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Senior General Than Shwe sends UN Day message

Myanmar has great faith in important role played by United Nations in promoting social justice, economic progress and better standards of living of citizens of the world

Myanmar will work towards vision of the United Nations

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—The following is the full text of the message sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe on the occasion of the 64th Anniversary of the founding of the United Nations.

Today is the 64th Anniversary of the founding of the United Nations. On this special occasion, we join the Member States of the World Organization in commemorating and celebrating this very significant and auspicious day for the international community.

Sixty-four years ago, the United Nations was established to bring peace and stability to the chaotic world devastated by scourge of two World Wars. Overriding concerns of the United Nations in its early part of history had been its peace agenda. In the height of cold war with an impending threat of nuclear war and seemingly endless regional conflicts across the globe, it became imperative that peace and stability must prevail if development and progress are to be achieved. Over the decades, the United Nations has successfully maintained international peace and security. Moreover, the United Nations also made advances in the field of development, protection of the environment and promotion of international law, etc. These advances are made possible by the commitments of the Member States to work collectively and cooperatively within the United Nations.

The world again faces complex crises threatening development and security. At this juncture, we need to look to the founding principles of the United Nations to address the challenges. The world today is undergoing profound changes. We are living in a global and interdependent world. Never before in time of peace, have the members of the United Nations been presented with so many new challenges and opportunities. These have far reaching impacts on the entire international community.

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Greater focus should be on economic and social development to meet internationally agreed goals including the MDGs

Secretary-1 attends 64th Anniversary of founding of the United Nations

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—A ceremony to mark the 64th Anniversary of the founding of the United Nations was observed at the City Hall, here, at 10 am today, with an address by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo.

Also present on the occasion were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, ministers, deputy ministers, the director-general of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, ambassadors and wives, Chargés d’Affaires ai of the foreign missions led by Dean of the Diplomatic Corps Ambassador of the Republic of Singapore to the Union of Myanmar Mr Robert Chua Hian Kong.

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**Beef up multilateral cooperation between Myanmar and China**

Myanmar and the People’s Republic of China are good-neighbourly nations, sharing the border. There have been goodwill visits and exchanges between the leaders of the two nations and bilateral cooperation in various sectors.

General Thih Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council, paid a visit to Nanning to attend the Sixth China-ASEAN Expo and China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit held from 19 to 22 October at the invitation of the government of the People’s Republic of China.

The Secretary-1 met Chairman of People’s Congress/Standing Committee in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of the People’s Republic of China Secretary of Guangxi Committee of Communist Party Mr Guo Shengkun at Liyuan International Conference Centre in Nanning on 20 October.

At the meeting, the Secretary-1 expressed his thanks for arrangements to open a Myanmar economic representative office in Nanning and said that opening the consulate general and economic representative office would facilitate multilateral cooperation between the two nations. The Secretary-1 also invited cooperation in agricultural, mineral, energy and hydropower sectors.

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The relationship between Myanmar and the People’s Republic of China has been cemented for generations. Therefore, the visit of the Secretary-1 to Nanning will surely promote bilateral and multilateral cooperation between Myanmar and the People’s Republic of China.

**CONCORDIA Int’l Co Ltd’s Tazaungdine special sales on 27 Oct**

YANGON, 24 Oct.—Tazaungdine special sales of CONCORDIA International Co Ltd will be held at Thirtyadan Market, No. (144) in Nay Pyi Taw from 27 to 29 October.

Topcon brand land-surveying materials, Garmin brand GPS, Fuji Xerox brand colour copiers, A3 A4 black/white laser printers, colour printers, multi-purpose digital copiers, NEBUNIZER machines produced by Italy and Bp Cuff and ECG machines produced by Germany, will be on sale at Tazaungtai special sales.

Topcon brand land-surveying materials are high quality products and use all over the world for their qualifications.

Garmin brand GPS and Fuji Xerox brand printers also are high quality products.

Thanks for the gratitude to customers, special discount will be offered during the special sales period.

For details information, for Yangon (Tel: 951-544824, 558170, 540026), for Mandalay (Tel: 02-36478, 0950-67172, 02-69303) and for Nay Pyi Taw (Tel: 067-420819 and 421362).

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The imbalances in global economic, financial and trade environment remain a major impediment for many developing countries. The emerging global issues of climate change, financial and economic crises, and food and energy crises threaten to undermine socio-economic progress gained, including the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals.

The United Nations is the best forum to tackle global challenges, as well as for guaranteeing international peace and security. The challenges that we are facing today can best be addressed by an integrated approach. The United Nations, the most universal institution has also on its agenda vast array of works that touch every aspect of the lives of people around the world. Therefore, full potential of the United Nations must be galvanized.

It is clear that no country can deal with the multitude of global problems alone. They can be effectively resolved only through collective efforts within the most representative international mechanism. Myanmar has great faith in the important role played by the United Nations in promoting social justice, economic progress and better standards of living of the citizens of the world. Our hope for a better, more prosperous and peaceful world remains with the World Organization.

On this 64th Anniversary of the founding of the United Nations, let us reaffirm our support and commitment to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations which have proved timeless and universal. Together with the international community, Myanmar will work towards the vision of the United Nations that is a center of harmonizing the actions of nations for attainment of peace, security and prosperity for all.

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**Yangon Division Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee observes 20th anniversary ceremony**

YANGON, 24 Oct.—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended the prize presentation for the exhibition and competition to mark the 20th anniversary of Yangon Division Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee at the National Theatre in Dagon Township this morning.

Patron of the Supervisory Committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Than Oo and other Supreme Committee formally opened the ceremony.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe unveiled the signboard of the exhibition and competition.

Next, he viewed automobiles manufactured by industrial zones of Yangon Division displayed in front of the National Theatre and prize winning works in the photo, short story, article, poem and cartoon competitions displayed in the hall of the National Theatre.

He signed in the record book of the exhibition.

On the occasion, the commander delivered an opening address.

The chairman of the supervisory committee presented portraits to Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander and Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin.

Officials also presented gifts to the guests.

Afterwards, the commander, the Yangon Mayor and officials awarded the winners and presented certificates of honour to them.---MNA
Japan Govt coalition partner rejects US base proposal

TOKYO, 24 Oct — A coalition partner of Japan’s centre-left government on Saturday voiced opposition to a fresh proposal for keeping a controversial US base within the southern Japanese island of Okinawa.

Foreign Minister Kaoru Yosano told reporters on Friday the Marine Corps' Futenma Air Base should not be moved off Okinawa but could be merged with other US military facilities in the island.

But Mitsuho Fukushima, head of the Social Democratic Party, one of the two minor coalition parties, rejected the proposal and insisted that the base must be moved off the island. “I oppose the hasty and coercive proposal,” Fukushima told reporters. “We should not be in a hurry even if it takes some time before reaching a final conclusion.”

The government has previously said it will review a 2006 agreement to move the base from a crowded urban to a coastal area of Okinawa by 2014, and has even suggested the facility be moved off the island.

A row over the planned relocation cast a shadow on the Japan-US security alliance ahead of the first visit by US President Barack Obama to Japan on November 12-13.

Two NATO members say no more troops to Afghanistan now

Bratislava (Slovakia), 24 Oct — Two NATO members say they won’t be willing to send new troops to Afghanistan until a presidential runoff election on November 7 delivers a legitimate government and President Barack Obama has decided on a new strategy there.

Dutch Defence Minister Eimert Van Middelkoop says his country is awaiting the final election results “because the legitimacy of the Afghan government is key” as well as a decision by Obama.

Van Middelkoop said on Friday “I think most countries are waiting for the American decisions.”

Danish Defence Minister Soeren Gade said allies won’t increase troop levels until they’re assured the new government in Kabul is committed to the NATO goals.

The ministers spoke at a meeting of NATO defence ministers in Slovakia.

Afghans object to US hit list

KABUL, 24 Oct — US and NATO troops in Afghanistan have been given a hit list of 50 reputed drug lords, against the wishes of the government.

Afghan officials suggest killing suspects on the list could undermine respect for law in the country and anger local residents who already believe coalition soldiers are more concerned with killing Afghans than reconstructing the country.

Gen Mohammad Daud Daud, the deputy interior minister for anti-narcotics, said the United States should share its information. “They should respect our law, our constitution and our legal codes,” Daud said. “We have a commitment to arrest these people on our own.”

Three fuel tanks burn inside the gasoline warehouse and distribution center of Caribbean Petroleum Corp., owned by Gulf, in Catano, Puerto Rico, in the early hours of Friday, 23 Oct, 2009.

UK navy forces to return to Iraq

LONDON, 24 Oct — British naval personnel are to return to Iraq to train local forces, Armed Forces Minister Bill Rammell has said.

The announcement comes after politicians in Baghdad passed legislation allowing their return.

The six-year British military mission in Iraq ended on 30 April this year with all UK personnel withdrawn in July. The Ministry of Defence said that the navy personnel would be back in Iraq next month.

Mr Rammell told the Commons it was agreed “training activity should resume as soon as possible.”

In a written statement, he said: “The government intends to notify the Iraqi government within the next few days that the UK is ready to bring this agreement into force.”

Between 100 and 150 British service personnel withdrew to Kuwait in July after the Iraqi parliament failed to ratify an agreement allowing them to remain. The MoD has indicated that about the same number of Royal Navy personnel would return.

Explosion hits Gulf facility in Puerto Rico

CATANO (Puerto Rico), 24 Oct — An explosion at a Gulf gasoline facility Friday rocked a neighborhood outside Puerto Rico’s capital, causing at least some minor injuries and forcing evacuations as firefighters raced to prevent additional blasts.

A column of black smoke and flames were rising from the Caribbean Petroleum Corp, a gasoline warehouse and distribution center on San Juan’s bay that owns the Gulf brand in Puerto Rico.

Authorities said the cause and the scale of the damage were not immediately clear.

FBI agents on the scene were among those investigating what caused the blast around 12:30 a.m (0430 GMT), according to police chief Jose Figueroa Sancha. A police helicopter that flew over the area confirmed that 11 of more than 30 tanks had exploded.

Figueroa Sancha said. Firefighters were planning to chill the remaining tanks in an effort to keep them from exploding.

Dozens of fuel trucks were also being moved from the area.

“This is about containment,” firefighter Brenda Rodriguez said.

Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Kathleen Bergen said the agency put a temporary flight restriction in place over the area because of smoke.
**Malaysia expects larger budget deficit this year**

**Kuala Lumpur, 24 Oct—**Malaysia expected a larger budget deficit this year, mainly due to the government’s extra expenditure spent to boost the country’s economy. In the Economic Report 2009/2010 officially released by the Malaysian Finance Ministry here on Friday, the country’s budget deficit for 2009 is estimated at 7.4 percent of the year’s gross domestic product (GDP).

Although a lower budget deficit of 5.6 percent of GDP is estimated for 2010, it is still higher than the deficit in 2008, which was 4.8 percent. The amount totaled to 67 billion ringgit (19.14 billion US dollars) was to be spent over two years to stimulate domestic consumption, given that the export-oriented country had suffered from lower demand from abroad.—Internet

**Cholera kills 70 persons in Nigeria’s Borno State**

Lagos, 24 Oct—At least 70 people had been killed by cholera epidemic in northern Nigeria’s Borno State in the past two weeks, an official announced.

Zabairu Maina, state commissioner for health, told reporters on Thursday that Bia local government area recorded the highest casualties with 55 deaths, out of the 200 people being infected.

Maina said the disease had spread to other five local government areas in the state, the News Agency of Nigeria reported on Saturday.

Earlier this month, some 113 people were killed in a cholera outbreak in the state with nearly 956 others infected.

The state commissioner for health said the Adamawa State cholera outbreak had spread into Borno as the two areas share the state boundary.

He said the outbreak of the disease was compounded by the poor sanitary conditions of the affected communities, noting that throughout the rainy season, people failed to abide by the rules of personal hygiene and sanitation to avoid the rapid spread.

Cholera is an infectious disease that spreads through contaminated drinking water.—Xinhua

**In US, less education means more H1N1 concern**

Washington, 24 Oct—Low-income Americans with no more than a high school education appear more likely to get vaccinated against H1N1 swine flu than people with more money and better schooling, according to a poll released on Friday.

A telephone survey of 3,003 US adults conducted by Thomson Reuters found that 49.8 percent of people with lower education levels were very concerned about H1N1, compared with only 29 percent of those with at least a four-year college degree.

Forty-five percent of the less-educated said they and their families were likely to vaccinate, while only 36 percent of college-educated people expected to be immunized.

All told, 47 percent of those surveyed said they were unlikely to seek vaccination. Flu fears also ran high among 43.3 percent of people with household incomes of $25,000 a year or less, compared with just 30 percent of people with annual incomes of $50,000 or more. Forty percent of poorer Americans said they intended to get vaccinated, versus just over a third of all respondents.—Internet

**EU approves Merck, Schering-Plough tie-up**

Brussels, 24 Oct—The European Union on Friday approved the proposed tie-up of US drug makers Merck & Co and Schering-Plough Corp which would create the second-biggest global producer of prescription medicines.

The EU’s antitrust authorities said in a statement Friday that the “transaction would not significantly impede effective competition” in Europe. The $41.1 billion acquisition of smaller Schering-Plough will allow Merck to leapfrog to No 2 worldwide in prescription medicine, just behind Pfizer Inc, which last week bought Wyeth for $68 billion. The new Merck-Schering company would have about $42.4 billion in annual sales.
Malaysia to bridge trade between East, West

KUALA LUMPUR, 24 Oct—Malaysia is well positioned to leverage on Asian growth prospects to bridge the trade flows between the East and the West, a report said here on Friday. The Economy Report 2009/ 2010 released by the Malaysian Finance Ministry stated that ASEAN, China and India and the Middle East would gain prominence in becoming the main source of consumption demand. This was evident given their prospects for rapid growth in the countries, added the report. The report said while the United States and Europe would remain the main markets for Malaysia, consumption was expected to shift towards Asia, encouraging companies to expand in the region and increase product mix. Therefore, Malaysia needed to develop a unique value proposition to attract foreign direct investment, added the report. According to the report, the Malaysian government already identified areas where the country has competitive advantages, including Islamic finance, halal industry, resource-based industries and tourism.

Danish soldier killed in Afghanistan

STOCKHOLM, 24 Oct—A Danish soldier has been killed during a patrol in southern Afghanistan, according to reports reaching here from Copenhagen on Friday.

“A soldier of the Danish Royal Lifeguards has been killed in Afghanistan during a foot patrol in a bazaar area in the Green Zone close to the Sandford Camp near Rahim Qalay in the Gereshk Valley,” reported the Danish online newspaper Politiken.

The soldier of the Royal Lifeguard Mechanized Infantry Company was dead upon arrival at the field hospital at Camp Bastion, said the Politiken.

“With the greatest compassion that we think of them at this difficult time,” Brigadier General Peter Harry Lund was quoted by the Politiken as saying.

Bolivia, China, ITU sign understanding statement for satellite construction

LA PAZ, 24 Oct—The Bolivian government, China’s Great Wall Industry Corporation and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) signed an understanding statement on Friday to construct and set a satellite in orbit.

During the signing ceremony, Bolivian President Evo Morales said the understanding statement confirmed that Bolivia would have its own space satellite in three years. This would promote the country’s economic, social and technological development. “It is a priority project to contribute to Bolivia’s development,” Morales declared.

The understanding, previous to a definitive agreement expected to be signed in March 2010, was reached after a three-day meeting among the representatives of the three sides. Follow-up meetings would be held in China in November. The Bolivian delegation traveling to China would not only discuss issues related to the satellite, but also joint investment programmes in various sectors.

LOS ANGELES, 24 Oct—Playing video games too much affects people’s ability to stay focused on tasks requiring close attention, says a study published this week in the US. The Iowa State University study, published in the latest issue of the professional journal Psychophysiology, found those who played video games for about 40 hours a week had more difficulty focusing their attention than those who played video games less than a couple of hours a week.

The study supports research published within the past year, which established a positive association between being addicted to playing video games and having Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD). Rob West, one of the authors of the study and Associate Professor of Psychology and Director of the Cognitive Psychology Programme at Iowa State University, said those individuals who played video game too much really had difficulty trying to maintain their attention independently over time.

“So if they are engaged in some activity that doesn’t really capture their attention — like maybe a classroom lecture, or studying in a quiet space — they’re going to have difficulty maintaining attention on their own,” said West. The study was led by psychology graduate student Kira Bailey.

200 million A/H1N1 vaccines needed in Latin America

PANAMA CITY, 24 Oct—A representative of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), Alba Maria Ropero, said Friday that there were 200 million people in Latin America who needed A/H1N1 vaccines. Ropero reported at the end of a meeting regarding the purchase of A/H1N1 vaccines that they had held a poll among the governments to ascertain the specific amount of vaccines needed and had made an allotment in the PAHO.

The first vaccines were expected to be available at the end of November or early December, she announced. “Some countries are purchasing the vaccines through the Rotary Fund, and others are receiving donations from the World Health Organization, including the poorest countries of the Americas,” she added.
Algae may be secret weapon in climate change war

MIAMI, 24 Oct — Driven by fluctuations in oil prices, and seduced by the prospect of easing climate change, experts are ramping up efforts to squeeze fuel out of a promising new organism: pond scum.

As it turns out, algae — slimy, fast-growing and full of fat — is gaining ground as a potential renewable energy source.

Experts say it is intriguing for its ability to gobble up carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas, while living happily in places that aren’t needed for food crops. Algae likes mosquito-infested swamps, for example, filthily pools, and even waste water. And while no one has found a way to mass produce cheap fuel from algae yet, the race is on.

University labs and start-up companies across the country are getting involved. Over the summer, the first mega-corporation joined in, when ExxonMobil said it would sink 600 million dollars into algae research in a partnership with a California biotechnology company. If the research pans out, scientists will eventually find a cost-effective way to convert lipids from algae ponds into fuel, then pump it into cars, trucks and jets.

“I think it’s very realistic. I don’t think it’s going to take 20 years. It’s going to take a few years,” said chemical engineer George Filipidis, director of applied research at Florida International University in Miami.

One of the factors fueling enthusiasm is algae’s big appetite for carbon dioxide — a by-product of burning fossil fuels. —Internet

Scientists seek origins of obesity in the womb

NEW YORK, 24 Oct — When Kathy Perusse had weight-loss surgery and shed 120 pounds, she may have done more than make her own life easier. She went on to have two daughters, and she may have boosted their chances of avoiding becoming obese, like her two older children.

That’s the implication of research suggesting that something in an obese woman’s womb can program her fetus toward becoming a fat child and adult. It’s not about simply passing along genes that promote obesity; it’s some sort of still-mysterious signal. The idea has only recently entered conversations between doctors and female patients, and scientists are scrambling to track down a biological explanation. That knowledge, in turn, may provide new ways to block obesity from crossing generations.

While there’s some disagreement on how important the womb signal is, “the evidence is building and building that it is a substantial issue,” said Dr Matthew Gillman of Harvard Medical School, who studies prevention of obesity. Others agree. “I think it could be a hugely significant factor,” said Robert Waterland of the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, who studies the effect in mice. —Internet

In-flight delivery: Malaysian gives birth on plane

An official says a Malaysian woman has given premature birth to a boy on a domestic flight, minutes before it landed in Kuala Lumpur.

Liew Siaw Hsia gave birth on budget carrier AirAsia’s flight from Penang to Kuching on Wednesday.

AirAsia spokesman Nazulat Mokhtar said Friday that the flight was diverted to nearby Kuala Lumpur for an emergency landing when Liew started labour pains.

A doctor on the flight helped the 31-year-old deliver while the plane was still 2,000 feet (600 meters) in the air in its final approach to land.

Nazulat says both the mother and baby are healthy and will get lifetime of free flights. He says Liew was 27 weeks pregnant, 11 weeks short of the full term.

First World War sub found after 93 years

EDINBURGH, 24 Oct — Sleek, silent and submerged, it was Winston Churchill’s secret weapon against the Kaiser’s navy.

The British naval submarine HMS E18 was the scourge of the Baltic during the First World War until it went missing, presumed sunk. Yet now, more than 90 years later the wreck has been found off the coast of Estonia.

The submarine was one of a handful dispatched by Churchill, then First Lord of the Admiralty, to disrupt German deliveries of iron ore from Sweden and to provide support to the Russian navy. Yet HMS E18 has eluded all attempts to locate it, until now.

The sub was found by a Swedish survey vessel, the MV Triad, with the assistance of the grand-son of one of the sub’s former crew. —Internet
Yangon, 24 Oct—Certified Public Accountants (first part) Course No. 35, organized by Myanmar Accountancy Council, will be opened at the training school of Auditor-General Office (Yangon) at No 1/15, Thakin Mya Park Street in Ahlon Township on 15 February 2010.

Those who passed B.Com and B.Act examinations held at Institutes of Economics in 2007 may apply to attend the course. The application forms are available from 19 October to 13 November. Candidates with necessary documents may apply to attend the course at the training school during office hours. For further information, please dial Tel-01-227246. —MNA

Gusto to conduct Applied Programming Course

Yangon, 24 Oct—Gusto Computer Technology Training School will launch an Applied Programming Course “Software Solution with JAVA” to enable those who are studying computer technology and who want to go abroad for further studies not only to access programming techniques but also to apply their own knowledge. Those who want to take the course are to enroll at Gusto Computer Technology Training School, No (26), 14th Street, Lanmadaw Township, Yangon (Phs: 2228896, 224496 and 222052). —MNA
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Tatkon BEHS No. 1 and the third to 5th standard student Ma Thiri of Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon BEHS No. 1 in the basic education middle level essay contest. UN Resident Coordinator Mr Bishow Parajuli awarded first, second and third prizes to 4th standard student Ma Yamin Theingi of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Myoma BEPS No. 1, 4th standard student Ma Saw Yu Nwe of Nay Pyi Taw Lewe BEHS No. 1 and 4th standard student Ma Nanda Myo Oo of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Myoma BEPS No. 1 in the basic education primary level essay contest.

After the ceremony, the Secretary ry-1 and party greeted the diplomats led by the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps of Myanmar, Minister for Industry Maj-Gen Kyaw Dein, Deputy Minister for Industry Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Minister for Finance and Revenue Dr Chan Nyein, Minister for Education Dr Nwe Tin, and Training Board U Hla Myint Oo, Secretary of the Work Committee for organizing the competitions.

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Deputy Minister U Maung Myint reads the message of Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe.—MNA

17th Performing Arts Competitions continue for seventh day

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—The 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued for the seventh day at the designated places, here, today.

Among the audience were Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Kyaw Swa Khaing, Member of Civil Service Selection U Yan Naing Oo and members, subcommittee members, members of the panel of judges (central) and judges from States and Divisions, contestants and supervisors.

At the assembly hall of University of Agriculture, altogether 12 contestants took part in the basic education level (aged 5-10) girls’ Maha Gita contest and 12 in the boys’ Maha Gita contest. Five contestants took part in the narration contest (Kwetsek) for Temiya Drama at the amateure level (first class) at the convocation hall of University of Veterinary Science.

At No. 7 Transit Centre, 10 persons from States and Divisions competed in the amateur level (first class) at the assembly hall of Forest Department, and two places in the women’s contest.

Four students took part in the basic education level (aged 10-15) boys’ mandolin contest and three in the girls’ contest. Four students took part in the basic education level (aged 10-15) boys’ guitar contest and three in the girls’ contest. Four students took part in the higher education level (aged 15-20) men’s guitar contest and three in the women’s contest.

Four students took part in the basic education level (aged 5-10) boys’ oboe contest and five students in the (aged 10-15) boys’ mandolin contest and five students in the (aged 15-20) boys’ mandolin contest at the hall of Agricultural Research Department.

At the hall of Forest Research Department, four boys competed in the basic education level (aged 15-20) mandolin contest and four girls in the (aged 15-20) girls’ contest. Eight contestants participated in the amateure level (first class) men’s mandolin contest and two in the women’s contest.

Three students took part in the basic education level (aged 5-10) girls’ orchestra troupe contest and nine in the amateur level (second class) men’s orchestra troupe contest at the hall of Agricultural Research Department.

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Work committee for organizing performing arts competitions meets

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—The work coordination meeting of work committee for organizing the 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions was held at the auditorium of Forest Research Department in Nay Pyi Taw Yezin yesterday.

Secretary of work committee U Yan Naing Oo made an address.

Next, officials of the Reception and Accommodation Sub-committee explained providing accommodations to contestants from states and divisions at four places in Transit Center and two places in the compound of the University of Agricultural in Yezin and works to be done.

Then those present reported on their respective sectors, and the secretary fulfilled the requirements.—MNA

Tobacco Kills
Commander, Minister attend donation ceremony of Shwe Natural Gas Project

YANGON, 24 Oct — Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Thaung Aye and Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi on 24 October attended the donation ceremony of Shwe Natural Gas Project for health and education sectors at Kamarawady Hall in Kyaukpyu of Rakhine State.

Commander Maj-Gen Thaung Aye spoke on the occasion, and Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi gave accounts of Shwe Natural Gas Project exploring oil and gas in Rakhine Offshore area. On behalf of shareholders, Vice President Dr Su Yeong Yang of Daewoo International Corporation explained purpose of the donation.

Next, Dr Su Yeong Yang handed over documents related to the donations for health and education sectors in Kyaukpyu to officials, and the head of township health department and township education officer presented certificates of honour to him.

It was also attended by Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Myanmar Mr. Park Key-Chong and officials of Daewoo International Corporation, Managing Director U Thein Hay of Myanmar Port Authority, district/township level departmental officials, responsible persons of social organizations and local people.

Next, the commander, the minister, the ambassador and party visited Kyaukpyu Township People’s Hospital, and inspected blood bank, drinking water supply system, intensive care unit and dental clinic donated by Shwe Natural Gas Project.

In the afternoon, they presented school bags and exercise books to students at the new school building of BEHS (branch) in Gonechain village donated by Shwe Natural Gas Project.

So far, Shwe Natural Gas Project, which conducts oil and gas exploration in Rakhine Offshore area, has spent US$ 1.5 million on health, education and social sectors from 2006 to 2009.

Education Minister views activities of schools on School Environment Day

NAVPYTAW, 24 Oct.—Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein together with Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, departmental heads and officials viewed activities of schools in Nay Pyi Taw to mark School Environment Day this morning.

The minister inspected sanitation works being carried out at Nay Pyi Taw Basic Education High School No. (1), Nay Pyi Taw Pyinnmana BEHS No. (3) and Nay Pyi Taw BEMS No. (3).

According to the education calendar, all basic education schools in the country performed sanitation activities as the Saturday of the last week of October is designated as School Environment Day.—MNA

NetInfo to launch CCNA course

YANGON, 24 Oct.—With a view to developing ICT in Myanmar, NetInfo training centre will conduct CCNA course that is networking certificate widely used in international stage.

It is essential to obtain CCNA for those observing computer networking. Booming job opportunities, those wishing to be a professional in a short time are in need of CCNA.

CCNA course is suitable for matriculation passed students, computer university students, technological university students, those who want to be networking professional and wishing to be computer experts for their profession.

The training centre will be opened on every Sunday for networking enthusiasts, departmental employees and networking engineers from private companies.

The course will be launched on 25 October and lasts four months. Any interested persons may contact Building 1, Room 1 of NetInfo training centre, Myanmar Info-tech, Hlaing Township, 2, Room 1 of NetInfo training centre, Myanmar Info-tech, Hlaing Township, here, (Ph: 507045 and 652248).

Labour Minister receives Singaporean Ambassador

Minister U Aung Kyi receives Singaporean Ambassador Mr Robert Chua Hian Kong.—MNA

YANGON, 24 October—Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi received Singaporean Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Robert Chua Hian Kong at the hall of the Ministry of Labour, here, this morning.

The meeting focused on bilateral cooperation on creating job opportunities abroad and workers’ skills courses.—MNA

Delegation of Indian Army Higher Command Course concludes visits

YANGON, 24 Oct.—A delegation led by Brig GV Stayanarayan VSM of Army Higher Command Course of the Indian Armed Forces of India arrived here by air on 21 October to pay a visit in Myanmar.

They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Indian Defence Attaché Col Manoj Mukund Nararvane and officials.

Accompanied by officials, the Indian delegation paid tribute to King Zafah Shah Tomb on Ziwalka Road in Dagon Township and then paid homage to Shwedagon Pagoda.

On 22 October, the Indian delegation together with officials left here and arrived at Heho Airport. Next, they visited Command and General Staff College in Kalaw.

Yesterday morning, the Indian delegation visited Inlay Lake of Nyaungshwe Township and arrived back here by air in the evening.

Together with officials, the Indian delegation paid tribute at Haukkyant Commonwealth War Cemetery today. At noon, they left here by air. They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by the Commandant of Defence Services Medical Academy and senior military officers, the Indian Defence Attaché and officials.

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

Ambassador U Nyan Lynn accredited to Timor-Leste

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct.—The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Nyan Lynn, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Indonesia, concurrently as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.

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Developing countries must boost broadband: UN

Geneva, 24 Oct—Developing countries risk missing out on the benefits of information technology because of their lack of broadband infrastructure, a UN agency said.

Lack of broadband Internet access deprives countries of the possibility of building up offshoring industries, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) said in a report late on Thursday.

It also prevents people from tapping into all the advantages of mobile phones, whose use is exploding in poor countries.

“The narrowing of the digital divide remains a key development challenge,” UNCTAD Deputy Secretary-General Petko Draganov said. “What is known as the broadband gap for example is becoming a serious handicap for companies in many poor countries,” he told a briefing to launch UNCTAD’s Information Economy Report.

Companies and consumers are 200 times more likely to have access to broadband in developed countries than in the poorest Least Developed Countries (LDCs), the report shows.

China holds a launching ceremony for its Nasdaq-style market, ChiNext, in Shenzhen, Guangdong Province, on 23 Oct, 2009.—XINHUA

A man rides a horse during an exhibition at the horse’s Show in El Jadda on 23 October, 2009.—INTERNET

Fire burns 930 hectares in Southland of New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 24 Oct—Four helicopters using monsoon buckets are tackling a blaze that has burned 930 hectares of scrubland on New Zealand’s Tiwai Peninsula in Southland, including conservation land.

The front of the fire has been brought under control but a large area is still being tacked by 40 firefighters and the helicopters, and it will likely be several hours before the fire can be brought under control. Radio New Zealand reported on Saturday.

A contractor is believed to have accidentally started the fire at the Peninsula, near Bluff, about 4:30 p.m. Friday and it quickly spread along a long, thin front, according to the Southern Rural Fire Authority.

Firefighter Sue Peterson said the flames had reduced in height from five meters on Friday to between three and four meters on Saturday. There was little wind and conditions were favorable to firefighters.

However she said the damage to protected flora on the peninsula would be extensive.

Ten dead in Venezuela bus crash

CARACAS, 24 Oct—At least 10 bus passengers have been killed and another 12 injured when their vehicle collided with a truck on a main freeway in the Venezuelan capital, rescue officials said.

“Eight people died at the scene and another two” died at local hospitals, said Victor Lira, director of the area’s Civil Protection agency, adding that some of the wounded were in a critical condition.

The head of the city’s firefighters, William Martinez, said the truck appeared to have lost control and struck the back of the bus, pushing it onto the median where it flipped over.

Authorities have launched an investigation to determine whether excessive speeding or a brake failure may have caused the crash.

Last weekend, at least 24 people died in two traffic accidents on Venezuela’s chaotic freeways.

Sony looks for box office hit with “This Is It”

LOS ANGELES, 24 Oct—Heading towards its 28 October release, Michael Jackson movie “This Is It” looks like a box office winner for Sony’s Columbia Pictures movie studio with one estimate saying it could make more than $600 million (366 million pounds) worldwide in a limited two-week run.

Jackson’s many fans are hungry for one last chance to see their idol sing and dance on screen, and the film’s makers promise an image of him that is more like the pop star who ruled the charts in the 1980s, and less like the frail paparazzi target he seemed in recent years. Industry watchers say the unique nature of “This Is It” — part documentary and part concert film starring a legend who is no longer living — make it difficult to judge how successful it will be for Sony Corp unit Columbia Pictures because there are few, if any, comparisons to it.

Lenovo expects big PC sales boost from Windows seven

SHANGHAI, 24 Oct—Lenovo (0992.HK), the world’s fourth-biggest personal computer maker, expects a boost in its PC sales from the launch of Microsoft’s (MSFT.O) new operating system, Windows 7, its chairman said on Saturday.

“It will have a big impact, and we have made a lot of preparations for it,” Lenovo Chairman Liu Chuanzhi said in remarks, translated from Mandarin, which indicated the impact would be positive.

Liu spoke to Reuters on the sidelines of an industry forum but declined to give a revenue contribution forecast.

Earlier this week, Lenovo launched two new laptops under its corporate line, both running the new Microsoft operating system.

Industry-watchers are betting on further recovery of computer sales next year as the global economy improves and businesses replace old machines. However, opinion is divided on how strong the impact of Windows 7 will be.

Microsoft Corp launched Windows 7 on Thursday, its most important release for more than a decade, aiming to win back customers after the disappointing Vista.
WHO: nearly 5,000 swine flu deaths worldwide

GENEVA, 24 Oct—Nearly 5,000 people have reportedly died from swine flu since it emerged this year and developed into a global epidemic, the World Health Organization said on Friday.

Since most countries have stopped counting individual swine flu cases, the figure is considered an underestimate. WHO said there were 4,999 total deaths through 18 Oct, most of them in the Western Hemisphere. The figure was up 264 from a week earlier.

Iceland had its first swine flu death this week, and WHO said Sudan and Trinidad and Tobago also reported deaths from the virus for the first time this week. In London, drug maker GlaxoSmithKline PLC said children may only need one shot of its swine flu vaccine to be protected. In its statement on Friday, Glaxo said one dose was enough to boost children’s immune systems to fight the virus, based on data from a trial in Spain in 200 children aged six months to 3 years.

Glaxo’s finding comes after experts said they expected children would need two doses, since their immune systems are weaker than those of adults. Last week, rival vaccine maker Sanofi Aventis said children would likely need two doses of vaccine against swine flu, or H1N1. The Manufacturers of Australia and the Northern Territory have also said children need two doses.

Nigeria to host airports exhibition in 2010

LAGOS, 24 Oct—Nigeria will host the Airports Council International (ACI)’s 2010 conference and exhibition, an official has said.

Ali Tounsi, secretary general of the ACI Africa Region, expressed his satisfaction with the level of facilities at the Nigerian airports. He told a press conference held in Lagos on Thursday that Nigeria is prepared to host the conference billed to take place in Abuja, capital of Nigeria, and that the ACI would assist in the provision of quality service, particularly on the training and transfer of knowledge to its members.

Richard Ais-uebegun, man-aging director of the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN), said the conference will be attended by over 500 participants and that it would foster opportunity of strengthening non-aeronautical revenue stream for FAAN through relationships and prospects from the event. “The exhibition will afford the aviation suppliers of goods and services and opportunity to showcase member airlines’ products and services for the benefits of the industry,” he added. —Xinhua

Indian Air Force Mig-27 fighter crashes, pilot escapes

NEW DELHI, 24 Oct—A Mig-27 fighter of the Indian Air Force (IAF) crashed in a tea garden near New Jalpaiguri in West Bengal, east India, on Friday but the pilot managed to eject safely, reported the Press Trust of India.

The aircraft was on a routine training sortie from the Hashimara airbase and crashed at around 1:10 pm local time, nearly 15 kilometers from its take-off base, the report quoted IAF officials as saying.

The IAF has ordered an inquiry to investigate the causes behind the crash, which is the ninth so far this year involving the IAF, said the report. —Xinhua

Earthquake hits Irian Jaya Region, Indonesia

HONG KONG, 24 Oct—An intense earthquake measuring 6.0 on the Richter scale occurred in Irian Jaya Region, Indonesia, at 7:22 pm (1122 GMT) on Friday, according to a bulletin released by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The epicenter was initially determined to be 0.9 degrees south latitude and 134.1 degrees east longitude, about 230 kilometers west of Biak, Indonesia.—Xinhua

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Out of the workers, 20 managed to swim ashore while the rest remained missing. Being informed about the incident, divers rushed in and launched rescue operation with the help of local people.

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Shigematsu Works Co’s protective gears are displayed at the Security and Safety Trade Expo in Tokyo on 22 October, 2009.—INTERNET
Pilots missed Twin Cities by 150 miles - but how?

WASHINGTON, 24 Oct – Were the pilots distracted? Catching up on their sleep? Federal investigators struggled to determine what the crew members of a Northwest Airlines jetliner were doing at 37,000 feet as they sped 150 miles past their Minneapolis destination and military jets readied to chase them. Un fortunately, the cockpit voice recorder may not tell the tale.

A report released late Friday said the pilots passed breathalyzer tests and were apologetic after Wednesday night’s amazing odyssey. Authorities said the pilots told them they had been having a heated discussion about airline policy. But aviation safety experts and other pilots were frankly skeptical they could have become so consumed with shouting that they forgot to land an airplane carrying 144 passengers.

The most likely possibility, they said, is that the pilots simply fell asleep somewhere along their route from San Diego. “It certainly is a plausible explanation,” said Bill Voss, president of the Flight Safety Foundation in Alexandria, Va. One of the two pilots, first officer Richard L. Cole, said that wasn’t the case. He also said an argument wasn’t to blame.

“All I’m saying is we were not asleep; we were not having a fight; there was nothing serious going on in the cockpit that would threaten the people in the back at all,” he told The Associated Press in an interview at his home in Salem, Ore.—INTERNET

Hong Kong air pollution equals record high

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Panel says NASA should skip moon, fly elsewhere

WASHINGTON, 24 Oct – NASA needs to make a major detour on its grand plans to return astronauts to the moon, a special independent panel told the White House on Thursday. Under current plans, NASA has picked the wrong destination with the wrong rocket, the panel’s chairman said. A test-flight version of the rocket, the new Ares I, is on a launch pad at Cape Canaveral, awaiting liftoff later this month for its first experimental flight.

Instead, NASA should be concentrating on bigger rockets and new places to explore, the panel members said, as they issued their final 155-page report. The committee, created by the White House in May to look at NASA’s troubled exploration, shuttle and space station programs, issued a summary of their findings last month, mostly urging more spending on space.

On Thursday in a news conference, panel Chairman Norman Augustine focused on fresh destinations for NASA, saying that it makes more sense to put astronauts on a nearby asteroid or one of the moons of Mars.—INTERNET

Feds designate polar bear habitat in Alaska

WASHINGTON, 24 Oct — The Obama administration said on Thursday it is designating more than 200,000 square miles in Alaska and off its coast as “critical habitat” for polar bears, an action that could add restrictions to future offshore drilling for oil and gas. Federal law prohibits agencies from taking actions that may adversely affect critical habitat and interfere with polar bear recovery.

Assistant Interior Secretary Tom Strickland called the habitat designation a step in the right direction to help polar bears stave off extinction, while recognizing that the greatest threat to the bear is the melting of Arctic sea ice caused by climate change.

“As we move forward with a comprehensive energy and climate strategy, we will continue to work to protect the polar bear and its fragile environment,” Strickland said at a news conference. The total area proposed for critical habitat designation would cover about 200,541 square miles — about half in the rugged Chukchi Sea off Alaska’s northwest coast. About 93 percent of the area proposed for the polar bear is sea ice, with the remaining 7 percent made up of barrier islands or landbased dens of snow and ice.—INTERNET

Strong quake strikes near Indonesia’s Papua

JAKARTA, 24 Oct — An earthquake struck near the north coast of Papua, Indonesia, Friday night, but no tsunami warning was issued, the head of nation’s meteorological agency said. The magnitude-5.8 quake, considered a moderate one by US Geological Survey standards, was located at a depth of 35 kilometers (21.7 miles). The quake happened near Manokwari, the capital of West Papua Province, which has a population of about 800,000 people. The quake took place at 11:15 pm (7:15 am ET). “No reports of damage yet, no tsunami warning,” according to Indonesian meteorologist Fauzi, who only uses one name. “We’ll keep an eye on it.”

Manokwari was struck by a series of powerful earthquakes in January — including two that measured over 7.0 in magnitude — that destroyed buildings in the remote area and reportedly killed four people. Indonesia is no stranger to major earthquakes. It is located on the “Ring of Fire,” an arc of fault lines circling the Pacific Basin that is prone to frequent earthquakes and volcanic eruptions.—INTERNET

Light earthquake hits off Oregon

PORTLAND, 24 Oct — A light earthquake on Friday morning off the coast of Oregon was the second to rattle the region in 48 hours. The quake was centered more than six miles down and 245 miles west-southwest of Portland, The Portland Oregonian reported. On Wednesday, a quake struck 279 miles west of Salem at a depth of about six miles.

Friday’s quake measured 4.1 on the Richter scale, the US Geological Survey reported. The is heavy enough to make itself felt near the epicenter, although significant damage is unlikely. John Bellini, an earth quake specialist with the USGS, said two offshore quakes in two days is not unusual in the region. “That area has quakes all the time,” he said. “You get swarms of them a few times a year.”

Earthquake in Indonesia

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Stuttering Barca target response against Zaragoza

MADRID, 24 Oct—Reigning European and Spanish champions Barcelona will aim to put their first dip in form of the season behind them when they host Real Zaragoza in La Liga on Sunday. After losing their perfect league record with a 0-0 draw at Valencia, the Catalan side suffered a shock 2-1 Champions League home defeat by relatively unknown Russians Rubin Kazan in mid-week.

The Kazan loss was Barca’s first since the end of May when they lost 1-0 at home to Osasuna having already wrapped up the league title. “I don’t believe in positive defeats, nor that it gives us a reality check,” said coach Pep Guardiola, whose side lead Real Madrid by a point.—Internet

Rooney injury doubt for Man Utd’s Premier match at Liverpool

LONDON, 24 Oct—England striker Wayne Rooney is doubtful for Manchester United’s Premier League match at Liverpool on the day after his birthday due to a calf injury. “He is always desperate to play; that’s the nature of the boy...It’s going to be important how he does in training on Saturday,” said United manager Alex Ferguson.

The injury, suffering two weeks ago while Rooney played for England, has kept him out of the Red Devils’ last two games. Man United will also miss midfielder Darren Fletcher and Park Ji-sung through injury. Rooney, formerly playing for Liverpool and Everton, has scored seven goals for United this season.—Xinhua

Soderling battles into Stockholm semi-finals

STOCKHOLM, 24 Oct—Top seed Robin Soderling kept home hopes alive when he defeated Spain’s Guillermo Garcia-Lopez 7-6 (7/4), 6-4 in the Stockholm Open quarter-finals on Friday. The Swede, who was runner-up to Argentina’s David Nalbandian in 2008, shook off an early break before taking victory in 1hr 43min.

French Open runner-up Soderling is fighting for one of two remaining spots in next month’s eight-man ATP World Finals in London, standing provisionally ninth behind Nikolay Davydenko and Fernando Verdasco. The Swede can gain some ground this week, though not pass Verdasco, who will not play until Valen-cia in ten days’ time.—Internet

Friedrich rescues point for Bundesliga leaders Leverkusen

BERLIN, 24 Oct—German league leaders Leverkusen were held to a 1-1 draw at home to midtable Borussia Dortmund on Friday with ex-German defender Manuel Friedrich heading a second-half equaliser for the hosts. With second-placed Hamburg playing Schalke 04 on Sunday, Leverkusen missed a chance to underline their sta-tus at the top of the table when they were forced to share the points at home to their tenth-placed visitors.

“We put Dortmund under pressure in the second-half, but we didn’t play well,” admitted Leverkusen coach Jupp Heynckes. “However, I am not dissatis-fied with the 1-1 draw, because Dort-mund played with plenty of spirit and they are on an upsing. Dortmund de-served to take a point home with them.”—Internet

Grand Slam winners Yan/Zheng advance into semis at tennis tournament of National Games

JINAN, 24 Oct—Top seeds and defending champions Yan Zi and Zheng Jie defeated their rivals for the women’s doubles semifinals of the tennis tournament at the Chinese National Games on Friday. Representing Sichuan, Yan/ Zheng beat Zhang Shuai and Xie Yanze of Tianjin 7-6(2), 6-0.

“Although young players posed se-rious challenges to us, we have prepared well,” Zheng said after the match. “I can not concentrate at the beginning of the match, but I adjusted in time to the rhythm and won the match,” said Yan.—Xinhua

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1 Husky
4 Anger
7 To an outstanding degree
9 Pigeon
10 Sharp outcry
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19 Situation
20 Allurement
23 Gracefully
24 Moveable partition
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Down
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Benitez needs Liverpool rally against United

LONDON, 24 Oct—Liverpool manager Rafael Benitez received the dreaded ‘vote of confidence’ ahead of Sunday’s clash against Manchester United but the Spaniard knows kind words alone cannot do much for his side. The Reds, who last won the Anfield fixture on the back of four straight defeats, will be looking for immediate improvement after their 3-0 defeat to Blackburn Rovers on Saturday.

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- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

Secretary-1 of State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo receives Minister of Railways of PRC

Nay Pyi Taw, 24 Oct—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo received Minister of Railways Mr. Liu Zhijun of the People’s Republic of China at the hall of the State Peace and Development Council Office, here, at 8.30 am today.

Also present at the call together with the Secretary-1 were Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Col Thurein Zaw, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of the State Peace and Development Council Office and officials of the Government Office, Charge d’Affaires ai of the Chinese Embassy in Myanmar Mr. Wang Zongying and senior officials of the Ministry of Railways of the PRC.

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