Tatmadaw needs not only physical and mental abilities and strength but also good morale and discipline

It is inevitable that every nation has to undergo transition as a necessity if demanded by history

Senior General Than Shwe delivers an address at the graduation ceremony of 52nd Intake of Defence Services Academy. — MNA

Today is the Graduation Ceremony of the 52nd Intake of the Defence Services Academy. It is a day of important milestone in your lives since you have successfully accomplished your study of academic and military knowledge at the Defence Services Academy. Likewise, it is also a day of reinforcement for the Tatmadaw as you are going to assume your duties as junior Tatmadaw leaders. On this special occasion, I would like to stress solemnly what you should know.

Our Tatmadaw is the people's Tatmadaw which was born of the people with patriotic spirit since its inception. There are several historical milestones throughout the history of the Tatmadaw which stood firm for the State at the forefront whenever the need arises. You have to maintain and pass on such fine traditions of the Tatmadaw. In doing so, you should always uphold as the national concept our three Main National Causes, namely Non-Disintegration of the Union, Non-Disintegration of National Solidarity and Perpetuation of Sovereignty. Based on experience, our Tatmadaw has laid down and pursue Our Three Main National Causes as the State’s ideology and national concept which will always be in conformity with cultural characteristics of our nation and nationalities. Therefore, I would like to urge you to uphold Our Three Main National Causes and strive to implement at your assigned regions Tatmadaw’s three main duties namely, national defence duty, training duty and public services duty. The main duty of our Tatmadaw is national defence and security. In order to fully perform the national defence duty, we have been building our Tatmadaw which is already imbued with patriotic spirit, to be a strong, capable and modern one. To become a strong Tatmadaw, it is necessary to strengthen not only the physical strength such as human, weapons and equipments but also mental strength such as the spirit of self sacrifice for others. To be capable, you should be outfitted with physical and mental prowess. Physical ability of a soldier means military knowledge to win a war or combat ability. Mental ability means perception, confidence, thinking and knowledge of soldiers. A Tatmadaw needs not only physical and mental abilities and strength but also good morale and discipline. Only then, will it become a reliable Tatmadaw for the country. To this end, we have been implementing Four Major Tasks for building the strength of the Tatmadaw.

Leadership is at the core in building internal unity and solidarity to strengthen the Tatmadaw. Only your correct and fair leadership will bring about mutual trust and comradeship among members of the unit and will be able to build a cohesive unity in the unit. So you have to give the correct leadership to your fellow soldiers. “Ranks” can be assigned or appointed but a

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Breed pedigree fish and prawn on a wider scale

Today, the world population is on the increase, so food security has become the major challenge for developing countries. In Myanmar, supply exceeds demand in rice, the staple food.

Contributing over seven per cent to the nation’s GDP, the meat and fish sector takes an important part in food production. Breeding pedigree livestock and fish and prawn, production of hybrid farm animals, and improvement of livestock farming methods are now put in the fore in the livestock and fishery sector. In addition, Myanmar conserves aquatic resources inclusive of fish and prawn and protects them from extinction.

Now, there is a boom in farming freshwater fish, thus bringing the total acreage of fish farms from only 6000 to 200,000 over the past 20 years. Mostly, the farms breed many species of freshwater fish such as large carp (catla buchanani), white Hamilton’s carp, golden Hamilton’s carp, especially carp (laboe rohita) that is in demand in the international market.

Research on advanced fish farming methods is to be carried out extensively not only for adequate supply but also for export of freshwater fish surplus. It is required to constantly produce better species of cross-breed and fingerlings of carp on a commercial scale for boosting production of that species of fish.

Myanmar now has more than 200,000 acres of prawn farms, and saltwater tiger prawn, saltwater white prawn and lobster are common. Soft crab, which is highly marketable, is raised on a large scale in Taninthayi Division, Rakhine State, Ayeyawady Division and Yangon Division. For the time being, Myanmar produces close to 200 tons of soft crab a month.

Farming freshwater and saltwater fish and prawn is a lucrative business. Myanmar’s marine products will be more saleable in the international market if the Myanmar Fishery Federation, related associations, and livestock entrepreneurs use advanced farming methods and breed pedigree fish and prawn extensively.

Refresher course for improving teaching skills in English and Mathematics concludes

It was attended by Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Yar Pyae, senior military officers, Shan state-level departmental heads, rector in charge of Taunggyi University, lecturers and course instructors and trainees.

The commander made a speech on the occasion. After that, the commander and officials concerned presented awards to outstanding trainees and certificates to trainees.

On 6 December, the commander attended the opening ceremony of Commander’s Shield men’s and women’s volleyball tournament at Gymnasium of Shan state sports ground in Taunggyi and delivered an opening speech. After that, the commander enjoyed first day contest.

Five special criminal appeal cases heard

Traffic Police Captain Win Kyi gives educative talk on traffic rules and reduction of crime rate at Megagiri ward in Aungmyaythazan Township, Mandalay on 14 November. —NLM
**World not controlled by superpowers, Asia on the rise**

SEYMOUR, 11 Dec — "The world is no longer dominated, influenced or controlled by one or two superpowers," a politician made a public speech here on Friday at a seminar.

Addressing to the seminar entitled "Social Market Economy", co-sponsored by the Cambodian People’s Party (CPP) and the German-based Konrad Adenauer, Mushahid Hussain Sayed, secretary general of Pakistan Muslim League and also vice-president of the Centrist Democrat International (CDI) - Asia-Pacific, said "the multi-polar world is emerging with Asia as the center of gravity."

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**US soldier dies in Iraq**

BAGHDAD, 11 Dec — An American soldier died on Thursday in a non-combat related incident in Iraq, the US military said. A Multi-National Division-Baghdad soldier died after wounds received in a non-combat related incident, a brief military statement said without providing more details about how and where the incident occurred. An investigation about the incident is underway, it said, adding the name of the deceased is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

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**Bombing kills three in E Afghanistan**

KABUL, 11 Dec — A suicide bombing killed three people, including one police officer and two civilians, in Sharam city, capital of Paktika province in eastern Afghanistan on Friday morning, provincial governor Qaum Qatawazi told Xinhua.

The bombing, which occurred at about 9 a.m., also wounded 18 others, including four policemen, Qatawazi said.

The bomber put the explosive under his jacket and blew it up in a bazaar, he added.

No group has claimed responsibility for the blast so far.

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**Russian strategic bombers patrol Arctic, Pacific oceans**

MOSCOW, 11 Dec — Two Russian bombers have completed a patrol of the Arctic and Pacific oceans, an Air Force spokesman said on Thursday.

"Two Tu-95 MS bombers took off from the Ukrainka airbase on Wednesday and flew from the neutral waters of the Arctic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean," Lt. Col. Vladimir Drik was quoted as saying by the RIA Novosti news agency.

The Tupolev Tu-95s are large, four-engine turbo-prop bombers with a range of 15,000 kilometers.

The bombers were escorted by F-15 Eagle and F-4 fighters during the 16-hour mission, Drik said. He said all of the flights were conducted in strict compliance with international law on the use of airspace over neutral waters, without intruding on the borders of other nations.

Russia resumed strategic bomber patrols over the Pacific, Atlantic and Arctic oceans in August 2007, following an order from then-President Vladimir Putin.

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**Some 10,000 US deaths from H1N1 flu**

ATLANTA, 11 Dec — In the United States, H1N1 flu has killed an estimated 10,000 — including 1,100 children and 7,500 younger adults — federal health officials said Thursday.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates about 15 percent of the country has been infected with H1N1 influenza — about 1 in 6 people — with nearly 50 million cases of H1N1 and nearly 200,000 hospitalizations — much higher than in a usual flu season.

"It’s not quite that you can take the current estimate of 10,000 deaths and subtract the previous estimate of 2,900 to see what happened in the past month — there is some correction for late reporting," Dr. Thomas Frieden, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, told reporters in a briefing.

"But there has been a lot more disease in the month that’s reported than in the months before."

It is likely H1N1 flu will continue to decline, but flu season generally lasts until May, and it is impossible to predict what H1N1 will do next, Frieden said.

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**Japan to give US base relocation plan next week**

TOKYO, 11 Dec — Japan’s prime minister said Wednesday that he hopes to meet with President Barack Obama next week to offer his proposals on the relocation of a major American military base in Okinawa that has led to a rift between the allies.

Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama said members of his Cabinet are still working on the plans and he may give them to Obama on the side of the 192-nation UN conference in Copenhagen next week, though he has not officially asked for a meeting. "We are facing a difficult situation, but there is a solution," Hatoyama said, without elaborating on planned proposals. "I will make a decision on the spot."
Prime Minister General Thein Sein receives Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nepal

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Dec—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein received Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs H.E Ms Sujata Koirala of Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, who arrived in Nay Pyi Taw to attend the 12th BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting in which Myanmar will take chairmanship, at Nay Pyi Taw City Hall at 2 p.m. today.

Also present at the call were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay and departmental heads.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs H.E Ms Sujata Koirala was accompanied by Constituent Assembly Parliament Hon. Ddhu Kumari Hamal and Nepalese Ambassador to Myanmar H.E Ms Guna Laxmi Sharma and personnel.—MNA

Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award for 2008 announced

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Dec—Sarpay Beikman Literary Award Scrutinizing Committee today announced the list of manuscripts and authors that won prizes in Sarpay Beikman Manuscript award 2008 organized by Printing and Publishing Enterprise of Ministry of Information.

In novel category, Nay Myo Thant won first prize, Thu Thein second and Ni Ni Hlaing (Thaton) third.

Myay Lat Min Lwin won first prize, Maung Cheint second and Naing Myo Thitsa (Namtu) third in collective short stories category.

In collective poems category, first prize went to Maung Han Tint (Pinlebu), second to Yan Naing Oo and third to Zaw Myo Han (Ngathawngyaun).

Than Tun (Mawlamyine) won first prize, Maung Moe Yan second and Kanaung Maung San Thit third in General Knowledge (Arts) category.

In General Knowledge (Science and Applied Science) category, Lulay (Delta Region) won first prize, Dr Aye Kyaw second and Dr Myint Than (Nyaunglwaybin) third.

In belle-letter category, first prize went to Thaung Nyunt Thit, second to Shwe Hin Tha (Mandalay University) and third to Maung Soe Htaik (Thayang).

Ma Aye Chan (Myanmarsar) won first prize, Minbu Aung Kyaw second and Myint San third in Myanmar cultural and artistic literature category.

In Child literature category, Min Naing Lay (Lammadaw) won first prize, Theikpan Soe Myint Naing second and Soe Tint Htoo (Mauhin) third.

Khin La Pyae Win won first prize, Maung Khin Khant second and Nanda Khin (Thakkalaymay) third in youth literature category.

In play category, Zin Min (Thamenhtaw) won first prize, and Maung Hsanda (Lewe) second prize.

Of twelve categories of Sarpay Beikman literary award, none of manuscripts for political literature and translation literature were ranked to deserve a prize.

Prize winners are to contact the secretary of Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award Scrutinizing Committee, at No 529-531, Merchant Street, Sarpay Beikman, Ph: 01-381448 within a week as prize-presenting ceremony will be held along with prize-presenting ceremony for Life-time Achievement National Literary award on 31 December 2009 at the Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw.

Those whose manuscripts were not selected may take their manuscripts back in person or with letter of authority within six months after results were announced.

In XXV SEA Games, Myanmar win one more silver, two more bronze

YANGON, 11 Dec—In the XXV SEA Games, Kyaw Oo and Aung Htay representing Myanmar won silver at the billiard (doubles) held yesterday evening. In the tourney, Thailand won gold, and Singapore, bronze.

At Taekwondo light-weight (68-74 kilos) event, Kyaw Moe Win secured bronze, whereas Indonesia won gold, and Thailand, silver.—MNA

Medal Standing in XXV SEA Games

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein receives Indian External Affairs Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Dec—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein received a delegation led by Minister of External Affairs of the Republic of India H.E. Mr S.M. Krishna, who arrived here to attend the 12th BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting in which Myanmar will take chairmanship, and party at the meeting hall of Government Office here, at 4:30 p.m. today.

Also present at the call together with Prime Minister General Thein Sein were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Tha Hay and departmental heads. Indian External Affairs Minister H.E. Mr. S.M. Krishna and party was accompanied by Indian Ambassador to Myanmar H.E. Mr. Alok Sen.

12th BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting held

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Dec—The 12th BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting, for which Myanmar takes chairmanship, took place at Lake View Hall of Shwenandaw Hotel here this morning.

It was attended by foreign affairs ministers of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh, Bhutan, the Republic of India, the Union of Myanmar, the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Thailand, senior officers, Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Aung Thein, departmental heads, Ambassadors of BIMSTEC countries and guests.

First, Minister of External Affairs of India H.E. Mr S.M. Krishna handed chairmanship over to Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win.

Foreign Affairs Minister U Nyan Win extended greetings.

Next, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh H.E. Dr Dipu Moni, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bhutan H.E. Lyonpo Ugyen Tshering, Minister of External Affairs of the Republic of India H.E. Mr S.M. Krishna, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal H.E. Ms Sujata Koirala, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka H.E. Mr Rohitha Bogollagama and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand H.E. Mr Kasit Piromya also made speeches.

The ministers approved the joint-declaration before Minister U Nyan Win made the concluding speech. The foreign affairs ministers signed BIMSTEC Convention on cooperation in fight against terrorism, transnational crime and trafficking of illicit drugs in BIMSTEC member countries.

After that, the ceremony came to an end.
Prime Minister General Thein Sein addresses opening ceremony of 12th BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Dec—The opening ceremony of 12th BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting, for which Myanmar takes chairmanship, took place at Mingalar Palace hall of Shwenandaw Hotel here at 8.45 am today with an address by Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein. Also present on the occasion were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay, Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Aung Thein, departmental heads, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh H.E. Dr Dipu Moni, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bhutan H.E. Lyonpo Ugyen Tshering, Minister of External Affairs of the Republic of India H.E. Mr S M Krishna, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal H.E. Ms Sujata Koirala, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka H.E. Mr Rohitha Bogollagama, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand H.E. Mr Kasit Piromya, senior officers of BIMSTEC countries, foreign ambassadors in Myanmar and guests.

Foreign Minister U Nyan Win extended greetings at the ceremony.

In his address the Prime Minister said that, “It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to the BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting in Nay Pyi Taw. Although your stay in the country is brief, it is our hope that the meeting will be a success and bear fruitful results.

I also take this opportunity to acknowledge the continuous and remarkable contribution made by the Government of Thailand for facilitating the institutional activities of BIMSTEC as an interim in the absence of a permanent secretariat during all these years.

There were 13 areas of cooperation at the last Summit in 2008. This year the areas of cooperation have extended to 14 as Bangladesh will take the responsibilities as lead country in the new area of climate change. We welcome this extension as the inclusion of climate change is very important. We are living in an interdependent and competitive world. The globalization process has brought with it new opportunities as well as new challenges. To overcome these challenges, the developing nations must learn to cooperate with each other in the most effective and efficient way possible. Regional integration is a useful building block for globalization.

The BIMSTEC was established in 1997 with high aspirations. It has earned the interest of and the recognition by the international community. The Cooperation has gained momentum despite the relatively young age of the organization. We must work hard to sustain this momentum as we continue to move forward.

BIMSTEC is a crucial link between the nations of South Asia and Southeast Asia and is a region with many natural complementarities. Our bonds run deep in time, strengthened by strong economic, cultural and civilization links. These economic, traditional and cultural relationships among us forge the unity of not only governments but also the peoples.

With a combined population of over 1.3 billion people, the BIMSTEC region has an abundant natural and human resources that will enable our organization to bring greater prosperity to the region. We must achieve this long-term vision of shared prosperity and growth through cooperative actions based on dialogue and fostering mutual confidence, focusing on aspects that unite us. Myanmar firmly believes that the economic strength of BIMSTEC will play an ever more important role in the international community.

The emerging global issues of climate change, financial and economic crises, and food and energy crises threaten to undermine socio-economic progress so far gained, including the achievements to date of the Millennium Development Goals. These challenges that we must address and overcome are disparate and varied. No country can tackle these challenges alone. All must work together to overcome them. To this end, multilateralism today is more important than ever.

Today the world faces six major challenges as we are going further into the 21st Century.

There is, Global warming, World financial and economic crises, Impacts of world energy crises, World food crises, Increasing of the population of poor people in the world, Terrorism caused by racial, religious and ideological conflicts.

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PM receives Foreign Affairs Ministers of BIMSTEC countries

Prime Minister General Thein Sein receives foreign ministers, high-ranking officials and ambassadors to the Union of Myanmar of BIMSTEC countries at Nay Pyi Taw City Hall. — NNA

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Every country has concerns about the consequences of climate change. As the pace and scale of climate change is now well understood, it is time for all of us to tackle this problem urgently. The vagaries of unpredictable weather patterns affect us all, in particular those of our peoples in agriculture, livestock and fisheries. The BIMSTEC Centre for Weather and Climate would, therefore, enable us to share information in this area for the common good. The establishment of a regional data bank is indeed an important step. In due course, the sharing of such information among us will surely mitigate the damages caused by natural disasters.

Although the global financial crisis has originated from the developed countries, the developing countries are the ones that are most affected by its negative impacts. In their drive and support for economic recovery, the developed countries should avoid the policy of countries. In this regard, I urge the BIMSTEC Member States to work together in coordination and with concerted efforts defend our common interests.

We are all dependent on crude oil for our energy needs. Oil prices have been subjected to great volatility and they have impacted on our economies to varied extents. Our efforts at developing alternate forms of energy such as solar, wind and bio-fuels for domestic consumption and for use by industry must remain paramount. It is timely that the BIMSTEC Energy Center which will be set up soon will have the development of new and other renewable sources of energy as a core area of cooperation. Myanmar, as lead country in energy cooperation would like to seek member countries support and cooperation so as to implement the Plan of Actions tasked by the BIMSTEC Energy Ministers Conference.

The right to development is the most fundamental right of human beings. Poverty is an issue for not just some countries of our Group, but for a significant part of the world population. Poverty is one of the major concerns threatening the developing countries. Therefore, poverty reduction should be considered a priority sector by each and every country in the region. Today, every country is striving for industrial development.

The basic need of every human being is food sufficiency based on agriculture production. If we cannot boost production in agriculture-based industries, due to an increasing population, many people living in the world today will face the spectre of food shortage. Therefore, abanance must be struck between boosting production in agriculture and population control in order to safeguard against such food shortages.

The scourge of terrorism is one with which we all must grapple—as a global phenomenon and as an everyday reality. Terrorism threatens the public security and rule of law and order. Moreover, terrorism has close links with transnational organized crimes such as money laundering, arms smuggling and production and trafficking of illicit drugs. Wholehearted support for the BIMSTEC Convention on Co-operation in Combating International Terrorism, Organized Crime and Illicit Drug Trafficking is an important and vital milestone in our efforts on counter-terrorism.

BIMSTEC Ministerial Meetings are scheduled to be held in the sectors of trade and investment, energy and poverty alleviation center. Those are the sectors to which member states have to give priority. I would like to encourage the member states to hold the meeting as scheduled.

Promotion of trade and investment among member states will bring about the prosperity and development of the whole region. In this regard, we heartily welcome the efforts to realize the BIMSTEC Free Trade Agreement and would like to urge the member countries to work hard to this end.

People-to-people contact fosters mutual understanding, friendship and solidarity among our peoples. We welcome India’s declaration to establish the BIMSTEC policy think tank network.

Establishment of the BIMSTEC Cultural Industries Commissions and Cultural Industries Observatory is an important step towards promoting world knowledge of the BIMSTEC region’s cultural heritage. As the international community shows increasing interest in the BIMSTEC cultural heritage, the regional tourist industries will surely benefit.

It is heartening for us that some important agreements in our finalized last year. They are—BIMSTEC Convention on Combating International Terrorism, Organized Crime and Illicit Drug Trafficking, Memorandum of Association among the BIMSTEC Member Countries for Establishment of BIMSTEC Energy Centre, Memorandum of Association among the BIMSTEC Member Countries Concerning Establishment of a BIMSTEC Centre for Weather and Climate and Memorandum of Understanding on the Establishment of the BIMSTEC Cultural Industries Commissions and Cultural Industries Observatory. Member Countries are processing domestic procedure in this regard.

I do hope that all or some of the agreements would be able to be signed by member countries during the meeting.

BIMSTEC was formed with the objective of promoting understanding, confidence and cooperation among member countries. Myanmar joined BIMSTEC in 1997. We did so with full commitment to the goals, aims and purposes of the organization. I wish, here, to reiterate our commitment to BIMSTEC. Myanmar will not be found lacking in its obligations. We will forge ahead with our efforts to promote cooperation among BIMSTEC Members. We firmly believe that BIMSTEC will go from strength to strength in achieving its goals in the future.

In conclusion, may I wish all of you success in your deliberations and a pleasant stay in Myanmar.”

The Prime Minister posed for a documentary photo together with foreign affairs ministers of BIMSTEC countries after ending the ceremony.

November sees 41 fire outbreaks

YANGON, 11 Dec—In November 2009, the whole Myanmar saw 41 fires: 29 due to negligence, 11 due to electric circuit shocks, and one natural fire.

The fires destroyed 71 dwellings, leaving 359 people homeless and one injured.

According to official figures, Yangon had the highest number of fire outbreaks, followed by Mandalay Division and Ayeyawady Division.

Of 12 fire outbreaks in Yangon Division, seven of which were caused by negligence.

Rural regions saw 10 fire outbreaks and occupied 24.39 per cent of the total fire outbreaks in the whole country.

Fire Services Department has been carrying out preventive measures in collaboration with township Peace and Development Councils, General Administration Departments, township development affairs committees and departments concerned. In spite of its efforts such as educative talks and fire drill demonstrations, there is still fire outbreaks as few observes the instructions. Fire Services Department has begun to speed up fire prevention campaigns not only in urban but in rural areas as it is already open season for fire.
leader can exist only by recognition of others. Leaders should possess the sixteen leadership attributes. In addition to the attributes, a good leader should be able to accomplish his objectives and responsibilities with unique ability by combining the morale, efficacy and capabilities of members of the force. It is necessary for members of the force to have mutual trust and confidence as well as, the spirit of self sacrifice and esprit de corps if a leader is to lead unit members under his command to successfully conquer the enemy. As such, you must work hard and try to play an exemplary role of leadership as junior leaders.

Therefore, you should undergo continuous training to enhance self capabilities. At the same time you should also be able to lead members of your unit to strengthen their qualifications as well.

The Tatmadaw alone cannot provide a comprehensive defense of the nation. Therefore, it is necessary to organize the people to seek their cooperation. Only then, can we implement the people’s militia strategy which is the defence strategy of our nation. The military means is the last resort to solve a problem. As military leaders, you should also have good organizational capabilities to be able to mobilize local people. In building a strong military power, just as unity within the army is important, it is equally important to focus on organizational capabilities outside the army in order to implement the people’s militia strategy that can ensure comprehensive defence for the State. Therefore Comrades should also give special emphasis to organizational activities both inside and outside your military compounds while carrying out your assigned duties.

In accordance with the three-forever policy, we Tatmadawmen should undergo continuous training so that we could carry out our national defence duties successfully. You must always continue to learn and practice, drawing lessons from field experiences as the education provided by your mother institute, the Defense Services Academy, is merely elementary.

As there is a saying, "From practice to expertise, expertise to confidence, confidence to boldness and from boldness to success" it is the duty of every Tatmadawmen to undergo continuous training. By training, you will achieve not only physical progress such as body fitness and expertise but also psychological progress such as confidence, self-respect as well as analytical thinking. You must undergo training to attain this progress. You must be able to skillfully utilize all the modern military weaponry, vehicles and machineries. You must also continuously study, train and practice the ever changing military strategies and strive to apply them to meet the prevail-

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You are now commissioned as young military leaders but will one day shoulder national duties as well. Military affairs are linked to political affairs and political affairs are inter-related to economic affairs. It can be seen that modern warfare being—today is not just warfare with conventional weapons but is a multi-dimensional warfare. Therefore you also need to perfectly get equipped with the (4) outlooks of not only military but also political, economic as well as administrative outlooks.

Having these outlooks, you will become good leaders reliable for the State and for the Tatmadaw in accordance with the motto of DSA “Conquering Warriors of Future”. Our Tatmadaw is a State Institution which is systematically established for the perpetuation of the Independence and Sovereignty of the State. Therefore, with the combined strength of the State, the People and the Tatmadaw, we will resist and wipe out any danger or obstacle which intends to disintegrate the State and the Tatmadaw and disturbs Our Three Main National Causes. Throughout the history, there have been many evidences that the
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Tatmadaw joining hand in hands with the State and the people, has been able to tackle and overcome the difficulties and crises of the State several times. Our national brethren have been living together through weal and woe since time immemorial. We all are aware that our country faced on several occasions situation in which we were facing the danger of disintegrated of the Union and loss of the State’s sovereignty as the national unity was disintegrated due to the divide and rule policy of the colonialists. Drawing from the historical lessons, the national politics and genuine patriotism, in other words, the union spirit is of vital importance. The basic foundation for the perpetuation of the State’s sovereignty is the national unity. The Union can endure and the sovereignty perpetuates only when there is unity among the nationals. Therefore, you must make allot efforts for the regional development of the national brethren in every region where you are posted and persuade them in order to consolidate the genuine Union Spirit.

Our Tatmadaw had to take over unavoidably the State’s responsibilities due to the situation of chaos and anarchy threatening the sovereignty. After assuming the State’s responsibilities, the Tatmadaw government has given priority to restoring peace and stability in the country in order to reestablish normal functioning of the government’s administrative mechanism. It has been striving for all round development of the nation by laying down the twelve objectives as peace and stability prevails. At the same time, the seven-step Road Map has also been adopted and consistently implemented for the emergence of a new democratic nation. It is inevitable that every nation has to undergo transition as a necessity if demanded by history. As the fourth step of the seven-step Road Map, the new State Constitution has already been unanimously adopted by the people. The remaining steps will continue to be implemented. As we are shouldering the great task, you must build up the armed forces in accordance with the Four Major Tasks of the Building of the Tatmadaw in order to equip not only yourself but also your soldiers with the five qualifications while maintaining the good traditions of the Tatmadaw.

Likewise, you comrades must undergo the training to possess three abilities in accordance with the Three Forevers. With the leadership characteristics, you must have good administration and cooperation in a comrade spirit in order to consolidate internal solidarity. I wish to urge you to extend all possible assistance to your national brothers in their development tasks in the regions where you are posted, as part of your organizational activities outside the armed forces.

Comrades
I wish to conclude by urging you who will play leadership role in the future - to uphold the fine traditions of our Tatmadaw - to safeguard Our Three National Causes by sacrificing your life. - to continuously study ever progressing military sciences and undergo training in order to be ready for the national defence. - To build up a strong, capable and modern patriotic Tatmadaw in accordance with the Four Major Tasks of Building the armed forces. - To strive for strengthening of Union Spirit while participating in the public welfare works in the regions of your assignment in order to consolidate the national unity.

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Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe meets with four outstanding cadets and their parents at the hall of Defence Services Academy (Headquarters).—MNA

Distinguished guests at graduation ceremony of 52nd Intake of Defence Services Academy.—MNA

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services...

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Dr Chan Nyunt and Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Vice-Chief of Armed Forces, Training Maj-Gen Zaw Win, Maj-Gen Mya Win, Brig-Gen Hla Myint, Maj-Gen Kyaw Nyunt, Brig-Gen Than Soe, Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn, Col Hla Myint, Maj-Gen Than Aung, Maj-Gen Than Htay, Maj-Gen Sein Lin, Maj-Gen Hlaing Myint and senior military officers, Commander Brig-Gen Zeyar Aung of PyinOoLwin station, Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, departmental personnel, military attachés of foreign military attaché offices to Myanmar, members of Union Solidarity and Development Association, Red Cross and fire brigades, families of graduates and guests. Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe took the salute of the cadet battalions. He then inspected the cadet battalions. The cadet battalions marched past to salute the Senior General.

Next, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe awarded cadet Naing Min Tun who won Best Cadet Award, cadet Zaw Hlaing who won Excellent in Training Award, cadet Myo Aung who won Excellent in Study Award (Science) and cadet Zwe Yan Naing who won Excellent in Study Award (Computer Science). Afterwards, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe delivered a speech to the cadet battalions. The Senior General left the parade ground after taking salute of the cadet battalions. After the parade, the Senior General met with four outstanding cadets and their parents and spoke words of encouragement to them. MNA
Fruits of peace bearing witness to River Thanlwin

Hlaing Bwa (Parami)

Marching sounds of the troops to the parade ground were pleasant in parallel with December's mist that added to the beauty of early morning. Braving the December's freezing cold, the audience were getting excited about watching the ceremony. It was a crucial moment for them as they would have to enjoy lasting peace and stability under the leadership of the government, putting behind their fearful and tragic life of the past.

Now, the region has gathered momentum and fully returned to the legal fold. Now the region will be able to alleviate their worries and enjoy peace. And this is a triumphant, bearing witness to River Thanlwin.

In building a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation, a strong State will emerge only with consolidated cooperation in political, economic and social sectors. Illegal armed groups like the Pyu Saw Hti pocket armies formed by politicians and extreme terrorist groups such as the BCP, Communist Party (Red Flag), Yebaw Phyu and KNDO with the use of remnants and ammunitions of WWII rose against the State during the post-independence period in which the country lacked sound infrastructures. As a consequence, the people got bitterly disappointed. These are the firm evidence the people have seen. Therefore, the government, to be able to shape a peaceful nation, has employed three ways – the way of solving problems by reforming policies, the way of solving problems regarding political affairs through the National Convention and the way of reaching agreement on seeking lasting peace in accord with the 2008 constitution.

Since its birth, the Tatmadaw has never discriminated against any national races. The present Tatmadaw is made up of various national races fighting together for the country. The government abolished the divide-and-rule policy adopted by the British imperialists and reconstituted the regions on equal terms. Throughout history, the Tatmadaw formed with diverse national races has prevented any attempt to harm the independence and sovereignty of the State, to break up the Union and to disintegrate national coalescence. So the Tatmadaw is the only armed organization that is recognized at home and abroad for its capabilities. Whatever government comes to power in the democracy system to be exercised soon, surely, it will shoulder the aforesaid duties steadfastly, thus suggesting that there should be no small armed groups except the Tatmadaw. If a member of a national race, or an armed group wishes to defend motherland and own region holding arms legally, he may fulfill his wishes by joining one of the border guard forces that have been formed recently under the command of the Union Tatmadaw comprising members of various national races. That is an apparently reasonable point.

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MV BANG KAJA VOY NO (55)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANG KAJA VOY NO (55) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 12.12.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claim Day.

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV DIBENA UNITY VOYNO (+) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 13.12.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W.2 where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claim Day.

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**WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT**

Phyo Wai Lwin

Daughter of U Than Aung and (Daw Khin San Myint) of Yangon, Myanmar

Htut Aung Myo

Son of U Han Tee and Daw Khin Khin Hvay of Yangon, Myanmar have the pleasure of announcing their marriage which took place on 11th Dec 2009 at Sedona Hotel.

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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claim Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT**

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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claim Day.

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MYANNA PORT AUTHORITY

AGENT FOR: GIA HAI SHIPPING CORPORATION VIETNAM

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**Six workers killed, 19 others trapped in Turkish mine blast**

ANKARA, 11 Dec—Six workers were killed and 19 others trapped in Turkish mine blast which occurred on Thursday evening, local NTV channel reported on Friday.

The mine blast, probably caused by methane gas, happened in a mine close to the city of Bursa trapping the workers underground last evening, the TV news said. The incident took place at a depth of around 250-350 metres, causing the mine to cave in and a fire to break out.

The death toll of the miners might be increased, but no more details were reported at the moment.

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**China’s 2020 emissions target based on sound science**

COPENHAGEN, 11 Dec—China’s recently announced carbon intensity target is a notable goal based on sound science, said a Chinese climate expert attending the ongoing UN-led climate talks here.

China has set a domestically binding target to cut carbon emissions by 40 to 45 percent of 2005 levels by 2020, he added. “A reversal of the upward trend in energy intensity during the 11th five year development period was only made possible by the strong measures China took in energy-saving and emissions reduction,” he said.

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**New gene therapy and stem cells save limbs**

Baltimore, 11 Dec—US scientists say they have developed an experimental therapy that eliminates blood vessel blockage associated with old age or diabetes.

Johns Hopkins University medical researchers say blood vessel blockage can lead to low blood flow, resulting in low oxygen, that can kill cells and tissues. Such blockages can require amputation resulting in loss of limbs.

In their new study, the scientists used mice as a model to develop therapies that increase blood flow, improve movement and decrease tissue death and the resulting need for amputation.

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**Smoking kills five million every year**

LONDON, 11 Dec—Tobacco use kills at least 5 million people every year, a figure that could rise if countries don’t take stronger measures to combat smoking, the World Health Organization said on Wednesday.

In a new report on tobacco use and control, the UN agency said nearly 95 percent of the global population is unprotected by laws banning smoking.

WHO said secondhand smoking kills about 600,000 people every year.

The report describes countries’ various strategies to curb smoking, including protecting people from smoke, enforcing bans on tobacco advertising, and raising taxes on tobacco products.
Bone-building drugs may help prevent breast cancer

HOUSTON, 11 Dec — Bone-building drugs such as Fosamax and Actonel might help prevent breast cancer, according to two new studies presented on Thursday at a medical symposium in Texas.

The studies suggest that women who take the drugs, called bisphosphonates, are about one-third less likely to develop breast cancer than women who do not.

In one US study, scientists found there were 31 percent fewer cases of breast cancer among women who were not taking Fosamax or other oral bisphosphonates than among women who didn’t. Other commonly used oral bisphosphonates are Boniva and Actonel.

In the other study, researchers in Israel found that women who had used bone-building drugs, mostly Fosamax, were 29 percent less likely to develop breast cancer.

Both the studies used different methods to arrive at the same basic result, adding to the strength of the findings, Indiana University’s Theresa Guise said at a news briefing on the findings at the Breast Cancer Symposium in San Antonio, Texas.

The studies do not prove that the drugs prevent breast cancer, doctors say. More definitive studies will be done in the next one or two years to give a clearer picture about the effectiveness of the drugs in preventing breast cancer.

Until then, women should only take these drugs if they have osteoporosis or other bone problems, they say.

Intensive therapy for chronic depression

BOSTON, 11 Dec — Chronic depression requires more intensive treatment than a single episode of depression, a US mental health newsletter says.

The December issue of the Harvard Mental Health Letter says depression is categorized as chronic when symptoms last at least two years.

Clinical trials have shown that two types of antidepressants — tricyclic antidepressants and selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors — are equally effective for treating long-term depression.

“Between 45 percent and 55 percent of the study participants responded to antidepressant treatment, and no single drug emerged as better than the others,” the newsletter says.

“However, only 25 percent to 35 percent of patients with chronic depression were able to achieve remission from the first drug they took, at least in the short term. One possibility is that patients with chronic depression may need to take an antidepressant for an extended period before experiencing any benefit, the newsletter says. — Internet

Urine test being developed for pneumonia

DAVIS, 11 Dec — A urine test to detect pneumonia is being developed by Canadian, Australian and US researchers. Study leader Carolyn Slupsky of the University of California-Davis said a rapid diagnostic test pneumonia would help doctors begin appropriate treatment sooner.

Currently, she said, pneumonia is diagnosed by a combination of clinical symptoms, X-rays and analysis of a patient’s blood or sputum by bacterial culture — tests that usually take more than 36 hours.

Slupsky and colleagues have succeeded in using nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy to identify a chemical “fingerprint” for substances linked to the bacterium Streptococcus pneumoniae.

“This is the first study to demonstrate that nuclear magnetic resonance-based analysis of metabolites in urine has the potential to provide rapid diagnosis of the cause of pneumonia,” Slupsky said in a statement. “It also shows that we can use this technology to quickly and easily monitor patient recovery.” — Internet

Cheetah tests positive for H1N1 in Calif

SANTAROSA, 11 Dec — Officials at a wildlife preserve in Santa Rosa, Calif., said an 8-year-old cheetah at the site tested positive for the H1N1 virus.

KSBW-TV, Salinas, Calif., said on Wednesday that Gijima the cheetah at the Safari West Wildlife Preserve and African Tent Camp is the first exotic animal to have tested positive for H1N1, commonly known as swine flu, in the United States.

Preserve caretakers sought to have Gijima tested for the potentially deadly virus after the large cat began showing symptoms on 15 Nov. The animal appeared lethargic and had little interest in food, caretakers said. Officials at the wildlife site said it remains unclear how Gijima, who has since recovered from the virus, contracted H1N1. — Internet

Indonesian students perform a traditional Jakarta dance during a ceremony in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 10 Dec., 2009. — Internet

A balloon with “This is the size of one tonne CO2,” written on it is seen in Copenhagen, capital of Denmark, on 9 Dec, 2009, on the occasion of the United Nations Climate Change Conference. — Xinhua

Training can re-do brain connectivity

PITTSBURGH, 11 Dec — Brain connectivity can be improved with behavioral training, US researchers found.Timothy Keller and Marcel Just of Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh found poor readers initially showed lower quality connectivity than average readers.

However, after six months of training the poor readers showed significant increases in brain connectivity. Children not receiving the training did not show this increase, suggesting the remedial group changes were not due to natural maturation of the brain.

The study, published in the journal Neuron, used a technology called diffusion tensor imaging to show the quality of connectivity in white matter — the insulation-clad fibers providing central nervous system communication.

The better the connection, the researchers explained, the higher “bandwidth” for information transfer between brain regions.

Thirty-five poor readers were randomly assigned to an intensive, remedial reading programme that focused on decoding unfamiliar words or to a control group that received normal classroom instruction. The researchers also included 25 children of similar age who were rated as average or above-average readers by their teachers. — Internet
Bremen must justiﬁc contenders tag, says Schaaf

BERLIN, 11 Dec — Werder Bremen welcome striker Claudio Pizarro back for Saturday’s key Bundesliga clash against Schalke 04 with coach Thomas Schaaf insisting his side must prove they are Bundesliga title contenders. Unbeaten Leverkusen are three points clear at the top of the table, but second-placed Bremen need to beat Schalke 04, who are third, to keep the pressure on the league leaders.

Peru’s Pizarro, who has scored six league goals in just eight games, has been out for four weeks with a foot injury and is expected to return to the starting line-up at Schalke’s Veltins Arena.

“Until now we have made a good start,” said Schaaf with his side having been beaten just once in the league after 15 matches. “Now we must show that we can win the big games and give a clear signal we are in the competition.” — Internet

Ronaldinho named “Player of the Decade” by British magazine

LONDON, 11 Dec — Brazil forward Ronaldinho was named “World Player of the Decade” by British magazine World Soccer on Thursday. Argentine forward Lionel Messi was named their “World Player of the Year”. Ronaldinho won the accolade based on the votes cast by readers in the 10 annual votes between 2000 and 2009 being converted into points.

The Brazilian, who was the magazine’s World Player of the Year in 2004 and 2005, finished ahead of Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo of Portugal and Real Madrid. Barcelona, the European club champions, won the Team of the Year award.

Messi, winner of the 2009 Ballon D’Or award, is the first Argentine to win World Soccer’s World Player of the Year award since Diego Maradona in 1986 and he led a clean sweep of Barcelona players in the player awards, ahead of former mates Andres Iniesta and Xavi. After just one season in charge of Barcelona, Pep Guardiola was voted Manager of the Year, a clear winner ahead of former Wolfsburg coach Felix Magath and Manchester United’s Alex Ferguson.

Safina withdraws from Brisbane International due to injury

CANBERRA, 11 Dec — Russia’s world number two Dinara Safina has pulled out of January’s Brisbane international tennis tournament because of a back injury, organisers said on Friday.

“Safina was very much looking forward to starting her year in Brisbane and it is a real shame that she will not be fit in time to attend,” Brisbane International tournament director Steve Ayles said.

Barcelona without Messi, Madrid without Ronaldo for Saturday matches

MADRID, 11 Dec — BBVA Primera Liga leader FC Barcelona entertains local rivals Espanyol to the Camp Nou on Saturday night in a game where revenge could be in the air. Last season Espanyol travelled to the Camp Nou bottom of the table, but won 2-1 in a game where the referee allowed Mauricio Pochettino’s side to play a very physical brand of football. This season Espanyol is better situated, but still needs points. The blue and whites have not won for four weeks and last weekend saw them beaten 4-0 at home by Racing Santander. Barcelona meanwhile is in good form after winning its last four matches and assuring a place in the last 16 of the Champions League.

Leo Messi will be missing with a twisted ankle, but nevertheless coach Pep Guardiola will be looking for another win before his side flies to Dubai for the World Club Championships.

Real Madrid will be without Cristiano Ronaldo for what is possibly the toughest away game left for them this season. Real Madrid plays in Valencia’s Mestalla Stadium.

Ronaldo is suspended for his red card last weekend against Almeria. His suspension will allow Karim Benzema the chance to prove his worth.

Samuel and Stankovic to miss Atalanta clash

ROME, 11 Dec — Inter Milan pair Walter Samuel and Dejan Stankovic are both set to miss this weekend’s clash with Atalanta after picking up injuries against Rubin Kazan.

Argentine Samuel was stretched off in the first half of Wednesday’s clash while Serbian Stankovic was replaced in the second half of a game Inter won 2-0 to qualify for the Champions League knock-out stages.

Both picked up thigh injuries according to the official Inter website with Italian media speculating that Samuel could be out for the rest of the year. — Internet

Vela signs new Arsenal contract

LONDON, 11 Dec — Mexico striker Carlos Vela has signed a new contract with Arsenal, the English Premier League club said on Thursday. The 20-year-old Vela, who joined Arsenal two years ago, is now set to stay with the north London club until 2015. Vela, who arrived at Arsenal from Spanish side Celta Vigo before returning to Spain for an 18-month loan spell, has so far scored seven goals in 38 first-team appearances for the Gunners.

He made his Gunners debut last season, making his name in England with a League Cup hat-trick against Sheffield United in September 2008. “We’re delighted Carlos Vela has signed a new long-term contract with the club,” Gunners manager Arsene Wenger told Arsenal’s official website. “Carlos is a fantastic talent and we have already seen glimpses of this during his performances. “Let’s remember, he is still only 20 years-old, so there is still a huge amount to come from this boy,” the Frenchman added. — Internet

IOC approves qualiﬁcation systems for 1st Winter Youth Olympic

GENEVA, 11 Dec — The International Olympic Committee (IOC) approved on Thursday the qualiﬁcation system for each event at the ﬁrst Winter Youth Olym- pic Games (YOG), which will be held in Innsbruck in 2012. “The qualiﬁcation system for each sport and discipline, which was prepared in close collaboration with the International Federations (IF), strives to guarantee participation of the best athletes in their age category,” the IOC said in a Press release. “For all disciplines, competitions such as Junior World Championships and Continental Championships, or official junior ranking lists, will allow athletes to attempt to qualify for the YOG.”

Over 1,000 athletes will compete in Innsbruck in seven sports, comprising 63 events. Each event has its own age group competing, either 15-16, 16-17 or 17-18 years old. The bobsleigh age group will be 18-19 years old, and male participants in the pairs and ice dancing skating events will be 15-18 years old, to comply with the speciﬁcities of the sport. — Xinhua
Chinese Navy fleet arrives in Ecuador for goodwill visit

GUAYAQUIL, 11 Dec — A Chinese Navy fleet arrived on Thursday in Guayaquil, the largest city in Ecuador, to begin a four-day goodwill visit.

Major General Wang Fushan, vice-commander of the North Sea Fleet of the Chinese People’s Liberation Army Navy, led the two-vessel fleet composed of missile destroyer Shijiazhuang and supply ship Hongzhou.

This was the Chinese Navy’s second visit to Ecuador since 2002, Wang said, adding that the visit would be conducive to deepening the friendship and understanding between the two countries’ militaries. Chinese and Ecuadorian Navy soldiers will conduct a series of exchange activities during the visit. The Chinese vessels will also be open to local visitors.

Departing from Qingdao, eastern China on 18 Oct for a four-nation tour, the Chinese Navy fleet has visited Chile and Peru. It will also visit French Polynesia.

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Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
Riots beget riots, not democracy
Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People’s Desire
- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

VOA, BBC—sowing hatred among the people
RFA, DVB—generating public outrage
Do not allow ourselves to be swayed
By broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe addresses graduation ceremony of 52nd Intake of Defence Services Academy

Nay Pyi Taw, 11 Dec—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe delivered an address at the graduation ceremony of the 52nd Intake of the Defence Services Academy at the parade ground of the DSA in PyinOoLwin at 8 am today.

It was attended by Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Secretary-1 of the SPDC Quartermaster-General General Tha Aye Tin Aung Myint Oo, Member of the SPDC Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win, Chief of Defence Services Inspection and Auditor-General (Army, Navy and Air) Lt-Gen Maung Shein, Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut, Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe, Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, Ministers Maj-Gen Htay Oo, U Aung Thaung, U Thaung, Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Col Zaw Min, Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Dr Kyaw Myint. (See page 10)