Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party pay homage to That Louang Stupa in Vientiane

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Oct—A Myanmar delegation led by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing paid homage to That Louang Stupa in Vientiane of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic on 2 October morning.

At 9.20 am, the Senior General, wife and party arrived at the stupa where they were welcomed by Vice-Mayor of Vientiane Mr Somvandee Nathavong and officials.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife offered meal, fruits, flowers, water, lights and joss sticks to the Buddha image on the platform of the stupa. They went round the stupa clock-wise.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing signed the visitors’ book accepted the donation.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife donated a mosaic of Shwedagon Pagoda, Jade Buddha image, diamond orb and cash for the stupa. The Vice-Mayor accepted the donation.

The Vice-Mayor briefed the Senior General, wife and party on history of the stupa.

Accompanied by Minister at the Prime Minister’s Office Mr Phongsavath Boupha and Myanmar Ambassador U Nyunt Hlaing, Senior General Than Shwe and wife and party left Vientiane International Airport by Laotian special aircraft and arrived at the airport in Savannakhet.

They were welcomed by Governor of Savannakhet Province Mr Vilayvahn Phomkhie and wife.

Two Laotian girls presented bouquets to Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing.

Senior General Than Shwe, wife and party were accorded welcome at Savannakhet Airport by Lao traditional music troupes and the people waving miniature flags.

Senior General Than Shwe, wife and party left there and arrived at Daosavanh Resort Hotel in Savannakhet where they stayed.—MNA

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing present a mosaic of Shwedagon Pagoda to Vice-Mayor of Vientiane Mr Somvandee Nathavong.

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PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 5 October, 2010

Respect teachers constantly

Today (5th October) is World Teachers’ Day. Every country is giving priority to constantly turning out qualified teachers. Myanmar is also trying to nurture good citizens enlisting the strength of teachers by carrying out the long-term national education promotion plan.

Parents send their children to teachers for pursuing education so that they can become brilliant and polite citizens. In the Myanmar society that highlights education and the teacher role, teachers are responsible not only for giving education to their students but for training them to be disciplined and morally good.

Qualities of a noble teacher such as goodwill, devotion and sacrifice plus high teaching quality can turn out more human resources capable of building a modern, developed nation aspired by the people.

Loving-kindness, compassion, goodwill, devotion and sacrifice are characteristics of a noble teacher the students always have to respect.

All in all, teachers are urged to continue training the youth of new generation to be educationally, physically and mentally strong.

Senior General Than Shwe’s wife
Daw Kyaing Kyaing visits Lao Women’s Association

Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and party view handicraft and cotton and silk wares booth of Lao Women’s Association.—MNA

They were welcomed by Chairperson Ms. Sysay Leudemounsone and officials of the association on their arrival at the association at 2.30 pm.

Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party viewed handicraft and cotton and silk wares booth at the association.

Daw Kyaing Kyaing and LWA Chairperson Ms. Sysay Leudemounsone exchanged souvenirs. Senior General Than Shwe’s wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing signed the visitors’ book.

Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party also visited Ammarinh Handicraft and Cotton Wares Enterprise in Vientiane.—MNA

Concordia to conduct survey, GPS courses

YANGON, 4 Oct— Concordia Int’l Co Ltd will conduct the survey certificate course (12/2010) from 11 to 25 October and the GPS and Google Earth Software from 11 to 14 October at its hall, here.

The survey course and the GPS course will admit the trainees beginning on 4 October. Those who passed the matriculation examination and basic education high school may attend the courses.

For further information, contact Concordia Ltd, 3rd and 5th flats of Shwegon Plaza, Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Tel: 01-544824, 558170, 540026, 7300923, 7300927 and 090004912, Fax: 544199.

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People’s desire

* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy
Key NATO supply route hit again in Pakistan

NATO and US troops in Afghanistan on Monday, the third such strike inside Pakistan in as many days, police said. The attack not far from the capital Islamabad took place on a supply line that has been stalled because of a temporary border closure imposed by Pakistani authorities to protest a NATO helicopter attack that killed three Pakistan troops last week.

It will raise the stakes in the closure, which has exacerbated tensions between Washington and Islamabad but has been welcomed by militant groups opposed to Pakistan’s support of the US-led war in Afghanistan. Police officer Umer Hayat said three people were killed and blamed Monday’s early morning attack on “terrorists.”

Bomb hits convoy of Iraqi official, kills one

Iraqi security forces are seen at a bombing site in Baghdad, Iraq, 3 Oct, 2010. Baghdad police officials say a bomb attached to a car has exploded, killing an employee of Iraq’s Agriculture Ministry.

Baghdad, 4 Oct—Police officials say a roadside bombing has targeted an convoy of a deputy minister in Iraq’s government, killing a bodyguard and injuring seven people. Baghdad has been hit by a wave of apparent Sunni insurgent attacks against security personnel and government workers.

Police officials say the blast struck the convoy of Fouad Al-Moussawi, a deputy minister of sciences and technology, in an area of southeast Baghdad.

He was not harmed, but one of his security team was killed and four others were wounded in Monday’s attack.

Three civilians also were injured. Officials at Ibn Al-Nafess Hospital confirmed the police report. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to brief media.

Explosion at plaza injures 15 in northern Mexico

An explosion at a plaza in northeastern Mexico injured 15 people, an attack authorities blamed Sunday on drug cartels targeting the civilian population to cause chaos.

Police believe the attackers threw a grenade Saturday night at the main square in the town of Guadalupe, but were still trying to confirm the type of explosive, said Adrian de la Garza, the director of the investigations agency of Nuevo Leon, where the town is located.

Six children, the youngest 3 years old, were among the injured, said Francisco Gonzalez, the state deputy health director. He said the injuries were not life-threatening, and most of the victims had returned home from the hospital.

It was the fourth such attack in two days in the area around the city of Monterrey, which has been reeling from a turf war between the Gulf and Zetas drug gangs.

On Friday night, three separate grenade attacks happened: near the federal courts, outside a prison and near the US Consulate in Monterrey. A security guard was injured in the attack at the courts.

Afghan starts to close private security firms

KABUL, 4 Oct—The Afghan government said Sunday it has started dissolving private security firms in the country by taking steps to end the operations of eight companies, including the firm formerly known as Blackwater and three other international contractors.

“We have very good news for the Afghan people today,” presidential spokesman Waheed Omar told reporters in the capital. “The disbanding of eight private security firms has started.”

Afghan President Hamid Karzai announced in August that private security contractors would have to cease operations by the end of the year — wiping out an industry with tens of thousands of guards who protect military convoys, government officials and businesspeople.

Some security contractors have been criticized for operating more like private militias, and the government said it could not have armed groups that were independent of the police or military forces.

The eight companies include Xe Services — the North Carolina-based contractor formerly called Blackwater — Virginia-based NCL Holdings LLC, New Mexico-based Four Horsemen International and London-based Compass International, Omar said. Two large Afghan firms, White Eagle Security Services and Abdul Khaliq Achakzai, are also on the list. The remaining two companies are small operations with fewer than 100 employees, so he declined to name them.—Internet

Britain warns travellers of “high threat” in France, Germany

LONDON, 4 Oct—Britain updated its travel advice for France and Germany on Sunday, warning there was a “high threat of terrorism” as it backed a similar US alert about possible attacks across Europe.

“We can confirm that the travel advice for France and Germany has been updated,” a Foreign Office spokeswoman told AFP.

“Like other large European countries, they have a high threat of terrorism, which is reflected in our updated travel advice.”

The updated travel advice for France and Germany on the Foreign Office website (www.fco.gov.uk) warned that “attacks could be indiscriminate, including in public places frequented by expatriates and foreign travellers”.

Britain had previously identified only a “general threat” in the two European countries.

The move came shortly after the US State Department issued a travel alert for Europe, warning of “the potential for terrorist attacks” and urging Americans to take precautions in public places and transport systems.

“Current information suggests that Al-Qaeda and affiliated organizations continue to plan terrorist attacks,” the State Department alert said.—Internet
UN climate chief urges action as China talks open

A Pakistani flood survivor wades through the floodwater in Khairpur Nathan Shah on 18 September. The UN climate change chief has warned countries they must immediately begin working towards a deal to combat global warming, as talks resumed in China.

The six days of talks in the northern city of Tianjin are part of long-running efforts through the United Nations to secure a post-2012 treaty to limit global warming and avoid potential environmental catastrophes. The event is the first time that China, the world’s biggest source of greenhouse gases, which scientists say cause global warming, has hosted a UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) meeting.

Little progress has been made since world leaders failed to broker a deal in Copenhagen last year and the delegates were told they had to break the stalemate ahead of another UN climate summit in Mexico starting next month. “Now is the time to rise to your challenge,” UNFCCC executive secretary Christiana Figueres said in an address at the start of the conference to delegates from more than 170 nations.

Census surveys vast body of global marine life

LONDON, 4 Oct—Results of the first-ever global marine life census were unveiled Monday, revealing an unprecedented view of life beneath the waves after a decade-long trawl through the murky depths.

The Census of Marine Life estimated there are one million-plus species in the oceans, with at least three-quarters of them yet to be discovered. The 650-million-dollar (470-million-euro) international study found more than 6,000 potentially new species, and found some species considered rare were actually common.

The research involved more than 2,700 scientists, 670 institutions, more than 540 expeditions and around 9,000 days at sea. Nearly 30 million observations of 120,000 species were made.

The census establishes a baseline against which 21st-century changes can be monitored. New species were discovered, marine highways and rest stops mapped and changes in species abundance were documented.

Virus threatens survival of British frogs

LONDON, 4 Oct—A virus that makes frogs bleed to death is wiping them out in much of Britain, biologists said.

The ranavirus has killed off 80 percent of common frogs in the worst-hit areas and threatens other amphibians, a senior research fellow at the Zoological Society of London told The Sunday Telegraph. Scientist Trent Garner said, “Many of these populations are hanging on by a handful of frogs. If the disease causes the frog populations to fall so low then so many other factors come into play that could cause local extinctions.” The researchers examined frog numbers in a selection of populations around the country where ranavirus disease has been reported since 1996. In half of the populations surveyed, there were repeated outbreaks.

Samsung to unveil WiMax 2 Trial system in Japan

SEOUL, 4 Oct—Samsung Electronics Inc said on Monday that it had scrapped a plan to launch a tablet computer based on Google Inc’s Android 2.2 operation system known as “Froyo,” a decision that may delay the rollout of its first tablet PC slated for next quarter.

The decision could mark another setback for the South Korean company, which is seeking to bolster its loss-making handset division with attractive new devices, as its tablet may come too late to a suddenly congested market led by Apple Inc’s successful iPad.

“We plan to introduce a tablet that runs on the most reliable Android version ... We are in talks with Google to decide on the most suitable version for our tablet and that is not Froyo 2.2,” said an LG official. The official declined to be named, saying LG had yet to decide on the timing for its tablet launch.

LG Elec says Android 2.2-based tablet plan dropped

BlackBerry maker Research In Motion Ltd unveiled its PlayBook tablet last week in the fast-growing market that is becoming more crowded with the likes of Samsung Electronics Co Ltd and Dell Inc.

LG, the world’s No 3 mobile phone maker but a laggard in the booming smartphone market, introduced the Optimus One smartphone in Korea this week before launching global sales through about 120 carriers with a sales target of 10 million units. Its smartphones have yet to reach the 1 million unit sales mark and LG is betting on strong demand for Android-based smartphones to help put it firmly back on the recovery path.
Health

7th World Congress of Chinese Medicine opens in Netherlands

Chinese medicine in the world, especially in European countries. Acupuncture in the Netherlands is increasingly being accepted as a complementary medicine, as an addition to regular medicine. The standardization of Chinese medicine is another focus of this congress. Presentations and lectures with the title “Technical requirement for registration of Chinese medicine in EU” and “Quality control of Chinese medicine”, attracted hundreds.

The Annual World Congress of Chinese Medicine is a global event for Chinese medicine. After its establishment in 2003, it has attracted hundreds of experts and scholars worldwide. The next congress will be held in London in 2011.

There is growing interest in traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) and its applications for modern medicine. TCM is known for its holistic approach to health and disease prevention.

Business

Japan’s average monthly wages remain flat on year in August

Tokyo, 4 Oct—Monthly wages at Japanese companies with at least five employees remained unchanged in August from a year earlier at an average of 274,232 yen (3,288 US dollars), having risen for the previous five straight months, the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare said in a report on Monday. Economists said the stagnation of wages was due to concerns over the yen’s appreciation hampering Japan’s export-led recovery, lingering deflation and dwindling domestic growth prospects.

Over time pay, a key gauge of the relative strength in corporate activity, rose 10.8 percent to 18,068 yen in August from a year earlier, rising for an eighth straight month, but the pace slowed from a revised 12.4 percent gain in July, the ministry reported.

Scheduled pay, however, which includes basic salary, fell 0.1 percent from a year before to 244,483 yen in the recording month, marking the 25th straight monthly decline, the government’s preliminary report revealed. Overtime working hours increased 8.9 percent to 9.7 hours in August with those in the key manufacturing sector surging 29.0 percent to 13.8 hours, marking a ninth straight monthly increase on year, but the pace is easing, the labor ministry said.

The report said that the number of regular employees rose 0.5 percent, with those in full time employment increasing 2.4 percent. Part-time workers rose 2.4 percent.

Oil above $81 in Asia on signs demand to improve

KUALA LUMPUR, 4 Oct—Oil prices held gains above $81 a barrel Monday in Asia on renewed hopes that demand for crude will improve.

Benchmark oil for November delivery eased 2 cents to $81.56 a barrel at midday Kuala Lumpur time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract gained $1.61 to settle at $81.58 on Friday, the first time it topped $80 a barrel since early August.

“We have expectations of demand growth returning to the market. The current momentum built into oil futures may support pricing at this $80 plus level for a while but it remains a question whether it can be sustained over the longer-term,” said Victor Shum, an energy analyst at consultancy Purvin & Gertz in Singapore.

A decline in first-time claims for jobless benefits and an improvement in Chicago Region manufacturing activity spurred oil’s rally on Friday. The US government has also raised its estimate of second quarter gross domestic product growth to 1.7 percent from 1.6 percent.

World oil prices retreated, dragged down by downward equity markets and after an unexpected rise in US crude inventories.

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Future comes from hands of today’s teachers

World Teachers’ Day

The 5th October 2010, 12th waning of Tawthalin, 1372 Myanmar Era, (Tuesday) is the World Teachers’ Day. It is an auspicious day in the education field.

Indeed, the paying respects to the respectable persons in response to the gratitude is auspicious. As such, we all have to deeply honour the teachers on the occasion of the World Teachers’ Day.

Motto of World Teachers’ Day

The theme of the motto for the world Teachers’ Day is designated annually.

The motto for the World Teachers’ Day-2008 was ‘Teachers’ Masters’.

In 2009 it was ‘Build the Future Invest in Teachers Now’.

This year, the motto for the World Teachers’ Day is ‘Recovery Begins with Teachers’.

In reviewing the mottos and themes for the World Teachers’ Day, I have learnt that teachers are playing a key role in the education sector; that the best investment is to nurture the teachers so as to shape the brighter future; that strenuous efforts are to be made for putting investment in nurturing the teachers as initial stage to have the economic, social and technological recovery with a view to overcoming the world economic crisis; and that the mottos and themes for the World Teachers’ Day mean encouraging the teachers to be able to achieve greater progress.

Future depends on teachers

The word “world teachers” is inclusive of Myanmar teachers. The teacher is a general term for both female and male teachers. Likewise, pupil student means both female and male pupil students.

A renowned scholar of the world ‘William James’ said: ‘The teachers of this country, one may say, have their future in their hands.’

According to his definition, the future of a country is in the hands of teachers of that country. It is true. The new generation youths on whom a country relies actually possess the future of the nation. Indeed, those who nurture the new generation human resource youths are teachers.

Accordingly, it can be said that the future of a country is kept in the hands of teachers of that country, referring to the above-mentioned saying.

It is a simple, noticeable and acceptable presentation.

Likewise, one more expert left a short and sweet saying. He is Henery Brook Adams. He said: ‘A teacher affects eternity, he can never tell where his influence stops’

It is true. Myanmar people deeply accept that teacher is an eternal benefactor in the traditional culture and belief. Myanmar people firmly believe that the influence of teachers over pupils will never come to an end and the power of teachers will be ever lasting.

With regard to the concepts on teachers, a special attention was paid to teaching of teachers in the “educational century”, “education age” and “educational human society”, effectiveness of teaching and necessity of guarantee for the future.

‘The future of the nation is on the shoulders of teachers and how they teach kids; the future of the world is in the classroom where the teachers are. And if we have any chance to guarantee a positive bridge to the 21st Century, it is how we educate the children in the classroom to day.’

Richard Reginald Green

It is true. The 21st Century is the significant one. Education is jewel in the globalization while teachers is key player. Those who can provide proper education are teachers.

It is necessary to place emphasis on the saying of Myanmar scholars: ‘Without teaching of a teacher one will not do things correctly.’

Teachers are to train and give advice to the students not only in the classrooms but also at the sports grounds outside the classroom through correct ways and techniques. It is necessary to perform the systematic teaching and make sure that there is proper learning of pupils from the teachers. Teachers are to initiate the pupils to be able to have creative and innovative thinking. It is the duty of the teachers.

Four learning pillars

After holding a coordination meeting, the world class scholars unanimously adopted four learning pillars of the 21st Century. They are:

1. Learning to know
2. Learning to do
3. Learning to be
4. Learning to live together

World teachers are to systematically train and nurture their pupils in and out the classroom in line with the four learning pillars. As such, the pupils will have wide range of necessary knowledge and technology and individual all-round development. They will be able to enhance co-existence instead of co-extinction.

Due to receiving correct way of teaching and valuable guidance from the teachers, the pupils will have the capabilities of correct thinking, innovations, assessment and consideration.

Role of today’s teacher

Nowadays, the 21st Century’s teachers are constantly learning everything with high spirit of teachers and behavior like that of eternal students.

They have to nurture their pupils to love for learning and to pursue life long learning.

The teachers discharging the noble duty are to uplift themselves with higher proficiency to be able to stand as the persons with loving-kindness, compassion, the will to rejoice at their pupils’ success or prosperity, good will, the sacrificing spirit and sympathy.

As such, they will be the 21st Century’s great teachers on whom the pupils rely.

All-round decorators

Over 60 million teachers in the world today are striving for equipping over 1000 million pupils with physical and mental development, improvement of moral characters, enhancement of aesthetic enjoyment and vocational development.

Nowadays, all unanimously accept that the world teachers (including Myanmar teachers) are decorating the world with education and they are shaping the future.

All the pupils owe gratitude to the teachers forever.

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Translation: TTA

Venezuela’s Chavez to visit China, Russia, Belarus, Iran

Hugo Chavez
CARACAS, 4 Oct—President Hugo Chavez said Sunday that he will travel soon to Russia, Belarus, China and Iran; four countries with which Venezuela has sought close political and economic ties in recent years.

Chavez did not immediately offer specific dates. “In a few days, I will be travelling to Russia. We have important projects with Russia,” Chavez said.

A bilateral finance bank to which Venezuela and Russia agreed two years ago could be ready to launch on time for the visit, he said.

“A few days ago, I received a letter from the Russian president (Dmitry Medvedev) in which he was insisting that we iron out the technical and financial details of the bank. It is very likely that when I get to Moscow it will be ready,” Chavez said.

China and Venezuela have also boosted their economic cooperation; they have a 12-billion-dollar joint finance fund. Beijing has said it will spend 16 billion dollars on a heavy crude well in the Orinoco delta area, in the east of Venezuela, an OPEC member and South America’s biggest oil producer. —Internet

Iran calls on foreign powers to leave Middle East region

Tehran, 4 Oct—Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad called on foreign powers to leave Middle East region before being expelled by the regional states, the official IRNA news agency reported on Sunday.

Referring to the presence of Western forces in Iran’s neighbouring countries of Iraq and Afghanistan, Ahmadinejad said, “if you do not leave the region on your own, the regional nations will kick you out.” He made the remarks in Savojbolagh of Alborz Province, some 70 km west of the capital Tehran, according to the report.

US army soldiers are a group of oppressed people from Africa and the United States who were deceived by the US officials and came to the army just to earn a living,” IRNA quoted Ahmadinejad as saying. Iran has reiterated that the interference of foreigners is the root cause of tensions and divisions in the region and the foreign forces must leave the region.

Meanwhile, Iranian officials have said that the best way to establish and safeguard a durable security in the Middle East is the cooperation of all the regional governments and nations.

Xinhua
I would like to present our party's policy, stance and work programmes.

Policies

Economy: The open door economic system that allows economic freedom of the people will be practised. Priority will be given to development of private businesses. Direct investment will be invited from abroad. Encouragement will be given to invest abroad. Trade and production technology will be enhanced in cooperation not only with ASEAN countries but also with global countries.

Politics: We will practise the multi-party democracy system that can grant political freedom of the people. Political freedom will be allowed for freedom of exression, press and organizing, establishment of political parties, peaceful demonstration for realizing the democracy without undermining the public interest. The capitalism without attachment to landlord system will be practiced to become Myanmar as a world model country with development of economic productivity forces and improvement of living standard and thinking power.

Education: The education system serving the interest of the human society will be practised to be able to turn out intellectuals and intelligensia. The education system in small human resources. The compulsory middle school education will be implemented for broadening the horizon of the people. Private entrepreneurs will be permitted to do business in the education sector. The encouragement will be given to both government and private entrepreneurs to conduct the education research.

Health: Basic health policies will be adopted for ensuring health and fitness of the entire people and systematic improvement of medical education. We will place emphasis on providing of health care services by the government to the people and the opportunity will be created for the private sector to be able to competitively participate in the health sector. We will give encouragement to doing medical research works including traditional medicines.

Defence: There must be a modern national Tatmadaw that sacrifices lives for safeguarding the Independence and sovereignty, lives and property of the people and the Union against the dangers. We will try hard to constantly modernize the national Tatmadaw.

Foreign Affairs: We will continue to practise the peaceful coexistence Bandung five principles. We will practise the independent foreign policy to strive for peaceful development of international human society. All-out efforts will be made for giving priority to ensure international peace and development. We will actively participate in the global affairs in the United Nations such as security, peace and development of the international people.

Agriculture: The agricultural policy will be realized in conformity with the market-oriented economic system for ensuring free cultivation, harvest, storage and sales at home and abroad. Encouragement will be given to implementation of the agriculture sector on large farm cultivation applying advanced technology for improvement of farmers from the rural areas.

Culture and Social Affairs: We have planned to preserve good heritage of Myanmar traditional culture and promote the modern culture. We will preserve fine traditions of Myanmar national society. Furthermore, we will realize the fine social traditions in conformity with the current period.

Religious Affairs: We will allow everybody to enjoy the freedom of religions. (We will not complicate the religious and political affairs.

National race affairs: The genuine Union will be established through the market-oriented economic system and rights of democracy that can grant the equal rights of the national races. We pledge to realize the capitalism free from chauvinism and narrow-minded racism and to ensure perpetual existence of the national unity and the Union.

Internal Peace: Relentless efforts will be made to end the internal armed conflict which is one of the longest in the world and ensure the Path of National Reconciliation without fail.

Four work guidelines

(1) Let's analyze everything scientifically without believing blindly.
(2) Let's rely on knowledge and intellectual power after abandoning irrationalism.
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(4) Innocent people are getting nearer to the truth than those holding old irrationalism.

Myanmar History and present democratization process

When Myanmar regained her independence after experiencing the Second World War, there emerged sectarianism, ideological differences, personality cult and racism in the country instead of rebuilding the nation as a united one. The nation was also subjected to disintegration of the national consolidation and outside interferences and the people became innocent victims of the civil war. The nation lagged far behind other countries in development.

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NAY PYI TAW, 4 Oct—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party paid homage to Ing Hang Stupa in Savannakhet of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic yesterday morning.

On arrival at the stupa at 9:25 am, Senior General Than Shwe, wife and party were welcomed by Governor of Savannakhet Province and Mr Vilayvanh Phomkhie, wife and party.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing offered meals, fruits, flowers, water, lights and joss sticks to the Buddha image on the platform of the pagoda. Senior General Than Shwe and wife paid homage to ancient Buddha images of stupa.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing donated a mosaic of Shwedagon Pagoda Painting, Jade Buddha image, Tipitakat treatises and cash through an official.—MNA

Governor of Savannakhet Province of Lao PDR calls on Senior General Than Shwe

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Oct—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe received Governor Mr Vilayvanh Phomkhie of Savannakhet Province of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic at 6 pm on 2 October.

Also present at the call were Member of the State Peace and Development Council Thura U Shwe Mann, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of Triangle Region Command Brig-Gen Than Tun Oo, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and high ranking officials.

The Governor of Savannakhet Province of Lao PDR was accompanied by Minister at the President’s Office Mr Phongsavath Boupha, Lao Ambassado to Myanmar Mr Kouily A Soupakhet, Vice-Governor of the province Dr Khampherk Phanthachon and senior officials.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party together with Governor Mr Vilayvanh Phomkhie of Savannakhet Province and party attended a Lao traditional ceremony. The governor and wife hosted dinner in honour the Myanmar delegation led by Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing at the hall of Daosawan Resort Hotel at 7 am. The governor and wife hosted dinner in honour of the Lao traditional ceremony. The governor and wife hosted dinner in honour of the Myanmar delegation led by Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing at the hall of Daosawan Resort Hotel.

Before and during the dinner, Lao cultural troupes entertained with traditional songs and dances.

After the dinner, Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing presented bouquet to Lao cultural troupe members and then posed for a documentary photo together with them.

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NAY PYI TAW, 4 Oct — The Myanmar delegation led by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing on 2 October evening visited Laotian national leader Kaysone Phomvihane Museum in Savannakhet of the Lao PDR.

On arrival at Laotian national leader Kaysone Phomvihane Museum in Savannakhet at 3.40 p.m., the Myanmar delegation led by Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing were welcomed by officials of the museum. Officials of the museum gave an account of the museum to Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing. Next, the Myanmar delegation observed the tomb of Laotian national leader Kaysone Phomvihane in the compound of the museum.


On their arrival at MITR Sugar Mill in Savannakhet at 10.45 a.m., Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing were welcomed by Chairman of MITR Phol Sugar Corp., Ltd Mr. Krisda Monthienwichienchai and officials. At the briefing hall of the mill, Chairman Mr. Krisda Monthienwichienchai extended greetings. Next, Sales and Marketing Manager of Phol Sugar Co., Ltd Mr. Kirichpetch Phondomkor explained facts about the mill. Then Chairman Mr. Krisda Monthienwichienchai presented a basket of fruit to Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing.

Afterwards, Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing visited KoLAO automobile and motorbike assembling plant in Savannakhet at 11.45 a.m., Company Chairman Mr. Jheon Chaung Wook and officials welcomed the Myanmar delegation led by Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing. At the briefing hall of the plant, the company chairman explained production process of the plant.

Next, the Myanmar delegation led by Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing arrived back at Daosavanh Resort Hotel where they were staying. — MNA
NAY PYI TAW, 4 Oct — Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, member of Myanmar delegation led by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing, met with Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defence of Lao People’s Democratic Republic Lt-Gen Douangchay Phichit at the Ministry of Defence in Vientiane at 7.30 am on 2 October. Also present at the call together with Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing were Commander of Triangle Region Command Brig-Gen Than Tun Oo, Military Attaché Col Win Hlaing of Myanmar Embassy in Lao PDR and senior military officers.

The Laotian Deputy Prime Minister was accompanied by Deputy Chief of Staff of the Lao Armed Forces Brig-Gen Bouasien Champaphanh, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Defence Brig-Gen Sisophon Bang One Sengdeth and senior military officers.

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of Ministry of Defence meets Laotian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defence Lt-Gen Douangchay Phichit.—MNA
NPED Minister receives Chairman of Lao-Myanmar Friendship Association

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Oct—Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, who accompanied Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing on a State visit to Lao People’s Democratic Republic, received Dr Phandouangchith Vongsa, Chairman of Lao-Myanmar Friendship Association, at Don Chan Palace Hotel in Vientiane at 5:15 pm local time on 1 October. Together with Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha were Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Myanmar Ambassador to Lao PDR U Nyunt Hlaing, Deputy Director-General of Political Department U Hauk Do Swam, Director of the Government Office U Ye Min and Chairman of Union of Myanmar Travels Association U Maung Maung Swe. Dr Phandouangchith Vongsa, Chairman of Lao-Myanmar Friendship Association, was accompanied by Director-General of Department of International Relations Mrs Siphorn, Secretaries of Lao-Myanmar Friendship Association Ms Chan Thu and Mr. Khamkeo, as well as members of Lao-Myanmar Friendship Association Dr Sulot and Mr Thangsay.

Schwan-Stabilo stationery in distribution

YANGON, 4 Oct—Salient Trading Co Ltd distributes Germany-made Schwan-Stabilo stationery the whole nation. The company sells point 88 fine liner with nine attractive fluorescent colours, swing cool highlighter, ball-pens, pencils, erasers and others for children as left and right series. Spare parts and Schwan-Stabilo stationery are available at department stores, mini-markets and stores.

For further information, contact Salient Trading Company Ltd at No. 22 on Nguwah Street, Saw Yan Paing (South) Ward, Ahlon Township, 01-225110, 703165 and 095013153.

Kayak State-in-charge, UEC member, supervises demonstration on casting votes

YANGON, 4 Oct—Member of Union Election Commission in-charge of Kayah State U Khin Maung Nu yesterday morning viewed demonstration on how to cast votes at the polling station in Naungya (A), Loikaw in Kayah State. He was accompanied by Members of State/District/Township/Ward and Village-tract Election Subcommissions.

On the occasion, Secretary of State Election Subcommission U Khin Maung Yi attended to the needs on the demonstration.
Floods kill six in central Vietnam

HANOI, 4 Oct—Floods caused by heavy weekend rain killed six people in central Vietnam, the government said on Monday, Ha Tinh province recorded the worst toll with four people dead, while neighbouring Quang Binh and Quang Tri provinces reported one each, said the national flood and storm control department in Hanoi.

At least 13,300 people in Ha Tinh were evacuated to safety after 728 millimetres of rain fell, the agency said.

State-linked media said thousands of houses have been submerged while transport in some areas was disrupted by flooding.——Internet

Experts baffled by ‘small’ Bangladesh tigers

DILAPA, 4 Oct—Tigers prowling the famous mangrove forests of Bangladesh are nearly half the weight of other wild Bengal tigers in South Asia, a study has found.

The average weight of female tigers in the Sundarbans forests was 76.7kg (170lb), according to the US Fish and Wildlife Service research.

But other wild Bengal tigers in the region tipped the scales at 138.2 kg on average. Researchers said this could be because Sundarbans tigers are smaller deer.

The team believes the big cats found in the mangrove forest, which stretches from Bangladesh to India, could be among the world’s smallest tigers. They belong to one of nine sub-species of Bengal tiger in India, Nepal, Bangladesh and Bhutan.

Researchers from the University of Minnesota and the Bangladesh Forest Department — who carried out the study for the US Fish and Wildlife Service — weighed three Sundarbans tigers. Two of the animals were captured and sedated, but the other one had been killed by villagers.

Adam Barlow, one of the authors of the research, said they do not know why the Sundarbans tigers are so small.——Internet

A flight from Moscow to Grozny made emergency landing

Moscow, 4 Oct—A passenger jet flying from Moscow to Grozny made an unexpected landing on Sunday more than halfway through the trip after an anonymous call warned that an explosive device was on board, a transportation official told state-run media.

The call was made sometime after the plane departed at 4:15 pm from Vnukovo International Airport near Moscow, Crimea, spokesman for Russia’s air transport agency told Izvestia on Sunday. The plane — a Yakovlev Yak-42 carrying 73 passengers — landed in Volgograd.

Authorities were inspecting the aircraft and interviewing passengers, Izvolsky said. Officials at the airports in Volgograd and Vnukovo confirmed the landing to CNN, but declined to give details on the incident.——Internet

Tourist plane crashes near famed Nazca Lines

LIMA, 4 Oct — A small plane carrying British tourists crashed near the famed Nazca Lines in Peru on Saturday, killing all six people on board, police said.

The victims were listed as four Britons — three men and a woman — and the pilot and co-pilot, both Peruvians.

The Cessna plane apparently had engine trouble that led it to crash in a field, Nazca police chief Alfredo Coronel said. Police were working to recover the bodies.

An official who answered the phone at the British Embassy in Lima said the plane was not permitted to land without giving details on the incident.——Internet

Man hands £20,000 to cancer charity

London, 4 Oct — A mystery man walked into a charity shop and handed in an envelope with a £20,000 donation inside, then left without saying a word. It is believed to be the biggest donation handed in to a Cancer Research UK shop in the UK. Staff unveiled a plaque at the shop with the words “thank you” to send a message to the mystery benefactor.

Workers said it was the biggest donation they had “ever seen” at the Cancer Research UK shop. Ms Agatha, a volunteer at the shop in Sauchiehall Street, said: “I was really excited when I saw the £20,000 in the envelope while helping at the Glasgow Cancer Research UK shop. Volunteer Alexandra Macmillan, 48, was handed the envelope while helping at the Glasgow Cancer Research UK shop. Ms Macmillan, who has been volunteer- ing at the shop in Sauchiehall Street for nine years, said: “It was quite busy in the shop, so I thought he was just another customer. He didn’t say anything, just smiled and handed me the envelope. Before I could say any- thing to him he had turned around and walked away.”——Internet

Sunderbans tigers were found to weigh nearly half as much as their cousins in the region —Internet

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**First gold at stake as C’wealth Games begin**

**NEW DELHI, 4 Oct**—The Commonwealth Games finally got underway on Monday with eight gold medals at stake as the focus switched to sport after a nightmarish run-up damaged India’s reputation.

Five of the titles will come in the pool where England’s double Olympic champion Rebecca Adlington headlines the women’s 200m freestyle, the first leg of what she hopes will be a four-gold medal haul.

Gold will also be won in the men’s 400m freestyle, the women’s 200m individual medley, the men’s 200m butterfly and the men’s 4x100m freestyle relay where Australia, South Africa and England should be in contention.

Glory is also on the line in weightlifting in the women’s 48kg category and the men’s 56kg, while the Commonwealth’s top men’s gymnasts will battle for team bragging rights.

The lead-up to the 11-day long Games has been dogged by months of worries over threats of terror attacks, corruption and construction delays, but India regained some credibility with its emergence as a powerful global player, and, celebrated the country’s long history as well as delays, but India regained some credibility with its emergence as a powerful global player, and, celebrated the country’s long history as well as

**Seven killed in road accident in east China**

**NANCHANG, 4 Oct**—Seven people were burnt to death after a car they were riding crashed into a road island and caught fire in east China’s Jiangxi Province early Sunday, local authorities said.

The accident occurred at around 00:28 am on the No 320 national highway near Gao’an City, Jiangxi, said a statement released by the city government.

The car was heading from Gao’an to Nanchang, capital of Jiangxi Province. It was not immediately known why the car had lost the control and crashed.

Police were still investigating the cause of the accident.—Xinhua

**Archaeologists find statue of Tutankhamun’s grandad**

Egyptian archaeologists have unearthed part a 3,000-year-old statue of the pharaoh Amenhotep III, believed to be the grandfather of the young King Tutankhamun, unearthed by archaeologists.

A handout picture from the Egyptian Supreme Council of Antiquities (ESCA) shows a 3,000-year-old statue of the pharaoh Amenhotep III, believed to be the grandfather of the young King Tutankhamun, unearthed by archaeologists.

Hawass said. **Archaeologists believe the full statue is around three metres (nearly 10 feet) tall.**

In recent years, a large quantity of red granite statue pieces have been uncovered at Amenhotep III’s funerary temple at Kom al-Hitan on Luxor’s west bank.

Amenhotep III ruled Egypt between 1390 and 1352 BC. He was almost certainly the grandfather of Tutankhamun, according to the results of DNA tests and computerised tomography (CT) scans on the famed king’s mummy announced by scientists on 17 February.

**Austrian town hosts European beard contest**

Wearers of spectacular beards and moustaches gathered in the Austrian town of Leogang for a Europe-wide facial hair contest, organizers said.

Around 150 participants from eight countries fought for 17 titles at the European Beard and Moustache Championships in the town high in the Austrian Alps on Saturday.

Categories included “Freestyle Beard”.

**India’s wrestlers have village cow request rejected**

India’s much-fancied wrestlers wanted to have their own cow at the Commonwealth Games athletes’ village but the request was turned down, the Times of India said on Tuesday.

The daily said that an unnamed government official was told that the grapplers wanted the cow to give them easy access to “unlimited and fresh milk”. The official said it was not possible to bring a cow into the high-security complex, which was at the centre of a row over poor hygiene and accommodation standards that raised the prospect of mass withdrawals.

“They can have as much milk as they want at the dining hall,” the official was quoted as saying.

Wrestling makes a return to the Games after being dropped from the 2006 programme, with India top of the rankings and seen as the team to beat on home soil. Women’s wrestling is included for the first time.

**Concern over health of Singapore’s Lee**

**SINGAPORE, 4 Oct**—Singaporeans paid tribute on Monday to the late wife of founding leader Lee Kuan Yew amid growing concern over the elder statesman’s own health.

Kwa Geok Choo, 89, died after a long illness on Saturday while her husband was undergoing treatment in hospital for a chest infection following a working trip to Europe, one of several missions he continues to carry out each year.

Lee, a fitness buff who turned 87 on September 16, has not appeared in public since his wife of 63 years died. The couple’s physician daughter Lee Wei Ling, 55, was reportedly at her mother’s bedside when she passed away. Their son, Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, 58, immediately flew back from Brussels, skipping an Asia-Europe summit due to start Monday.

Kwa’s body lay in state at the Istana government complex on Monday, where members of the public can pay their respects until a private funeral on Wednesday.—Internet

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Bayern beaten in Dortmund as slump continues

BERLIN, 4 Oct — Bayern Munich’s Bundesliga slump continued on Sunday when they suffered their second straight league defeat as they were beaten 2-0 at second-placed Dortmund. After Bayern lost 2-1 to new mainz last weekend, this was Louis van Gaal-coached Munich’s third defeat of the season from seven games and leaves them 12th in the table - 13 points behind the leaders. “We didn’t make the Bayern footballers braced for Barca title test

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Bayern’s defender Cristian Chivu (R) fights for the ball with Juvenuts’ midfielder.—INTERNET

Dortmund’s midfielder Jakub Blaszczykowski and Bayern Munich’s midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger.—INTERNET

Maria Sharapova of Russia serves the ball against Tsvetana Pironkova of Bulgaria during their first round match in the China Open tennis tournament at the National Tennis Center in Beijing.—INTERNET

Leicester hold Inter in drab goalless draw

ROME, 4 Oct — Inter Milan lost top spot in Serie A as Juventus held them to a dull 0-0 draw at the San Siro on Sunday.

Lazio took over the league leadership as Stefano Mauri scored the only goal of the game to beat Brescia 1-0.

Inter drop to second with Napoli moving up to third as they beat second-bottom AS Roma 2-0 at the San Paolo stadium in Naples.

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Interestingly enough, the land route connecting the southwestern region of China to Bangkok is fast increasing Yunnan’s market share of fresh cut flowers in Thailand and Singapore.

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