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## Four political objectives

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

## Four economic objectives

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

## Four social objectives

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

## Prime Minister inspects health care services in Kengtung, Loimwe, urges teachers to train students to become good citizens equipped with Union Spirit

NAY PYI TAW, 28 April — Prime Minister General Thein Sein, accompanied by Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Phyo, the ministers, deputy ministers and departmental officials, inspected the General Hospital in Kengtung yesterday.

They were welcomed there by Medical Superintendent of the hospital Dr Aung Kyaw

Myint, specialists, doctors and nurses.

During his inspection tour, the Prime Minister urged them to regard patients as their relatives when they gave treatment to them and to disseminate knowledge on health including preventive measures against diseases at villages.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister comforted the patients undergoing treatment at the hospital and presented food to them.

Next, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, Com-

mander Brig-Gen Kyaw Phyo and the ministers presented food to the patients and the Prime Minister handed over medicines to Medical Superintendent Dr Aung Kyaw Myint.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party proceeded to the Nursing Training School in Kengtung. The principal of the training school reported on the condition of the training school, courses and the number of trainees and instructors.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein presents school uniforms and exercise books to a student in Loimwe.—MNA

## Shan State (East) a strategic area for regional relations and security

### Prime Minister meets departmental officials, social organizations and townselders in Kengtung

NAY PYI TAW, 28 April — Prime Minister General Thein Sein together with Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, the ministers, the deputy

ministers, the director-general of the Government Office and heads of departments inspected the beauty of Naungton Lake in Kengtung Township today.

The Prime Minister paid respects to Presiding Nayaka Sayadaus from Pariyatti Sarthintaiks in the (See page 9)



Prime Minister General Thein Sein delivers address at meeting with departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people in Kengtung.—MNA

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Take an active part in preventive measures against the swine flu

Global Human Flu Preparedness and Response Work Committee held a coordination meeting at the meeting hall of the National Health Committee under the Ministry of Health in Nay Pyi Taw on 27 April.

In 2003, an epidemic, widely known as SARS, broke out in the world and, at that time, Myanmar managed to prevent the spread of the disease into the nation and to protect the people against it.

Myanmar attended international ministerial meetings on prevention of global human flu six times and is taking international preventive measures.

Now again, a swine flu epidemic has broken out in Mexico, US, New Zealand and Canada, claiming the lives of over 100 people. It is found that the new epidemic spreads from infected pigs and it can transmit from human to human. It is also said that the swine flu virus is a new strain and four types of genes have mutated into this new virus.

The Ministry of Health is now taking preventive measures in cooperation with other related ministries and the WHO. Steps are also being taken to prevent the virus from spreading to Myanmar through airports, seaports and borders. Arrangements have also been made to keep watching suspected patients at hospitals and to provide medicines and medical equipment. Moreover, laboratories have been upgraded to detect the virus and warnings about the disease issued to the public.

At such a time like this, it is necessary for the entire people to take an active part in preventive measures against the swine flu as a national task hand in hand with the government.

**Managing Director U Aung Nyein delivers address at opening of course No. 1/2009 for staff of Printing and Publishing Enterprise.**— MNA



## People's Desire

- \* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- \* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- \* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- \* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

### Prize presenting ceremony of Post-Nargis Myanmar Arts and Crafts Show

YANGON, 28 April—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence yesterday attended the prize presenting ceremony of Post-Nargis Myanmar Arts and Crafts Show jointly organized by Ministry of Co-operatives and Central Cooperative Society Ltd at Saya San plaza in Bahan township here.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe together with Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint viewed Pyu, Bagan, Inwa, Pinya, Toungoo and Gonbaung eras Myanmar traditional sculptures and paintings, Chinese and



**Lt-Gen Myint Swe awards winner of the sculpture, painting and photo contests to mark Post-Nargis Myanmar Arts and Crafts Show.**—MNA

European style sculptures, paintings and furniture, and prize winning sculptures,

paintings and photos.

Later, presentation of prizes followed and

the ceremony ended with an address of Lt-Gen Myint Swe.—MNA

### Myanmar graduates to hold respect-paying ceremony on 1 May

YANGON, 28 April — A respect-paying ceremony of the graduates majoring in Myanmar at Yangon Arts and Science University in 1969 will be held in conjunction with get-together to mark the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Graduation at Royal Rose Restaurant on Shwegondaing Road in Bahan Township here at 10 a.m. on 1 May. Old students are invited to attend the ceremony without fail.

Those wishing to donate cash may contact U Tin Aung ( Ph: 09 5012141), U Khin Maung Myint (Ph: 09 5157649), U Tun Aung (Ph: 09 5157385), Col Myint Ohn (Retd) (Ph: 067 414593), U Thein Tun and Daw Tin Mar Win (Ph: 09 5083850), Daw Soe Myint (Ph: 09 5176142), Daw Mya Mya Hein (Ph: 01 243363) and Daw Su Su Hlaing (Ph: 09 5170301).

MNA

### Staff of PPE receive skill for printing, publishing

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April — Printing and Publishing Enterprise of the Ministry of Information opened the course No 1/2009 for staff of the enterprise at the central printing house

of the enterprise here today.

Managing Director of PPE U Aung Nyein delivered an opening address. A total of 133 trainees are attending the 6-week course.—MNA



### K 9669.64m to be disbursed to farmers

YANGON, 28 April—The Myanma Agriculture and Rural Development Bank (Yangon Division) coordinated a plan to provide disbursements to farmers in time at its head office on Pansodan Street here this morning. Managing Director of the bank U Tin Lwan delivered a speech on the plan. Those in-charge at the division level, Yangon Division Manager U Nyan Win and township managers presented the programmes to grant bank loans to farmers and work progress.

The 12 township branches in Yangon Division will provide cultivation loans amounting to 9669.64 million kyats to the farmers at the end of June.—MNA



*A girl whose mother was killed in a US military raid cries as she is consoled by a relative in front of her house in Kut, 160 kilometres (100 miles) south-east of Baghdad, Iraq, on 27 April, 2009.—INTERNET*

## Northern Iraqi town gets hurt from suicide bombing

BAGHDAD, 28 April—In a largely quiet and peaceful Iraqi town of Dhuloiyah, some 90 km north of Baghdad, happy dwellers have been reconstructing their war-shattered neighbourhoods. Until recently, however, a suicide bombing that struck the heart of town scattered the delicate peace.

A suicide bomber burst into the biggest mosque in central Dhuloiyah and exploded himself among a crowded Sunni worshippers for Wednesday's evening prayer, killing four and wounding a dozen others.

Ali Mossa, a local resident who works for foreign media, denounced such act as "a crime of the cruelest degree." His cousin along with another cousin of Amer Hameed, also a journalist working for foreign media, was killed in the explosion. "Mosques are considered holy places for Muslims, and for peace," Ali said with tears in his eyes after burying his cousin the next morning. Amer, despite a profound sadness, kept writing stories until he could return home before Ali went back for duty.

Being surrounded by the Tigris River from three sides, Dhuloiyah is a town with only Sunni residents, and guarded jointly by security forces and Sahwa, known as the "Sons of Iraq," Sunni tribe militants who turned their guns toward al-Qaeda since the latter started to kill indiscriminately Iraqi civilians.

*Internet*

## Afghan unrest kills five police, 12 militants

KABUL, 28 April—Afghan police clashed with Taliban fighters outside the capital Kabul, leaving a dozen militants and an officer dead, while four more policemen were killed in a bomb blast, the government said.

The militants were killed in a sweep to clear Taliban from Musayi district about 15 kilometres (nine miles) south of Kabul on Monday, interior ministry spokesman Zemarai Bashary told *AFP*.

"The head of the district criminal investigation department was wounded and later died in hospital. Twelve enemies were also killed," Bashary said.

The fresh violence was linked to a deadly insurgency led by the extremist Taliban, who are battling to wrest back power after being ousted from government by the 2001 US-led invasion.

Also on Monday, a roadside bomb blew up a police vehicle in the eastern province of Paktia and killed four policemen, the ministry said.

The vehicle was struck while taking part in an operation with the army and US-led troops in Zurmat district, it said in a statement.

The Taliban-led insurgency has steadily gained strength in recent years, with 2008 the deadliest of the campaign.

There are about 70,000 US-led and NATO-led troops deployed in Afghanistan to help the fragile nation fight extremism, which the West brands a direct threat.

*Internet*



*A wounded boy receives treatment at a hospital after a bomb attack in Baghdad's Kadhimiya district on 24 April, 2009.—INTERNET*

## Afghan troops detain 13 suspected militants in east

KABUL, 28 April—Afghan troops during operations in Khost Province, east of Afghanistan, arrested over a dozen people on charge of having link with Taliban militants, a press release of the Defence Ministry said here Tuesday. "In the operation involved Afghan army, Afghan police and the US-led Coalition forces and launched in part of Sabari district on Monday, 13 suspected militants were detained," the press release added.

It also added that troops during operation discovered a weapon cache containing six pieces of Kalashnikovs, anti-aircraft gun and thousands of bullets. Conflicts and violence have claimed the lives of over 5,000 in 2008 while Taliban militants whose regime toppled in late 2001 have vowed to intensify their activities against Afghan and international troops in the war-torn country in 2009. —*Internet*

## Russia, US to hold first formal START talks in mid May

Moscow, 28 April—Russia and the United States will hold first round of full-fledged talks on nuclear weapons reduction between 18 and 20 May in Moscow, news agencies reported late Monday citing Russian Foreign Ministry.

"We have agreed to hold the first round of talks between the two delegations in the full format in Moscow between 18 and 20 May," the *Interfax* news agency quoted a statement from the

ministry.

Officials from Russia and the United States have met in Rome last week for initial talks. After the initial talks both sides said they were satisfied with the outcomes and were optimistic about future steps in the process, which was aimed at creating a new treaty to replace the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START I) before it expires in December this year. The START 1, launched in 1991 and

came into force in 1994, banned the production, testing and deployment of air-launched ballistic missiles, underwater launch systems for ballistic and cruise missiles, as well as orbital missiles.

The two sides are expecting a bilateral agreement at the end of 2009. According to Russian and US arms control experts, the new upgraded treaty will seek to reduce arsenals to 1,500 on each side.

*Internet*



*An Iraqi man looks at a list of injured people outside a hospital in Baghdad. Two suicide bombers struck near a major Shiite shrine in Baghdad, killing at least 58 people amid a brutal spike of attacks nine weeks before US troops are to withdraw from Iraqi cities.—INTERNET*

## WTO official cautions against trade protectionism

UNITED NATIONS, 28 April —A senior official of the World Trade Organization on Monday urged governments to resist the temptation of trade protectionism in the face of economic difficulties.

"While providing responses to the crisis and taking domestic measures to mitigate their effects and stimulate growth, countries need to abide by

their multilateral commitments to avoid protectionism and isolationism," said Valentine Rugwabiza, deputy WTO director-general, at a special high level meeting at UN Headquarters.

"Adopting such policies or measures will only make things worse," she noted.

The UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) was holding

the one-day meeting along with the Bretton Woods Institutions, WTO and the UN Conference on Trade and Development to discuss the impacts of the global financial and economic crisis on development.

To date, there has been no indication of "a slide into what we can call intensive protectionism," which means aggressive moves by governments to restrict trade discriminately and close all sectors, she said.—Internet



**Karya Lustig, center, training manager at La Clinica de la Raza, trains clerks Mayra Torres, left, and Angelina Galvan in the use of a respiratory protection mask, which may be used for protection from the possible infection of the swine flu on 27 April, 2009, in Oakland, Calif.—INTERNET**

## Crude prices decline on swine flu fears

NEW YORK, 28 April — Crude prices fell on Monday upon fears that a swine flu outbreak in Mexico could hurt the global economy.

Oil prices opened sharply lower in the morning as investors worried that swine flu would drag the global economy. Crude futures in the New York market dropped to as low as 48.01 US dollars a barrel in the intraday session.

In 2008, a flu pandemic cost 3 trillion US dollars and resulted in a nearly 5-percent drop in world gross domestic product, according to the World Bank data.

Airline shares in stock markets were hit by expectations that the flu outbreak could slow air travel.

Internet

## GM to shed 21,000 US workers by 2010

CHICAGO, 28 April — General Motors presented on Monday an updated viability plan that will lay off more US workers. GM's hourly workers will be shed by 7,000 more than outlined in the February plan, from 61,000 to 40,000 by 2010. Salaried employees are also expected to be cut further.

GM, surviving on 15.4 billion dollars in US loans and seeking more, launched a very dilutive debt-for-stock exchange offer for 27 billion dollars of its unsecured bonds. If the swap is successful, bondholders will own about 10 percent of the company. If not, it will file for bankruptcy protection.—Internet



**File photo shows one of Shell's oil platforms off the Nigerian coast. 2009 is set to be a difficult year for the Anglo-Dutch firm in the west African nation, where not so long ago the oil giant was pumping one million barrels per day, the firm's top official has warned.—INTERNET**

## India unhappy with US at being put under "Watch" on patents

NEW DELHI, 28 April —India has conveyed its "big disappointment" to the US for retaining New Delhi on the 'Priority Watch List', which binds Washington to exert pressure on America's trade partners to improve their copyright and patent regimes.

"It is a big disappointment for us. Why should we be on the 'Priority Watch List (PWL)' even after the recognition we have got from the World Intellectual Property Organization." NN Prasad, Joint Secretary in the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, told PTI Monday.

Prasad said India has sent its strong reaction to the US. "Let's wait for the results," he said. The US Trade Representative (USTR) issues an annual Special 301 report, which examines in detail the adequacy and effectiveness of intellectual property rights (IPRs) in America's trading partners.—MNA/PTI

## Patil returns after week-long trip to Spain, Poland

NEW DELHI, 28 April —President Pratibha Patil Monday returned home after a week-long visit to Spain and Poland during which India signed bilateral agreements with the two European countries to strengthen the economic ties.

Patil, who became the first Indian head of the state to visit Spain, held wide ranging talks with Spanish King Juan Carlos and Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero and signed three agreements in the field of agriculture, tourism and renewable energy.

The two countries also agreed to work on a comprehensive strategy to tackle terrorism. India also signed two agreements with Poland in the fields of medicine and health and tourism. —MNA/PTI

## Sri Lanka says military operations in north over

COLOMBO, 28 April — Sri Lankan Government Monday said the combat operations in the northern parts of the island have concluded and security forces have been instructed to end the use of heavy calibre guns, combat aircraft and aerial weapons.

"The Government of Sri Lanka has decided that combat operations have reached their conclusion. Our security forces have been instructed to end the use of heavy calibre guns, combat aircraft and aerial weapons which could cause civilian casualties.—MNA/PTI



**A thermal scanner is installed in the arrival terminal to check the temperature of arriving passengers at Ngurah Rai International Airport in Denpasar in Indonesia's resort island of Bali on 27 April, 2009.—XINHUA**

## Honda Motor reports 1.9 b dlr loss for Q4

TOKYO, 28 April — Honda Motor Co, Japan's second-largest automaker, said Tuesday that it had sunk into loss in the fiscal fourth quarter due to weak sales and a stronger yen.

Honda posted a net loss of 186.1 billion yen (1.9 billion dollars) for the three months to March, against a year-earlier profit of 25.4 billion yen.

The group logged an operating loss of 283.0 billion yen for the quarter as revenue tumbled 41.6 percent from a year earlier.—Internet



## MMCWA providing assistance for raising of living standard of mothers and children

NAY PYI TAW, 28 April — The 19th annual meeting of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association was held at the association here today.

Present were President of MMCWA Daw Khin Saw Hnin, Vice-President Daw Aye Aye,

CEC members, members of Central Council, chairpersons of state and division MCW Supervisory Committees, secretaries and joint secretaries.

The meeting was presided over by President

of MMCWA Daw Khin Saw Hnin and Joint Secretary-2 Dr Daw Thein Thein Htay and Dr Htwe Yin Aye acted as master of ceremonies and co-master of ceremonies.

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President of MMCWA Daw Khin Saw Hnin makes a speech at 19th annual meeting of MMCWA.—MNA

## The 19th annual meeting of MMCWA opens

NAY PYI TAW, 28 April—A ceremony to open the 19th annual meeting of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association was held at the meeting hall of the association, here, this morning.

First, Secretary of National Health Committee Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo made a speech on the occasion, saying that MMCWA has held its annual meeting for 19 times since its initial establishment up to now and the association is achieving success. In the implementation of one of the social

care services and educative talks on health are being carried out by the departments concerned under the Ministry of Health in cooperation with rural health centres. Efforts of members of the association working closely with the public are mile stones important for the state and the people. It is already witnessed that members of the association actively participated in the relief and rehabilitation tasks in the prevention of bird flu and storm-devastated regions. Now the global human flu starts spreading in the world and it can

organizations and the people. The MMCWA was set up in 1991 and future plans were laid down every year since that time. The association participated in the nation building endeavour as a national concern. In addition, the association could nurture human resources that would bring benefits to Myanmar society.

With the united efforts of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw, the association will make all-out efforts to be effective in its aims and essence in cooperation with the people through national awareness



Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo makes a speech at the 19th annual meeting of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association.—MNA

objectives “Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation”, all are to exert earnest efforts for all-round development in the fields of health, education, economic and social welfare of mothers and children accounting for 60 percent of the country’s population. There has been a fall in the mortality rate of mother and children; people can live a healthy family life; and preventive measures can be taken against infectious diseases due to the active participation of the respective levels. Records on activities have been also made.

MMCWA is set up with over 11 million members. The MMCWA is a voluntary association carrying out the tasks for all-round development of mothers and children in the entire nation. It is known to all that the government is fulfilling the requirements of the association to acquire human resources which can contribute toward the building of a modern developed nation. Prevention, treatment and health

become a pandemic with fatal cases. As this regard, Myanmar is taking global human flu prevention and response measures in time with the supervision of the National Health Committee. Clarifications and discussions are made at the respective departments. Courses on prevention and treatment are being conducted. Necessary medicines are being stockpiled. It is time to take human flu prevention and response measures as a national concern in cooperation with the departments and social organizations. There is no case of human flu in Myanmar but in case of the disease, it is necessary to keep the following points to be able to reduce losses. People are to keep themselves healthy, to avoid going to social occasions and not to come into contact with the persons with disease, to wear masks and to have the habit of washing hands.

The association was an effective force in the drive for meeting the millennium goals due to the active participation of departments, related

and national outlook. The quality of four monthly report, annual report and research papers has become higher and higher year by year. The association stood as a good example of public interest. All members are to strive for all-round development of the entire people by studying knowledge and technical know-how.

Present on the occasion were Secretary of National Health Committee Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, President of Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation Daw Khin Khin Win and Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay, President of MMCWA Daw Khin Saw Hnin and Vice-President Daw Aye Aye, CEC members, central council members, chairpersons of state and division MCWAs, secretaries, joint secretaries, heads of departments and guests.

After the ceremony, those present viewed documentary photos on movements of the associations at different levels on display at the meeting hall.

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## Free health care given to those with eye complaints in Kyaukpyu District

YANGON, 28 April—Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye and Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe inspected the health care provided to those with eye complaints from An, Myebon, Ma-ei, MraukU and Kyaukpyu townships of Kyaukpyu District at 100-bed hospital in An yesterday.

They addressed the ceremony to mark the successful completion of giving free treatment to



**Commander Maj-Gen Thaung Aye and Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe help wear spectacles to eye patients.—MNA**

1897 eye patients at the same venue.

The commander, the minister and well-wishers

presented gifts to the eye specialists and nurses led

by Ophthalmologist Professor Dr Kan Nyunt (Retd) of Yangon and an engineer from Alcon Co who are engaged in the health care programme conducted from 25 to 27 April with the arrangements of the Ministry of Transport, assistance of Rakhine State PDC and Western Command, and contribution of the Ministry of Transport, the Ministry

of Health, the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, social organizations and donors.

The programme was sponsored by Western Command, the Ministry of Transport, Dr Maung Maung Aye-Daw Mi Mi Hlaing (Moe Htet Gabar Co), U Win Lwin-Daw Myat Myat Maw (Kyaw Tha Co) and U Aung Myat (Mother Trading Co).—MNA



**Eye specialists explain about dos and don'ts for eye patients who underwent operation.—MNA**

## MMCWA providing assistance for raising of living...

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President of MMCWA Daw Khin Saw Hnin delivered a speech. She said the association was formed as a voluntary social organization with the noble aim of improving the standard of family life by providing mothers and children in the country with education, health, economic and social assistance.

She said during its 18 years of existence the association actively participated in the tasks for raising of living standard of mothers and children in rural and urban areas in states and divisions year after year.

She said the association has a membership of over 11 million in over 20,000 branch organizations nationwide due to the efforts of state and division supervisory committees and members of the associations at different levels and it now stands as a united national force.

She said MMCWA hand in hand with other social organizations is actively taking part in border area development project, 24-special region development project, rural development project and national level education and health project for human resource development.

She said at the present time there are requirements on education and health of the developing countries and development gaps among the nations. The world is facing environmental degradation, she said. The United Nations is implementing the eighth millennium development goals for elimination of these problems by 2015.

Myanmar, a member of the UN, is making efforts for realization of the goals like other nations of the world, she added.

The President of MMCWA said the endeavours of the association contribute towards the regional development, national education promotion and goals on health of Myanmar and MDGs. She spoke at length on efforts for social, health and education sectors, cooperation with local and international social organizations and achievements in various sectors.

Over half of the total population of Myanmar are women and 70 per cent live in rural areas. Women and mother play a vital role in efforts to promote socio-economic life of the people.

In conclusion, she urged the members of the association to continue to implement future tasks on education, health, economic and social sectors in accord with the objectives to the association and to maintain the traditions based on Myanmar goodwill.

Next, Secretary of the association Dr Wai Wai Tha submitted the 2008 report, honorary auditor Daw Than Than Aye the audit report, treasurer Daw Khin Than Win financial statement of 2008-2009 fiscal year and budget report for approval. The joint-secretaries of Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin States and Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago(East) and Bago (West) Divisions MCWSCs submitted year-end reports. President Daw Khin Saw Hnin took part in the discussions.

Vice-President Daw Aye Aye of MMCWA presided over the afternoon session. The joint-secretaries of Magway, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions and Mon and Rakhine States submitted the reports. Vice-President Daw Aye Aye took part in the discussions. The second day session will continue tomorrow.—MNA

## Sick Gazans victims of Hamas-Fatah power struggle

GAZA CITY, 28 April—Hundreds of Palestinian patients have been trapped in the Gaza Strip, unable to travel abroad for crucial treatment for cancer and other diseases, because of political infighting between Gaza's militant Hamas rulers and their Palestinian rivals.

Eight Gazans who were waiting to travel abroad have died since the crisis began in March, when the dispute shut down a medical referral committee that helps sick residents find treatment outside of Gaza, according to the World Health Organization.

Others are hanging on, waiting. Ten-year-old Ribhi Jindiyeh, a lymphoma patient, lies in bed at home, skinny and jaundiced, too weak to move. He underwent chemotherapy last year in an Israeli hospital, and when he returned home in January, he seemed better.—Internet



**In this on 21 April, 2009 photo, Palestinians demonstrate in Gaza City to demand rivals Hamas and Fatah come to compromise that would allow the patient's referral abroad committee to begin operations.—INTERNET**



## Mittasanyay clinic opened to hail 19th AGM of MMCWA

NAY PYI TAW, 28 April — Hailing the 19th Annual General Meeting of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, a ceremony to open Mittasanyay clinic was held in front of the clinic in the compound of MMCWA in Nay Pyi Taw this morning.

It was attended by Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, President Daw Khin Khin Win of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Vice-President Daw Khin Thet



**President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Saw Hnin unveils signboard of Mittasanyay Clinic.—MNA**



**Photo shows Mittasanyay Clinic opened to hail the 19th Annual General Meeting of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association.—MNA**

Htay, President Daw Khin Saw Hnin of MMCWA, CEC members, chairpersons of State/Division maternal and child welfare supervisory committee, secretaries, joint-secretaries, director of Medical Services of the Ministry of Defence Maj-Gen Than Aung, departmental heads, incharge doctors and staff of the clinic.

President Daw Khin Saw Hnin unveiled the signboard of the clinic.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo, President Daw Khin Khin Win, Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay, President Daw Khin Saw Hnin and Vice-President Daw Aye Aye presented iodized salt, tonic and clothes to pregnant women.

Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo, President Daw Khin Khin Win, President Daw Khin Saw Hnin and guests looked round the clinic.—MNA

### Warning on global human flu

1. Swine flu in humans: Swine flu has been detected in the people in Mexico, the US, Canada and New Zealand from 17 to 25 April 2009. There were over 1,300 cases and over 80 were killed.
2. The flu is caused by a new virus. It is mixed with four genes and can spread quickly. Now there are cases of such flu in some countries. Regarding the disease, the World Health Organization announced that it is international public health State of emergency. The Ministry of Health is undertaking preventive measures against transmitting to humans through avian flu. In some countries there was an outbreak of swine flu among the people. The Ministry of Health is carrying out the tasks to fight against the disease.
3. The symptoms of swine flu are body heat, runny nose, coughing, aching, headache, lethargy, difficult breathing. They are like the symptoms of other diseases. If these symptoms appear, do not go to crowded public places such as worksites and schools. Take a rest at home. Make contact with the nearest health centres. Go to the hospital when one has high fever, long coughing, difficult breathing and lethargy. If the disease is serious, go to the hospital immediately. Wear surgical masks in order not to spread the disease.
4. It is found that the disease spread from people to people. Like SARS, it can become a pandemic. Therefore, the people are requested to keep in mind the following points.
  - (a) Using handkerchief when coughing
  - (b) Wash the hands with soap properly
  - (c) Carrying out personal hygiene measures
  - (d) Sleeping well
  - (e) Eating nutritious food
  - (f) Taking exercises
  - (g) Breathing fresh air
5. In order to prevent flu infection, those who take care of the people infected with flu, wear surgical masks.
6. The Ministry of Health has made arrangements for prevention of the spread of such flu from other countries. News and information will be announced in time and the people are requested to follow the notice of the ministry.

**Ministry of Health**

### The Government of the Union of Myanmar

#### Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries

#### Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department

#### Warning on Swine flu

1. Swine flu in humans: Swine flu has been detected in the people in Mexico, the US, Canada and New Zealand from 17 to 25 April 2009. There were over 1,300 cases and over 80 were killed.
2. Symptoms in swine: The symptoms of the swine flu are sudden illness, mopping, coughing, runny nose, sneezing, difficult breathing, red eyes, inflammation, loss of appetite. These symptoms can also be found in normal coughing and other sickness due to the weather changes.
3. Points to be followed in prevention against swine flu
  - (a) If found symptoms of sickness in pigs, they are to be kept in quarantine, and inform the LBVD.
  - (b) Take care of bio security in the farm where a large number of pigs are raised
  - (c) Wash hands and legs clean after cleaning the pigsty
  - (e) Use face masks and gloves when handling the unhealthy pigs
  - (f) Ban the sale of unhealthy pigs in the markets.
  - (g) Do not raise the pigs of unknown origin, especially those smuggled from other country
  - (h) If pork is cooked at 70°C and above, there will be no infection.
4. Prevention of swine flu: There is no case of swine flu in Myanmar. It is necessary for pig breeders and those who keep pigs on commercial scale and seller to participate in the preventive measures against the disease in cooperation with Myanmar Livestock Breeding Federation, Development Committees and local authorities.

**Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department**

**Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries**



**Prime Minister General Thein Sein puts spectacles on an eye patient in Loimwe.—MNA**

## Prime Minister inspects...

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The Prime Minister fulfilled the requirements.

The training school was established in 1994. So far, a total of 520

orthopaedist Dr Myint Oo, physician Dr Myo Nyunt, paediatrician Dr Daw Swe Swe Myint, surgeon Dr Kyaw Swa and ear, nose and throat specialist Dr

Bhaddanta Kosala.

During the visit to the border areas and national races development training school in Loimwe, U Sein Min of the Progress of Border Areas and National Races

Department and Acting Principal of the training school U Zaw Phyو briefed on condition of the school.

The Prime Minister met with the teachers and students and urged the teachers to train the students to become a good

citizen equipped with the Union Spirit.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and the commander presented school uniforms and exercise books to the students.

The Prime Minister

paid homage to Satu Rattha Thumngala Pagoda in Loimwe, donated cash to the fund of the pagoda and signed in the visitors' book.

The Prime Minister and party arrived back Kengtung in the afternoon.—MNA



**Prime Minister General Thein Sein presents medicines to Medical Superintendent of Kengtung General Hospital.—MNA**



**Prime Minister General Thein Sein comforts patients receiving treatment at Kengtung General Hospital.—MNA**

**Health staff to regard patients as their relatives when they give treatment to them and to disseminate knowledge on health including preventive measures against all forms of diseases to villages.**

trainees passed the nursing course and 87 passed the mid-wifery course.

The Prime Minister and party also went to Loimwe in Kengtung Township by car and inspected Loimwe Station Hospital where local people are receiving free medical treatment provided by the mobile health team. The mobile health team comprises Dr Sai Naw Ngin of Shan State (East) Health Department, dental surgeon Dr Wunna Soe of Kengtung General Hospital, Eye Specialist Dr Kyaw Soe, obstetrician and gynaecologist Dr Daw Tin Ngwe Khaing,

Daw Thida Shwe.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister comforted the patients receiving treatment for eyes complaint and presented a pair of spectacles to a patient.

Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, Commander Brig-Gen Kyaw Phyو and Minister Dr Kyaw Myint presented spectacles to the patients.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party went to the TV retransmission station (Loimwe) and fulfilled the requirements of the station.

The Prime Minister also went to the Loimwe Monastery and donated offertories to Sayadaw



**Prime Minister General Thein Sein greets trainees of Training School of Nursing in Kengtung.—MNA**

**Prime Minister  
General Thein Sein  
inspects Kengtung  
General Hospital.**

MNA



## Shan State (East) a strategic area...

(from page 1)  
township and presented  
offertories to them.

Also present were  
departmental officials,  
members of social and  
religious associations and  
local people.

The Prime Minister  
and the guests took the Five  
Precepts from Presiding  
Nayaka Sayadaw of  
Kyaingyin monastery  
Sayadaw Agga Maha  
Saddhamma-jotikadhaja

sharing of merits.

The Prime Minister  
met departmental officials,  
members of social  
organizations and local  
people at the town hall in  
Kengtung.

First, Secretary of  
Shan State (East) Peace  
and Development Council  
U Mya Aung reported on  
measures taken for  
education, health,  
agriculture and transport  
sectors and implement-

past, only F-27 aircraft can  
land and take off at the  
airport. Now big planes  
such as Y8 can land at the  
airport, he said.

Shan State (East) is a  
strategic area for relations  
in the region and security  
as its with borders China,  
Laos and Thailand lies in  
the far east of the country,  
he said.

There once aroused  
suspicion among the  
national races due to the

supervised the border areas  
development tasks.

In addition, the  
Ministry for Progress of  
Border Areas and National  
Races and Development  
Affairs was formed and  
border areas development  
projects could be  
expedited.

Then, the special  
development project and  
the rural development  
project were laid down, and  
today the people in border  
areas are in a position to  
enjoy development far  
more than that previously  
in the security, transport,  
education, health, social  
and economic sectors.

The government is  
working hard from sunup  
to sundown for the  
development of the nation.  
In the meantime, it is  
implementing the seven-  
step Road Map for  
democratic transition,  
braving a wide range of  
difficulties and hindrances.  
Now, the State constitution  
has been approved by the  
vast majority of the people  
as the fourth step.

The people are to work  
together as a national duty  
for holding the election in

2010 in line with the State  
constitution.

Success can be  
achieved in pursuing the  
ultimate goal of building a  
peaceful, modern and  
developed nation only if  
the government and the  
people play respective  
roles in concert in the  
process.

Shan State is a part of  
the Union, so local people  
have to cultivate a sense of  
Union Spirit wherever they  
live without keeping  
racism, localism and  
dogmatism. With the  
conviction that Union  
Spirit is exactly the genuine  
patriotic spirit all national  
people have to equip  
themselves with, all are to  
do their bit harmoniously  
in the process of  
developing the Union of  
Myanmar, and ensuring the  
sovereignty.

The Prime Minister  
presented tracksuits to the  
officials.

Maj-Gen Min Aung  
Hlaing and the ministers  
presented sports  
equipment to the officials.

Director-General of  
the Government Office Col  
Thant Shin presented the

use of bio-battery and the  
method to generate bio-  
battery.

The Prime Minister  
instructed the officials to  
disseminate the method of  
generating bio-battery to  
rural folks and organize  
them in order that every  
household in rural areas  
use bio-battery.

The Prime Minister  
arrived back here by air in  
the evening.

Minister for Rail  
Transportation Maj-Gen  
Aung Min and Deputy  
Minister for Construction  
Brig-Gen Myint Thein,  
who accompanied the  
Prime Minister, on 25 April  
inspected Namsang-  
Kengtung Railroad Project  
and Tarkaw-Mongpyin-  
Kengtung section project  
and attended to the needs.

On 26 April, they  
inspected the upgrading of  
the road between  
Mongpyin and Kengtung.

Next, they inspected  
the tasks for construction  
of Tarkaw-Mongpyin-  
Kengtung section of  
Meiktila-Taunggyi-  
Tachilek Union Highway  
in Pannaunglon.

MNA



**Prime Minister General Thein Sein presents uniforms to officials at  
town hall of Kengtung, Shan State (East).—MNA**

Bhaddanta Khemasara.

The Prime Minister  
presented offertories to  
Sayadaw Bhaddanta  
Khemasara and Presiding  
Nayaka Sayadaw of  
Sasana Waiponla Pariyatti  
Sarthintaik Maha  
Gandawasaka Pandita  
Bhaddanta Vijaya.

Maj-Gen Min Aung  
Hlaing of the Ministry of  
Defence, the ministers, the  
deputy ministers presented  
provisions to the  
Sayadaws.

Presiding Nayaka  
Sayadaw of Sasana  
Waiponla Pariyatti  
Sarthintaik delivered a  
sermon, followed by

ation of the projects.

Minister for Rail  
Transportation Maj-Gen  
Aung Min reported on  
Namhsan-Kengtung  
Railroad that contributes  
towards the development  
of Kengtung region. The  
Prime Minister fulfilled the  
requirements.

In his discussions, the  
Prime Minister said he and  
party came to the region to  
fulfill the requirements and  
to provide assistance for  
transport, education and  
health sectors.

He said the extension  
of the runway of Kengtung  
Airport has been  
completed recently. In the

divide and rule policy of  
the imperialists. Some  
national races rose against  
the government and there  
was no security in Tachilek  
and its surrounding areas.

After taking up the  
State duties, the Tatmadaw  
gave priority to national  
solidarity and it also carried  
out the tasks for security  
and prevalence of law and  
order and elimination of  
insurgency.

With the prevalence of  
peace and stability, Central  
Committee for  
Development of Border  
Areas and National Races,  
chaired by the Head of  
State was formed. He



**Director-General of Government Office Col Thant Shin explains how to  
make bio battery and use lighting at town hall of Kengtung.—MNA**



**Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing being welcomed by Ambassador of Israel Mr. Yaron Mayer at a reception to mark the Independence Day of Israel on 28 April, 2009. — MNA**

## Free treatment to be given to those with cataract

YANGON, 28 April—Under the arrangements of the Ministry of Health, Myanmar eye specialists and Japanese ophthalmologists led by Dr Yoshifumi Fujita from Japan will give free treatment to the people with eye complaints at Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital on 23 Street, between 80th x 81st streets in Mandalay from 4 to 6 May. Those wishing to receive treatment may get enrolled at the hospital starting on 3 May.—MNA



## Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint delivers address at inauguration of Shweli Bridge (Namkham). (News on Page 16)

CONSTRUCTION



## Sale festivals of Ministry of Industry-1 held

NAY PYI TAW, 28 April—Member of Township Peace and Development Council head of Township Police Force Police Major Tin Tun and deputy factory manager Dr May Yu Khaing of Sagaing

Pharmaceutical Industries opened the special sale festival of the Ministry of Industry-1 held at Winletshweye hall of Wetlet, Sagaing Division on 27 April.

Likewise, Chairman of Yangon West District

PDC U Aung Myint and factory manager U Sein Hlaing of Leather factory opened the special sale festival held at the staff quarter of the Ministry of Industry-1 in Bahan Township.

MNA

## Myanmar streaks unbeaten run sinking Bangladesh 2-1

YANGON, 28 April — The second day matches of group-A of AFC Challenge Cup 2010 Qualifier Tournament continued at Bangabandhu national stadium in Dhaka, Bangladesh, today.

In the first match, Cambodia defeated

Macao 2-1 and Myanmar won over host Bangladesh 2-1 in the second match.

Bangladesh led the game with the 11th minute goal in the first period. However, Myanmar levelled the match with Paing Soe's 20th minute

goal and he also broke the deadlock with the 25 th minute goal.

Myanmar secured 6 points with two wins in two matches. Myanmar will play against Cambodia in the last match of the group-A on 30 April.—MNA

## Talks on traffic rules

YANGON, 28 April —Educative talks on traffic rules was conducted at the office of Yangon Division All Private Bus-

line Control Committee in Tamway Township today.

Police Captain Chan Tun Aung of Yangon Division Wireless

and Traffic Police Force gave the talks, and 171 bus owners, drivers and conductors attended the talks. — MNA

**The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.  
The second best time is now.**

## Natural Disaster Preparedness Management Course No.(4/2009) opens

NAY PYI TAW, 28 April — The opening of Natural Disaster Preparedness Management Course No.(4/2009), organized by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, was held at the meeting hall of Thandwe District Peace and Development Council

Office yesterday with an address by Director-General U Than Oo of Relief and Resettlement Department.

Present also were district and township level departmental officials, members of social organizations, teachers, course instructors, trainees

and guests.

Natural disaster preparedness-related subjects will be lectured at the course.

A total of 50 trainees from three townships in the district are taking the five-day course.

MNA

## Summer paddy harvested in Kyaiklat

YANGON, 28 April— A ceremony to harvest summer paddy, grown on farmer U Khin Soe's farm by putting bio supreme natural fertilizer produced by supreme companies group to model farm, was held Lattargyi village, Lattargyi village-tract, Kyaiklat Township, Maubin district in Ayeyawady Division on

6 April.

It was attended by officials of Myanma Agriculture Services, Land Record Department, township level officials, responsible persons of the company, villages' chairmen and farmers.

Deputy staff officer U Sar Du Wah of Land Record Department explained the facts about

harvesting model farm to know per acre yield, advisor U Soe Myint of the company about the natural fertilizer, U Kyi Maung about pilot farms and model farms grown by the company and U Myint Soe about providing technical assistance to farmers. The model farm yields 114.69 basket per acre.—MNA

## Man City discuss Eto'o with Barca

MANCHESTER CITY, 28 April—Manchester City and Barcelona officials met on Monday and discussed the possible transfer of Samuel Eto'o to Eastlands. Although it was billed as a contact-building exercise, the chance of a deal for £40m-rated Cameroon striker Eto'o formed part of their discussions.

The 28-year-old was transfer-listed by Barcelona last season but has found his best form under new boss Pep Guardiola.

Eto'o has given no indication he would be willing to leave the Catalan giants.

In February, he said he wanted to stay at Barcelona beyond the end of his contract in 2010.

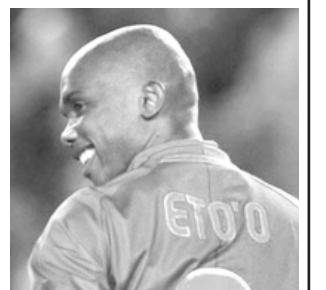
"Of course I want to continue, I'm very happy and see no reason to leave," he told TV station Canal Catala.

"I'm going to stay to the end of my contract and if the club want me, I would like to stay longer."

Manchester City certainly have the ambition and financial clout to lure the likes of Eto'o since their takeover last September by the Abu Dhabi United Group, backed by Sheikh Mansour Bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

But the club will not figure in next season's Champions League and are by no means guaranteed a place in the new Europa League. Officials are also likely to tread carefully in any fresh transfer bids for big-name players following the acrimony over their failed move for AC Milan's Kaka.

Internet



Samuel Eto'o



*Amateur performers of China's Dong ethnic group dance for tourists in Enshi, central China's Hubei Province, on 26 April, 2009. A performing group founded by 53 local villagers in 2006 has become popular to tourists from at home and abroad.—XINHUA*

## Five candidates vie for IAEA director general position

VIENNA, 28 April—There are five candidates as of Monday evening for the election of the next IAEA director general to succeed the current IAEA chief Mohamed ElBaradei, whose term is due at the end of this year, according to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) sources. Except the Japanese Ambassador to IAEA Yukiya Amano and the South African diplomat Abdul Samad Minty, the other three candidates in-

clude the former energy minister of Belgium Jean-Pol Poncelet, director general of the OECD Nuclear Energy Agency, Spanish nuclear expert Luis Echevarri, and Slovenian Ambassador to IAEA Ernest Petric.

As scheduled, 27 April is the deadline of the enter name for candidates of the next IAEA chief, after which IAEA will translate every candidate's information into the six UN working languages and submit

to the member states of the IAEA board. The board will then hold another meeting this June to vote on the next director general. As the current director general Mohamed ElBaradei, whose term will expire at the end of this year, has stated that he is not available for fourth four-year term, IAEA board needs to appoint his successor and submit for approval at the IAEA General Conference this September.—Xinhua

*Soldiers stand on the deck of Chinese missile destroyer "Wuhan" as "Wuhan" and destroyer "Haikou" sail in the South China Sea, on 26 April, 2009. The two Chinese destroyers, "Wuhan" and "Haikou", returned after the escort missions for 16 ships in the pirate-ridden waters off Somalian coast were completed.*

XINHUA



## Subsidized loans pump over \$14 b into Vietnamese economy

HANOI, 28 April—Vietnam's banks have made about 254.9 trillion Vietnamese dong (14.4 billion US dollars) worth of loans to date as part of the government subsidized loan programme, according to a report of the State Bank of Vietnam on Tuesday. The state-owned banks and central credit unions have made the lion's share of subsidized loans, disbursing 187.66 trillion Vietnamese dong (10.6 billion US dollars). Private commercial banks had made 55.24 trillion Vietnamese dong (3.12 billion US dollars) worth of loans under the programme, while foreign-invested banks and joint venture banks have loaned another 11.04 trillion Vietnamese dong (623.84 million US dollars).—Xinhua

## Premier Wen calls for strengthened swine flu prevention

BEIJING, 28 April—Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao on Tuesday called for enhanced swine flu prevention and control in a State Council, or Cabinet, meeting in the wake of an outbreak of swine flu in countries including Mexico.

The meeting, presided over by Wen, heard reports from central government departments including the Ministry of Health, on global swine flu situation.

As of Tuesday morning, no cases of the illness

had been reported in China, and the similar virus has not been found in pigs in China, said a meeting release.

However, the Hong Kong Centre for Health Protection said on Monday that a Hong Kong woman who developed symptoms of respiratory infection and fever while traveling in the United States was being tested for swine flu. "The Communist Party of China Central Committee and the gov-

ernment has paid great attention to the epidemic situation in countries such as Mexico, and the government has taken emergent measures to strengthen monitoring and prevention work," the release said.

The meeting did not exclude the possibility that the epidemic could spread to China as "the situation in some countries is developing, more suspected cases have been found and the epidemic-stricken area is expanding."—Xinhua



*Cartoon star Mickey Mouse plays with children in a scenic spot of Nantong Horticulture Expo Park in Nantong, a city of east China's Jiangsu Province, on 27 April, 2009.—XINHUA*

## Egypt discovers new tunnel at Gaza border

CAIRO, 28 April—Egyptian security forces discovered on Monday a new tunnel used for smuggling foodstuffs at the border with the Palestinian territory of the Gaza Strip. The Egyptian authorities discovered the tunnel in Rafah town between Egypt and the Gaza Strip from the Egyptian side and confiscated different shipments of goods found at the entrance of the tunnel. Witnesses told Xinhua that the security forces did not arrest suspects, adding that some officers are guarding the site until destroying it.

The Palestinians have been using the tunnels to smuggle food and other necessities into the Gaza Strip, which has been under Israeli blockade since June 2007.—Xinhua

## All items from Xinhua News Agency

### Japan to tighten visa control for Mexicans, tries to block swine flu

TOKYO, 28 April—Japan said it would temporarily tighten visa control for citizens of Mexico, the centre of the swine flu outbreak. Under the tightened rules, Mexicans could no longer obtain a visa on arrival, according to a Japanese foreign ministry official. Japan has visa-waiver agreements with more than 60 countries and territories, including Mexico, allowing its nationals to obtain visas on arrival without application in advance.

Japan also plans to issue an advisory asking its nationals to postpone trips to Mexico following the swine flu, Foreign Minister Hirofumi Nakasone said Tuesday.—Xinhua

### Two tested positive for swine flu in Britain

LONDON, 28 April—Scottish Health Minister Nicola Sturgeon has confirmed that two people coming back from Mexico have tested positive for swine flu in Britain, Sky news reported on Monday.

Sturgeon said: "I can confirm that tests have demonstrated conclusively that the two Scottish cases of swine flu are positive."

She added that the two patients are "recovering well" at Monklands Hospital.—Xinhua

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Dated: 29 April 2009

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- Course instructors: Teachers from TOPA 21<sup>st</sup> Century Language School, Tokyo, Japan
  - Duration of full-time Course : 10 weeks, 200 hours
  - Commencement of Course : 18 May, 2009
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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

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

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### BP profit tumbles 62%

LONDON, 28 April—BP on Tuesday reported a 62-percent slide in first-quarter net profits to 2.387 billion dollars (1.64 billion pounds), as the price of crude halved.

The data excludes changes in the value of oil held in stock, a key measure for the industry, and compared to net profit totalling 6.231 billion dollars (4.28 billion pounds) in the first quarter of 2008.

Production for the quarter rose 2.6 percent to 4.016 billion barrels, which includes gas calculated in equivalent terms of oil barrels, compared to a year earlier, BP added in an earnings statement.

Internet

### TENDER INVITATION

Myanma Ceramic Industries, Ministry of Industry (1) is intended to establish a Cement Manufacturing Plan in Lashio Township, Northern Shan State, adopting the wet process cement manufacturing and capacity of 500 ton per day, using kiln firing system with coal firing system.

Sealed Tenders are invited from the Cement Machinery Manufacturing Companies of People's Republic of China with machinery and Full-Turnkey Basis including technical services, machinery supply, erection commissioning and supervisory services, The details can be obtained from the following contact office.

-Myanma Ceramic Industries:

Building No(41) Nay Pyi Taw

Union of Myanmar

Tel 067-408386, 408296

Fax 067-408064

Tender Closing Date- 30.6.2009

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Dated 29 April 2009

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### 2009, a tough year for Shell in Nigeria

LAGOS, 28 April—2009 is going to be a difficult year for the Anglo-Dutch firm Shell in Nigeria, where not so long ago the oil giant was pumping one million barrels per day, the group's top official has warned.

"We have a difficult year ahead of us," Shell vice president for Africa, Ann Pickard said in an internal company publication.

"With the drop in oil prices, our survival depends on controlling our costs," she added. Pickard said the Shell Petroleum Development Company's (SPDC) budget for 2009 was just over one third of what it was three years ago.

"Unfortunately the organization we had three years ago was designed for a 6.6-billion-dollar SPDC budget. (But) in 2009 the SPDC budget is about 2.4 billion dollars," she said.

Among the unknowns for the year are reforms that Nigerian authorities plan to introduce in the partnerships between international oil companies and the state-owned Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), she noted.—Internet



File photo shows acacia logs are seen collected before being transported as the natural forest is seen at right in Pangkalan Kerinci, Riau Province, on Sumatra island, Indonesia. Southeast Asia will be hit particularly hard by climate change, causing the region's agriculture-dependent economies to contract by as much as 6.7 percent annually by the end of the century, according to a study released on 27 April, 2009.—INTERNET

## SE Asia will be hit hard by climate change

BANGKOK, 28 April — Southeast Asia will be hit particularly hard by climate change, causing the region's agriculture-dependent economies to contract by as much as 6.7 percent annually by the end of the century, according to a study released Monday.

The Asian Development Bank study focused on Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam. Those countries are especially vulnerable because they have large coastal populations facing rising sea levels and rely

heavily on rice and other agriculture products which could suffer from water shortages as well as floods. Vietnam was found to be the most vulnerable.

"Climate change seriously threatens Southeast Asia's families, food supplies and financial prosperity," said Ursula Schaefer-Preuss, the ADB's vice president for knowledge management and sustainable development. "If Southeast Asian nations delay action on climate change, their economies and people will ultimately suffer."

If nothing is done to combat global warming, the report said that by 2100 the four Asian countries would see temperatures rise an average of 8.6 Fahrenheit (4.8 Celsius) from the 1990 level. They would also likely suffer drops in rainfall leading to worsening droughts and more forest fires, more destructive tropical storms and flooding from rising seas that could displace millions of people and lead to the destruction of 965 square miles (2,500 square kilometers) of mangroves.

Internet

## Circumcision can reduce AIDS risk, study shows

WASHINGTON, 28 April — Circumcision does not decrease a man's sexual pleasure or function, but it does help reduce his risk of contracting the AIDS virus and suffering a penile injury, according to two new studies.

Austrian researchers analyzing biopsies from 20 circumcised and uncircumcised men found that the inner foreskin of the penis contains a higher concentration of Langerhans cells — a prime target of the human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV — than any other part of the male foreskin. Because this would make the inner foreskin more susceptible to HIV, removing it through circumcision would help lower a man's risk of contracting HIV, they concluded.—Internet

## FDA allows uncleared uses of flu drugs, tests

WASHINGTON, 28 April — The US Food and Drug Administration authorized emergency uses of the flu drugs Tamiflu and Relenza on Monday and a diagnostic test to help get a grip on a new strain of swine flu, the agency said on Monday.

The US government's declaration on Sunday that the swine flu is a public health emergency freed the FDA to take such action, the agency said in a statement. The FDA will now have the authority to allow public health and medical personnel to prescribe Relenza, GlaxoSmithKline's inhaled flu drug also known as zanamivir, and Roche AG's Tamiflu, a pill also known as oseltamivir, for unapproved uses.

Tamiflu, approved for treating and preventing the flu in people over a year old, can now be used in children under 1 year.



Flu drug Tamiflu is seen at a pharmacy in Zurich on 7 October, 2005.—INTERNET

Doctors can also change the recommended dosage for children older than 1 year under the emergency use authorization. The FDA also gave more healthcare workers authority to distribute Tamiflu and Relenza, including some public health officials and volunteers.—Internet

## World animal health body says swine flu wrong name

PARIS, 28 April — The flu virus spreading around the world should not be called "swine flu" as it also contains avian and human components and no pig was found ill with the disease so far, the World Animal Health body said on

Monday.

A more logical name for it would be "North-American influenza", a name based on its geographic origin just like the Spanish influenza, another human flu pandemic with animal

origin that killed more than 50 million people in 1918-1919. "The virus has not been isolated in animals to date. Therefore it is not justified to name this disease swine influenza," the Paris-based organization said in a statement.

Fears of a global flu pandemic are growing around the world after 103 people were killed in Mexico and new infections were found in the United States and Canada and possible cases as far afield as Europe, Israel and New Zealand.

MNA/Reuters

## Death toll in southwest China landslide rises to 12

KUNMING, 28 April — Five more bodies had been retrieved from a landslide site in southwest China's Yunnan Province by 1 p.m. Tuesday, bringing the death toll to 12, according to a local government official.

Tang Guoqian, head of the public affairs department of the government of Weixin County, said that 10 people were still missing.

The landslide took place at 12:40 pm Sunday at Xiaoba Village, Zhaxi Township, after almost four days of torrential rain.

The landslide destroyed two buildings of the Huajiaba Coal Mine at the site.

Two people were injured and were in stable condition in a hospital.

Rescuers were still at work, but there was little hope of finding the missing alive, said Tang.

He said the county would pay 250,000 yuan (36,603 US dollars) in compensation to the family of each victim.

Tang said the victims and the missing people were coal mine managers and miners from Zhaotong City, which administers Weixin County, and from Sichuan Province and Chongqing Municipality.

Another landslide, the result of unsafe quarry production, occurred an hour earlier in Linfeng Township, Weixin County, killing four passers-by.

Internet



Rescuers work at the landslide site at Xiaoba Village of Weixin County, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 27 April, 2009. At least seven people were killed and 15 others are missing in a landslide at the village on 26 April.—XINHUA

## US swine flu cases rise to 40, drug stockpile released

WASHINGTON, 28 April — US health officials said Monday that there are now up to 40 cases of swine flu in five US States and they had released 25 percent of a federal drugs stockpile to states fighting swine flu.

Briefing reporters at a new conference in Atlanta on Monday, Richard Besser, acting director of the CDC, said 20 new cases were confirmed due entirely to further testing in New York at a school in Queens, bringing the

New York total to 28. Besser said other cases have been reported in Ohio, Kansas, Texas and California. He said that, of the 40 cases, only one person has been hospitalized and all have recovered.

The best way to keep the disease from spreading, he said, is by taking everyday precautions such as frequent handwashing, covering up coughs and sneezes and staying away from work or school if not feeling well.

MNA/Xinhua

# SPORTS

## Former WBA champ Page dies at 50

WASHINGTON, 28 April—Former heavyweight boxing champion Greg Page died of brain injury complications at 50 on Monday, it was reported.

His wife Patricia Page said a severe brain injury eight years ago led to complications of which Page died at his Kentucky home, according to *AFP*.

Page was in a coma for a week following the March 2001 World Boxing Association title fight when he was floored by 24-year-old Dale Crowe after 10 rounds and did not get up.

He suffered a stroke during post-fight surgery and was paralyzed on his left side and received intensive physical therapy.

Page won a 1.2 million dollar suit two years ago over the lack of medical help at the match.

Page knocked out South African Gerrie Coetzee in 1984 to win the world championship title. He lost the belt five months later to Tony Tubbs.

*Internet*

## Birthday girl Safina targets Grand Slam title

STUTTGART, 28 April—World number one and birthday girl Dinara Safina said on Monday she is determined to underline her place at the top of the rankings with a Grand Slam title soon.

Safina, who turned 23 on Monday, is contesting the WTA event here this week on clay as she begins her preparation to try and win the French Open which starts at Roland Garros on May 23.

"It's going to be another step," said the determined Russian.

"You have steps to take in your life. The first step for me was either to win a Grand Slam or become number one, so I already have one."

"For the next step, I have my whole career and I'm going to continue working hard to win a Grand Slam."—*Internet*



**World number one and birthday girl Dinara Safina, seen here in March 2009, said on Monday she is determined to underline her place at the top of the rankings with a Grand Slam title soon.**

*INTERNET*

## Teenage Russian breaks European record of women's 100m breaststroke

MOSCOW, 28 April—Russian swimmer Yulia Efimova created a new European record of women's 100m breaststroke with 1 minute and 5.80 seconds here on Monday.

On the third day of the Russian swimming championships, the 17-year-old Efimova shortened the original record by 1.2 seconds, which was held by Austrian Mirna Jukic, the bronze medallist of women's 100m breaststroke at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games. Born in Grozny, the capital city of Chechnya, Efimova last year grabbed a gold medal in women's 200m breaststroke with 2:24.09 at the European swimming championships.

She came fourth in the women's 100m breaststroke at the Beijing Olympics, only 0.09 seconds behind Australian champion Leisel Jones. —*Internet*

## Time running out for Newcastle after Pompey draw



**Newcastle United's Michael Owen(L) vies with Portsmouth's Richard Hughes during their English FA Premier League football match in Newcastle.**—*INTERNET*

and a daunting trip to face title-chasing Liverpool at Anfield on Sunday.

The point edges Portsmouth closer to securing their own top flight status with Paul Hart's side now seven points clear of the drop zone.

The stakes involved in a match that Shearer had described as both a must-win encounter and the most important of his players' careers, were reflected in the presence of all three of the club's leading strikers - Michael Owen, Mark Viduka and Obafemi Martins - in the starting line-up.—*Internet*

## Allardyce backs Grella to become Blackburn star

BLACKBURN, 28 April—Sam Allardyce has revealed that he rates Vince Grella as one of the most gifted players on the Blackburn books and backed the Australian to become a star at Ewood Park.

Grella's first season in English football has seen him plagued by injuries, causing some to question why Blackburn invested four million pounds in bringing him to the Premier League from Italian club Torino.

But he is finally fully fit and was outstanding in the 2-0 win over Wigan on Sunday which has left Blackburn one win away from securing their top flight status for another season.

Allardyce believes Sunday's display was reward for the Blackburn staff's decision to be patient with Grella.

"We said we wouldn't throw Vince back in as quickly as we have in the past, and we've been good enough to resist the temptation to make sure he feels 100 percent fit," the former Bolton and Newcastle boss said.

*Internet*



**Frederick Bousquet (L) of France celebrates his new world record in the men's 50 metres freestyle during the French Open Swimming Championships in Montpellier on 26 April, 2009.**—*INTERNET*

## Reading keep promotion dream alive

NORWICH, 28 April—Reading kept their hopes of automatic promotion to the Premier League alive and pushed Norwich to the brink of relegation with a 2-0 win here on Monday.

Two second-half headers from Shane Long ensured that Steve Coppell's side will go into Sunday's final round of matches with a chance of snatching second place in the Championship from Birmingham, the visitors to the Madejski stadium on the final day of the season.

For that to happen, Reading must beat Birmingham and hope that Sheffield United fail to win at Crystal Palace. For Norwich, the defeat left them three points adrift of fourth-from-bottom Barnsley with a trip to already relegated Charlton to come on Sunday.

Barnsley will survive if they can take a point from their home fixture against Bristol City and condemn Norwich to relegation to the third tier of English football for the first time in 49 years.

The defeat for Norwich ensured Plymouth and Nottingham Forest are both guaranteed another season in the Championship.—*Internet*

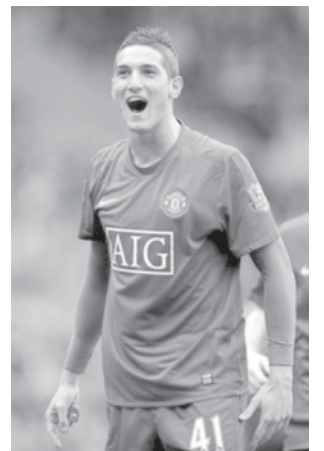
## Italians worry over talent drain

ROME, 28 April—Teenage striker Federico Macheda's staggering impact at Manchester United has sparked a raging debate in Italy on how to stem the exodus of the country's brightest talents.

Macheda's startling goal-scoring start to life as a United senior player has fans here wondering what's so wrong with their own football that their best young players move away.

Once the predator, Italy is now feeling what it's like to be the prey and the economic muscle of the English Premier League is largely responsible for that.

It was for financial reasons that Macheda left Lazio to sign for United while just 16, but now



**Manchester United's Italian forward Federico Macheda**

Italy want UEFA to intervene to stop other young players being prised away.

According to Ciro Ferrara, a former rugged defender with Juventus but now head of the club's junior section, it's not Italy's fault that top players are being poached.

*Internet*

## Japanese talent starts well in table tennis worlds

YOKOHAMA, 28 April—Fourteen-year-old Japanese Koki Niwa beat Khurshed Salibaev of Tajikistan in an impressive fashion at the world table tennis championships here on Tuesday.

"Koki, Koki, Koki" was chanted in unison by Japanese supporters as they gathered around table three to pay homage to their rising star.

Niwa did not disappoint. In four straight sets (11-5, 11-2, 11-2, 11-5) he delivered the goods in the men's singles.

It was a most comprehensive display by the young man making his world championship debut, having earlier in the year impressed on his opening venture on the ITTF Pro Tour at the Qatar Open in Doha.

*Internet*



*A frog marriage in Maghlipara village, Agartala, India, is part of an effort by villagers to appeal to the rain gods they believe in to usher in rain.—*

INTERNET

## India emerges as one of destinations for diamond business

NEW DELHI, 28 April—India is slowly emerging to be one of the hottest destinations for diamond business, as the US market has been badly hit by the on-going economic crisis, a report by tabloid *Mail Today* said here Monday.

The report quoted Varda Shine, managing director of the Diamond Trading Company, as saying that while the US continues to command the largest market share in diamond consumption, there has been a 9-percent fall in its total share of the market. "India and China have started to occupy a market share of 7 to 9 percent each which is bound to increase in the coming years," the report quoted Shine as saying.

Around 92 percent of the world's rough diamonds are cut and polished in India, which also accounted for some 10 billion US dollars of business last year, 60 percent of which are sold in the US, according to the report. While the market for local consumption is doing well with a steady growth of 20 to 25 percent year-on-year in the diamond industry, according to the report.

MNA/Xinhua

### MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (29.4.2009) (Wednesday)

| Transmissions | Times                     |
|---------------|---------------------------|
| Local         | - (09:00am ~ 10:00am) MST |
| Europe        | - (15:30pm ~ 23:30pm) MST |
| North America | - (23:30pm ~ 07:30am) MST |

#### Local Transmission

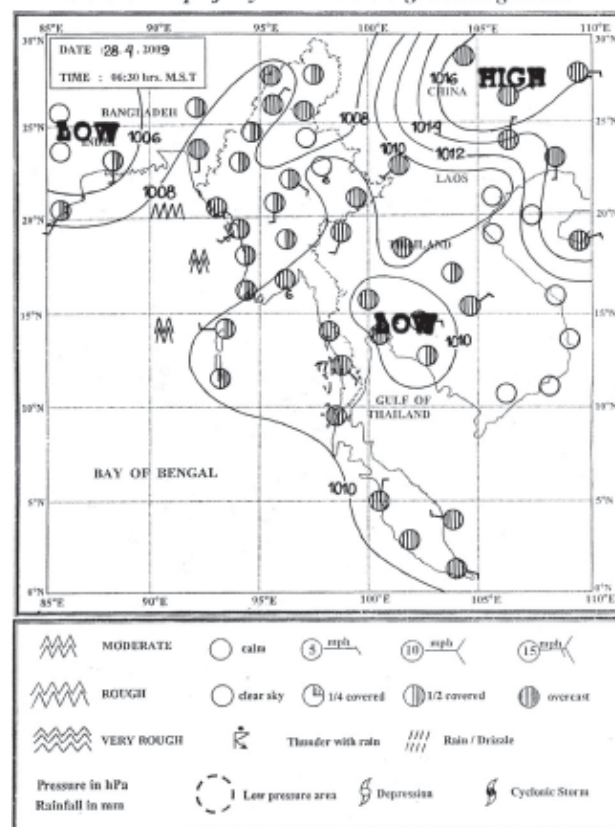
- \* Signature Tune
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- \* Traditional Rice Cakes and Gram Pretzel
- \* Paintings Elucidate Dynamic Patriotic Spirit
- \* Towards Peace and Prosperity of Kayin State (Part-3)
- \* Boost Production of quality cotton thread
- \* Traditional Chin House
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

#### Europe/ North America Transmission

- \* Signature Tune
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- \* The Reh Lake (The Greatest attraction in Chin State)
- \* Join Hands with the Government & Strive for IT Development
- \* Journey to Mogok ( The Ruby Land)
- \* National Races Village (Chin, Mon, Rakhine)
- \* Second Annual "Glory of Emotion"
- \* Fresh Water Fish World...A Haven of Rest Knowledge
- \* Reclaim Vacant, Virgin Lands, Use Natural Fertilizer on Broader Scale
- \* Actively participate in the fight against Narcotic Drugs
- \* Ayeyawady Dolphin Expedition (Part-III)
- \* Myanmar Modern Song
- \* Traditional Rice Cakes and Gram Pretzel
- \* Paintings Elucidate Dynamic Patriotic Spirit
- \* Towards Peace and Prosperity of Kayin State (Part-3)
- \* Traditional Chin House
- \* Prawn Breeding Industry in Sea Water
- \* Sedawgyi Hydropower Station
- \* National Races Village (Shan & Bamar)
- \* Ayeyawady Dolphin Expedition (Part-VI)
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

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#### Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



## WEATHER

Tuesday, 28 April, 2009

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been fairly widespread in Kayin and Mon States, Bago and Yangon Divisions, scattered in Shan State, isolated in Rakhine, Kayah States and Taninthayi with isolated heavyfall in Shan State and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below April average temperatures in Kayin State, Bago and Yangon Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) above April average temperatures in Kachin, Chin and Southern Shan States, upper Sagaing Division and about April average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Kalaywa and Chauk (41°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Thipaw (3.27) inches, Namsam (1.54) inches, Yangon (Central) and Mudon (1.38) inches and Thaton (0.79) inch. Maximum temperature on 27-4-2009 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 28-4-2009 was 71°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 28-4-2009 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 27-4-2009 was (3.9) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 28-4-2009 was (0.08) inch at Mingaladon, (0.23) inch at Kaba-Aye and (1.38) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (1.14) inches at Mingaladon, (1.81) inches at Kaba-Aye and (4.21) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from Southwest at (17:30) hours MST on 27-4-2009.

**Bay inference:** Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 29<sup>th</sup> April 2009:** Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Kayin and Mon States, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated in Rakhine, Shan, Kayah States, Mandalay and Ayeyawady Divisions and partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of continuation of isolated rain or thundershowers in the lower Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 29-4-2009:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 29-4-2009:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 29-4-2009:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Wednesday, 29 April  
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်တရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ

7:50 am

5. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:00 am

6. Dance of national races

8:10 am

7. Musical programme

8:20 am

8. နားဝင်ပီယံသို့လက်သံ

8:30 am

9. International news

8:45 am

10. "နမ္မတိတံတား (ကံလှ)"

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:25 pm

3. Musical programme

4:40 pm

4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ် (ရူပဗေဒထူးပြု)

(ရူပဗေဒ)

4:55 pm

5. Songs to uphold National Spirit

5:05 pm

6. Classical song

5:20 pm

7. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

5:30 pm

8. အကြောင်းဆီအန္တရာယ်

5:40 pm

9. မူဟန့်သွယ်သွယ်ဆိုကြမယ်

5:50 pm

10. ရွှေယံစုံလင်အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်

6:00 pm

11. Evening news

6:30 pm

12. Weather report

6:35 pm

13. မြန်မာ့လေ့ရှိရာလက်ရာ

6:50 pm

14. လင်းသည့်လှသည့် LED

7:00 pm

15. ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင်အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်

7:30 pm

16. ရာဇဝင်သရုပ်ဆောင်လွှင့်ပြိုင်

8:00 pm

17. News

18. International news

19. Weather report

20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

- "မြူးမြူးဝေချစ်သက်တည်"

(အပိုင်း-၁၇)

21. မြန်မာ့ဒီဒီယိုဇာတ်လမ်း

"အကြွင်းမဲ့ (သို့မဟုတ်)

- ကမ်းမဲ့သမုဒ္ဒရာ"

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- မင်းထက်ကျော်စင်၊ မိုးမိုးမြင့်

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# Newly-opened Shweli Bridge (Namkham) is the 222<sup>nd</sup> bridge among the 180-foot and above long bridges built since 1988

## Shweli Bridge (Namkham) put into service in Shan State (North)



Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint strolls over Shweli Bridge (Namkham) after the inauguration of the bridge.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 28 April —The opening of Shweli Bridge (Namkham) across Shweli River, built by Special Bridge Construction Unit (16) of Public Works under the Ministry of Construction, was held at the pavilion near the bridge at mile post No. (306/6) on Mandalay-Lashio-Muse-Namkham-Bahmo Road in Namkham Township, Shan State (North) yesterday morn-

ing with an address by Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint.

In his speech, the minister said that the newly-opened Shweli Bridge (Namkham) is the 222<sup>nd</sup> bridge among the 180-foot and above long bridges built since 1988. Shan State (North) has witnessed six 180-foot and above long bridges including the newly-opened one.

In accordance with the guidance given by the Head of State, the new bridge was built because the old one built in 1945 can no longer withstand heavy loads.

The bridge was built with the use of skills and experiences of Myanmar engineers and technicians.

Thanks to the completion of the bridge, transport on Mandalay-

Lashio-Namkham-Bahmo road network has become smoother, thereby contributing to swift flow

health and education sectors.

Next, Deputy Commander of North-East Command Brig-Gen Hla Myint spoke words of thanks. Then a local expressed gratitude for opening of new bridge and pledged to make efforts on work for the durability of the bridge.

Afterwards, the deputy commander and chief engineer (bridge) of the ministry opened the Shweli Bridge (Namkham).

The minister, the deputy commander and officials posed for a documentary photo together with local people.

Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint unveiled the stone plaque of the bridge and the deputy

The 600-foot long Shweli Bridge is bailey type suspension bridge which has 24-foot wide motorway and can withstand 36-ton loads.

The bridge is the 222<sup>nd</sup> bridge across the nation and 15<sup>th</sup> bridge in Shan State (North).

At the time when Shweli Bridge (Namkham) was opened, Wutkhot Bridge in Magway Division and Yaypon Bridge in Taninthayi Division was also inaugurated the same day.

Therefore, the Ministry of Construction built five bridges within two months because Ngawun Bridge (Myotkwin) and Bago Bridge (Kawa) across Bago River were opened last March as a

**Thanks to the completion of the bridge, transport on Mandalay-Lashio-Namkham-Bahmo road network has become smoother, thereby contributing to swift flow of commodities.**

of commodities. It can also facilitate development of economic, social,

commander and officials sprinkled scented water on it.

gesture of hailing the Armed Forces Day.

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Photo shows Shweli Bridge (Namkham).—CONSTRUCTION

