Nothing more honourable than sacrificing life for own country

We have taken noble oaths to sacrifice our lives for the people and the nation. We have vowed on the conviction that there is no greater honour than sacrificing life for own country.

Senior General Than Shwe
Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

(From the address delivered at the graduation parade of the 49th Intake of the Defence Services Academy)

Senior General Than Shwe felicitates Hellenic President

NAY PYI TAW, 25 March—Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Karolos Papoulias, President of the Hellenic Republic, on the occasion of the National Day of the Hellenic Republic, which falls on 25 March 2010.—MNA

PM sends felicitations to Hellenic Republic

NAY PYI TAW, 25 March—General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. George A. Papandreou, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic, on the occasion of the National Day of the Hellenic Republic, which falls on 25 March 2010.—MNA

Better future for nation if resources harnessed with own strength, technology and energy based on self-reliant basis

NAY PYI TAW, 24 March—Hailing the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, the opening ceremony of Pyay-Paukkaung-Toungoo Road was held in Bawdgon village, Ottwin Township, Toungoo District, Bago Division, this morning. Prime Minister General Thein Sein addressed the opening ceremony of the new road constructed by the Army under the Roads and Bridges Department of the Union of Myanmar. (See page 6)

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Prime Minister General Thein Sein strolls along Pyay-Paukkaung-Toungoo road.—MNA
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National goal in sight

The Tatmadaw is an organization which has been serving the national interests, the most important part of national tasks.

The duties the Tatmadaw has to perform for national cause are tremendous. It is the main responsibility of the Tatmadaw to safeguard the sovereignty, territorial integrity and national consolidation.

It also has to ensure the rule of law and order whenever necessary. Moreover, it is the Tatmadaw that actively takes part in regional development tasks in order to bridge the gap between far-away rural regions with poor transport and developed urban regions.

The Tatmadaw is always ready to give a helping hand whenever any disasters including natural ones befal the nation. In shouldering national duties, it keeps the interests of the State and the people in the fore.

As the Tatmadaw has been implementing the seven-step Road Map step by step, a modern, developed democratic nation aspired by the entire people will come into shape soon.

Amid the various hardships and difficulties, the Tatmadaw has tried to safeguard the nation throughout history and carry out national tasks side by side with the people till reaching the current state of development and prosperity.

If the government, the people and the Tatmadaw continue to work in concert in building a peaceful, modern and developed nation, the desired national goal can be achieved.

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Construction Minister receives General Manager from ZPMC

NAY PYI TAW, 24 March—Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint receives General Manager Mr. Ding Xiao Dong of Shanghai Zhenhua Heavy Industry Co Ltd of the PRC.

Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint receives General Manager Mr. Ding Xiao Dong of Shanghai Zhenhua Heavy Industry Co Ltd and party at the ministry here on 22 March evening.

Both sides discussed matters related to the construction of Ayeayawady bridges (Pakokku) and (Nyaungdon) being constructed mainly by the ministry. Present at the meeting were Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Then and officials concerned.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint at the ceremony. “However, the discovery rate has not meet the target in southern Shan State, Chin State and some other townships”, the minister stated, pointing out the need to search TB patients in those regions and remote places, border areas and rural areas.

New means to control the disease also cover the task of finding persons suffering from TB, providing therapies with greater potency, promoting anti-TB campaign with the cooperation of partners, fighting TB through primary health care with the help of health staff at basic level and disseminating public health knowledge.

The TB elimination programme covered the whole country in 2003 with the assistance of primary health staff, Dr Kyaw Myint said.

To prevent drug tolerance, fixed dose combination is being applied and treatment is through single-quota patient kit system, he noted.

According to WHO 2009 TB Update, 40% of the world’s 9.4 million patients could not undergo treatment as they were beyond the reach of health departments, the minister said.

WHO acting resident representative Dr Leonard Ortega also read out the message of the head of WHO Southeast Asia region at the ceremony co-sponsored by the Ministry of Health and the WHO.

KM Myanmar Amateur Open Golf Championship continues for second day

YANGON, 24 March—Organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and mainly sponsored by Kaung Myat Companies (KM Golf Centre), Kaung Myat Myanmar Amateur Open Golf Championship 2010 continued for second day at Yangon Golf Club (Danyingon) in Insein Township here today.

Thein Aye is leading the game with 143 total strokes, chased by Soe Moe Win at the second place with 144 strokes, and Nay Bala Win Myint and Maung Hnyet, Aung Soe Myint, Lwan Maung Tun, Thant Zin, Win Aung (Mandalay), Kyaw Myayza, Maung Maung, Thit Tun, Hsan Tun, Myint Aung (Mandalay), Ko Shwe Htoo (Pya), Sangyoung Ko Ko Aung, Ko Chit, Wa Lone, Maung Maung Hnyet, Aung Soe Myint, Lwan Maung and Htaw Win Zaw will draw their own comic stars for their fans on 29.

Comic book fair at Innwa

YANGON, 24 March—Aiming at cartoon lovers at all ages, Innwa Book Store is due to hold comic book fair from 28 to 30 March.

The books will be displayed at the store at No (201/301), ground floor, Pansodan Street (upper block), here, from 10 am to 5 pm.

Cartoonists Cartoon Ngwe Kyi, Mya Kha, Maung Maung. Thit Tun, Hsan Tun, Thant Zin, Win Aung (Mandalay), Ko Shwe Htoo (Pya), Sangyoung Ko Ko Aung, Ko Chit, Wa Lone, Maung Maung Hnyet, Aung Soe Myint, Lwan Maung and Htaw Win Zaw will draw their own comic stars for their fans on 29.

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Four killed in Baghdad shootings

BAGHDAD, 24 March—Four people were killed, including two policemen, in shootings in Baghdad on Monday, Iraqi security officials said.

In the overwhelmingly Shiite Sadr City district, two city councilors were gunned down by men who sped off on a motorbike, Baghdad Operations Command said in a statement.

"Iraqi security forces cordoned off the area, in search of the criminals. ‘They arrested three suspects, and seized a motorbike, silenced pistols, kalashnikovs and one IED (improvised explosive device),’" it said.

In a separate statement, the operations command said two policemen were shot dead in a watchtower in the south Baghdad neighborhood of Radhwaniyah. It gave no further details.

Violence has dropped dramatically across Iraq since its peak between 2005 and 2007, but attacks remain common in some areas, especially in Baghdad and the main northern city of Mosul.

Pre-mature explosion kills two would-be suicide bombers in W Afghanistan

KABUL, 24 March—Two would-be suicide bombers were killed as their device went off prematurely in Afghanistan’s western province of Nimroz on Monday, police said. "Four Taleban fighters were busy in planting mine on a road in Khashroq District this morning but the device exploded prematurely, killing two and injuring two others," provincial police chief Abdul Jabbar Puldini told Xinhua.

Taleban militants who largely rely on suicide attacks and roadside bombings to target security forces have yet to make comment. —Xinhua

Two killed, 16 wounded in Iraq violence

BAGHDAD, 24 March—Two people were killed and 16 others wounded in separate attacks in Baghdad and Iraq’s eastern Diyala Province on Tuesday, the police said.

In Diyala, an Iraqi soldier was killed and seven others were injured in a bomb explosion near their patrol in the town of Jalawla, some 150 km northeast of Baghdad, a provincial police source said.

In separate incident, two people were wounded in another roadside bomb explosion near their car in Baladruz, the source added. In Baghdad, four people were wounded when a roadside bomb went off near the Elwiyah Hospital in eastern the capital, an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

In separate incident, two people were wounded in another roadside bomb explosion near the Babil Hotel on the eastern side on the Tigris River which bisects the Iraqi capital, the source said. —Xinhua

Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US

KABUL, 24 March—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 32702 Afghan people were killed and 39134 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 24 March.

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US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 24 March—There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 24 March reached 700670 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1265433, according to the news on the Internet.

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Afghans carry a man injured in an explosion in Khost, south of Kabul, Afghanistan on 21 March, 2010. —INTERNET

INTERNET
Fire in old Calcutta building kills six, injures 20

CALCUTTA, 24 March — A fire raced through the upper floors of an old, six-storey building in Calcutta on Tuesday, killing six people, including two who jumped to their deaths as onlookers began to crowd the area.

Thousands of people gathered in a busy section of the eastern Indian city to watch firefighters use ladders to rescue dozens of people trapped inside the office-and-apartment building while dense smoke and fire billowed from the fourth floor upward.

About 20 people were injured.

Police were investigating the cause of the fire, which was believed to have started in an elevator, police officer Javed Shamim said.

Nearly 100 firefighters spent several hours to control the blaze.

Two people jumped to their deaths while four succumbed to burn injuries in a hospital, State Home Secretary Ardendu Sen said. Five of the 20 people hospitalized were in critical condition, Sen told The Associated Press.

The nearly 100-year-old building lies on Calcutta’s busy Park Street, which is lined with offices, apartments and restaurants.

India to launch first carrier rocket with indigenous cryogenic engine

MUMBAI, 24 March — India will launch its first powerful carrier rocket with the homemade cryogenic engine to propel a satellite into geosynchronous orbit next month, said an Indian space official on Tuesday.

The carrier rocket GSLV-D3 with the indigenous cryogenic engine is in the final stage of the assembly, said an official of Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO).

The official said, “so far, we had been using Russian-made cryogenic engines for satellite launchings.”

After lifting off from the ground next month, the huge GSLV-D3 will carry an advanced communication satellite into geostationary orbit, he added.

Six killed by mine blast in northern Yemen

SANAA, 24 March— Six Yemenis, including three children, were killed and three other children were wounded in a landmine blast on Tuesday in the northern Yemeni province of Saada, the Seyaj children’s rights organization said.

The blast took place during a recess at a school in al-Mazarik refugee camp for displaced people during a six-year conflicts between the government troops and Shiite rebels, the Sanaa-based Seyaj said in a statement.

The three injured children have been taken to a hospital for treatment, while the police launched an investigation into the explosion, according to the statement.—INTERNET

Bleak budgets force schools to consider closure

KANSASCITY, 24 March — In a neighborhood dotted with boarded up homes, trash and gang graffiti, McCoy Elementary School, McCoy Elementary is one of nearly half the schools in the Kansas City district expected to close before classes resume next fall, part of a wave of school closures across the country.

“When it does close, it’s going to get bad around here,” said Virginia Stanley, standing outside her home with her husband, her 22-year-old granddaughter and her two young great-grandchildren, who live with them.

Superintendents of struggling districts are winning praise for confronting budget woes by shuttering half-empty and underperforming schools, a move often blocked by local politics in the past.

In many cases, the schools have been declining for years, but were never closed because residents and local advocacy groups fought to keep them. Now school leaders have an argument that trumps any parent outrage: The struggling economy makes these schools a luxury that districts can no longer afford.

About 6 percent of districts closed or consolidated schools this year, compared to about 3 percent in 2008-09, according to a survey conducted by the American Association of School Administrators.

About 11 percent are expected to consider similar moves in 2010-11.
China tables four-point proposal to cement ties with Africa

YAOUNDE, 24 March—China’s top political adviser Jia Qinglin has put forward a four-point proposal aiming at fully advancing relations with Africa. The proposal, which was made on Tuesday and was part of Jia’s keynote speech at National Assembly of Cameroon, covered political trust, economy collaboration, cultural exchanges and global issues.

“Under the new circumstances, China will work with African countries to enhance the traditional friendship and grow the new type of China-Africa strategic partnership,” Jia said.

The speech, entitled “May the Flower of China-Africa Friendship Grow More Splendid,” reaffirmed China’s commitment to boosting the ties between the world’s biggest developing country and the continent with the largest number of developing countries.

“Both sides should remain committed to deepening political mutual trust,” said Jia, chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), the country’s top advisory body. Jia highlighted the importance of high-level visits, intergovernmental, parliamentary and party-to-party exchanges and cooperation.—Xinhua

Bird flu detected in mid-western Nepal

KATHMANDU, 24 March—Bird flu, the Avian Influenza H5N1 virus, has been detected in four places of Banke district in mid-western Nepal. According to Wednesday’s nepalnews.com report, district livestock services office of Banke, some 365 km west of Kathmandu, confirmed the prevalence of bird flu in the district on Tuesday. It had sent samples of poultry products to the laboratory after it received a report from the central laboratory in Kathmandu.

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The four-day meeting is due to review the Indo-US military cooperation in the past year and work out programme for this year, said the report.

The report quoted unnamed sources as saying that the Americans put the proposal forth first and the Indian army is yet to decide on the modalities and unit that might join it.—Xinhua

Somali pirates seize Turkish ship

NAIROBI, 24 March—Somali pirates had hijacked a Turkish-owned ship on Tuesday with 21 crew members on board, a regional maritime official has confirmed.

Andrew Mwangura, the East Africa Coordinator of Seafarers Assistance Programme (SAP), said the Malta-flagged MV Frigia was seized early Tuesday in the pirate-infested waters of Somalia. “The Turkish ship was hijacked this morning with 21 crew members on board over 1,000 miles east of Somalia’s Hararhere. The ship has 19 Turkish and two Ukrainians,” Mwangura told Xinhua by telephone from Mombasa.

He said the 35,300 dwt ship was seized in an area some 400 nautical miles outside a shipping corridor protected by an international naval fleet.—Xinhua

S Korean space foods receive certification from Russian laboratory

SEOUL, 24 March—South Korean food products designed to be consumed in space have received certification from a Russian laboratory, the state-run Korea Food Research Institute (KFRI) said on Wednesday.

A total of 10 types of specially manufactured food products, including traditional dishes like fried Kimchi, hot pepper paste, bulgogi or beef stew, and bibimbap, a bowl of mixed rice and vegetables, have won the certification by the Institute of Biomedical Problems of the Russian Academy of Sciences (IBMP) last week after passing extensive testing, the KFRI said in a statement.

All food products were adjusted to fit the European astronauts’ different tastes, and were specially repackaged to have longer shelf life, according to KFRI, as they were produced under high pressure and heat with below-five percent moisture content.—Xinhua

School children wearing pharaoh-style hats watch as a 25-foot tall replica statue of the Egyptian god Anubis, with a suitcase at his feet, passes in front of the Brooklyn Bridge in New York, on 23 March, 2010.—XINHUA

People queue to collect water in Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras, on 22 March, 2010. Severe drought hit Tegucigalpa, as two main reservoirs which supply more than a million people, are working far below their capacity. —XINHUA

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Workers proceed with hoisting installation of the socket ring with a diameter of 14.38 m and weight of 362 tons for the gigantic hydropower unit set with a single unit capacity of 800,000 kilowatts, at the Xiangjiaba Hydropower Station of Yibin City, southwest China’s Sichuan Province, on 23 March, 2010.—XINHUA

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Public Works of the Ministry of Construction and unveiled stone plaque.

The Prime Minister said that for years the Pyay-Paukkaung-Toungoo mountain road across the central Yoma was not safe to travel due to the danger of insur- gentists and the existence of many up-and-down sections.

Thanks to the guidance of the Head of the State, the 120-mile-long road has been upgraded into a tar facility. Because of the Yoma mountain range, it took over eight hours to travel over 300 miles between Pyay in the western part of Bago Division and Toungoo in the eastern via Yangon.

According to country’s geographical condition, most were north-south-running railroads and motors roads. So, the government has built networks of motor roads, railroads, communications lines and flights covering every corner of the country.

The nation now has 21361 miles of roads built by other ministries and other institutions are also building transport facilities. The nation now has 21361 miles of roads built by Construction Ministry alone. That is 7700 more miles than in 1988. The total length of roads reaches over 70,000 if roads built by other ministries are added. Pyay-Paukkaung-Toungoo railroad is under construction.

But that was in the past. Now, the road has cut the travelling time to four hours in addition to helping join the two parts into one.

Nay Pyi Taw-Taunggyo-Taungdwingyi road another facility passing through the Yoma is being upgraded and the new Nay Pyi Taw-Taunggyo-Myothit road is under construction.

According to the government has been giving priority to national unity, while developing multi sectors. A nation cannot be built just with words, but only with all-round efforts. The government is bringing extra progress to metropolitanns like Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay and implementing long- and short-term plans for rapid and equal development of all the states and divisions of the Union. Development undertakings cover socio-economic, health, education, per capita income, social welfare and other related sectors. Twenty-four development regions have been designated for harmonious progress of the entire nation, and both eastern and western parts of Bago Division are developing now.

The nation-building task is being implemented on self-reliant basis. There will be a better future for the nation and all will enjoy benefits only if the nation’s resources have been harnessed with her own strength, technology and energy based on self-reliant endeavors. It is imperative to give priority to regional economic development, national economic development, national unity and consolidation of internal strength for the posterity to discharge national duties peacefully and perpetuation of the nation.

The government has made systematic efforts for rapid progress of human resources, natural resources, capital, technology and stability, the five basic requirements, for emergence of a new peaceful, modern and developed nation without fail.

Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Hla Min said in his address that smooth transport performs as a base in building a developed nation. Adopting Our Three Main National Courses, the government has built infrastructures day in, day out across the country for emergence of a developed country in line with 12 political, social and economic objectives.

Due to emergence of new Pyay-Paukkaung-Toungoo road, local people can travel to every part of the nation without delay, thereby contributing to development of their living standard.

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The commander urged the locals that they have to make all-out efforts in their bit to emerge a peaceful, modern and developed nation, utilizing the sound infrastructures effectively.

Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint elaborated on construction of roadwork Saying that the new Pyay-Paukkaung-Toungoo road is 124 miles and two furlongs long linking Tagwa village at milepost (182/3) of Yangon-Pyay-Magway Road and Ottwin at milepost (166/0) of Yangon-Mandalay Road. Works are under way to further upgrade the facility. In line with the guidance of the Head of State, the old Pyay-Paukkaung-Toungoo road is extended to a wider and smoother one.

The minister also called for taking part in maintenance of the road for endurance. A local spoke words of thanks.

The Prime Minister cordially greeted the attendees at the ceremony.

Lt-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence, the commander, Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and a local formally opened the road.

Later, the Prime Minister unveiled the stone-inscription of the road and sprinkled it with scented water. The Prime Minister cordially greeted the local people at the opening ceremony and inspected the new road in a motorcade.

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**Agreement on establishment of Technical Training School (Magway) inked**

NAY PYI TAW, 24 March— Ministry of Industry-2 and Korea International Cooperation Agency signed an agreement on establishment of Technicals Training School in Magway at Amara Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone this morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Deputy Minister Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, the director-general of Directorate of Myanmar Industrial Planning, departmental officials and responsible people of KOICA.

At the ceremony, DMIP Director-General U Myo Aung and Director/ Education Team leader of KOICA Mr Nam, Kwan-Hyoung signed the agreement and exchanged the documents.

Next, Mr Nam, Kwan-Hyoung presented teaching aids for the technical training school opened in Thagara Industrial Region with the assistance of the Republic of Korea to the principal. Technical Training School (Magway) will be established with a donation US$3 million by the Korean government within a year.

On completion, the school will conduct courses on car production.

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**Health Minister receives Australian Ambassador**

NAY PYI TAW, 24 March— Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint received Australian Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Ms. Michelle Chan at the ministry here today. They discussed matters on health sector between two countries. Also present at the meeting were directors-general from Health Departments under the ministry and responsible persons.

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**Hlawga Garden opens on Armed Forces Day**

YANGON, 24 March— For convenience of holiday makers, Hlawga Garden of Forest Department opens from 8 am to 5 pm on 27 March (Armed Forces Day).

Regular opening hours of the garden are from 8 am to 4 pm daily.

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The Myanmar Tatmadaw is a patriotic, self-disciplined Tatmadaw, a loyal Tatmadaw, a harmonious Tatmadaw, an efficient Tatmadaw, a Tatmadaw that makes self-sacrifices, a noble-minded Tatmadaw, a brave Tatmadaw with capabilities, a Tatmadaw with tenacity, a diligent Tatmadaw, and a Tatmadaw that upholds Our Three Main National Causes. So, they were worthy of great honour. However, in the fierce battle, you made final sacrifice for the mother country. For the mother country, you fell in action in a frontline more than a couple of decades ago, but you are still deep in the heart of all the family members of us. Your fall is, indeed, the very loss of a brave, loyal soldier for the country, as well as loss of a good son for the family. You upheld the oath “I solemnly take a vow to sacrifice my life for the country, the people and the Tatmadaw”. So, your premature demise is a noble sacrifice in a holy life for the country, the people and the Tatmadaw. You were worthy of great honour. However, in the fierce battle, you made final sacrifice for the mother country.

The Tatmadaw in perpetual charge of national defence duties

When summer comes

Kyaw Min Khaung

* Mist vanished with wild wind
* New leaves taking the place of fallen ones

The summer song bird cuckoo

In a sentimental song

So sweet was the melody

Already awakened was the world

* In the summer heat the yellow leaves
* Falling charmingly in the wind

In green coming out the buds

Early summer they are decorating

Ushering in a new season

* In air the aroma of blooming flowers
* Painting a beautiful picture

Of that early summer

* In that summer
* Hand in hand with amity

Unity between Tatmadaw and people

Having the same conviction

Loyalty they had in hearts

Rooting out the colonialists

And also the Fascists

Celebrating a grand victory

Glory to that summer

* Every year summer comes
* Ever fresh and new

The story of that summer

Our courage and zeal we showed

Still energetic and bright

Like all happened yesterday

Hailing the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

Maung Maung Moe Aung
parties secretly contacted SEATO (South-East Asia Treaty Organization) under the influence of the West Bloc. They flagrantly submitted Federal Policy and coerced the Pa-Hta-Sa government with the intention of seceding from the Union and joining SEATO. Their scheme was to secede from the Union unless the government gave green light or not. Again the nation was standing on the point of collapse into pieces. The then government was in no position to tackle the situation. In the end, the Tatmadaw saved the Union from disintegration by restoring the State’s sovereign powers on 2 March 1962.

In 1988, the people took to the streets because of general crises and discontent with the ruling Myanmar Socialist Programme Party. Internal and external subversive elements fueled the situations and generated public outrage into a wholesale unrest that dragged the image of the nation through the mire. The then government was completely unable to control anarchic disturbances that were strife across the nation. In addition, the government’s whole administrative machinery came to a halt. So-called protest leaders, demonstration union leaders, public leaders and even the person who claimed himself to be forever legal prime minister could do nothing to control and prevent the anarchic demonstrations. Old and neo-colonialists were waiting and seeing what sorts of changes would happen to seek their interest. A fleet of naval vessels of a power had intruded into the nation’s waters. The entire people were totally helpless. The nation was to fall into the abyss. On 18 September 1988, the Tatmadaw saved the nation from the collapse by assuming State responsibilities.

According to the historic events I have said to you, no one can deny that the Tatmadaw stood firmly by the people and safeguarded the country in times of emergency that posed dangers to sovereignty and integration of the Union.

Junior, since 18 September 1988, on which it unavoidably took State duties, the Tatmadaw has been upholding Our Three Main National Causes and carrying out nation-building tasks the length and breadth of the nation. As a result of the Tatmadaw’s earnest efforts, the whole nation, hilly and plain, enjoyed rapid development. The whole nation has seen networks of roads and railroads, and bridges spanning rivers and creeks one after another. That ensured smooth transport and swift commodity flow. The government has been implementing the Border Areas and National Races Development Project, the 24 Regions Special Development Project, and the Rural Development Project for equitable development of all parts of the Union. It took measures to wipe out poppy farming in hilly border areas, home to national races, and helped local farmers grow poppy-substitute crops. Now, it is in pursuance of the 15-year drug elimination plan (1999-2014) to ensure that the nation will be a drug free land. The Tatmadaw government managed to achieve national reconsolidation for which successive governments worked in vain. So far, 17 major national race armed groups have returned to the legal fold. And they have been working hard joining hands with the government for development of their regions. It is very encouraging to learn that some of the peace groups have transformed themselves into Tatmadaw members to shoulder national defence duties as border guard forces.

As we’ve wiped out the imperialists who resorted to all means to drive wedge during our independence struggle because they were reluctant to restore independence ... now also we, all in unity, must crush the destructionists plotting to hinder progress in every way.

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I write this article in honour of the Tatmadaw members who sacrificed their lives in action and as a gesture of hailing the 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day.

Translation: MS

It’s time we all united.

Now that we’re in 2010, democratic nation we’ve longed for is almost here.

It’s not time to relent efforts.

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### Nationwide destroyed poppy plantations after 1988

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**Remark:** Poppy plantations were destroyed in Shan State (North, South and East), Chin State, Kachin State, Kayah State, Rakhine State, Sagaing Division, Magway Division and Mandalay Division.

### A total of 25 acres of poppy plantation in Shan State (East) destroyed by combined efforts of Tatmadawmen and local people.

### Tatmadawmen and local residents destroy 61-acre poppy plantation in Shan State.
British aircraft crashes at Crete acrobatics show with no casualty

ATHENS, 24 March—A British aircraft which took part in an acrobatics show by the Red Arrows group of the Royal Air Force crashed around 2pm local time on Tuesday near the airport of Kasteli at Herakleion in Greece’s Crete Island.

Both pilots survived and are in good health, according to Greek authorities, after they ejected from the airplane using the automatic system.

There was also no reported injury among people on the ground.

The rest of the eight British aircraft in the show were now grounded on the air force base of Kasteli, as experts already started investigating the accident.

According to earlier information, the aircraft that crashed had touched slightly the wing of another aircraft, thus losing its balance and control.

The second aircraft landed safely with only minor damage. 

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S Korea to develop DMZ into eco-tourism area

SEOUL, 24 March—South Korea is planning to develop the demilitarized zone (DMZ) that separates South Korea and the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) into an eco-tourism area, according to local media.

The plan was unveiled by the Presidential Council on National Competitiveness on Tuesday. In cooperation with nine government agencies such as the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism, the Ministry of Unification, the Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Environment, it will create an ecological peace belt along the southern part of the four-kilometre-wide, 248-kilometre-long zone, extending from the western island of Ganghwa to the east coast city of Goseong.

Under the plan, the bike roads, an ecological peace park and a vacation centre will be built in the area. Ten villages near the inter-Korean land border will be turned into cultural tourism villages open to visitors.

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14 militants killed in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 24 March—At least 14 militants were killed and 17 others injured on Wednesday in a ground and air assault by security forces in lower Orakzai agency, Pakistan’s northwest tribal area, private TV channels reported.

Security forces backed by helicopters shelled militants hideouts in lower Orakzai agency and destroyed five compounds in the bombardment.

A security personnel also was injured, according to the private TV Express.

Military sources said that the army faced no tough resistance and have secured important positions in the area, while the militants are escaping.

Pakistani military after ending its successful offensive in South Waziristan tribal agency last year shifted its focus to Orakzai agency, which is believed to be a global hub for militants.

The United States authorities have publicly praised Pakistan efforts to take on Taleban in the tribal region, which America considers as the center of Taleban al-Qaeda remnants, from where they plot attacks against US and NATO troops in neighbouring Afghanistan.

Besides, US drones on Tuesday night fired two missiles at militants hideouts in North Waziristan tribal agency, killing at least six people, officials said.

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Uganda to host AU summit in July to discuss maternal health and child mortality

KAMPALA, 24 March—Uganda is to host the 15th African Union (AU) summit in July to discuss how to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) on maternal health and reducing child mortality in the continent, an official said on Tuesday.

The 15th ordinary session of the assembly of African heads of state to be held here from 19 to 27 July will also discuss peace and security, infrastructure, energy, agriculture and food security in the region, Isaac Musumba, Uganda’s state minister for regional cooperation, told a Press briefing.

The theme of the summit will be “Maternal, infant and child health and development in Africa.”

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HiRISE uncovers mystery of Mars

The Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter has finished its 4-year-long deep space mission. Following are pictures of Mars surface presented by NASA.

These stunning photos were shot by Mars-orbiting HiRISE camera.

Sand dunes, with graceful blue-gray swirls caused by dust devils, which are like mini-tornadoes.

This image shows dark sand dunes and inverted craters in the Arabia Terra region of Mars. The sand is dark because it was probably derived from basalt. The ‘inverted’ shape is found on Mars and Earth where erosion has stripped away surrounding topography.

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Men set record in veggie-oil-powered van

Two Canadians said their record-setting drive in a vegetable-oil-powered van reached 23,697 miles in New York.

Tyson Jerry, 26, and Cloe Whittaker, 24, said they reached the mark—enough to surpass the alternative-fuel driving record set two years ago by a German team using natural gas power—one Monday at New York’s Robert F. Wagner Middle School, and they are expecting the drive home to Victoria, British Columbia, the New York Daily News reported.

Burglar cooks meal, passes on the cash

Police in New Jersey said a burglar who broke into a restaurant to cook and eat dinner was apparently not hungry for cash.

Hillsdale police said someone entered the Matsu Sushi Grill by breaking an exhaust fan in the back of the eatery early Saturday morning and made a meal, the Record of Bergen County (NJ) reported Tuesday.

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No school bus? Then ride a zip line to school

More than 1,300000 above the roaring Rio Negro in Colombia, nine-year-old Daisy Mora prepares to throw herself over the abyss.

Attaching herself to an old and rusted pulley system she drops over the edge before plummeting at 40mph along a zip wire to the opposite bank half a mile away—a vertigo-inducing journey she has to take every day to get to school.

For the handful of families living in the area, 40 miles southeast of the capital Bogota, the 12 steel cables that connect one side of the valley to the other are their only access to the outside world.

German explorer Alexander von Humboldt was the first Westerner to see the river in 1804.

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Newsbury Park residents pack up as fire burns on estate

Cigarettes have stolen more than 5 million cigarettes from a truck in Germany.

Thieves have stolen more than 5 million cigarettes from a truck at a highway rest area in western Germany as its driver slept in the cab.

Police said on Tuesday that the thieves spirited away the cigarettes at some point during the night—emptying about half of the vehicle’s trailer.

They believe the booty was loaded onto other vehicles and driven away.

The 35-year-old Polish driver said he had parked his vehicle at a rest area on the A2 highway near Dortmund. Police said the stolen cigarettes likely were worth more than euro 1 million ($1.35 million).
At least 35 die in avalanche

KABUL, 24 March—The bodies of 30 people were recovered on Tuesday from the site of avalanche in a remote area of north-eastern Afghanistan, a police official said.

The remains of five other people lost in the avalanche that occurred two weeks ago have not yet been located, said police chief Aja Noor Kentuz in Badakhshan Province. Police and rescue workers spent four days getting to the scene, he said.

Five houses were destroyed in the avalanche, which occurred in the Arghakh Khizhikha district north of Faizabad — about 30 miles (50 kilometers) south of the Tajikistan border. An estimated 500 cattle and other animals also were killed, he said.

Local residents reported the avalanche in the village of Dood Daood. The road to the village is blocked by snow for several months of the year.

“They are very poor people living in a very remote area,” the police chief said. “From this village to another village is a three days walk.”

In February, at least 171 people died in an avalanche at the 12,700-foot (3,800-metre) high Salang Pass, the major route through the Hindu Kush mountains that connects the Afghan capital of Kabul to the north of the country.

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Four killed in chemical plant accident in NW China

LANZHOU, 24 March—At least four workers died and three others were injured after molten ore spewed from a furnace of a chemical plant in Gansu Province on Tuesday, the local authority said on Wednesday.

Ore being smelted in a huge furnace of the privately-run Huize Chemical Co Ltd gushed out at 4:20 pm on Tuesday as the top layer of materials collapsed, said an official with the work safety supervision administration of Jingsuan County in Baiyin City, the site of the accident.

A stream of molten ore quickly spread out, leaving seven workers at the site seriously scalded.

Four of the workers died in hospital and three are still being treated.

An investigation team headed by the director of the provincial work safety watchdog was heading to the site, said Gou Xiaodi, an officer in charge of chemical products control with the bureau. —Xinhua

Nocapine use for prostate cancer studied

SAN DIEGO, 24 March—US medical investigators say they have discovered nocapine, a cough medicine ingredient, can be used as a prophylactic treatment for prostate cancer.

The researchers from the University of California-San Diego, the Prostate Cancer Research and Education Foundation, also at San Diego, and the MedInsight Research Institute in Baltimore conducted nocapine administration as a preventive measure might offer significant benefits in the management of prostate cancer, a disease that kills more than 28,000 men in the United States each year.

The latest research focused on pre-treating mice with nocapine before infecting them with prostate cancer cells. That, said the scientists, resulted in the tumor growth rate being two-thirds smaller in the nocapine group than the non-nocapine group.

The study also found lung metastasis rates were 80 percent less in the mice pre-treated with nocapine while the nocapine group suffered no cancer-related weight loss, compared with significant weight loss in the non-nocapine group.

Nocapine has been used worldwide since the 1950s as an ingredient in over-the-counter cough medicines and was originally suggested as an anti-cancer agent in the early 1960s. But major studies of its anti-cancer properties have only taken place in recent years.

The findings appear in the journal Anticancer Research.—Internet

Take Fire Preventive Measures

Fire is a threat that can occur anywhere, at any time. Here are some basic steps you can take to reduce the risk of fire:

1. Keep flammable materials away from heat sources like stoves and fireplaces.
2. Install smoke detectors in every room of your home.
3. Regularly check smoke detectors for proper operation.
4. Keep electrical cords and appliances in good working condition.
5. Avoid leaving unattended candles or lit cigarettes.
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Japan’s export jumps 45.3% in Feb

Tokyo, 24 March—Japan’s exports surged 45.3 percent from a year earlier to 5,128.67 billion yen (56.99 billion US dollars) in February, Financial Ministry data showed on Wednesday.

The rise is the third straight monthly expansion, confirming the export-oriented economy is recovering from the worst economic downturn in decades.

The overall trade surplus came to 651.0 billion yen (7.2 billion dollars) in the month, soaring from the year-before surplus of 70.8 billion yen. The surplus was bigger than market expectation.

By region, exports to China expanded for the fourth consecutive month, up 47.7 percent to 902.42 billion yen, with demand for passenger cars, auto parts and high-tech devices strengthening.

Imports from China, Japan’s No 1 trading partner, grew for the first time in 16 months, up 54.3 percent to 926.98 billion yen.

With the rest of Asia, Japan’s exports rose 55.7 percent to 2,775.59 billion yen.

With the United States, exports increased for the second month running, up 50.4 percent to 837.07 billion yen, as shipments of cars in terms of value ballooned a record 129.9 percent from a year ago.

Shipments to the European Union rose for the third straight month, up 19.7 percent to 588.02 billion yen.—Xinhua

Macedonia claims out of economic recession

TIRANA, 24 March—Macedonia’s economy registered 1.2 percent growth in the last quarter of 2009, which indicates the country is officially out of recession, a senior official said on Tuesday.

Finance Minister Zoran Stavreski also told a press conference that the country’s gross domestic product (GDP) contracted an overall 0.7 percent in 2009, news reaching here from Skopje said.

“These results, combined with reduction of unemployment, show that Macedonia has generally managed to overcome the crisis with the lowest possible impact,” Stavreski said.—Xinhua

WTO issues final ruling on US-EU dispute over Airbus subsidies

GENEVA, 24 March—The World Trade Organization (WTO) confirmed on Tuesday that it had issued its final ruling on the US-EU dispute over alleged illegal subsidies provided to the latter’s aviation giant Airbus.

In a brief statement, the WTO said the expert panel responsible for the Airbus case had issued its final report to the two concerned parties, but the contents of the report remained confidential.

According to some trade sources, the WTO ruling backed parts of the US allegations that European governments had unfairly subsidized Airbus, Airbus said, however, that some 70 percent of the US claims had been rejected.

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Southern Sudanese children ride a bicycle in the town of Abiemnom in Unity state on 12 March. The oil-rich but underdeveloped southern Sudanese region borders former civil war enemies in north Sudan, and is suffering from attacks blamed on northern nomadic Misseriya people.—Internet

Nepal targets China second largest tourism market

KATHMANDU, 24 March—Nepal has targeted northern neighbour China as its second largest significant market for its tourism industry after southern neighbour India.

Nepal has projected China as its second largest market, at the time when country has launched a national tourism campaign “Nepal Tourism Year-2011 (NTY)” to attract more than one million tourists in an international level.

Budget airline easyJet is poised to appoint Carolyn McCall as its new chief executive, in a surprise move for the veteran media boss, reports said on Wednesday.

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Financial regulator shuts GunnAllen; 400 lose jobs

NEW YORK, 24 March—The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority’s move on Monday to close Tampa, Florida-based broker-dealer GunnAllen Financial Inc has left more than 400 financial advisers searching for a new firm.

FINRA warned GunnAllen on Friday that it had fallen below its mandatory net capital requirements, a person familiar with the situation said. The firm is no longer permitted to trade in its client accounts and the assets continue to be held by the firm’s third party custodian.

A FINRA spokesman declined to comment. As a matter of course, when a firm is shuttered by FINRA, the regulator launches an investigation.

According to Investment News, which broke the story early on Monday, GunnAllen is facing a raft of investor lawsuits related to the activities of former GunnAllen adviser Frank Bluestein, who allegedly operated a $250 million Ponzi scheme.

Mindy Diamond, a Chester, New Jersey-based industry recruiter, said her firm has received a number of calls from GunnAllen advisers looking for a new home. But she said most have low production figures and their options are limited.

“Most of them aren’t going to end up at a Wells Fargo or Raymond James. They’re looking at second tier firms or lower,” she said.—Internet
SPORTS

Xerez draw piles pressure on underfire Jimenez

MADRID, 24 March—Under-fire Sevilla coach Manolo Jimenez could not get the win he craved to alleviate the mounting pressure on his job with a last minute equaliser from Leandro Goida canceling out Frederic Kanoute’s penalty as Sevilla drew 1-1 at home to bottom side Xerez on Tuesday. The 32-year-old Kanoute came off the substitutes bench to score a second half penalty for Sevilla but Goida equalised in the dying seconds of the game for Xerez meaning Sevilla have failed to win any of their last seven matches in all competitions and sit a

Nalbandian says Nations Cup experiment worth a try

MOSCON, 24 March—David Nalbandian crawled off the canvas from an abdnominal injury this month and flew to Stockholm to help Argentina defeat Sweden 3-2 in the first round of the Davis Cup. But the one-time Wimbledon finalist said Tuesday at the start of the ATP Masters Masters that the proposal for a Nations Cup event that could replace a multi-week Davis Cup commitment would be worth seriously considering.

“You have to try something,” Nalbandian said. “I like a lot what you feel on the court during Davis Cup — it’s much difference than the ATP or Grand Slams. “But Davis Cup is tough on our schedule. Those should be weeks off for us, time to prepare for the clay season or the hardcourt season or just to rest.”

Wolves on the rampage against West Ham

LONDON, 24 March—Wolves took a huge step towards securing their Premier League status with a 3-1 win away to fellow strugglers West Ham United at Upton Park here on Tuesday. Victory left Mick McCarthy’s men seven points clear of the bottom three with seven games left but this defeat left the Hammers just three points above the relegation zone.

Kevin Doyle sent Wolves on their way before two goals in three second-half minutes from Ronald Zubar and Matthew Jarvis sealed victory. Guillermo Franco came off the substitutes bench to score for West Ham in injury time but the result had long since ceased to be an issue.

“We played well,” Wolves manager

Ancelotti sets Chelsea title points target

LONDON, 24 March—Chelsea manager Carlo Ancelotti has set his side a target of 86 points to win the English Premier League title this season. The match ended 1-1.—INTERNET

City’s Lescott out for up to five weeks

MANCHESTER, 24 March—Manchester City defender Joleon Lescott was ruled out Tuesday for “four to five weeks” with a hamstring tendon problem, according to manager Roberto Mancini. City had hoped to have the 24 million pounds Lescott back for next Monday’s home clash with Wigan after he limped out of the warm-up at Fulham ahead of a 2-1 win last weekend with hamstring trouble.

But a scan has revealed the full extent of Lescott’s injury and Mancini, whose side continue their quest for a Champions League place at home to Everton on Wednesday, said on Tuesday: “Joleon, I think, is out for at least four weeks with a problem with the muscle tendon.”

He went to see a doctor in London and he said it will be four or five weeks before he can come back.

“We are unlucky because Joleon is an important player for us.” City play Everton, the club from which they signed Lescott in controversial fashion in August, on Wednesday.—INTERNET

Hungrty Jankovic ready to take a big bite at Miami

MIAMI, 24 March—Jelena Jankovic is on the prowl for further prey after taking the WTA title at Indian Wells, with the Serbian star vowing Tuesday to take a bite out of the Miami Masters.

“I’m still hungry, I still want to do well,” said the bubbly Jankovic, who defeated Dane Caroline Wozniacki in the final.

“I feel like Jelena is in top form. I’m kind of like an animal.” Jankovic finished number one on the WTA Tour in 2008 then lost all form by over-training and bulking up to her detriment, but she has worked her way back to fighting-fit form. “I will win a Grand Slam. I believe in myself,” Jankovic said. “I’m thinking that I can do it. If I can win Indian Wells, I think I can win a Slam also. It’s just a matter of time and doing the right things.”

The 25-year-old enjoys a bye into the second round at Miami, with the seventh seed saying that her confidence is back to top level. —INTERNET

Internet

Golfer’s son died from alcohol, drugs

DALLAS, 24 March—The Dallas County medical examiner’s office says Hunter Green, the son of professional golfer Ken Green, died as a result of a combination of alcohol and prescription drugs. An autopsy report obtained by the Daillas Morning News on Tuesday says Green’s January death was accidental. It also says the drugs in Green’s system were muscle relaxants and painkillers. The 21-year-old Southern Methodist University sophomore was found dead in his dorm room on 22 Jan.

His sister, Brooke Baker, says her brother was prescribed the medications after suffering an injury.

Brazilian soccer player Love denies relation to drug traffickers

RIO DE JANEIRO, 24 March—The striker of Brazilian Flamengo’s soccer team, Vagner Love, denied his relation to drug traffickers when he appeared on Tuesday at the 15th district of the Rio de Janeiro police department.

The athlete was summoned in order to clarify his activity inside of the Rocinha slum after photos were displayed of him along side heavily armed men. On February 27, Love was photographed inside of the slum, escorted by a fleet of armed men on motorcycles. For nearly 40 minutes, the athlete gave his testimony to officers Alexandre Estelita and Rodrigo Martesiano.

The authorities questioned his awareness of criminal behavior inside of the slum and his relationship with drug traffickers. “I told them everything I knew and did not lie. I told them that I was in the slum to go to a funk party. But, I don’t know any drug traffickers and am not connected to them in any way. Looking back, I can see how it was not the best idea at the time,” said Love.—Xinhua

Internet

Wolverhampton Wanderers manager Mick McCarthy reacts at the final whistle during their Premier League match against West Ham United at Upton Park in London.—INTERNET

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SCIENTIFIC DAILY, 24 March — Tiny generators developed at the University of Michigan could produce enough electricity from random, ambient vibrations to power a wristwatch, pacemaker or wireless sensor. The energy-harvesting devices, created at U-M’s Engineering Research Center for Wireless Integrated Microsystems, are highly efficient at providing renewable electrical power from arbitrary, non-periodic vibrations. This type of vibration is a byproduct of traffic driving on bridges, machinery operating in factories and humans moving their limbs, for example.

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Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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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 killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

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Tatmadaw members are those born of national people, so the Tatmadaw is a force of national brethren that always readies itself to defend nation.

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Poem
When summer comes
Mist vanished with wild wind
New leaves taking the place of fallen ones
The summer song bird cuckoo
In a sentimental song
So sweet was the melody
Already awakened was the world