Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Georgian President

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Mikheil Saakashvili, President of the Republic of Georgia, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Georgia which falls on 26th May 2007. — MNA

Transport sector contributes significantly towards national economic development

YANGON, 25 May— A ceremony to open the New Terminal Building of Yangon International Airport jointly built by the Department of Civil Aviation of the Ministry of Transport and Asia World Co, was held at No 1 Passenger Boarding Bridge of the airport, here, this morning, with an opening address by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein. Also present on the occasion were Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Yangon Division PDC Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Hay Win, ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon Mayor, deputy ministers, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the Director-General of the SPDC Office and departmental heads, Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, Cambodian Ambassador Mr Hul Phany and Ambassadors of foreign missions, Charges d’Affaires of the foreign embassies, Resident Representatives of UN agencies, officials, local and foreign entrepreneurs, responsible persons of international and local airlines, local and foreign journalists, those from the Union Solidarity and Development Association, Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation and Maternal and Child Welfare Association, members of Red Cross and Fire Brigades, service personnel, peoples from Yangon North, East and West Districts and guests.

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Daw Thida Swe of Myanma Radio and Television acted as MC.

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Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein unveils bronze plaque of new terminal building of Yangon International Airport. — MNA
**PERSPECTIVES**

**Saturday, 26 May, 2007**

**Make concerted efforts for enrollment of all school-age children**

The Ministry of Education has designated 25 to 31 May as the school enrollment week for 2007-2008 academic year.

The school enrollment week has been launched a week before the opening of basic education schools in order that all the school-age children can enjoy the right to pursue primary education and to complete primary education.

Under the project, steps are being taken to enroll all children aged 5, those who are over-aged for enrollment and primary school dropouts.

According to age and intelligence quotient development, those who are over-aged for enrollment were taught primary education in a short time. Activities for all the school-age children to go to school and to complete primary education are a task for the 30-year plan of basic education sector.

The government has been striving together with the entire people for enrollment of all the school-age children and for enabling them to attend school regularly. As a result, 97.58 per cent of children aged 5 were able to attend school in 2005-2006 academic year.

Local authorities, education staff, social organizations and well-wishers are to strive together for the enrollment of all the school-age children and for enabling them to attend school regularly which are a prerequisite for uplift of education standard of the entire nation.

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**Minister inspects fertilizer plant, gas turbine in Magway Div**

NAV P'T T'AW, 25 May — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi accompanied by officials on 21 May inspected No-2 Fertilizer Plant in Kyunchaung, Magway Division and urged officials to strive for increasing production of the factory.

At the meeting hall of the natural gas turbine of Electric Power No 2 in Kyunchaung, the minister heard reports on repair of the gas turbine and supply of power to fertilizer plants presented by officials, and gave necessary instructions. — MNA

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**Zawtika-4 to produce 31.5 m cubic feet of gas daily**

NAV P'T T'AW, 25 May — PTT Exploration and Production International Limited (PTTEPI) of Thailand which is undertaking production of oil and natural gas on profit sharing contract with Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise of the Ministry of Energy found a large natural gas deposit at Zawtika-4 appraisal well in Block M 9, Mottama offshore.

The Zawtika-4 appraisal well will produce 31.5 million cubic feet in maximum per day.

PTTEPI company has found commercial scale of natural gas at Zawtika-1 exploration well in November 2005, Zawtika-1 exploration well in November 2006, Zawtika-2 appraisal well in April 2007.

The natural gas of Zawtika-4 appraisal well was drilled in the Plio-Pleistocene sand layer. Therefore, potential and existing natural gas deposit on a commercial scale in Block M 9 can be confirmed. — MNA

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**Blood donation ceremony on 3 June**

YANGON, 25 May — Metta Byuha Association has invited blood donors to participate in its 100th blood donation ceremony to be held at Seikkan Dhammayon at Botataung Pagoda on 3 June.

In a bid to save lives of patients who are in need of transfusion, the association organized the ceremony.

After collecting blood at the ceremony, the association will donate it to patients in hospitals. — MNA

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**Donate Blood**

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**People’s Desire**

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**Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi meets with officials of Fertilizer Plant.**

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**Gas being lighted from the oil rig, Zawtika-4 offshore Mottama.**

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**MNA**
ASEAN countries told to share information

Jakarta, 25 May — ASEAN member countries should share information in an effort to solve problems faced by the counties, Vice Minister of Information and Culture of the Lao PDR Bosengkham Vongdara said here on Thursday.

The vice minister made the statement in his remark at the ninth conference of ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Information (AMRI) from 24 to 25 May here in Jakarta.

He said that the countries should hand in hand cope with regional issues such as bird flu, children and women development, environmental protection, HIV and AIDS prevention and control, climate change, human trafficking and drug abuse among teenagers.

“This could be overcome with participation from all ASEAN member countries to actively exchange information in every occurrence of issues,” he said.

The vice minister said further promoting flows of information, encouraging the media to cover more events and activities in the social and cultural areas.

Economic growth among ASEAN recently had an impact on social and cultural development in ASEAN countries, said Vongdara.

However, he said that most of ASEAN population lived in poverty line, therefore the vice minister hoped to be more focus on being caring country between ASEAN member countries.

He expected the conference would have a good outcome and continued to work together to action plan in order to support a building caring society within the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community.

Mobile phone reaches summit of Mt Everest

Kathmandu, 24 May — A British man has set a world record by making the first mobile telephone call from the summit of Mount Everest, The Himalayan Times daily reported on Wednesday.

“It’s cold, it’s fantastic, the Himalaya are everywhere,” Rod Baber said in the phone call from the top of the world’s highest peak early Tuesday morning, according to a voice recording posted on his weblog. “I can’t feel my toes, everyone is in good spirits — we got here in record time, it is amazing,” said Baber. His achievement was made possible by China Telecom, which has set up a mobile phone tower at base camp on the north side of the mountain.

While the Himalaya has been cherished as one of the few places on earth where you can truly get away from it all, the news has nevertheless been welcomed by those involved in the adventure business. “It’s good news because communications are essential in the mountains where climbers face huge risks,” said Ang Tsering Sherpa, the president of Nepal’s Mountaineering Association.

“The mobile coverage could help in rescue operations,” he said.

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Arson attack on car of top German newspaper editor

BERLIN, 24 May— A car belonging to the editor of top-selling German daily Bild was set on fire early on Tuesday in an attack which may be linked to next month’s G-8 summit, police in Hamburg said.

A police spokeswoman in the northern port city said Kai Diekmann’s car had suffered extensive damage in the attack, which police believe could be “politically motivated”.

Germany is hosting a summit of leaders from the Group of Eight (G8) industrialized countries from June 6-8 and has stepped up security to prevent anti-globalization protesters from disrupting the showcase meeting.

Earlier this month, police raided 40 sites across northern Germany that they said belonged to a militant extreme-left group that was planning arson attacks in the run-up to the summit.

Last December a car was set on fire in front of the Hamburg home of Deputy Finance Minister Thomas Mirow and his house’s windows and walls were splattered with paint in an attack police linked to the G-8 meeting.

Dutch soldiers sent home for dereliction of duty

BRUSSELS, 24 May— Two Dutch soldiers deployed to the Afghan province of Uruzgan have been sent home after they were caught sleeping while on guard duty three weeks ago, Radio Netherlands reported Monday.

They are now in the Netherlands awaiting their court martial, the report said.

Military police are also investigating a separate incident in which a soldier left his post to chat with a colleague. His absence meant that for around ten minutes there was no guard on the roof of the temporary Dutch base in the village of Ali Shirzai, a known hotbed of insurgent activity.

Earlier, the same soldier was reprimanded after he overslept and reported late for guard duty. — MNA/Xinhua

At least 45 killed by car bomb, other attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 24 May— At least 28 people were killed and 52 were wounded Thursday when a parked car bomb detonated during a funeral procession in central Falluja, an Iraqi Interior Ministry official said. That incident led a list of violent acts that killed at least 45 people.

Elsewhere, gunmen fired on 11 civilians in a minibus in a village near Hussianiya, south of Baghdad, killing all of them, an Iraqi Interior Ministry official said. When police arrived, booby-trapped minibus detonated, wounding four policemen.

Three civilians were killed and eight were wounded when a suicide bomber detonated his explosive belt on a minibus in eastern Baghdad’s predominantly Shiite district of Sha’ab, the official said.

And three people died in two other attacks, the official said. — MNA/Xinhua

BERLIN, 24 May— A Finnish peacekeeper died of wounds received in a roadside bomb attack in northern Afghanistan Wednesday morning, the Finnish Defence Command said in a statement.

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A 13th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) soldier died and a second was wounded in a roadside bombing near Sahelahdjin about 3 am Thursday, the military said. The wounded soldier was taken to a coalition hospital in Balad.

And a Task Force Lightning soldier was killed in small-arms fire in Diyala Province, a military statement said. The soldiers’ names were withheld pending notification of relatives. — Internet

Militant blows himself up in north Lebanon

BEIRUT, 24 May— A militant from the Islamist Fatah al-Islam group blew himself up with an explosive belt in a building in the northern Lebanese city of Tripoli on Tuesday, a security source said.

The militant had been holed up in the same building in which Lebanese Army troops had battled the al Qaeda-inspired militants who were hiding there on Sunday. “We were conducting a normal security operation and then it seemed obvious there was some unusual movement in the building,” the security source said. — MNA/Reuters

Lightning bolt kills 5 children in Cameroon

YAOunde, 25 May — Five children were killed by a lightning bolt while gathering firewood in a forest in northeastern Cameroon, state radio reported on Wednesday.

The children, between 10 and 12 years old, went to forage for fuel in the outskirts of Ngaoendere, the capital of Adamawa Province, during a storm on Sunday, the radio said. “It wasn’t until the next day in the morning that a shepherd came and reported that they saw them all dead under a mango tree,” state radio reported. — MNA/Reuters

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Volvo, Ford join hands in India

NEW DELHI, 25 May — Top-end European car maker Volvo is planning to target the Indian market by joining hands with Ford India Ltd, news website businessstandard.com reported here Thursday.

Ford India’s parent, the US-based Ford Motor, owns the Volvo car business.

The Indian subsidiaries of the two companies are planning a joint strategy under which Volvo will cater to the high-end market, while Ford will feed the mid-size segment.

Ford India president and managing director Arvind Mathew told the website that common platform models with Volvo cannot be ruled out in India.

Volvo plans to bring in its C30 and C70 cars, which share the platform with Ford’s Focus range of cars, to India sometime next year.

The platform-sharing strategy stems from the growing luxury car market in the A4 segment, which grew by 49 per cent last fiscal to 40,964 units in 2006-07 from 27,529 units in 2005-06, the website reported.

This segment is being targeted by leading players like DaimlerChrysler, Audi and Porsche.

Meanwhile, Volvo will make its debut in India with a sedan (S80) and a sports utility vehicle (XC90).

As both the vehicles will be imported as completely built units (CBU) and attract a customs duty of about 110 per cent, their pricing will place them at the top end of the A5 segment.

PKR targets 30% mobile phone market share in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 24 May — Samsung Malaysia Electronics Sdn Bhd, a manufacturer of electrical products, expects to increase its local mobile phone market share to 30 per cent this year, local Press reported Wednesday.

The local unit of the South Korean firm, which currently covers a 20-per cent mobile phone market share in Malaysia, has a target to post sales of 350 million US dollars from its mobile phone business in the country. “We hope to sell some five million units of mobile phones in one month from each model,” said Min Yong Ho, chief executive officer and managing director of Samsung Malaysia Electronics, quoted as saying by the New Straits Times. Demand for hand phones in Malaysia is expected to hit some 3.5 million units this year, Min said Tuesday after launching three new models here. Mobile phones make up 60 per cent of Samsung Malaysia’s revenue, but it plans to raise the percentage to 65 per cent, added the report.

Bolivia, Peru sign anti-energy trafficking agreement

LIMA, 25 May — Bolivian and Peru have signed an agreement to fight trafficking in liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) on their shared border, BolivianCustoms (ANB) President Marisa Morales said on Wednesday.

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Pakistan’s cement production to cross 45 mln tons in four years

ISLAMABAD, 24 May — The cement production in Pakistan would cross 45 million tons per annum in next four years to meet the country’s increasing demand of infrastructure development, a senior government official said Tuesday.

Talking to CNBC, Umer Ayub Khan, Finance Minister for the Pakistan channel, Pakistan’s cement production to cross 45 mln tons in four years

China industrial exhibition opens in Jakarta

JAKARTA, 25 May — Leading Chinese companies participated in the China Machinery and Electronics Trade Exhibition that kicked off Thursday in Jakarta, displaying a wide range of high-tech products from agriculture machines to cars. The event gave an opportunity for Chinese automakers to promote their products after Chery Automobile and Geely International Corp made their Indonesian debuts in recent months.

Chery was present at the event alongside Great Wall Motors. Organized by the China Chamber of International Commerce, the exhibition at the Kemayoran Fair Ground will run until Sunday. Liang Haiguang, director of China Council for promotion of inter-national trade, said 54 Chinese companies were taking part in the show.

A poster about missing child Madeleine McCann is pinned up among sea-head necklaces on a shop near the Portuguese beach resort of Lagos on 24 May, 2007. — INTERNET
Holding placards and gathering people to stir up unrest out of fashion

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There are many party members who are now serving their terms for the offenses they have committed ranging from treason, rebellion, weaponry cases, detonation of mines, and association with unlawful associations to playing cards, gambling two or three-digit lottery, deception and fraud of public property. I would like to put a question, “Does the government have to guarantee them privileges and exempt them from being punished for what they have committed offences just because they are NLD members?”

See, a handful of persons holding placards at a crowded place made inappropriate demands to ensure 24-hour electricity supply, to reduce commodity prices and to release political prisoners. Their acts were unacceptable and their thoughts were outdated and mean. There was another political stunt — the so-called white expression campaign to console families of the political prisoners. In addition, there were prayer services at pagodas for the release of the woman from the NLD. The latest perpetration was the so-called campaign for the release of the said woman. The NLD members held gatherings township-wise to cause unrest. What a mess?

Everyone can easily judge whether their demands are sincere or just to cause unrest after trying to generate doubts and misunderstanding between the people and the government through mischief.

The people have already accepted that due to time and situation round-the-clock power supply is not possible yet. The nation’s power consumption is increasing as the government is supplying more and more electricity to factories set up by local or foreign investment, industrial zones, shopping malls, supermarkets, plazas, hotels, other businesses, public residences and some villages, that are catching up with the towns in terms of development. The increase in the power generation has not met the ever growing demand yet. The government has been building hydropower plants, gas-fired power stations and other power stations to meet the growing electricity demand. The Head of State has been giving guidance to generate enough power for the nation.

I will now prove the development in figure in the power sector. In 1988, the nation had two heavy power plants each with a generation capacity higher than 10 megawatts, one 10-megawatt power station and 11 one-megawatt stations totalling 14. In 2005, the nation had ten heavy power plants each with generation a capacity higher than 10 megawatts, ten medium plants with generation capacities between one-megawatt and ten-megawatt and 24 one-megawatt stations totalling 44. The first thermal power station of Myanmar was set up in 2005. The number of gas-fired power stations reached 11, up from eight in 1988. A coal-fired power station was also built in 2005. In addition, 567 diesel-run power stations are supplying electricity to the nation. The government is also erecting 20 large power stations each with a generation capacity higher than 10 megawatts. In reality, the NLDs were making demands shamelessly for 24-hour power supply without realizing the objective conditions just to grab power.

The problem of rising commodity prices in reality is a problem global countries are facing too. But those perpetrators are saying as if it is the problem confined to Myanmar only. It is the nasty habit of those perpetrators to grab power with unreasonable excuses. The government is striving in all sectors for national economic development while braving the sanctions and pressures of the colonialist group and its destructive cohorts. It is applying innovative means to manufacture import substitute goods for socio-economic progress. We cannot solve the problem of rising commodity prices with a short-sighted view. The entire people should strive harmoniously for national economic development.

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The entire nation knows that the conspiracy of the colonialist group and its lackeys has caused social sufferings on over 10,000 family members of the workers who lost their jobs as garment factories running with foreign capital had to close down due to the pressures and sanctions. Those perpetrators cannot hide their conspiracy under human rights and democracy excuses. People know well their plots to cause unrest, public sufferings and economic slump. They cannot trick the people into acting as their fodder to create anarchy in the nation.

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(Translation: TMT+MS)

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Transport sector contributes significantly towards...

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Speaking on the occasion, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein said that the opening of an international standard passenger terminal building for Yangon International Airport, which is a symbol of national prestige, is a significant development for Myanmar’s civil aviation sector and most fitting for a modern and developed nation.

The international standard facilities and services that are provided by the new passenger terminal building will be beneficial not only to the people of Myanmar but also to all our international guests and passengers.

With a sincere aim to raise the living standards of its citizens to a high level, the State is systematically implementing projects for the modernization and development of all sectors and to develop and strengthen the national economy.

In doing so, projects are also being implemented for the development of the transport sector which is an essential component for the rapid development of the nation. The transport sector is not only a commercial sector but also a service sector which contributes significantly towards the economic development of the nation. The facilitation of transport enables the swift and smooth flow of goods, people and international and domestic trade which in turn will lead to national economic strength and uplift the people’s living standards. The state is striving for the systematic development of its transport sector so that it can provide effective services for other economic sectors.

As result of the systematic implementation of projects at national level, the transport sector has developed considerably. In the domestic land transport sector, new bridges, highways, railways, tunnels and rail networks have been built, while in the maritime transport sector, international seaport terminals with international standard facilities, equipment and services and also container yards have been newly built and upgraded. The new passenger terminal building being opened today is one of the fruitful results of our endeavours to develop the air transport sector, an important part of both the domestic and international transport sector, at a fast pace in line with modern standards.

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint supervises regional

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party viewed thriving physic nut plantation on 20 acres of land in Htongyi Village of Bago Township.

At Hsinkyo Dam project site in Hsinkyo Village of the township, they inspected flow of water into the dam. The embankment of the dam is 30 feet high and 950 feet long and the dam will irrigate 150 acres of land.

Htongyi Village in Bago gets new school...

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The commander and Minister Dr Chan Nyein also made addresses.

Lt-Gen Tin Aye handed over the documents related to the building to the Education Minister. He also presented K 10 million to the funds of the school through the principal.

The commander presented desks worth K 2.5 million to the school.

The main building of the school is 120 feet long and 216 feet wide. And the one-storey building was 130 feet long and 30 feet wide with 18 60-capacity rooms and two recreation rooms, one room for the principal and two assembly halls.

Shwe Zin Htay reported on construction tasks, academic and management matters. Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave necessary instructions.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected selection of the axis for the railroad of Pakokku-Pwinbyu section of Kyangin-Pakokku railroad. They also inspected the railway station for Pakokku University.

At Garment Factory (Pakokku) in Pakokku Township, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party viewed production process of the factory. In Pakokku, Lt-Gen Ye Myint met departmental personnel, social organization members and local people and explained regional development tasks.

Afterwards, they inspected Win Thuza Shop of the Ministry of Industry-1 at Pakokku Myoma Market. Next, they paid homage to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Viçara at Aungmingala Shwe Monastery in Pakokku.

All township school enrolment day...

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Speaking on the occasion, the commander said short- and long-term projects in terms of various sectors are being undertaken in order to transform the Union of Myanmar into a peaceful, modern and developed nation. A school enrolment project for all school-age children is one of the education promotion programmes. Therefore, all those including authorities concerned, education staff, departmental officials, members of social organizations, members of school boards of trustees and parents are to cooperate in the project. A total of 5,900 exercise books have been donated and wellwishers are invited to donate cash and kind.

Next, the commander presented K 2.4 million for basic education schools to responsible officials. The commander’s wife, the deputy minister and officials donated exercise books, stationery and school uniforms, and U Kyi Soe of Khinhtin Construction Materials Trading K 500,000.

The commander and party visited schools and inspected school enrolment day activities.

The school enrolment day was held in Nay Pyi Taw for the first time. Similar celebrations will be held in other townships across the country and free education system will be launched for primary students.

Woman wounded in insurgent-planted mine blast

YANGON, 25 May — An insurgent-planted mine ripped off the left leg of a woman from her ankle when she was hit by the explosive while on her way to collect edible globular fungi in the forest about seven miles south-east of Mone on 20 May.

Her right leg was also hit by shrapnel.

The mine victim, Ma Ni Ni Saw of Htonetaw village in Kyaukkyi Township, Bago Division, was rushed to Mone station hospital and medical treatment is being provided to her.
Transit sector contributes significantly towards...

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interactions with other countries will cause the international community to know more and recognize the high cultural and traditional values and cordial hospitality of the Myanmar people and the peaceful and beautiful environment of Myanmar.

In conclusion, I wish to say that the new international passenger terminal building reflects the modern, developed and peaceful attributes to Myanmar and so I hereby call upon all concerned to cooperate in maintaining for the long term the status of the new terminal building as a facility comparable with international airports of other countries.

Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe also delivered a speech on the occasion and said that the Ministry of Transport is very much honoured for successful accomplishment of the new international terminal building, apron, fuel farm and distribution system, boarding bridges associated with the modern system, taking the guidance of the Head of State.

Here, I would like to briefly explain Yangon International Airport. The runway, the taxiway and the apron of Yangon Airport was constructed in 1952 by Danish based Christians & Nielsens Company (Thai branch), old terminal building was successfully put in operation in the year 1957. At that time, Dove Aircraft with the total weight of 8,500 kg and the passenger carrying capacity of 11 persons and Dakota Aircraft with the total weight of 28,000 lb and the passenger carrying capacity of 28 persons were in operation. From external, Boeing-707, Douglas DC-8 and Viscout VC-10 with the total weight of 280,000 lb and the passenger carrying capacity of over 100 persons were also in use. Up to 1980s, Myanmar Airways operated to Bangkok, Dhaka, Kathmandu and Singapore for 11 weekly services in total and Thai Airways, Air China and Aeroflot each operated three weekly services only. Because of the size of the aircraft, passenger carrying capacity and number of services per week, the terminal building can provide services without difficulty and no congestion at all.

Due to the market economy, tourist promotion activities, general liberalization in air transport policy and especially to foreign investment in services of Myanmar Airways, which were introduced after 1988, tourist incoming to Myanmar is increased to over 800,000 compared to 25,000 of 1980 and domestic passengers up to 1.2 million.

According to the guidance of the Head of State, the Ministry of Transport and the Department of Civil Aviation entered into contract with Asia World Co Ltd for the construction of the new terminal building (length 832 feet, breadth 206 feet and height 68 feet) and the apron (600x600 feet) in the year 2004. In order not to mix with the normal passenger flow a separate 120x140 size VIP lounge is included for construction. The new terminal building can handle 1800 passenger/hour and 2.7 million/year and 5 aircraft can be landed per hour. It has 4 -storey terminal building of 340 feet in length and 140 feet in breadth was constructed by Public Works and put into operation in the year 1996. Due to the increase in the number of flights and the passengers, the difficulty still remains.

At present, Air Buddha A 300-600 of 250 passenger carrying capacity, Airbus A 340-600 and A 330-300 of 266 passenger carrying capacity are operated to this airport and 12 airlines (Thai Airways 19 flight per week, Myanmar Airways International 14 flight per week, Silk Air 14 flight per week, Indian Airlines 2 flight per week, Mandarin 4 flight per week, Air China 3 flight per week, Qatar Airline 4 flight per week, Jetstar Asia 3 flight per week, Malaysia Airlines 6 flight per week, Bangkok Airways 7 flight per week, Thai Air Asia 7 flight per week) are operating 85 flight per week in total. Because of this, the apron area and terminal handing capacity cause restriction to accommodate those big aircraft and its passengers.

The new terminal building was installed with five lifts, three escalators, four stairs, 12 immigration counters, four customs counters, 30 check-in counters, two transit counters and five counters of money changing.

The building was facilitated with the equipment of EM electronic lock system, the card access system, the fire protection and warning system, the plasma screen flight information system and the news and information system. In addition, the building of the airport was equipped with 300 telephone lines. The new terminal building can handle 1,800 passengers per hour and 2.7 million per year. The airport can operate five aircraft per hour. A total of four passenger boarding bridges measuring 138 feet by 10 feet are facilitated at the new terminal building.

The new airport was installed with two 1,600-kva transformers and the equipment of emergency power system. Construction tasks of the airport building started on 18 April 2003.
UNSC voices deep concern at violence in Lebanon

UNITED NATIONS, 25 May — The UN Security Council expressed deep concern on Wednesday at the recent outbreak of violence in Lebanon which killed over 60 people and injured many others.

In a statement read out by US Ambassador Calmy Khalilzad, the Council’s president for May, the 15-member Council “condemned in the strongest possible terms the attacks by the so-called ‘Fatah al Islam’ gunner on Lebanese security and Armed Forces in northern Lebanon”.

Such attacks, the statement said, “constitute an unacceptable attack on Lebanon’s stability, security and sovereignty”.

It also stressed the need to protect and provide aid to civilians, “notably the Palestinian refugees”.

Council members also condemned the latest bomb attacks in Beirut which killed one and injured several others, offering sympathy and condolences to the victims’ families and to the Lebanese people and the government.

Urging “no impunity for such heinous acts”, they welcomed the “determination” of the government to bring to justice those responsible for the attacks.

In the statement, Council members also reiterated their “unequivocal condemnation” of any attempt to destabilize Lebanon and underlined their readiness to continue to act in support of the legitimate and democratically elected government.

ARF security policy meeting held in Manila

MANILA, 25 May — Senior security and defence officials from 24 countries attending the 4th ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Thursday agreed to push forward regional security cooperation in peacekeeping, fighting terrorism and transnational crimes, as well as disaster relief operations.

Some 90 officials in charge of defence and security issues from 10 ASEAN countries and its 22 dialogue partners participated in the one-day ARF security policy meeting, which was the fourth of its kind since it was first held in Beijing in 2003.

Delegates also discussed the results of the Six-Party Talks on the nuclear issue of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea after two important agreements were signed in Beijing in these talks in 2005 and February this year. Senior officials from the Republic of Korea and DPRK gave their stands on the nuclear issue and the situation in the Korean Peninsula as well as the Inter-Korean Dialogue, according to Filipino officials hosting the meeting.

Delegates from China, the United States, the European Union, Russia, Japan, Australia, Bangladesh, India, Timor-Leste, New Zealand and Mongolia also attended the meeting as dialogue partners of ASEAN countries.

The ARF senior officials’ meetings also includes those of senior officials from foreign ministries of some 24 participating countries.

The meetings have been held since early this week in preparation for the ministerial level meeting of ASEAN countries and its dialogue partners to be held in August in Manila.

Indian PM presents 10-point social charter for industry

NEW DELHI, 25 May — Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh Thursday presented a 10-point charter to make the country’s growth process inclusive and efficient at the annual general meeting of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) here, a Press release issued by the government said.

The PM invited the corporate sector to become the government’s partner in making society more just and humane.

The Ten Point Social Charter includes healthy respect for workers and investment in their welfare; corporate social responsibility; employment to the less privileged; resist excessive remuneration and discourage conspicuous consumption; and investment in people and in their skills.

The PM further asked the industry to desist from non-competitive behaviour, invest in environment-friendly technologies, promote enterprise and innovation, fight corruption at all levels and promote socially responsible media and finance socially responsible advertising.

Some Los Angeles beaches seriously polluted

LOS ANGELES, 25 May — Seven best-known beaches in the Los Angeles County rank among California’s 10 most polluted, according to an annual environmental report.

For the second straight year, Los Angeles County had the worst coastal water quality in the state for the 12 months ending 31 March, said the report by the Los Angeles Times on Thursday.

The nonprofit group asseses daily and weekly fecal bacteria pollution from nearly 500 California beach sites from Humboldt County to the Mexican border, giving each a grade of A through F.

Beaches rated F included Surfrider and Marie Canyon storm-drain in Malibu, Santa Monica Municipal Pier area, Castle Rock in the Pacific Palisades area, and Avalon on Catalina Island.

Higher bacteria counts raise the risk of contracting gastrointestinal ailments, ear infections, upper respiratory infections and skin rashes, and can also harm fish and wildlife.

Belarus special forces soldiers demonstrate the ability to break concrete slates with their foreheads, at the opening of the 4th international exhibition of arms and military hardware, the Miles 2007, in Minsk, on 22 May, 2007. Over 100 enterprises and firms from Belarus, Russia, Ukraine and other countries displayed their products at the Miles 2007 exhibition, which was opened on Tuesday in Minsk. — INTERNET

Los Angeles Times

A Chinese farmer collects water with the help of donkeys at a partially dried-up pond in Huan County, Southwest China’s Gansu Province, on 22 May, 2007. The Huan County suffered drought since September 2004 and there has been no effective rainfall for the past 32 months. — XINHUA

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Indonesian girl dies from bird flu

JAKARTA, Indonesia, 23 May—A 5-year-old Indonesian girl from Central Java province has died of bird flu, a Health Ministry official said on Wednesday. The girl from Wonogiri, who had fallen ill on May 8, died last Thursday after being treated in hospital in the town of Solo for fever and respiratory problems, said Suhardja Ngingrum of the ministry’s bird flu centre. Authorities were still investigating the case, but at least 20 chickens had died suddenly near her home, the official said.

One more Vietnamese province infected with bird flu

HANOI, 24 May—Bird flu has hit Vietnam’s southern Dong Thap Province over the past few days, bringing the total number of affected localities nationwide to six, according to a local veterinary agency on Wednesday. Bird flu has killed 1,600 out of 2,600 ducklings in a farm in Thap Muoi District, said the Department of Animal Health under the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

The affected ducklings are tested positive to bird flu virus strain H5N1, said the department.

To prevent the disease from spreading, Vietnam has so far this year vaccinated 119 million fowls in flu virus strain H5N1, said the department.

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Samoan plane loses wheel while landing at airport

WELLINGTON, 24 May—One of Samoa’s Polynesian Airline aircraft, Dash-8, was grounded in Tonga after one of its landing wheels went off during touch-down at Fu’amotu Airport in Tonga, reported Radio New Zealand Wednesday.

The airline’s operation manager, John McNeely, confirmed Wednesday the incident happened Tuesday, saying it only caused minor damage to the aircraft. Airline officials have been unavailable to give the number of passengers who were on board the 37-seater aircraft at the time of the incident.

McNeely said an engineering assessment of the damage and an investigation are underway.

The aircraft was on its service from Samoas’ capital Apia to Tonga via Pago Pago in American Samoa.

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UNODC, Vietnam jointly strengthen counter-terrorism legislation

HANOI, 24 May—The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the Vietnamese Government are co-organizing a workshop on strengthening national legislation on counter-terrorism, following a similar workshop in 2004. “UNODC stands ready to provide necessary technical legal assistance to overcome any obstacles of legal nature” in studying legislative requirements emanating from universal counter terrorism instruments and relevant resolutions of the UN Security Council, Narumi Yamada, representative of the UNODC Office in Vietnam, said at the two-day workshop starting here Wednesday.

She said the Vietnamese authorities and the UNODC have joined hands in the efforts to establish comprehensive and effective legal framework against terrorism, including a national workshop in November 2004 on the ratification and legislative implementation of anti-terrorism universal instruments, and a visit to Vietnam by a staff member of the UNODC Terrorism Prevention Branch in February 2004.

Out of 12 universal conventions and protocols which are now in force, Vietnam is party to eight instruments, she said, noting that those yet to be acceded to include: International Convention on the Taking of Hostages, Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf, and International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings.

At the workshop, Le Kinh Tai, Vietnamese Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs said his country is building and amending some laws on battling criminals. “We are compiling the Extradition Law, and planning to build up the Counter-Terrorism Law,” he said.

The workshop participants are scheduled to focus their discussions on legislations against terrorism, including those on combating money laundering and terrorism financing.—MNA/Xinhua

Suicide bomber kills 15 in eastern Iraq

BAGHDAD, 24 May—Some 15 people were killed and 20 others wounded when a suicide bomber blew himself up inside a coffee shop in the town of Mandaly in Iraq’s Diyala Province on Wednesday, a provincial police source said.

The attack took place in the morning in the town that borders the neighbouring Iran when a suicide bomber wearing an explosive belt blew himself up inside the coffee shop, the source from Diyala police told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

On Saturday, gunmen stormed a village near the town of Mandalay, some 110 kilometres northeast of Baghdad, killing 15 people, deputy mayor of the town said.

He held the responsibility for the attack on the al-Qaeda in Iraq militants, who have a strong presence in the volatile Diyala Province.

MNA/Xinhua
Global warming is adding unprecedented rate,” UN said in a statement.

22 May, the International Environmentalists issued reports about threats to creatures and plants including right whales, species every hour and the world must do more to slow the worst spate of extinctions since the dinosaurs by 2010, the United Nations said on Tuesday. Scientists and environmentalists issued reports about threats to creatures and plants including right whales, species every hour and the world must do more to slow the worst spate of extinctions since the dinosaurs by 2010, the United Nations said on Tuesday.

“Biodiversity is being lost at an unprecedented rate,” UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon said in a statement. Global warming is adding threats such as land clearance for farms or cities, pollution and rising human populations. “The global response to these challenges needs to move much more rapidly, and with more determination at all levels — global, national and local,” he said.

Many experts reckon the world will fail to meet the goal set by world leaders at an Earth Summit in 2002 of a “significant reduction” by 2010 in the rate of species losses. “We are indeed experiencing the greatest wave of extinctions since the disappearance of the dinosaurs,” said Ahmed Djoghlaf, head of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity. Dinosaurs vanished 65 million years ago, perhaps after a meteorite struck. “Extinction rates are rising by a factor of up to 1,000 above natural rates. Every hour, three species disappear. Every day, up to 150 species are lost. Every year, between 18,000 and 55,000 species become extinct,” he said. — MNA/Reuters

Nepali zoo tiger kills sibling

KATHMANDU, 24 May — A tiger has been killed by aibling for the first time in Nepali Central Zoo in capital Kathmandu, The Kathmandu Post reported on Wednesday.

A 38-month-old tiger died Monday night after being attacked by its own brother, zoo officials said. “We never expected such a thing to happen,” said RK Shrestha, director of the Central Zoo. The tiger that died was grievously assaulted two-three days ago, said Shrestha. It was injured in the chin and forelegs, he added. The injured tiger was given medication through darting Monday afternoon. However, after walking a few steps the tiger fell and finally died, he said.

Now there are four Royal Bengal tigers left at the Central Zoo, according to the zoo administration. The two tiger siblings are kept separately, according to the administration. The Royal Bengal, one of the four species of tiger remaining in the world, are at high risk of extinction due to increased poaching and other illegal activity. However, Nepal has a satisfactory Royal Bengal population of 350 to 370. — MNA/Xinhua

Dinosaur footprints found on cliff in Chongqing

BEIJING, 24 May — Chinese scientists have discovered over one hundred dinosaur footprints within 75 square metres, on a mountainside in Chongqing municipality, southwest China. The former curator of the Chongqing Museum of Natural History, Zhou Shiwu, and five other researchers found the fossilized footprints at the Laoyingshan mountain last October. The footprints range in size from 11 centimetres to 35 centimetres long, with shapes similar to clubs, fingers paws, disks and three-toes. The steps range from tens of centimetres to 1.6 metres. — Internet

Peruvian, Brazilian experts set out to find source of Amazon

LIMA, 24 May — A group of Brazilian and Peruvian experts began an expedition on Wednesday to explore the source of the Amazon River, the world’s second longest river, which runs through the two nations’ jungles. The two Peruvians and seven Brazilians set off from the Peruvian city Arequipa in Chivay Province, 1,020 kilometres south of Lima. On Friday, they climbed the 5,597-metre-high Mismi Mountain in the province. Some experts say the Amazon starts in Mismi’s Carhuasanta ravine, and others believe it originates in the Apacheta guilty, close to the Mount Quehuisha glacier. The controversy has persisted despite recent expeditions.

The team will carry out hydrological and geodesic measurements, to find the source with the help of satellite tracking. “We want to do a painstaking investigation to present it to the scientific community,” said team leader Ciro Sierra, a Peruvian Army engineer who represents the Peru Geographical Institute.

The Brazilians belong to the National Space Research Institute, the National Water Agency and the Brazilian Geography and Statistics Agency.

The new expedition’s results will be published in June by a scientific forum planned for Lima. — Xinhua

China resorts to computer to test Mandarin Chinese

BEIJING, 24 May — Chinese scientists have developed a computer programme to test how well people speak Mandarin Chinese.

The technology will help improve oral testing of Chinese and promote Mandarin Chinese both at home and abroad, said Fu Yong, former deputy director of the State Language Work Committee.

The technology was jointly developed by the Acoustics Institute and the Software Institute under the Chinese Academy of Sciences and Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

Lab experiments show that more than 98 per cent of the results given by the computer evaluation system were as same as the results given by linguists, said Ju Qi, deputy director of the Acoustics Institute. The system will be introduced to Mandarin Chinese examinations in Hong Kong’s middle schools and universities. Although Chinese share a similar written language — Chinese ideograms or characters, which has been in use for three thousand years — the pronunciation of identical characters differs widely from region to region. — MNA/Xinhua

A baby elephant plays near its mother in a zoo of Berlin, Germany on 23 May, 2007. The baby elephant is the twelfth newborn baby in the zoo since 1989. — Internet

Soldiers shoulder sand bags to repair a broken levee with a 14-metre-long breach caused by the continuous punch of rainstorms in Yichang, Central China’s Hubei Province on 23 May, 2007. More than 100 people were mobilized to repair the levee. — Xinhua
**SPORTS**

**Mac: Door still open for Becks**

**LONDON, 24 May—**
Steve McClaren insists the door is not closed on a possible England recall for David Beckham.

Speaking on the eve of England’s B international against Albania, McClaren revealed he would still consider the LA Galaxy-bound midfielder for selection.

The Real Madrid man, impressive for his club in recent months, has not played for England since resigning the national team captaincy following England’s World Cup exit last summer.

Beckham has never hidden his desire to make a return for his country.

**Makelele staying at Chelsea**

**LONDON, 25 May —**
Chelsea midfielder Claude Makelele is staying put, the club made clear on Thursday.

“We have not had any offers for Claude and we are not looking for any offers,” a statement said.

Makelele said: “I have one year to run on my contract with Chelsea FC and I am not looking to leave. The comments that have been made on my behalf have not been authorized by me and the individual making them is not my agent.”— MNA/Reuters

**South African goalkeeper Fernandez joins Germany’s Bielefeld**

**BERLIN, 25 May —**
German Bundesliga football club Arminia Bielefeld announced Wednesday that they have signed South African goalkeeper Rowen Fernandez.

Fernandez, 29, joins the German Bundesliga club from Johnniesburg’s Kaizer Chiefs as his contract will expire next month.

MNA/Xinhua

**Owen raring to go on international return**

**MANCHESTER (England), 25 May —**
England striker Michael Owen says he does not expect to suffer any further injury problems when he makes his international return on Friday.

Owen will captain an England B team against Albania at Burnley in his first international appearance since damaging knee ligaments during the World Cup.

He has previously suffered with hamstring problems and broke a bone in his foot before last summer’s tournament in Germany while playing for club side Newcastle.

“I came in earlier to training at Newcastle than anyone and stayed until it was dark every single day and was doing more than anyone could do,” Owen told reporters on Thursday.

“It’s impossible I could do anymore and I really feel the benefits now... I haven’t felt an ounce of discomfort from my knee.

“When you have a bad, bad injury you have to get the bit between your teeth and think I’m going to come back better than ever.

“And although my body let me down in the World Cup, it won’t let me down again.”

England coach Steve McClaren admits England need Owen’s goals to boost a faltering Euro 2008 qualifying campaign. England are currently fourth in Group E after six games.

Their next qualifier is in Estonia on 6 June and it is a game Owen feels England have to win.

“THERE isn’t too much room for a slip now,” Owen added. If we lose one game it doesn’t mean we won’t qualify but we couldn’t afford more than one slip up.

“You don’t want to slip up against Estonia when you still have some big hitters to come.”

MNA/Reuters

**China’s Zhang Yining returns the ball against NG Sook Khan from Malaysia during the first round competition of women’s single at the 49th World Table Tennis Championships in Zagreb, Croatia, on 22 May, 2007. Zhang Yining won the match 4-0. — INTERNET**

**Milan hailed by thousands on open top bus tour**

**AC Milan soccer team parades through downtown Milan, Italy, on Thursday, 24 May, 2007, the day after beating Liverpool 2-1 in the final match of the Champions League. — INTERNET**

“Now I will give up smoking,” he said. “After a very difficult year we have won something extraordinary so there is plenty of happiness and satisfaction. We did great things because there was little hope.”

European soccer’s governing body UEFA had been reluctant to let Milan take part in this season’s Champions League after their role in last year’s match-fixing scandal in Italy.— MNA/Reuters

**Doll-faced Fukuhara exits world championships**

**ZAGREB, 25 May —**
Romanian Daniela Dudean after Thursday handed a straight-set defeat to Japanese Ai Fukuhara, one of the most popular table tennis players in the world.

Dudean, ranked 63rd in the world, stunned the 11th-rated Japanese 12-10, 11-9, 11-8, 11-9 to reach the women’s singles fourth round of the world championships.

Feted as a child prodigy from the age of three, Fukuhara reached the quarterfinals in her first world championships in 2003 when she was not even 15. In 2004, she helped Japan to a third-placed finish but she is yet to win an individual medal.

In Zagreb, her dream was dashed again. Against the fast Fukuhara, Dudean was patient. She lured Fukuhara to attack first and then counter-attacked with killer shots.

Fukuhara looked even more impatient as the match went on. In the fourth set, Fukuhara missed an easy kill to trail 8-10 but closed it to 9-10 as Dudean hit into the net. A wayward shot by Fukuhara sent the Romanian into the fourth round.— MNA/Xinhua

**Glazers rubbish sale claims**

Having completed an £800million takeover two years ago, Glazer restructured the club’s debt with avow to the long term interest of the family.

“The Glazer family have a long-term commitment to Manchester United and that is not going to change,” said the spokesman.

“Quite simply, they are not interested in selling the club. Why would they?

“They are determined to make United more successful, both on and off the pitch.”— Internet

**Maria Sharapova of Russia returns the ball to Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland during their quarter final match at WTA Istanbul Cup tennis tournament in Istanbul on 24 May, 2007. — INTERNET**
Singapore aquarium puts chips in fish

Saturday, 25 May — Singapore’s aquarium has tagged some of its fishes using microchips to help visitors identify the different species on display.

Visitors to the Underwater World aquarium can see the name, species and other information displayed on a touch screen whenever any of the tagged fish swims past a sensor, said Peter Chew, sales and marketing manager at Underwater World.

"Gone are the days when visitors are happy looking at animals and matching them with the information on the sign boards," Chew said.

The aquarium, which is on Singapore’s Sentosa Island, is the first aquarium in the world to tag its exhibit fishes with microchips using the radio frequency identification technology, Chew said.

The aquarium, which took three months to set up the 30,000 Singapore dollars (19.600 US dollars) system, is also considering tagging sharks, he said.

Those tagged include the arapaima, one of the world’s largest freshwater fish, and pacu, which is related to the piranha.

China vows to promote education cooperation with Malaysia

BEIJING, 25 May — China hopes to deepen educational exchanges and cooperation with Malaysia.

Chinese State Councillor Chen Zhi said here on Wednesday in a meeting with visiting Malaysian Minister of Education Hishammuddin Tun Hussein.

Cooperation on education is an important part of bilateral relations, Chen said, adding that he hoped both sides could further promote cooperation in this area so as to positively boost bilateral ties.

Hishammuddin Tun Hussein is here at the invitation of Chinese Minister of Education Zhou Ji and he will also visit Laos and Vietnam.

Miss Singapore 2007 Jessica Tan displays her costume at the 2007 Miss Universe National Costume Show at the Angel of Independence in Mexico City, Mexico, on 20 May, 2007. The 56th Miss Universe pageant will be held in Mexico City on 28 May. Picture taken on 20 May, 2007. — Internet

Weather outlook for last weekend of May 2007: During the coming weekend, rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Kayah State and Magway and Ayeyawady Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan, Chin, Kayin and Mon States, scattered in Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and fairly widespread in the remaining States and Divisions.

A degree of uncertainty is present in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).
Lt-Gen Ye Myint supervises regional development tasks in Pakokku District

NAY PYI TAW, 25 May—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman Southern Command, Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, and CEC Member of the Ministry of Defence and wife and wellwishers.

Bago Division PDC Chairman Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein and CEC Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min formally opened the facility.

Lt-Gen Tin Aye unveiled the stone plaque of the building.

Lt-Gen Tin Aye, the commander and the ministers inspected it.

In his speech, Lt-Gen Tin Aye cited the guidance given by Head of State Senior General Than Shwe on ensuring fine school buildings, utilization of modern pedagogical aids, prescription of international level curricula, and bringing about competent teachers in order to produce qualified new generation youth students.

He said that now is the knowledge age, so teachers have to nurture the students to enable them to possess innovative and reasonable powers.

Teachers are also to equip students with Our Three Main National Causes, the fundamental factor of the brighter future of the nation, Union Spirit, and patriotic fervour. Only then will the nation see a greater number of human resources.

He called for maintenance of the building for its durability. (See page 9)

Education High School Htongyi Village in Bago Township.

Lt-Gen Tin Aye delivers an address at opening of new building for BEHS (Branch) in Htongyi Village, Bago Township. — MNA

Htongyi Village in Bago gets new school building

YANGON, 25 May—Htongyi Village Basic Education High School (branch) in Bago Township, Bago Division, was handed over to the Ministry of Education at a ceremony held at the school this morning.

It was built with the contributions made by Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence and wife and wellwishers.

Bago Division PDC Chairman Southern Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye and Chairman of Magway Division PDC Col Phone Maw Shwe, attended the physic nut plantation of General Administration Department in Pakokku Township. At Gwaygyo Dam, Project site in Gwaygyo Village of Sitha Village tract of Yesagyo Township, they inspected construction tasks.

The earth embankment of Gwaygyo Dam is 57 feet high and 2,100 feet long. The dam can store 1,840 acre feet of water and it will irrigate 400 acres of land. At present, (See page 9)

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected 15 acres of physic nut plantation in Pakokku Township on 22 May.

All township school enrolment day marked in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 25 May—All township school enrolment day for 2007-2008 academic year was marked at Basic Education High School No 6 in Nay Pyi Taw this morning with an address by Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin. Also present on the occasion were Daw Swe Swe Oo, wife of the commander, the deputy director general of No 2 Basic Education Department, officials, local authorities and education officials. (See page 9)