After the nation sees a new government elected by the people in line with the new constitution, all national people have to participate harmoniously in building a new nation with already-built foundations

Esteemed national people,

Today is the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day, a day of historical significance for Myanmar. On this auspicious occasion, I would like to extend my warmest greetings, wishing the entire people every prosperity. Myanmar people of us are, by nature, not aggressive to others, and willing to lead a peaceful life. However, in late Konbaung Period, our country fell prey to the colonial rule, due to lack of a strong army, and failure to complete the building of a strong army due to various reasons. It was very inhumane of colonialists that annexed Myanmar through three aggressive wars from 1824 to 1855. In the wars, the people of all national races tried their utmost with the strongest sense of nationalistic vigour to repulse the attacks launched by the colonialists. However, the nation was reduced to a colony, stemming from the great gap of armed power. After occupying Myanmar, colonialists not only oppressed the people to the highest degree, but also implemented varieties of well-prepared schemes to exploit the people. In consequence, the people went through the hell of untold miseries. Doubts and hatred were running high among national races owing to the wedge driven by the colonialists who feared that the races of national people to the highest degree, but also implemented varieties of well-prepared schemes to exploit the people. In consequence, the people went through the hell of untold miseries. Doubts and hatred were running high among national races owing to the wedge driven by the colonialists who feared that the people, if they became united, would revolt against them.

Esteemed national people,

In colonial days, the people were in grinding poverty. The colonial education system brought about a class of people who were in favour of living under the colonial rule. However, brilliant, patriotic young people became knowledgeable about political affairs. Peasants and workers staged uprisings against the colonial government to help the nation free itself from the colonial rule, thus inculcating the people with a sense of revolutionary spirit. Becoming convinced that armed revolt was the only way to regain independence, educated, young people established a national army, risking life and limb. In the time of independence struggles, the people had to fall under Fascism which became intolerable. So, the Tatmadaw fought Fascists, in cooperation with the entire people.

After they had driven the Fascists out of the Myanmar soil, colonialists reentered the country. Leaders of Myanmar had to get involved in political campaigns for independence. On the ground of the emnity sowed between national races, national leaders had to hold heart-to-heart discussions with some leaders of national races for all regions of the nation to regain independence simultaneously.

Esteemed national people,

The Union of Myanmar again became an independent, sovereign land on 4 January 1948. So, Independence Day is in its 63rd anniversary this year. It cost greatly for the nation to regain independence and sovereignty. The value of independence and sovereignty is most noticeable only when they are lost. Naturally, the people take independence and sovereignty for granted. It is not strange certain covetous, aggressive countries are anxious to gain political control over a geographically strategic country like Myanmar. Accordingly, all national races are to remain cohesive forever in order for perpetuation of independence and sovereignty. However much an alien says that he is in favour of the interest of Myanmar, it is merely a sugar-coated speech. Indeed, those who love the motherland best are none other than national brethren. If national solidarity is disintegrated, the nation will relapse into alien rule. The onus is, therefore, on the entire people to put in the fore non-disintegration of the Union and non-disintegration of national solidarity.

Esteemed national people,

The Union of Myanmar has passed through many periods. Unlike past multiparty democracy elections, general elections for the practice of multiparty democracy system were held successfully without any electoral violence. This is the pride of the nation and the people. In its time, the Tatmadaw has improved political, economic and social infrastructures considerably to build the nation into a peaceful, modern one. Its effort to improve infrastructures in the national interest has gone down to the annals of the history of the nation. That is a fine tradition of the Tatmadaw, which shows benevolent attitude to the people and duty-consciousness. After the nation sees a new government elected by the people in line with the new constitution, all national people have to participate harmoniously in building a new nation with already-built foundations. And with a sense of Union Spirit and patriotic spirit, the entire people have to expedite the tasks for already-achieved stability, community peace, security, the rule of law, national unity, development and democratization.

Esteemed national people,

Ensuring perpetuation of the Union is at the forefront of building the Union of Myanmar. Today, some countries, despite their being developed ones, are on the verge of disintegration of the union and civil wars. The Union of Myanmar is blessed with vast tracts of waters and lands, rich natural resources, temperate climate patterns, food security, and geographically strategic location. So, surely certain countries are desirous of having influence over Myanmar. To break up the Union and national cohesion is the major as well was only way to weaken Myanmar. In order to implement that point, external elements will be likely to organize and mobilize participation of some nationals who lack political awareness to disrupt national development. Therefore, I would like to urge the entire people to guard the nation with political awareness against any forms of disruptions in order that the mother country’s independence and sovereignty will never be under alien influence.
**PERSPECTIVES**

*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*

**Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence oversees regional development tasks in Kyauktan**

**Suspect loses head in attempted bomb attack**

NAV Pyi Taw, 3 Jan—A bomb explosion occurred near the kitchen of the home of a staff member in the compound of the auto exchange of the Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications in Ward 1, Kyaing Sekkyi, Kayin State, at about 1:40 am today, blowing off the head of the suspect bomber. The blast caused damage to the left brick wall of the kitchen, six corrugated iron sheets in the roof, a main door and two windows. Found about two feet from the building was the head: and about six feet from the compound, the right foot cut from the man.

An investigation is being made into the case in cooperation with residents. The people have been therefore reminded to inform security officials if they find someone of something suspicious.

**Rail Transportation Minister inspects Begarat (Pathein)-Hlinethaya (Yangon) railroad construction project**

**Deputy Director-General U Myo Myint of No. 3 Basic Education Department, Headmaster Dr Aung Ko Ko and Chairman of School Board of Trustees U Soe Nyunt formally open School Family Day 2010-2011 at No. 1 Basic Education High School in Dagon Township on 3 January morning.—NLM**

**Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min inspects construction of Einme River-Crossing Bridge.—MNA**

**Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe formally opened the Construction of Soft Shell Crab Production at Crabs’ World Industrial Company Limited.—MNA**

**Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence inspects breeding of soft-shell crabs.—MNA**
Iran Guards shoot down two ‘Western spy’ drones

Friday in the City of Herat. Nekzad set on a timer, exploded at 8 am on chief, said the bomb, believed to be shop has killed a civilian.

Iraqi gun and bomb attacks kill four, wound 18 same

BAGHDAD, 3 Jan—Bomb and gun attacks across Iraq killed at least nine people on Sunday, including six members of the Iraqi security forces, security and medical officials said.

In a two-hour stint of the early evening, a traffic police colonel, two other police, an army captain and an engineer were gunned down in five separate attacks in Baghdad, an interior ministry source said on condition of anonymity.

Guards also severely wounded a colonel with the interior ministry, he said, adding that security was stepped up in central Baghdad after the attacks.

Two people, including a soldier, were killed and three others wounded by a car bomb targeting an army patrol in Al-Qayyara, 50 kilometres (30 miles) from the northern City of Mosul, First Lieutenant Khattab Mohammed said.—Internet

NATO service member killed in south Afghanistan

KABUL, 3 Jan—NATO forces captured two key militant leaders in Afghanistan, while a service member was killed in a deadly bombing that raised to three the number of coalition troops killed since the new year began, the multinational alliance said Sunday.

The NATO fatalities — all in the Taleban’s traditional southern stronghold — opened 2011 on a grim note for the international coalition.

One of the two service members killed Saturday was identified as British by that country’s defence ministry.

NATO officials say they are making significant progress in the war, but also note that the gains are reversible. Militants are using Pakistan as a base for some of their operations and the government of President Hamid Karzai is widely seen by many Americans and international observers as so far unable to offer key services to a population struggling for a sense of normalcy after years of war.—Internet

Magnitude-7.1 quake shakes southern Chile

SANTIAGO, 3 Jan—A magnitude-7.1 earthquake shook southern Chile on Sunday, prompting tens of thousands of people to flee the coast for higher ground amid fears it could generate a tsunami like the one that ravaged the area last year. There were no reports of deaths or damage, and Vicente Nunez, head of the National Emergency Office, said no tsunami alert was issued.

‘There has been no harm to property,’ Nunez said. ‘We will continue monitoring.’

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre in Hawaii also said a destructive Pacific Ocean-wide tsunami was not expected. President Sebastian Pinera urged calm in an address to the nation.

‘There was an exercise of self-evacuation, which is exactly what we have asked people to do,’ Pinera said. ‘Fortunately we do not have to lament accidents or losses of life.’

Some cell-phone communications and electrical power were knocked out in the Araucania region where the quake was centred, 370 miles (595 kilometres) south-southwest of the capital, Santiago. —Internet

Bomb kills civilian in west Afghanistan

KABUL, 3 Jan—A police official in the western Afghan Province of Herat says a bomb planted outside a butcher shop has killed a civilian.

Noor Khan Nekzad, the spokesman for the provincial police chief, said the bomb, believed to be set on a timer, exploded at 8 am on Monday in the City of Herat. Nekzad said four other civilians were wounded.

He said the butcher supplied meat to the Afghan army, and the bomb apparently targeted security forces.

The Taleban have expanded their attacks from their traditional southern strongholds to regions throughout the country, including areas that had been relatively calm.—Internet

Australian cinema roof collapses, injuring 36

SYDNEY, 3 Jan—Thirty-six people escaped serious injury when the ceiling of an Australian cinema partially collapsed Monday after heavy rain, scrambling under chairs to avoid falling debris, police and reports said.

Police said 36 people suffered minor wounds after a fierce storm in the regional centre of Bathurst, 175 kilometres (110 miles) west of Sydney, brought down false ceilings.

‘All these patients received minor injuries, including cuts and abrasions, with the most serious injury occurring to one person being a shoulder injury,’ ambulance service paramedic Craig Pusser said.

‘That person has been conveyed to hospital.’ Early reports said 16 people had been trapped in the collapse but police said while all movie-goers had been rescued, emergency personnel were conducting a secondary sweep to ensure nobody had been overlooked.

Reports said that children were among those involved in the dramatic incident which occurred at about 0145 GMT. —Internet

Photo illustration. Thirty-six people were injured when the ceiling of an Australian cinema partially collapsed Monday after heavy rain, but nobody is believed to be trapped, police said.—Internet

Photo illustration. An Australian cinema in southern Chile collapsed, injuring 36 people. —Internet

A woman walks outside a building destroyed by a 8.8 magnitude quake and tsunami in February 2010 in the coastal city of Constitucion, 350 km south of Santiago.—Internet
Scents latest weapons in fight against sea lamprey

In this photo taken on 16 July, 2010, a scientist with the Hammond Bay Biological Station near Huron Beach, Mich, holds a female sea lamprey.

Google exploring digital newsstand

SAN FRANCISCO, 3 Jan—Google Inc has approached several magazine publishers about creating a digital newsstand, in a move that could open a new front in the Internet company’s rivalry with Apple Inc, according to a news report.

The digital newsstand would provide a way for media companies to sell versions of their publications designed for tablet PCs and smartphones based on Google’s Android operating system, according to a story in the Wall Street Journal on Sunday, citing anonymous sources.

Google has discussed the venture with publishers including Time Warner Inc’s Time Inc unit, Condé Nast and Hearst Corp, and has told some publishers it would take a smaller cut of revenue than the 30 percent that Apple typically takes from iTunes sales, the report said.

Google has also offered to provide publishers with personal data of customers who purchase the digital versions of their publications.

The report said that Apple is also planning several changes with its iTunes online store, including making it easier for publishers to sell subscriptions — in addition to single issue sales — as well as the possibility of sharing more customer information with publishers.

People turn to technology to help control impulses

NEW YORK, 3 Jan—Dan Nainan can’t trust himself to work at his computer without clicking on distractions, so he uses an Internet-blocking programme to shut down his web access twice a day.

“I’m sorry, but try as I might, I could never, ever do this on my own,” said the New York City comedian who’s struggling to finish a book. “I wish I could, but I just don’t have the discipline.”

Nainan’s system of two, two-hour blocks is one example of how Americans are trying to control their impulses using technology that steps in to enforce good behaviour.

With the new year days away, many tools are now available to help people stay in line, including a GPS-enabled app that locks down your phone whose users have downloaded Apple’s latest iOS 4.0 operating system, including earlier versions of the smart phone whose users have downloaded the latest software.

Have we entered an era in which electronics serve as mother, cop and coach because we can’t manage our own desires?

Yep, said Ann Mack, a trend-watcher for JWT Intelligence, an arm of the marketing giant. She named “outsourcing self-control” and “detecting” as two top trends for the new year.

Science

China to explore Mars with Russia this year

BEIJING, 3 Jan—China’s first Mars probe is expected to be launched in October this year in a joint operation with Russia after a two-year delay, state media reported Sunday. The probe, Yingshuo-1, was due to blast off in October 2009 with Russia’s “Phobos Explorer” from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan but the launch was postponed, the official Xinhua news agency said.

Quoting an unnamed expert at the China Academy of Space Technology, the report said the blast-off had been pushed back to October this year. It added that China planned to launch a Mars probe on its own in 2013. According to previous reports, the orbiter is due to probe the Martian space environment with a special focus on what happened to the water that appears to have once been abundant on the planet’s surface.

China has already begun probing the moon and this will be the next step in its ambitious space exploration programme, which it aims to be on a par with those of the United States and Russia.

It has a current probe — the Chang’e 2 — orbiting the moon and carrying out various tests in preparation for the expected 2013 launch of the Chang’e-3, which it hopes will be its first unmanned lunar landing.

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LOS ANGELES, 3 Jan—The odometre on the Mars rover Spirit has been stuck at 4.8 miles for more than 1 1/2 years and has been incommunicado since March.

This double dose of bad luck hangs over the scraper spacecraft, which marks its seventh year on Mars on Monday.

NASA doesn’t know if the Spirit is dead or alive, but it’s diligently listening for any beep as the rover remains mired in a sand trap.

“There’s a realistic possibility that Spirit may never wake up again,” said Dave Lavery, Mars rovers programme executive at NASA headquarters.

A pair of Mars orbiters has been making daily overhead passes listening for a signal from Spirit, which became stuck in April 2009 while driving backward. After several attempts to free it were unsuccessful, Spirit got new instructions to conduct science observations while mired in the sand.

It suddenly stopped talking with Earth last March and is presumed to be in hibernation to conserve power. During this deep sleep, communications and other activities are suspended so that energy can go to heating and battery recharging.

2011 starts with a glitch for some iPhone users

CUPERTINO, 3 Jan—Many iPhone customers had some explaining to do after they overslept to start the new year, due to a glitch in the gadget’s alarm clock feature.

Users who set their iPhone alarm for a single wake-up rather than recurring use found the alarm didn’t go off with the year’s arrival, Apple Inc spokeswoman Natalie Harrison said Sunday.

A fix is in the works, and all iPhone alarms will work properly starting Monday, she said.

The glitch affects iPhones using Apple’s latest iOS 4.0 operating system, including earlier versions of the smart phone whose users have downloaded the latest software.

It wasn’t immediately clear what caused the alarm problem, or how many iPhone users were affected. Online postings on blogs and social media sites described people being late for work, church services and other appointments on Saturday and Sunday because of the problem.

The problem is the second in two months involving the iPhone’s alarm clock.
Foreign Heads of State send felicitations to Senior General Than Shwe

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Jan—The following are messages of felicitations from foreign Heads of State to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council, on the occasion of the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

From Norodom Sihamoni, King of Cambodia

Mr Chairman,

It gives me great pleasure to convey warm congratulations of the People of Cambodia and those of my own to Your Excellency, the Government and the people of the Union of Myanmar on the occasion of the 63rd Anniversary of the Independence of Your great country.

May I extend to Your Excellency my best wishes for your personal wellbeing and to the friendly People of Myanmar peace and prosperity.

I am satisfied that the traditional bonds of friendship and cooperation in existing between our two countries will be further enhanced for the benefit of our two Buddhist Peoples. Please accept, Mr Chairman, the assurances of my highest consideration.

From Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Dear Mr Chairman,

I convey my sincere congratulations to you and your nation on the occasion of your country’s national holiday—day of Independence.

I am sure that the development and strengthening of the establishing friendly realtions between our two countries will develop in accordance with the interests of our nations.

I wish you strong health, good luck in all your endeavours and peace and prosperity to the friendly nation of Myanmar.

From Mahinda Rajapaksa, President of Sri Lanka

Excellency,

It is with great pleasure that I convey my felicitations and greetings to Your Excellency, the Government and the People of Myanmar on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

The friendly relations existing between our two countries that are traditionally bound by ancient cultural and religious ties will no doubt strengthen and diversify into further areas of mutual interest in the coming years. I wish every success in Myanmar’s effort to build a peaceful and prosperous nation.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration and best wishes for your health, happiness and personal well-being.

From Md. Zillur Rahman, President of People’s Republic of Bangladesh

Excellency,

It gives me immense pleasure in conveying to you and through you, to the people of the Union of Myanmar our warmest greetings and felicitations on the joyous occasion of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

On this happy occasion, I reiterate my firm conviction that the close relation and friendship existing between our two friendly countries will enable us to achieve the tremendous potentials for further expansion and deepening our relations in various areas of mutual interest. There is need for us to explore new avenues of cooperation. I would like to ensure you of Bangladesh’s full commitment to strengthen our relations in the days ahead for the shared benefit and prosperity of our countries and peoples.

I take this opportunity to convey my warm wishes for Your Excellency’s good health, long life and happiness as well as for the continued peace, progress and prosperity of the friendly people of Myanmar.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

From The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, King of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

I am pleased to extend to Your Excellency on behalf of the people, Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and on my own behalf, the best regards and joyful wishes associated with health and happiness and to the friendly people of Myanmar most progress and prosperity on the occasion of the anniversary of the Independence Day.

Accept, Your Excellency, my compliments and considerations.

From His Royal Highness Sultan Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince, Deputy Premier, Minister for Defense and Aviation and Inspector General, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

I am pleased to extend to Your Excellency on behalf of the people, Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and on my own behalf, the best regards and joyful wishes associated with health and happiness and to the friendly people of Myanmar most progress and prosperity on the occasion of the anniversary of the Independence Day.

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Hospitability courses at Santini

YANGON, 3 Jan—Santini International Training Academy conducts international-standard hospitality courses for those who want to start working in hotel industry. Those who have more than one year experience and those who have completed may attend management level course which last four months. The Academy will also open City & Guides-recognized hospitality diploma courses in the last week of February. For more information, enquire No.170/176, first floor of New Ayeya Hotel (near Aladdin Game Centre), Bo Aung Kyaw Street, Botahtaung Township, Yangon and dial 383739 and 383740.—MNA

Web development course at Myanmar Credent Technology

YANGON, 3 Jan—Myanmar Credent Technology Company will open training on animation and graphic for web development course on 10 January and 11 February. The aim of course is to develop a systematic web site. Government staff, members of Myanmar Computer Professionals Association, Myanmar Computer Enthusiasts Association and Myanmar Engineering Society and students can get a 20 percent discount. For more details, contact Myanmar Credent Technology Co, Hall (1), Room No. 7, Myanmar Info-Tech and dial 652285 and 652286.—MNA
Today is IT (Information Technology) age as well as ICT (Information & Communication Technology) age. While IT and ICT are developing day by day, the important role of media is becoming larger and larger. Spread and flow of media is very rapid, and the greater effectiveness of media can be seen among the people.

The Ministry of Information is serving the media duty with greater awareness to inform, educate and entertain the people, realizing the important role of media in the present period. Especially, the ministry is providing information, organizing and entertainment for the people to be equipped with higher media efficiency in all aspects. In particular, progress of information sector across the entire nation is being dutifully provided for the people to enable to realize the right circumstances and conditions in time without being deceived by instigations and fabrications of western media that are making attempts to interfere in internal affairs of Myanmar applying their superior media power as well as to shape the smooth and straight way leading to the future of the State and the people.

Moreover, the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs is making relentless efforts for raising the Information and Communications sector of the nation to be on a par with that of the international community. At present, communication services have been achieving progress with higher momentum based on emergence of communication networks in urban and rural areas. As new and new infrastructures on communication sector such as digital microwave stations, auto-telephone exchanges and mobile telephone stations have emerged in every second, the number of telephone lines are raising rapidly. The higher rate of telephone users among the people will contribute a great deal to enhancement of education, health, economic and social sectors. Only when improvement and effectiveness of information and communication tasks covers the nation on a wider scale, will the people have media efficiency based on a wide range of scope for completely safeguarding the national interest.
Transmission of MRTV-4, MI-TV and Skynet-TV

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Secretary-1 attends School Family Day awarding ceremony

Nay Pyi Taw, 3 Jan—Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo addressed the awarding ceremony of School Family Day for 2010-2011 academic year at the gymnasium of No. (1) Basic Education High School in Zeyathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw District this afternoon.

Also present on the occasion were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye, ministers, deputy ministers, MEC members, heads of department, social organizations, township education officers for the townships in Nay Pyi Taw District, school heads of basic education schools, school boards of trustees, outstanding students and guests.

The Secretary-1 and members inspected documentary photos on achievements in the higher and basic education sectors, booth on development of basic education sector, booth on handicrafts of students, booth on science, pedagogical aids and media, science practical booth at basic education level, and booth on universities’ research skills. Officials conducted them round the booths.

In his speech, the Secretary-1 said that in the drive for transforming the Union of Myanmar into a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing nation, strenuous efforts are being made to bring about well-rounded human resources. In the meantime, national education promotion plans and programmes are well underway to enable the nation to catch up with the international community in science and technology.

The government has been implementing the 30-year National Education Promotion Plan since 2001-2002, and this year, the second five-year plan is in its fifth year.

School Family Day has been celebrated on the 3rd of January for 13 times with the aim of mobilizing participation of parents by presenting outstanding performances, achievements and progress of students in basic education schools concerned.

Regarding the goal, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance on improvement of teachers’ skills, upgrading curricula and syllabuses to international level, effective use of pedagogical aids, enforcement of law, rules and regulations, enhancing patriotic spirit and Union Spirit, teaching all curricula and supervision over examination of students’ skills.

In compliance with the guidance of the Head of State, the Ministry of Education is systematically implementing the national education promotion programmes in the higher and basic education sectors. He urged local authorities, social organizations, well-wishers and parents to participate in the tasks to ensure all basic education students around the nation complete basic education, to improve learning skills, and to upgrade school buildings.

(see page 9)

Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing awards outstanding students. —MNA

Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo views education development booth at School Family Day ceremony.—MNA

Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo presents prizes to outstanding Science students in 2010 matriculation examination.—MNA

Nay Pyi Taw Commander Commander Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye awards outstanding Arts students in 2010 matriculation examination.—MNA
Myanmar’s education goal can be achieved only....

The Central Level School Family Day for 2010-2011 academic year has been held since 1 January. He said he was proud that medals, certificates of honour and honorary prizes will be presented to outstanding students and school heads and the students who are granted assistance to continue their education according to the programme that all school-age children are enrolled.

Myanmar’s education goal can be achieved only if parents, teachers and students do their bit in national education promotion programmes. He said he believes if education staff, school heads, teachers, authorities, education staff and teachers in the programmes.

The Secretary-I presented prizes to outstanding matriculation students (integrated science subjects) for 2010-2011 academic year; the commander, to outstanding matriculation students (integrated arts subjects) for 2010-2011 academic year; and Ministers Dr Chan Nyein, U Htay Oo, U Thaung, Dr Kyaw Myint and U Kyaw Hsan, to outstanding school heads, students, prize-winners of English and Mathematics skills contests at primary and middle school levels.

In conclusion, he urged prize-winning students to keep studying hard to become reliable intellectuals; education staff and teachers, to guide and round students in skills and attitudes; and well-wishers and parents, to join hands with local outstanding matriculation students, education staff and teachers in the programmes.

After the ceremony, MEC Chairman Secretary-I Thaha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo cordially greeted the attendees and outstanding students.
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The State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has conferred religious titles on the following Most Venerable Sayadaws, Gandhāravīha Paññisamsā, Kammathana Instructor Sayadaws, Mobile Dhamma Preachers, national and foreign missionary figures and outstanding donors of the Four Essentials to the Buddha Sasana.

Abhidhāja Mahā Rathā Guru Title
1. Dr Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa, Bhamo Monastery, Maha Nyewin Ward, Mahaungmyay Township, Mandalay Region
2. Bhaddanta Aggavamsabhivamsa, Atelekkyi, Panyikyaung Monastery, Mahaungmyay Township, Mandalay Region
3. Bhaddanta Çandavara, Maha Zawtikayama Pali Monastery, Taungbyo Township, Sagaing Region
4. Bhaddanta Pandita, Sasana Mandaing Pali Monastery, Ward 10, Pazundaung Township, Yangon Region
5. Bhaddanta Kheminda, Phayalayhsu Monastery, Phayalayhsu Ward, Pyay, Bago Region (West)
6. Bhaddanta Kheminda, Phayalayhsu Monastery, Phayalayhsu Ward, Pyay, Bago Region (West)
7. Bhaddanta Paññavamsa, Parahita Monastic Education School, Phettan Ward, Mawlamyine, Mon State
8. Bhaddanta Sraddhā, Zawtikayon Pali Tekkatho Monastery, Hsandaw Ward, Pyay, Bago Region (West)
9. Bhaddanta Sumana, Singapore Monastery, East Ward, Kyaikpi Monastery, Maha Bawdi Road, Ward 14, Yankin Township, Yangon Region
11. Bhaddanta Made, Maha Bawdi Pariyatti Monastery, Ward 15, Pazundaung Township, Yangon Region

Outstanding Donors of the Four Essentials to the Buddha
1. Bhaddanta Naradadhaja, Chanaye Yeiktha Monastery, Sagaing Region
2. Bhaddanta Ravatabhivamsa, Pariyatti Monastery, Ward 10, Myingyan, Mandalay Region
3. Bhaddanta Çandobhasabhivamsa, Mingala Beikman Monastery, Hsugon Ward, Kyaukse, Mandalay Region
4. Bhaddanta Uttara, Maha Dhammapala Monastic Education School, Pawmaing Township, Mon State
5. Bhaddanta Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Title
6. Bhaddanta Nandavamsa, Saddhamma Wunthayon Monastery, Natmauk Ward, Thaton, Mon State
7. Bhaddanta Sitalaçara, Withoddayon Baranasi Monastery, Kyaynigan Taikok Monastery, Ohnmyarsu Ward, Chauk, Magway Region (West)
8. Bhaddanta Vayama, Kyaynigan Taikok Monastery, Ohnmyarsu Ward, Chauk, Magway Region (West)
9. Bhaddanta Sundara, Shwegulay Pagoda Monastery, Ward 5, Kayin Township, Yangon Region
10. Bhaddanta Nanda, Shwegulay Pagoda Monastery, Ward 5, Kayin Township, Yangon Region

Title Recipient Sayadaws from abroad
1. Bhaddanta Savitsita, Singapore Monastery, East Ward, Kyaikpi Monastery, Maha Bawdi Road, Ward 14, Yankin Township, Yangon Region
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1. Bhaddanta Ganthavaca, Mogalan Pali Monastery, Bagan Region
2. Bhaddanta Paññasamy, Gawthitayon Pali Tekkatho Monastery, Mandalay Region
3. Bhaddanta Maha Vihara Monastery, Hsandaw Ward, Pyay, Bago Region (West)
4. Bhaddanta Paññasamy, Gawthitayon Pali Tekkatho Monastery, Mandalay Region
5. Bhaddanta Maha Bawdi Pariyatti Monastery, Mandalay Region
6. Bhaddanta Maha Bawdi Pariyatti Monastery, Mandalay Region
7. Bhaddanta Ekañjana, Yawdaw Ward, Yankin Township, Yangon Region
8. Bhaddanta Dhammavamsa, Saddhamma Wunthayon Monastery, Natmauk Ward, Thaton, Mon State
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12. Bhaddanta Ñanindaçara, Sandayon Monastic Education School, Myoma Ward 4, Mudon Township, Mon State
11. Bhaddanta Kelasa, Myazedi Monastery, Muytiygi Village, Chaungzon Township, Mon State
10. Ven. Thich Thien Tam (Kusalacitto), Pho Minh Buddhist Missionary School, Sandayon Monastery, Hsinsu Ward, Yangon Region
8. Bhaddanta Tejavamta, Aungmingala 6-storey Monastery, Kandi, Sir Lanka
7. Bhaddanta Pandissa, Parahita Monastic Education Post-Primary School, Maha Withutayama (Uyingyi Post-Primary School, Maha Withutayama (Uyingyi Village, Chaungzon Township, Mon State
6. Bhaddanta Paññavamsa, Shwekyaunggyi Monastery, Shwepan Village, Myaung Township, Sagaing Region
5. Bhaddanta Paññinda, Sarasarathica Monastery, Chomtong Varavihara, Chomtong, Chiang Mai, Thailand
4. Bhaddanta Ñanavara, Theravada Buddhist Missionary Monastery, Myoma Ward, Sagaing Region
3. Bhaddanta Paññobhasa, Monastic Education Post-Primary School, Chakha Monastery, Kyaungtaung Missionary Centre, Sibithaya Village, Sanhnyinwe Village-Tract, Bago Region
2. Bhaddanta Paññā, Magyay Mahalana Monastery, Shwedaung Village, Hopan Village-Tract, Mongton Township, Sagaing Region
1. Bhaddanta Ñanabala, Saddhammamyinzi Monastery, Athawady Road, Ward 2, No. 76, Nilar Street, Region 2, Mandalay Region

Title recipient Sayadaws from abroad

1. Ven. Nandaw, Vietnam, Buddhist Sangha, Ratanaran Si Lang Cat Pagoda, No. 349, Ngo, Ayeyawady Region
2. U Than Htay, No, 76, Nilar Street, Region 2, Mandalay Region
3. U Maung Thein, No. 46-E, Po Sein Street, Natmuk Monastery, Theravada Buddhist Missionary School, Sandayon Monastery, Hsinsu Ward, Yangon Region
4. Thidagu Daw Aye Thein, No. 1, Hlawga Road, 20/A Ward, Dagon Myothit (South) Township, Yangon Region

Agga Maha Thiri Thudhamma Manijotadhara Title

1. Dr Kyaw Zaw, No. 146-B, Mandalay-Lashio Road, Ward 4, PyinOoLwin, Mandalay Region
2. U Shwe Hmi, No. 105, Thameinbayaan Road, Tamwaygyi A+E Ward, Tamway Township, Yangon Region
3. Dr Than Tun, (Gangaw Shwegyi), No. 3/A, Pyidawaye Yeiktha, Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Ward 7, Yankin Township, Yangon Region
4. U Soe Thein, No. 206, corner of Thanthuma Street and Sayebin Street, Ward 23, Thingangyun Township, Yangon Region

Title recipient Sayadaws from abroad

1. Dr Kyaw Kyway, No. 3, Tayoktan Street, Phayagywi Ward, Monywa, Sagaing Region
2. Daw Kyin Thein, No. 49, 27th Street, Ward 3, Pabedan Township, Yangon Region
3. Dwe Nwe Nkyi, No. 65, Kyaukseinpat Street, K extension Ward, Yadanaung Yeiktha, North Okkalapa Township, Yangon Region
4. Thilagawaw Aye Thein, No. 1, Hlawga Road, 20/A Ward, Dagon Myothit (South) Township, Yangon Region

Agga Maha Thiri Thudhamma Theingi Title

1. Daw Nilar Shwe, No. 83, Upper Kyimyindine Road, East Zaygyi Ward, Kyimyindine Township, Yangon Region

Title recipient Sayadaws from abroad

1. U Yar Chi, Tayoktan Road, Phayagywi Ward, Monywa, Sagaing Region
2. U Sein Hlana, Pwesardan Road, Phayagyi Ward, Monywa, Sagaing Region
3. U Kyaw Huay, Yeawmshika Village, Ye Fall Township, Sagaing Region
4. U Kyaw Hlaing, No. 105, Thameinbayaan Road, Mandalay Region
5. U Than Huay, No. 76, Nilar Street, Region 2, Thutka Chantha Ward, Shwewaung Ward, Taunggyi Township, Shan State

Thudhamma Theingi Title

1. Daw Than Than Soe, No. 194/12, between 34th and 35th Streets, Kinsanamahi Ward, Shwechoite West Ward, Chanayathazan Township, Mandalay Region
2. Daw Khin Pyone Yin (a) Ma Nge, No. 144, 34th Street between 80th and 81st Streets, Aungman East, Block 581, Chanayathazan Township, Mandalay Region
3. Daw Zabei Ko Lay, No. 331, 83rd Street between 31st and 32nd Streets, Aungman Yeiktha East, Block 572, Chanayathazan Township, Mandalay Region
4. Daw Aye Kyi, No. 46, Muanggalay Street, East Shangon Ward, Dawinwun, Mawlamyine, Mon State
5. Daw San San Oo, No. P/14, Myanma Street, Myakanta Park, Ward 5, Hlne Township, Yangon Region
6. Daw Lei Lei Aung, No. 44, Panwa Street, Ward 30, Yangonshin, Thwanaung Ywathit, Thingangyun Township, Yangon Region
7. Daw San Shin, No. 10, Mah B Kainga Road, Uyn North Ward, Hinthada, Ayeyawady Region
8. Daw Nan Chit Swe, No. 17, Shwezwehlaun 1st Street, Pathein, Ayeyawady Region
9. Daw Yi Yi Huay, No. 13, 7th Street, Ward 4, Ayeyawady, Ayeyawady Region
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By order,

Sd/Thila Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo
Secretary-1
State Peace and Development Council
Scotland welcomes first 2011 babies

New York, 3 Jan — A rare miniature cow with markings similar to a panda bear was born on a farm in northern Colorado. The so-called “panda” cow was born in Larimer County is thought to be one of only about 24 in the world. The Loveland Reporter-Herald reported the male calf named Ben was born on Friday morning. His mother is a Lowline Angus cow. Farmer Chris Jessen raises miniature cattle and also owns a miniature kangaroo on his hobby farm. The miniature panda cow is the result of genetic manipulation. A white belt encircles the animal’s midsection, and the cow has a white face with black ovals around the eyes, giving it a panda-like appearance. The mini-cattle are bred solely as pets. Mr Jessen said panda calves can sell for 30,000 US dollars (£19,200).— Internet

Hungry pet python kills two-year-old

Orlando, 3 Jan — The pet python that strangled a two-year-old girl in Sumter County, Florida last month hadn’t been fed in about a month and had escaped from its tank 10 times since its last meal — a rodent kill squirrel, according to newly released documents. Gypsy, the 2.6m albino python, was most likely hungry when it escaped its terrarium and attacked Shaianne Hare in a crib, according to investigation documents examined by The Orlando Sentinel.

A review of reports regarding the attack in July, 2009, show that the child’s mother and the mother’s boyfriend had kept the snake in violation of wildlife rules and apparently neglected to feed it. The death spurred a statewide hunt of exotic reptiles and fuelled a crackdown on the imported exporters. Internet

Sanctuary fire kills scores of cats

New York, 3 Jan — A fire at a California animal sanctuary killed more than 60 cats, authorities said. Fire officials responded to the blaze at Last Hope Cat Kingdom in Atwater, State fire spokesman Jose Quintana said the fire, caused by some sort of an electrical failure, was under control about two hours later. But by then, more than 60 of the nearly 140 cats housed there had died. Last Hope Cat Kingdom founder Renee Schmitz told the Merced Sun-Star they will be cremated at a pet cemetery. Some of the others are now being treated for smoke inhalation at an animal medical centre.

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Moderate quake strikes off

Sumatra, Indonesia

Jakarta, 3 Jan — A shallow undersea earthquake with a magnitude of 5.9 jolted Sumatra Island of Indonesia on Sunday evening, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said. The quake struck at 22:19 pm. Jakarta time (1519 GMT) with the epicenter at 157 km southwest of Bengkulu City of Bengkulu province and at a depth of 113 km under seabed, the agency said. The USGS reported on its website that the quake was at 5.7 magnitude.—Xinhua

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**British government steps in to save Beatle’s home**

LONDON, 3 Jan—The British government has stepped in to stop Beatles legend Ringo Starr’s birthplace from being bulldozed.

Housing Minister Grant Shapps has written to Liverpool City Council urging a temporary reprieve for 9 Madryn Street, in the Dingle District, which is scheduled for demolition.

The childhood homes of bandmates John

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**Cannes-winning Swede Oscarsson feared dead in fire**

STOCKHOLM, 3 Jan—Swedish actor Per Oscarsson, who took top honours at the 1966 Cannes film festival, and his wife were feared dead Sunday after human remains were discovered among the ashes of their burned home.

“Remains have been found, but we do not of whom,” Jan Strannegaard, a police spokesman in the southwestern Swedish region of Vaestra Goetaland said.

Oscarsson, 83, and his wife, 67, were both believed to have been home when their isolated house near the small town of Skara burned to the ground overnight Thursday.

“That is the hypothesis. We don’t have any other theory,” Strannegaard said, pointing out that no one had heard from the couple since the fire.—Internet

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**Polar Bear Swim going strong — and frigid**

Seven-year-old Ean Patterson departs the water after participating in the 27th annual Polar Bear jump into the Barley Lagoon in Olalla, Washington on 1 January, 2011.

A record 1,500 swimmers dashed into the 35-degree surf at New York’s Coney Island for the annual New Year’s Day Polar Bear Swim, organizers said.

“It was like 10,000 knives stabbing you at once,” Tim Henshall, 50, an Army reservist from Blairstown, NJ, told the New York Daily News.

Just returned from Afghanistan, Henshall made his second New

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“Aftr travelling with them for 20 years, I was made to check my saxophone in for the first time a few weeks ago, causing 1,200 dollars worth of damage,” Oehlers wrote, launching the Facebook campaign last month.

“I want to get a boycott of Qantas by musicians in place until they reverse this ridiculous policy.”

More than 8,700 people joined the group, including members of the country’s symphony orchestras, posting stories and pictures of instruments that had been damaged in the cargo hold.

Qantas confirmed Thursday it had reversed the policy from 24 December.

“In this situation we were able to listen to our customers and we were able to provide a change in our policy,” a Qantas spokeswoman said.

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Samaras double helps Celtic beat Rangers

Glasgow, 3 Jan — A Georgios Samaras second-half double helped Celtic to a 2-0 win over Rangers in the second Old Firm derby of the season as they extended their lead at the top of the Scottish Premier League to four points.

Lee McCulloch’s header was cleared off the line in an explosive start but the neither side created many chances in a tame first 45 minutes. However, Celtic looked sharper immediately after the break and after Paddy McCourt came close it was Samaras who opened the scoring in the 62nd minute with a breakaway goal.

Just seven minutes later the Greek striker, in only his second start since October, won and dispatched a penalty after being brought down by Madjid Bougherra as Celtic got off to 2011 with their first win at Ibrox since December 2008.

Pedro brace sends Barcelona five clear in Spanish league

Madrid, 3 Jan — Pedro Rodriguez netted a brace as champions Barcelona started 2011 with a nervy 2-1 home win over Levante and Real must now defeat bitter rivals Getafe on Monday to move back to within two points of their bitter rivals.

Barcelona’s forward Pedro Rodriguez reacts during the UEFA Spanish League match FC Barcelona.—INTERNET

Coe says Beckham could star in 2012 Olympics

INTERNET

LONDON, 3 Jan — David Beckham — or Steven Gerrard or John Terry — was David Beckham’s go-to name when asked to name players who could feature in a ‘32 squad for the 2012 Olympics. It was a big moment as it confirmed the path he was going to take in the coming weeks.

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Tennis player Tsonga out to erase his biggest setback

DOHA, 3 Jan — Jo-Wilfried Tsonga believes the Qatar Open is in the ideal place to continue a comeback from what he describes as the biggest setback of his career.

The former world number six from France is enjoying the mild warmth and balmy air of the Arabian Gulf as he recovers from a knee injury which has been maddeningly persistent since he reached the Wimbledon quarterfinals in July.

Tsonga was struck down again in October and forced to miss the Davis Cup final in which France lost 3-2 to Serbia in Belgrade last month. For a player with a 6-0 unbeaten record for his country to have to sit and watch, believing he might have made the difference, was agony.

Tsonga hopes with a passion that sunshine, success, and a new sea

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Bomb threat on Turkish airline plane found to be hoax

ISTANBUL, 3 Jan—The Turkish police said here on Monday that it is investigating a bomb threat on a Turkish Airlines (THY) passenger plane, so far no explosives were found and no arrests were made.

According to the semi-official Anadolu news agency, a short time after the plane took off on Sunday from Ercan Airport in Lezko, a cabin attendant of the Airbus 319 THY plane found a note claiming there was an armed man aboard and would explode in 45 minutes.

The plane landed at Istanbul’s Atatürk Airport safely and all 105 passengers and crew were evacuated.

After the plane was swiftly emptied and searched together with the baggage, the threat was found to be a hoax but police are investigating in a bid to ascertain who was responsible for the note.—Xinhua

WEATHER

Monday, 3rd January, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr M.S.T.

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Shan and Mon States, Upper Sagaing, Yangon and Taninthayi Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above January average temperatures in Kachin, Shan, Chin and Rakhine States, Lower Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, (4°C) below January average temperatures in Upper Sagaing Region and about January average temperatures in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Pinlaung (2°C), Nambian and Hakha (4°C) each Patoa and Lashio (5°C) each.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 2-1-2011 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 3-1-2011 was 60°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 3-1-2011 was (73%).

Rainfall on 3-1-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 2-1-2011 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 3-1-2011 was 64°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 3-1-2011 was (96%).

Total sunshine hours on 2-1-2011 was (9½) hours.

Rainfall on 3-1-2011 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Northeast at (15:30) hours MST on 2-1-2011.

Bay Inference: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in Andaman Sea and South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 4th January 2011: Light rain are possible to be isolated in Kachin State and Taninthayi Region, weather will be partly cloudy in Shan State, Upper Sagaing and Yangon Regions and generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (40%).

State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated light rain in the extreme Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 4-1-2011: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 4-1-2011: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 4-1-2011: Generally fair weather.

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State Peace and Development Council issues notifications to confer religious titles, medals

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Jan—The State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar issues Notification No (1/2011) to confer religious titles on venerable monks, prominent lecturer monks, meditation lecturer monks, itinerant missionary monks and missionary monks inside and outside the country, and persons who make cash and kind with great generosity for propagation of Buddha Sasana; No (2/2011) to confer honorary titles and medals; No (3/2011) to present Myanmar War Veteran Thingaha Medal; No (4/2011) to confer Good Military Service Title; No (5/2011) to present Good Civil Servant Medal; No (6/2011) to present Good Police Service Medal; No (7/2011) to present Police Service Medal; and No (8/2011) to present Civil Servant Medal and Law and Order Restoration Medal on the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day today, — MNA

Progress of infrastructures across the nation in the time of the State Peace and Development Council

Marathon, mini marathon events on Independence Day

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Jan — Jointly-organized by Sports and Physical Education Department, Myanmar Sepak Takraw Federation, Myanmar Track and Field Federation and Myanmar Traditional Sports Federation under the supervision of the Ministry of Sports, sports competitions to mark the 63rd Anniversary Independence Day are taking place in Volleyball Ground in Nay Pyi Taw. Inter-ministry Sepak Takraw and Tug of War Competitions are held there starting from 30 Jan. A total of 32 men’s teams are participating in the Sepak Takraw tournament and 26 men’s and 18 women’s teams are in the Tug of War tournament.

On 4 January morning, marathon and mini marathon events will be organized. The prize-giving ceremony will be held after the final matches of Sepak Takraw and Tug of War Competitions.

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