguarding national unity and fighting criminal violence and ethnic and religious separatism would remain a top priority.

“We must solidify our ideology that stability is the priority and that safeguarding overall social stability will forever be the main task,” the editorial said. “We must closely watch the changes in the international situation ... make preparations to timely handle all kinds of sudden incidents, firmly oppose all violent criminal activities, and oppose anything that aims to split the nation.”

The PLA, established in 1927, ushered in communist rule when Mao declared the birth of the People’s Republic of China 60 years ago in October. 

Afghan war spreads to residential areas

GENEVA, 1 Aug—The Afghan battlefield is spreading into residential areas where more people are being killed by air strikes, car bombs and suicide attacks, according to a UN report published on Friday.

The UN Assistance Mission to Afghanistan said that 1,013 civilians were killed on the sidelines of the armed conflict from January to the end of June, compared to 818 in the first half of 2008 and 694 in the same period in 2007.

Commenting on the report, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay said it was critical that steps be taken to shield Afghan communities from fighting. “All parties involved in this conflict should take all measures to protect civilians, and to ensure the independent investigation of all civilian casualties, as well as justice and remedies for the victims,” she said.

Taliban fighters and their allies were named responsible for 59 percent of bystander deaths, caused mainly by roadside blasts. The Afghan government and international forces were also faulted for errant air strikes that claimed hundreds of lives.

New Eurofighter deal signed by 4 partner countries

BERLIN, 1 Aug—Four partner countries involved in Eurofighter project signed a contract for the delivery of 112 Eurofighter aircraft worth around 9 billion euros (about 13 billion US dollars) in Munich on Friday, German defence ministry said.

Eurofighter, Typhoon combat jets, is a multi-purpose combat jet developed by a European consortium comprised of the aerospace group EADS, BAE Systems of Britain and the Italian group Alenia/Finnmeccanica, supported by Germany, Britain, Italy and Spain.

Each partner country will order some Eurofighters, with a total order of 620 aircraft, purchased in three stages until 2017. The project, however, has been delayed because of production delays and budget overruns, with each plane reported to cost about 100 million euros (141 million dollars).

Euro regulators order Airbus sensors replaced

BRUSSELS, 1 Aug—European air safety regulators told world airlines on Friday they will have to replace hundreds of air speed sensors of the type that may have contributed to the Air France Airbus A330 crash in the Atlantic Ocean in June.

The announcement came after Airbus recommended that airlines flying its planes exchange some of the speed sensors manufactured by Thales Corp for another model.

Investigators have focused on the possibility that the external monitors on the A330, known as pitot tubes, iced over and gave false speed readings to the Air France plane’s computers as it ran into turbulent thunderstorm. Each modern jet airliner carries at least three of the L-shaped metal pitot tubes that jut from the forward fuselage.

US service member killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 1 Aug—A Taleban ambush on a NATO convoy in western Afghanistan left nine militants and a policeman dead, a police official said on Friday. A US service member died in the south of the country, the US military said.

The clash in western Herat Province, a relatively calm area, highlighted the volatile situation in much of Afghanistan ahead of the 20 Aug presidential elections.

Militants launched the attack on Thursday with a roadside bomb against a vehicle of a private security firm escorting the NATO convoy, injuring three Afghan security guards. Herat police chief Gen Esmatullah Alizai said.

Landslides kill ten people in Bangladesh

DHALA, 1 Aug—Landslides caused by heavy monsoon rains killed 10 people in southeastern Bangladesh on Friday, authorities said.

The pre-dawn deaths occurred in Bandarban District, a mountainous region 155 miles (248 kilometres) southeast of the capital, the area’s police chief Quanrul Ahsan said.

People look at the site of a car bomb attack in Baghdad’s Shaub District, northern Baghdad, on 1 Aug, 2009. Six bombs struck mosques across Baghdad on Friday, police said, killing at least 28 people and angering Iraqis who blamed local forces now taking over from US soldiers for failing to protect them.
**Banks send mixed messages of economic recovery in Japan**

**Tokyo, 31 July —** Japan’s second largest banking group, Mizuho Financial Group Inc, on Friday announced sharp losses for the first fiscal quarter of 2009, while the country’s largest banking group, Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Inc, announced in the day stark profits for the same period, sending mixed messages of economic recovery.

Indonesia’s largest carmaker’s net profit downs 12.5% in H1

**Jakarta, 1 Aug —** Indonesia’s largest carmaker firm PT Astra Internation saw a 12.5 percent drop in its first-half net profit this year, the Jakarta Post reported on Saturday.

Astra’s net profit slumped to 4.2 trillion rupiah (some 420 million US dollars) in the first six months this year, from 4.8 trillion rupiah (about 483.8 million US dollars) in the same period a year earlier, on the back of lower car sales and earlier, on the back of a 12.5 percent drop in its first fiscal quarter of 2009.

**International deal agreed for Ukraine gas bills**

**Brussels, 1 Aug —** Ukraine has reached a deal with international financial bodies and the EU for payment of Russian gas bills, the European Commission said on Friday, allaying fears of another winter cut-off.

The deal, which will allow Kiev to re-stock its reservoirs, involves the International Monetary Fund releasing a third tranche worth 3.3 billion dollars (2.3 billion euros) from a 16.4-billion-dollar credit line over two years.

It also allows for an October influx of funding from the World Bank and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, totalling 570 million euros, a Commission spokesman said.

**Dollar falls as US economic contraction slows**

**New York, 1 Aug —** The dollar fell against major currencies on Friday after a report showed that US economic contracted less than expected in the second quarter.

The pace of decline in real GDP decelerated substantially in the second quarter to 1.0 percent from 5.5 percent in the first quarter, according to the US Commerce Department. Most analysts have expected a decline of 1.5 percent.

But the report also showed some negative signs that the US economic recession was deeper than previously estimated. The economic growth rate of 2008 was revised down from 1.1 percent to 0.4 percent.

With the exception of federal government spending, all the major components of real GDP were revised downward for 2008. In particular, personal consumption expenditures were revised down to show a drop of 0.2 percent in 2008 instead of an increase of 0.2 percent.

**TVA raises coal ash tab to $1.2b, reports 3Q loss**

**Knoxville, 1 Aug —** The Tennessee Valley Authority raised its estimates for cleaning up a massive coal ash spill to $1.2 billion on Friday, and partly blamed its third-quarter loss of $167 million on that cleanup.

Officials also suggested a rate increase could be looming.

The nation’s largest public utility said in a filing to the Securities and Exchange Commission that the tab could reach $933 million to $1.2 billion to restore the Kingston, Tenn, community after 5.4 million cubic yards of toxic ash breached a holding pond at a coal-fired power plant on 22 Dec.

No one was injured, but the spill of millions of tons of ash and sludge swept into a river, damaged two-dozen homes, covered 300 acres, raised health concerns throughout the community and brought congressional attention to the lack of regulation of similar sites around the country.

TVA’s latest cleanup estimate is at least $200 million higher than previous calculations and still doesn’t include potential fines, penalties, or the outcome of seven federal lawsuits filed by residents.

Audi gains more US market share amid economic downturn

**New York, 1 Aug —** German luxury automaker Audi AG said on Friday that it has gained a more-than-expected market share in the United States in the first half of 2009 amid the economic downturn.

Audi of America, the American unit of the German carmaker, reported that it has an 8.3 percent market share in the United States through the first six months of this year, compared with 6.5 percent in the same period of 2008. It had earlier predicted its US market share to be 7.7 percent in the first half.

The popular Audi Q5 crossover vehicle and the new Audi Q7 TDI clean diesel model with strong consumer demand contributed to the increase of market share for the first half of 2009, according to the company.

“We exceeded our target and each month of 2009 has demonstrated the strength of the Audi brand in the face of difficult economic headwinds,” Johan de Nysschen, president of Audi of America, told reporters in New York.

In addition, Audi A4 Cabriolet also performed quite positively in the US market, achieving its best monthly sale since June 2008 of 737 units in June this year. Overall sales of the Audi A4 model portfolio reached 18,101 through the first six months of the year.

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**Image**: The replica of the 17th century Dutch East India Company (VOC) ship Prins Willem, which was moored at Den Helder, has been totally destroyed by a fire in the early hours of Thursday morning. **INTERNET**
Mexico to start pavilion construction in Shanghai Expo

MEXICO CITY, 1 Aug—A Mexican delegation on Friday arrived in Shanghai, China, to present the Mexican pavilion model and set the first stone for its construction at the Shanghai World Expo 2010. The delegation will hold a ceremony in the morning of 6 Aug to launch the project, said ProMexico, an agency for the promotion of Mexican trade and investment. It is expected to present a miniature of the Mexican pavilion at a reception at noon that day, it said. The Mexican pavilion will cover a surface of 4,000 square meters, and it will feature three independent areas to represent the country’s past, present and future. ProMexico said the Mexican pavilion will be decorated with kites, an important element in both Mexican and Chinese cultures.

The Shanghai World Expo will last for six months from 1 May to 31 Oct, next year.

Costa Rica, Mexico sign new cooperation agreement

SAN JOSE, 1 Aug—Costa Rica on Friday hailed the strengthening of commercial ties with Mexico after a cooperation agreement was signed between the two countries.

The agreement, signed on Thursday by Mexican President Felipe Calderon, who was on an official visit to Costa Rica, and his Costa Rican counterpart Oscar Arias in San Jose, covers cooperation in such areas as education, science and tourism. The agreement would give a fresh boost to bilateral exchanges after the 1995 free trade agreement, said Costa Rican Foreign Trade Minister Marco Vincio Ruiz. The free trade agreement has helped strengthen bilateral ties over the past 14 years and both countries now deem it necessary to expand their cooperation to other areas, Ruiz said.

Peruvian president hopes to normalize relations with Bolivia

LIMA, 1 Aug—Peruvian President Alan Garcia said on Friday that he hoped the country’s ties with Bolivia could be normalized. “We have to normalize the ties,” Garcia said. “I think there are many things that unite us.” Garcia said Peru has “never taken an anti-trade or anti-national measure against Bolivia, (like) closing borders or expelling Bolivian citizens.” The Peru-Bolivia ties were strained in May when Lima gave political asylum to three former Bolivian government ministers accused of genocide. Bolivia’s President Evo Morales even threatened to sue Peru in the International Court of Justice in The Hague.

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Total Q2 net profit declines

PARIS, 1 Aug—French oil company Total reported on Friday that its adjusted net profit dropped 54 percent to 1.72 billion euros (about 2.38 billion US dollars) in the second quarter, down from 3.72 billion a year earlier, due to the sharp decline in oil prices. The Paris-based oil company said its net profit of second quarter was 2.17 billion euros, down from 4.73 billion euros a year earlier. Production in the quarter fell 7.3 percent to an average of 2.18 million barrels of oil per day, down from 2.35 million barrels in the same period of last year. Sales fell 35 percent in the quarter.

In the first half of the year, net profit of the company decreased 45 percent to 3.83 billion euros.

Magnitude-5.9 quake hits Indonesia’s Java

JAKARTA, 1 Aug—An earthquake with magnitude of 5.9 rocked waters off Central Java of Indonesia on Friday evening. No initial report of damage or casualty has been available, according to the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency and Disaster Management Agency.

The quake jolted at 9:56 pm (1456 GMT) with the epicenter monitored at 169 km southeast of Central Java and 25 km under sea bed.

“There is no report of damage or victims of the quake,” spokesman of the disaster management agency Priyadi Kardono told Xinhua.
Suicides at top US university campus reveal extremely severe competition

LOS ANGELES, 1 Aug—The suicides of three Asian students at California Institute of Technology (Caltech) in Southern California in the past three months have revealed the extremely severe competition at the top ranking US universities and tremendous pressure the students have faced.

Long Phan, a graduate student from Caltech, was found dead in his apartment last week.

The suicides of three students at the university on alert.

Early this month, Caltech senior Jackson Wang, a mechanical engineering major from Hong Kong, was found dead in his dorm. Last month, Brian Go, a computer science and math major student from Maryland, was found dead in his student dorm. Wang and Go committed suicide by asphyxiation by helium inhalation. Although Phan’s death is still under investigation, it is most probably another suicide case.

The high suicide rate among students has put pressure on the university on alert. The university board of trustees held a meeting on Tuesday to discuss the issue and Caltech President Jean-Lou Chameau recommended the formation of a mental health task force in response to the two, and perhaps three, suicides on the campus in the past months.—Internet

The wreckage of motorcycles next to a burnt-out house of extremists in northern Nigeria on 30 July, 2009. More than 600 people have been killed during clashes between extremists and security forces in a city in northeastern Nigeria, witnesses have said.—Internet

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Girls marry too soon in Bangladesh

Dhaka, 1 Aug—UN health officials say too many women in Bangladesh are marrying early, leading to early pregnancy and sometimes by early death.

The 2009 report by the UN Children’s Fund, generally known as UNICEF, said 64 percent of women are married by the time they are 18 and one-third of those between 15 and 19 are married early, leading to early pregnancy and sometimes by early death.

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We also visited a 242-acre integrated farm of U Kya Te in Panmin Village-tract, Kengtung District, where he runs five acres of paddy, 85 acres of orange, 150 acres of rubber, two acres of fish ponds, and one acre of corn, and breeds about 10,000 fish, about 70 cows, 10 milch cows, 60 cows of local species, and 100

Positive scenes of Tachilek, a border town

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Roads are kept clean and tidy in Tachilek.

An orange farm in the integrated farm in Tachilek.

Rubber farms prove successful in Tachilek.

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After that, Lt-Gen Tha Aye also inspected the progress of water pumping, water tank and control room of the sub-power station at Duhtawadi Water Pumping Station in Hilin Township, Yangon Division (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township, digging of Sunyekan water intake canal and cleaning tasks of the channel in Sunye village and gave necessary instructions.—MNA

YANGON, 1 Aug—The conclusion ceremony of Special Refresher Course No. 68 for Basic Education Teachers was held at Nawarat Hall of Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township, Yangon Division this morning.

On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretariat 1 of the State Peace and Development Council Gen-eral Thibha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein said that the trainees have been able to know well the importance of national role they are playing in building a future nation for they have learned about the history from the past to the present and internal and external prevailing conditions.

As good education and technology. At such a time, global nations are trying to maintain their sovereignty and protect their own interests based on their historical experiences and internal prevailing situations.

The Union of Myanmar, home to various national races, is blessed with rich natural resources and high human resources plus rich cultural heritage. Myanmar has existed since ancient times with own monarchs.

The minister continued to say that in the colonalistic period, the national brethren struggled for national independence by taking their respective roles and rebuilt Myanmar as a sovereign nation. As the people from different periods have been able to maintain independence and sovereignty as the life-blood of the nation. Myanmar is now standing in the international community as an independent, sovereign nation. Concerning the importance of the national role the trainees have been able to maintain such a good legacy, the new generation youths are to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation as a national duty.

Since its duty assumption of the State, the State Peace and Development Council has been striving for the nation to catch up with other nations by adopting 12 State objectives and upholding Our Three Main National Causes—non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty. While the State is trying for the entire people to improve their socio-economic, it is also building education, health and transport infrastructures across the nation with the strength of intellectuals and intelli-gentia.

In accord with the motto ‘Let’s build a modern, developed nation through education’, the State is building education foundations the length and breadth of the nation to ensure equal opportunities for rural and urban areas. The aim of the people to build a national nation can be realized only when there is balanced development of various sectors in all parts of the Union. At a time when the State is striving in all aspects for national education promotion, the teachers on their part are to train national youths of new generations to become well-educated. In this way, the State is working for the development of the states and divisions.

In striving for national education promotion, conventional teaching methods including teacher-centered approach can delay the national education promotion. Then, the minister added the need to implement the work of basic education sector.

It is necessary to train today’s youth not only to be well-educated but also to be equipped with confidence and national conviction and the spirit of serving the interest of the Myanmar society. So the teachers, while learning political, economic and social developments of the State, are to train their students to have nationalistic spirit.

The minister added that the teachers are to follow and implement the guidelines of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe such as improvement of the teaching skills, upgrading of school curricula and syllabuses to meet the international standards, effective use of teaching aids, respecting of rules and regulations and disciplines and flourishing of patriotism and Union Spirit.

Thanks to the collaborative efforts of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw in accord with the seven-step Road Map, the aim of the people to build a future nation will be realized in not-too-distant future. Later, the minister said all the teachers are to try not only to safeguard the Union of Myanmar, the legacy of national ancestors, but also to ensure the nation to stand tall among the international community. They are to train new generation youths to become qualified human resources with high confidence and conviction. They are to perform national duties of education sector for building a future nation based on Union Spirit.

Later, Minister Dr Chan Nyein presented prizes to outstanding trainees and hostels and certificates to leaders of the trainees. —MNA

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Development Council General Thibha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein delivered an address. It was also attended by Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, the deputy ministers, departmental heads, the rector of CICS (Phaunggyi), the pro rectors, heads of departments and trainees.

In his speech, Minister Dr Chan Nyein said that the trainees have been able to know well the importance of the national role they are playing in building a future nation for they have learned about the history from the past to the present and internal and external prevailing conditions. As good education and technology. At such a time, global nations are trying to maintain their sovereignty and protect their own interests based on their historical experiences and internal prevailing situations.

The Union of Myanmar, home to various national races, is blessed with rich natural resources and high human resources plus rich cultural heritage. Myanmar has existed since ancient times with own monarchs.

The minister continued to say that in the colonalistic period, the national brethren struggled for national independence by taking their respective roles and rebuilt Myanmar as a sovereign nation. As the people from different periods have been able to maintain independence and sovereignty as the life-blood of the nation. Myanmar is now standing in the international community as an independent, sovereign nation. Concerning the importance of the national role the trainees have been able to maintain such a good legacy, the new generation youths are to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation as a national duty.

Since its duty assumption of the State, the State Peace and Development Council has been striving for the nation to catch up with other nations by adopting 12 State objectives and upholding Our Three Main National Causes—non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty. While the State is trying for the entire people to improve their socio-economic, it is also building education, health and transport infrastructures across the nation with the strength of intellectuals and intelligentia.

In accord with the motto ‘Let’s build a modern, developed nation through education’, the State is building education foundations the length and breadth of the nation to ensure equal opportunities for rural and urban areas. The aim of the people to build a national nation can be realized only when there is balanced development of various sectors in all parts of the Union. At a time when the State is striving in all aspects for national education promotion, the teachers on their part are to train national youths of new generations to become well-educated. In this way, the State is working for the development of the states and divisions.

In striving for national education promotion, conventional teaching methods including teacher-centered approach can delay the national education promotion. Then, the minister added the need to implement the work of basic education sector.

It is necessary to train today’s youth not only to be well-educated but also to be equipped with confidence and national conviction and the spirit of serving the interest of the Myanmar society. So the teachers, while learning political, economic and social developments of the State, are to train their students to have nationalistic spirit.

The minister added that the teachers are to follow and implement the guidelines of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe such as improvement of the teaching skills, upgrading of school curricula and syllabuses to meet the international standards, effective use of teaching aids, respecting of rules and regulations and disciplines and flourishing of patriotism and Union Spirit.

Thanks to the collaborative efforts of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw in accord with the seven-step Road Map, the aim of the people to build a future nation will be realized in not-too-distant future. Later, the minister said all the teachers are to try not only to safeguard the Union of Myanmar, the legacy of national ancestors, but also to ensure the nation to stand tall among the international community. They are to train new generation youths to become qualified human resources with high confidence and conviction. They are to perform national duties of education sector for building a future nation based on Union Spirit.

Later, Minister Dr Chan Nyein presented prizes to outstanding trainees and hostels and certificates to leaders of the trainees. —MNA

Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence looks into the progress of water pumping and water tank in Duhtawadi Water Pumping Station.—MNA
Minister attends prize-presentation ceremonies in Myothit, Natmauk

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug—Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung attended the 30th prize presentation ceremony and presented prizes to two students with five distinctions, three students with four and three distinctions in 2008-2009 matriculation exams and thirty-one outstanding teachers through the Township Education Officer in Myo Myothit, Magway Division today.

The managing directors under the ministry and officials concerned presented cash awards to other outstanding students.

After that, U Ye Myint and Daw Win Maw Tun of Star Motorcycle Production in Yenangyoung Industrial Zone donated K 300,000 for Wagyiaing BEHS that secured the highest pass rate.

This was followed by the respecting to teachers by old students.

Later, the minister attended the 11th prize-distribution ceremony held in Natmauk and presented prizes to those in who obtained doctorate degrees and special prizes to the township education officers and school heads.

Afterwards, prizes were presented to other outstanding students.

ASEAN Energy Business Forum 2009 opens, ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Energy continues

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug—As part of the 27th ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting hosted by Myanmar, the opening of ASEAN Energy Business Forum 2009 took place at Mandalay Hill Resort Hotel in Mandalay on 28 July.

It was attended by Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi and departmental heads, senior officials and representatives of ASEAN member countries and dialogue partner countries, representatives of ASEAN Secretariat and ASEAN Centre for Energy-ACE and senior officials of the Ministry of Energy, Trade and Industry of Japan.

Then the 8th SOME+3 Consultation on Energy followed.

In the afternoon, the 11th Meeting of the EAS Energy Cooperation Task Force was held.

Director-General U Soe Aung of Energy Planning Department presided over the meetings and those present held discussions on energy matters.

3rd Inter-Ministry Football Tournament 2009 continues

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug—Jointly-organized by the Ministry of Sports and the Myanmar Football Federation, first round matches of the third Inter-Ministry Football Tournament 2009 continued at Nay Pyi Taw sports ground and Nay Pyi Taw Pyimana (Paung Laung) sports ground. Officials and family members from ministries concerned and fans enjoyed the match.

Ministry of Sports trounced Ministry of Electric Power-1 3-0. At the match of Group (D), Ministry of Labour defeated Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation 4-0 while Ministry of Information routed Ministry of Science and Technology 2-1.

Ministry of Defence will play against Ministry of Electric Power-2; Ministry of National Planning and Economic Department, Ministry of Cooperatiove and Ministry of Sports, Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, at respective venues tomorrow.
Nay Pyi Taw, 1 Aug — The ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Energy took place at Sedona Hotel in Mandalay on 27 July. It was attended by senior officials of energy and representatives of ASEAN countries, secretariat, ASEAN organizations of ASEAN countries, and representatives of the ASEAN Power Utility Committee and ASEAN Council for Petroleum (ASECOPE) and ASEAN countries, and representatives of Head of ASEAN Power Utility and Authority (HAPUA).

At the meeting, leader of Thai delegation Mr Kraitit Nilkuha and leader of Myanmar delegation Director-General of Energy Planning Department under the Ministry of Energy U Soe Aung delivered addresses. Then senior officials and leaders of respective delegations posed for documentary photos. Afterwards, Director-General U Soe Aung who acted as patron focused on energy matters with those attendees and then the meeting came to a close in the evening. MNA

Electronic & Living ’09 to be held on 3 Sept

Yangon, 1 Aug — Electronic and Living ’09 will be held aiming to expose customers with new technologies and services marketed and advertised by entrepreneurs and to enable customers to buy items at reasonable price in Tatmadaw Hall on U Wizara Road here from 3 to 6 September. Various electronic products such as games, MP3/4/5, mobile phones, cameras, DVD, EVD, Office Automation, computers and its related tools etc will be sold in the exhibition. Housing booths, mini mechanism booths and education services booths will be staged together with advertising shows. Any one may attend the exhibition free of charge and contact 0948803251 for more information. — MNA

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

Kyaikmaraw in Mon State on right path of development

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With an area of 516,048 square miles, its population is about 200,000; that although its residents are various national races, the majority are Mon nationals; that the township is extensively engaged in paddy cultivation, rubber and gardening. The township has already put 65,000 acres under monsoon paddy against the target of 100,000 acres this year. The township is enjoying self-sufficiency in rice as it grows quality strain paddy that suits the region. Now, arrangements are being made applying a wide range of agricultural methods for the township to boost the per acre yield. It is fair to say that the township enjoys favourable weather as it has an annual rainfall of about 200 inches.

For regional development, the township is now engaged in extensive growing of rubber and edible oil crops. The education sector of the township is in full swing as all basic education schools are complete with teaching and learning aids. This can be attributable to the contributions of the government and the people. In the health sector, it attaches great importance to public health care services with the extended opening of one rural health care unit and one traditional medicine clinic in addition to the 25-bed township hospital and the 16-bed hospital in Chaungnakwa Village.

In the past, the majority of local people of 100 villages of 31 villages-tracts had to rely on waterways as Ahtaran River flows from south-east to north-west of Kyaikmaraw passing through those regions. At present, local people can travel from one place to another making the best use of Mawlamyine-Hpa-an Road on which Ahtayan Bridge was constructed. With combined efforts of the government and local people, roads were upgraded. The six-mile Karon-Tarana-Kopaly Road was upgraded into tarred one while the 36-mile Tarana-Chaungnakwa Road was upgraded into gravel one. Better transport in the region will surely contribute towards the development of border areas. With those facilities, a local can travel to villages east and north of Mawlamyine with peace of mind.

Meanwhile, the communication sector of the township is in its prime since the CDMA phone lines were facilitated right down to villages. Now, arrangements are being made to install 500 auto-tel phones in the township.

With prevalence of peace and stability, regional development tasks could be carried out all the more, thereby enabling villages of the township to enjoy the fruits of rural development.

Translation: HKA

U Nyunt Hlaing, Chairman of Kyaikmaraw Township. (Myanma Alin: 1.8-2009)

Sight with a long row of toddy palm trees on either side of the road to Kyaikmaraw Township of Mon state.

Thriving paddy field in Kyaikmaraw Township.
China launches dispute with EU over screw imports

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Man who was Iceland’s 2nd richest is bankrupt

REYKJAVIK, 1 Aug—The second richest man in Icelandic history has filed for bankruptcy, his spokesman said on Friday.

Bjorgolfur Gudmundsson, the brewer-turned-billionaire and former owner of the West Ham soccer club, applied for bankruptcy protection at Reykjavik district court, 96 billion Icelandic kronur ($759 million) in debt, Asgeir Fridgeirsson said.

It is the largest bankruptcy filing in Icelandic history.

Gudmundsson was the elder half of a father-and-son pair of billionaires whose success was synonymous with the country’s debt-fueled economic miracle. But their fortunes faltered when the Icelandic economy imploded last year under the impact of the credit crunch.

Man threw dog off 6th-floor NYC roof

NEW YORK, 1 Aug—A New York City man has been accused of throwing his dog from the roof of a six-floor city housing project, critically injuring the animal.

Animal welfare officers arrested 19-year-old Fabian Henderson of Brooklyn on Friday. He has been charged with aggravated cruelty to animals and reckless endangerment, both felonies.

Joseph Pentangelo with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals says surgeons have to reassemble Oreo’s front legs. The 1-year-old terrier mix is able to walk.

Residents of the housing project called the animal welfare group last month, saying a dog was being beaten inside an apartment. Neighbors later called to say a dog had been thrown off a building’s roof.

Officers do not know if Henderson has an attorney.—Internet

Woman breastfeeds baby ape in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 1 Aug—A woman was learned to keep and even breastfeed a baby ape at home, reported a local newspaper here on Saturday.

The Star quoted Malaysian Department of National Parks and Wildlife officers as saying that a check at the woman’s house found a baby ape being brought up like a child.

The woman admitted that she did not have a license to rear the ape, which was, when found, dressed in clothes and disposable diapers, said The Star.

Officers from the department approached the woman’s house after receiving complaints from her neighbor, claiming that the ape had caused disturbance and hygiene problem, added The Star.

The Star also said although the officers did not find the place dirty, they seized the ape as it was after all wildlife and had wild instincts.

According to the woman, she had been rearing the ape since it was born.—Internet

A pampered posh pig: nannies, massages, own rooms

RAMALLAH, 1 Aug—Fatah, the divided and demoralized movement of the late Yasser Arafat and the West’s best hope for delivering a Middle East peace deal, is trying to stage a comeback.

On Tuesday, Fatah is supposed to open its first convention in 20 years, hoping to clean up its corruption-tainted image and transform itself into a vibrant alternative to the Islamic militants of Hamas.

The international community, including US diplomats, is watching anxiously, since Fatah is the only vibrant alternative to the Islamic militants of Hamas.

Yet there are signs that the movement, paralyzed by infighting and generational power struggles, is incapable of reform. And because of a bitter standoff with Hamas, it’s not even certain the three-day convention in the West Bank city of Bethlehem will open on schedule.

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Britain to outlaw most private organ transplants

LONDON, 1 Aug—The British government said on Friday that it plans to ban private organ transplants from dead donors to allay fears that prospective recipients can buy their way to the front of the line. A government-commissioned report recommended that organs donated within the state-run National Health Service should stay within the public health system, which provides universal care to everyone who lives in Britain. Though transplants are free, there are long waiting lists.

Very few Britons have private transplants, so in practice the rules will stop overseas patients from coming to Britain and paying privately for a transplant. The report by Elisabeth Buggins, former head of the Organ Donation Taskforce, was commissioned after a media storm over cases in which foreigners were given transplants from dead Britons.

Several newspapers reported last year that about 50 foreign patients had received livers from British donors at two London hospitals. The transplants were legal because the NHS has a duty to treat anyone who is physically in Britain. But since the patients were not covered by Britain’s health system, they paid a fee to the hospitals and doctors involved.—Internet

HK reports third death related to new flu

HONG KONG, 1 Aug—Hong Kong reported its third A/H1N1-flu-related death on Saturday as a man died at the Princess Margaret Hospital was confirmed to have carried the virus. Controller of the Center for Health Protection of Hong Kong Thomas Tsang said after attending a local radio programme on Saturday morning that since the man had serious heart disease which was believed to be the main cause of death. The 58-year-old man, with chronic heart disease, sought treatment for fever, cough and shortness of breath in the hospital on 30 July. He was admitted to the hospital after preliminary X-ray examination showed he had a chest infection.—Internet

Nasal vaccine developed for swine flu

NEW YORK, 1 Aug—Maryland-based Medimmune pharmaceuticals expects to produce nearly five times the amount of H1N1 vaccine it predicted at the beginning of the year after a large order from the US government. Medimmune’s executive vice president for operations told The New York Times that Medimmune is of the five companies under contract to produce H1N1 flu vaccine. Medimmune also makes the nasal spray vaccine FluMist for seasonal flu viruses. The project calls for drilling ground water reserves at 35 sites from north of Ashdod to Sderot, and the “water carrying salts and other minerals,” will be pumped to desalination plants and turned into drinking water, Haaretz said on Friday. The salt residue from the process will be pumped out to sea, the paper said. Nitrate concentrations have grown because of increased use of fertilizers and the use of sewage treatment or wastewater for irrigation, the Environmental Protection Agency said.

Mountain living good for heart health

ZURICH, 1 Aug—People who live in the Swiss Alps have fewer heart problems than those living in valleys, researchers at Zurich University said. Even being born at high altitudes decreased the risk of a heart attack or stroke, researchers from the university’s Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine said this week in Circulation, the journal of the American Heart Association. The study examined death from cardiovascular disease in relation to the altitude of the place of residence in 1990 and at birth for 1.6 million people living in Switzerland. The risk of dying of a heart attack decreased by 22 percent for every 1,093 yards of increase in altitude, the study’s lead author, David Fah, said. The risk of stroke decreased by 12 percent for every 1,093 yards in increase in altitude, SwissInfo reported on Friday. The researchers had yet to determine why altitude was beneficial for hearts or pinpoint how long someone would need to stay at a higher altitude before feeling the benefits.—Internet

Pregnant women should be priority group for A/H1N1 immunization, says WHO

GENEVA, 1 Aug—Pregnant women are more prone to get severe or fatal illness when infected with the A/H1N1 virus, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Friday. In a statement, the UN agency also “strongly recommends that, in areas where infection with the A/H1N1 virus is widespread, pregnant women, and clinicians treating them, be alert to symptoms of influenza-like illness.” “Treatment with the antiviral drug oseltamivir should be administered as soon as possible after symptom onset,” it said. “As the benefits of oseltamivir are greatest when administered within 48 hours after symptom onset, clinicians should initiate treatment immediately and not wait for the results of laboratory tests,” it added.—Internet
Corinthians seek Argentine star Riquelme

RIO DE JANEIRO, 1 Aug—Corinthians soccer team made it known on Friday that they are actively seeking out the Argentine midfielder Riquelme. The club from Sao Paulo is working with the Sonda Sports Agency to bring in the star player over from his Buenos Aires team Boca Juniors.

Ronaldo has already offered his complements to the player and acknowledges that he would be a key piece to the team’s puzzle in their run at the 2010 Libertadores Cup. The Sonda Sports Agency is the same group that was responsible for Nilmar’s sale to the Spanish club Villarreal.—Internet

Chelsea’s Terry has point to prove after City flirt

LONDON, 1 Aug—John Terry is not the kind of man to become suffused by self-doubt, but even Chelsea’s cast-iron captain might feel the odd anxious twinge when he leads his team out at Stamford Bridge for this season’s curtain-raiser against Hull.

Ordinarily, nobody is guaranteed a more vociferous reception in west London than Terry, the man with blue blood coursing through the veins. But after a close season when he has engaged in a very public and pointed dalliance with Manchester City, he might wonder if his standing has slipped among the fans who once idolised him.

Terry has maintained that he never countenanced a move to Eastlands and that the delay in issuing a public statement flatly rejecting City’s interest was simply down to logistics. Terry’s interest in City – and their rumoured £250,000-a-week salary offer – was an open secret for weeks and his refusal to be pressed into a quick denial was significant for two reasons.

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Zenit sign midfielder Rosina

SAINT PETERSBURG, 1 Aug—Russia’s 2007 champions Zenit St Petersburg have signed midfielder Alessandro Rosina from Italian side Torino, on a four-year deal, the club reported Friday.

No financial details of the deal for 25-year-old Rosina were disclosed. Zenit’s Dutch manager Dick Advocaat, who has announced his decision to quit at the end of the Russian Premier League season in November, expressed disapproval of the deal.

Spain’s first goal

CANADA, 31 July—Spain’s first goal in a World Championship against Argentina’s Diego Simeone came on a penalty kick awarded to Raul in the 15th minute of the match held in Toronto.

In the 34th minute, Jordi Rivaldi of Spain scored on a penalty shot taken by Xavi, giving Spain a 2-0 lead in the final match of the World Championship.

Venus tops Sharapova; Serena loses to Stosur

STANFORD, 1 Aug—Venus Williams defeated Maria Sharapova 6-2, 6-2 at the Bank of the West Classic on Friday night. Australia’s Samantha Stosur, winner of 22 WTA doubles titles and no singles titles, provided the biggest stunner though, beating Serena Williams.

“Stosur played very well,” Williams said of her 6-2, 3-6, 6-2 victory over the Wimbledon don champion. “We don’t always play our best tennis every single day. Maybe she didn’t play her best and I played very well.”

Flame of China’s 11th National Games lit atop Mt Taishan

JINAN, 1 Aug—The sacred flame of China’s 11th National Games was lit at 10:27 am local time atop Mt. Taishan at Tai’an city of East China’s Shandong Province on Saturday.

The Organizing Committee of the quadrennial event announced the opening of the flame-lighting ceremony at 10:10 am, as six guards escorted China’s national flag to the top with the national anthem being played. A convex lens was placed earlier on a 40-square-meter natural stone platform, about 100 meters below the mountain peak. The palm-sized lens was set at an angle right facing the direction of sunrise.—Internet

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LA Open’s second seed Fish withdraws due to injury

WASHINGTON, 1 Aug—Second-seeded American Mardy Fish announced to pull out of the ongoing LA Open ahead of the quarterfinals on Friday due to an abdominal strain.

The world No. 21, highest-ranked player at the hardcourt event, had been scheduled to face Argentina’s Leonardo Mayer in the last eight and his withdrawal sent the 22-year-old Mayer to his first ATP semifinals.

Mayer will meet Australian qualifier Carsten Ball, who won 6-4, 6-4 over American John Isner on Friday. The event has granted German Tommy Haas, ranked 22nd in the world, as the top seed, and double grand slam champion Marat Safin of Russia was the other big name in the draw.—Internet

Venus Williams returns to Maria Sharapova of Russia, during the quarterfinals of the Bank of the West tennis tournament in Stanford, Calif, on 31 July, 2009.—Internet
De Rossi rules out Arsenal switch

AS Roma midfielder Daniele De Rossi (pictured) has ruled out a possible move to English Premier League side Arsenal.

The Londoners were rumoured to be interested in signing the 26-year-old but De Rossi claims he has had no contact from the Gunners and has no intention of leaving his home town club.

“Arсенал? I haven’t heard anything. Roma said I’m untransferable and I want to stay here,” he said.

“We have to do very well because a gap has opened up between us and the top three in the last campaign. We have to rediscover a certain mentality and work culture that we lost last year, me and Genoa and Lazio. We have to do very well because a gap has opened up between us and the top three,” he said.

“Right now we are fighting with Fiorentina, more than anyone else.”—De Rossi

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Saturday, 1st August, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State and lower Sagaing Division, rain have been isolated in Chin State and Magway Division, scattered in Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in upper Sagaing, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Rakhine and Mon States, isolated heavyfalls in Kayin State and Ayeawady Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were: Nay Pyi Taw (Lewe) (0.52) inch, Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinma) (0.04) inch, Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinma) (0.47) inch, Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinma) (0.47) inch, Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinma) (0.47) inch, Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinma) (0.47) inch, Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinma) (0.47) inch, Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinma) (0.47) inch.

Maximum temperature on 31-7-2009 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 1-8-2009 was 68°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 1-8-2009 was 96%. Total sun shine hours on 31-7-2009 Division was (1.8) hours approx. Rainfall on 1-8-2009 was (1.46) inches at Minaladon, (1.97) inches at Kaba-Aye and (2.16) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (71.97) inches at Minaladon, (90.04) inches at Kaba-Aye and (82.99) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southweset at (13:30) hours MST on 31-7-2009.

Bay inference: Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal. Forecast valid until evening of 2nd August, 2009: Rain will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan State and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Chin State and upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine, Mon States and Ayeawady Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Generally strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 2-8-2009: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 2-8-2009: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 2-8-2009: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).
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Educative talks on traffic rules given

YANGON, 1 Aug—Head of No. 3 Traffic Region of Yangon Police Force’s Cordless and Traffic Police Unit Captain Win Shwe and party gave educative talks on traffic rules to 497 teachers and students at the No. 1 Basic Education Middle School in Dagon Township while Head of No. 4 Traffic Region Police Captain Khin Maung and party gave educative talks to 310 teachers and students at No. 8 Post Primary School in Thingangyun Township today.—MNA

Fifth and sixth patients infected with A (H1N1) discharged

Remaining four getting better

No more infected person found

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug—Out of 10 patients infected with new influenza A (H1N1), four were discharged from the hospital today for they had recovered from the illness. It was learnt that the remaining six patients were being treated at Waibaghi Hospital, Yangon General Hospital, Yangon East Hospital and Yangon Children’s Hospital.

The fifth and sixth patients were discharged today as they had recovered from their illness. Surveillance measures against the family members who had been in contact with the patients were halted. There are now two patients at Waibaghi Hospital, one at Yangon General Hospital and another at Yangon East Hospital. The four patients have been kept in separate rooms and they are getting better. The Ministry of Health continues screening flu-suspected persons and no more A (H1N1) infected person has been found. Public Health Laboratory has screened 117 flu-suspected persons so far and 10 have been found to have been infected with the virus.—MNA

Kyaikmaraw in Mon State on right path of development

The news crew of Myanma Alin Daily that was in Mawlamyine to write an article on development of Kyaikmaraw Township left the central main road of Mawlamyine and arrived at the road section where the statue of Brahminy duck was placed. The statue is none other than the symbol of Mon nationals.

It was a junction where roads leading to Kyaikmaraw Township, Mawlamyine Township, Minthayar Myothit and Hpa-an of Kayin State meet.

Along Mawlamyine-Kyaikmaraw road there are rubber plantations and paddy on either side. At the entrance to Kyaikmaraw, there is a long row of toddy palm trees that virtually reflect the glory and identity of Mon State.

On arrival at Kyaikmaraw, we the news crew met Chairman of Kyaikmaraw Township Peace and Development Council U Nyunt Hlaing and held an interview with him on regional development. He said in an interview that Kyaikmaraw Township is included in Mawlamyine District and made up of seven wards and 167 villages in 44 village-tracts; that (See page 10)

Ahtaran bridge in Mawlamyine Township of Mon State.