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**Thadingyut Festival**

Today, the Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut, a day of significance for Buddhists. To mark the end of the three-month Buddhist Lent, during which Lord Buddha preached the Abhidhamma to the celestial beings at the abode of Tavatimsa, the Thadingyut Festival or the Festival of Lights has been held in commemoration of the return to earth of Lord Buddha.

Seven years after attaining the spiritual enlightenment, Lord Buddha ascended to the celestial abode of Tavatimsa to preach the Abhidhamma to celestial beings, including Santusita, who had been His mother in the previous existence, as a token of paying His gratitude to the latter.

The preaching of the discourse lasted three months, from the month of Waso ending on the Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut. During the Lent, members of the Sangha go into retreat or are confined to their respective monasteries for serious meditation or study of religious scriptures.

After preaching the Abhidhamma at the celestial abode of Tavatimsa, Lord Buddha returned to the human abode on the evening of the Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut. To welcome Him back to the human abode, many disciples of celestial abodes and of human world offered lights and paid obeisance to Him.

Nowadays, the Thadingyut Festival is usually held for three days. During the festival days, Buddhists offer flowers, lights and water to the pagodas. And it is an age-old tradition for the young to respect to their grandparents, parents, teachers and elders on this occasion.

The Thadingyut Festival is indeed an auspicious occasion for us Buddhist devotees and we should celebrate the occasion in accordance with the fine traditions.
Thai interim PM to attend China-ASEAN summit

BANGKOK, 4 Oct—Thailand’s interim Prime Minister Surayud Chulanont will attend the China-ASEAN Commemorative Summit later this month, the permanent secretary for Foreign Ministry said on Tuesday.

Surayud will attend the Commemorative Summit on the 15th anniversary of the establishment of China-ASEAN dialogue in China’s Nanning City on 30-31 October, the official said. It will be his first foreign trip since he assumed the post of interim Prime Minister. He will also attend the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation meeting in Vietnam in November and will attend the ASEAN summit in the Philippines in December.

Surayud, the Privy Council member and former Army commander, took the post as interim Prime Minister of Thailand on 1 October after a military coup on 19 September.

He will also attend the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation meeting in Vietnam in November and will attend the ASEAN summit in the Philippines in December.

Two US soldiers killed in Afghan clash

KABUL, 4 Oct—Two US soldiers and an Afghan soldier were killed in a clash with insurgents in the eastern Afghan province of Kuma, the US-led coalition force said on Tuesday.

Three US soldiers were also wounded in the fighting late on Monday in the province’s Pech District.

Violence has surged in the Afghan east and south this year to its most intense since US-led forces ousted the hardline Taleban five years ago, weeks after the 11 September attacks. — MNA/Reuters

Two young girls read books during the 58th Frankfurt International Book Fair in Frankfurt, Germany, on 4 Oct, 2006.

Study says over 3 mln people forcibly evicted in Africa

GENEVA, 4 Oct—More than three million Africans have been forcibly evicted from their homes in the country since 2000, a study has revealed.

According to a research conducted by Amnesty International and the Geneva-based Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions (COHRE) the practice of forced evictions has reached epidemic proportions in Africa.

The two organisations called on African governments to halt forced evictions and abide by their international human rights obligations.

The research indicates that some two million people have been forcibly evicted from their homes and many thousands have been made homeless since 2000 in Nigeria, while more than 12,000 people were forcibly evicted from Dar Assalaam camp in Sudan in August 2006.

The government of Zimbabwe staggered the international community in 2005 when, in a military style operation, it forced an estimated 700,000 people from their homes, their businesses or both.

Angola’s capital, Luanda, has seen the eviction of at least 6,000 families and their homes were demolished since 2001.

At least nine die in S Korean 30-vehicle pile-up

SEOUL, 4 Oct—At least nine people were killed on Tuesday in a fiery 30-vehicle pile-up on a South Korean highway at the start of a national holiday week, police said.

Two trucks collided on a bridge about 70 kilometres (45 miles) southwest of Seoul, blocking the road and squeezing vehicles between reinforced barriers designed to prevent them from falling off the overpass, police said.

The crash triggered a fire and many victims suffered severe burns as well as crash injuries, rescue officials said.

News network YTN said the death toll had already reached 12 and was likely to rise. It said there were more than 40 injured. Rescue officials could not confirm YTN’s report of fatalities.

The crash came as millions of South Koreans travelled to meet relatives for the Chusok (Harvest Festival) holiday week.

Pieter Gijselaar, 7 feet (210 centimeters) tall, poses for a portrait next to an elevator in his office building in Amsterdam recently. — Internet

South Korean firefighters remove the wreckage of crashed vehicles on a key highway bridge in Pyeongtack, South Korea, on 3 Oct 2006. — Internet
Robbers grab ATMs with forklifts

PHOENIX (Arizona), 4 Oct—Bank robbers have found an easier way to make off with other people's money: Around the country, thieves have hot-wired forklifts at construction sites, chugged up to banks and scooped up their ATMs, with all the cash inside.

ATM manufacturers have been working on ways to stop the heists, and sometimes the money involved is so small it hardly seems worth the risk. But that hasn’t discouraged thieves this summer in such states as Arizona, California and Georgia. They have pulled off or attempted such thefts at least 21 times this year in the Phoenix area alone. “It’s called the smash-and-dash,” said Rob Evans, director of industry marketing for Dayton, Ohio-based NCR Corp, the world’s largest maker of automated teller machines. Evans is the company expert on ATM thefts.

Since the 1990s, thieves have used forklifts to steal ATMs in Indonesia, New Zealand, Scotland, Ireland and Estonia, as well as the US. Four years ago, criminals plowed through the front doors of a movie theater in Lethbridge, Canada, with a forklift, drove into the lobby, hoisted the bulky machine and carried it to a waiting pickup truck.

The payoff for those who succeed in breaking into the machines varies widely, from a few hundred dollars to tens of thousands of dollars. —Internet

Typhoon death toll rises to 120 in Philippines, Vietnam

DIANANG (Vietnam), 4 Oct—Typhoon Xangsane killed at least 120 people in the Philippines and Vietnam and left tens of thousands homeless, officials said on Tuesday.

The typhoon swept fierce winds and rain into Vietnam’s central coast at the weekend after leaving a trail of destruction in the northern and central Philippines, including the capital, Manila.

Vietnam officials said at least 42 died in several central provinces and the resort city of Danang, Vietnam’s fourth largest city of about one million, which took the brunt of the typhoon when it hit on Sunday.

“The death toll is not completed yet as we are still receiving casualty reports from districts and communes in the provinces,” said an official at the Danang Flood and Storm Control Committee. She said 24 people had died in Danang. A city health official was quoted in state-run media as saying more than 1,000 residents had been hospitalized.

Homes collapsed and roofs were ripped off in Danang and the nearby ancient town of Hoi An. —Internet

Couple claims $200 million jackpot

DES MOINES (Iowa), 4 Oct—A Fort Dodge couple who bought three Powerball tickets during a pit stop for soda came forward Wednesday to claim the $200 million jackpot.

Tim and Kellie Guderian, of Fort Dodge, Iowa, receive their check for $200.8 million on Wednesday.—Internet

Tim and Kellie Guderian bought the winning ticket 23 Sept at a Kum & Go store in Fort Dodge. They discovered their good fortune the following evening, as Kellie read off the winning numbers to an awestruck Tim.

“What a stroke of luck,” Tim Guderian said. “It seemed like a dream.”

According to the Iowa lottery, the odds of winning were about 140 million-to-1. Tim Guderian, 36, served in the Marines during Operation Desert Storm and works as an automotive detailer in Fort Dodge. His 44-year-old wife of nearly seven years is a sales associate at the Walmart where the pair first met.

The Guderians chose to take the lump-sum payment, which amounts to $67.1 million after taxes. The winning ticket numbers were computer-picked. They were 13-21-26-45-50 and Powerball 20. —Internet

Bangkok Bank chief says to join new Thai Cabinet

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Men scatter flowers on a statue of Mahatma Gandhi during a prayer ceremony to celebrate 137th birth anniversary of Gandhi in the northern Indian city of Amritsar on 2 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET

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Cuba’s National Ballet dancers Romel Frometa (L) and Viengsay Valdes perform during a rehearsal for “The Magic Flute” in Madrid on 3 October, 2006. The National Ballet of Cuba will perform “Gaia Coreográfica Alicia Alonso”, a set of five choreographies directed by the ballet’s founding director and former prima ballerina Alicia Alonso, at Madrid’s Albeniz theatre from 4 October until 9 October.—INTERNET

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SOFIA, 3 Oct — The Bulgarian section of the Danube has been hit by a fuel oil spill with considerable density since Monday morning, the Emergency Ministry said.

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LONDON, 3 Oct — A new service that makes mobile phones emit a piercing electronic scream if stolen and automatically blocks access to sensitive data was launched in Britain on Monday.

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Venezuela’s state oil company sees high net earnings rise in 2005

CARACAS, 4 Oct—Venezuela’s state oil company saw its net earnings rise to nearly 6.5 billion US dollars in 2005 due to soaring crude prices, the company said on Tuesday.

Rafael Ramirez, president of Petroleos de Venezuela SA (PDVSA), told a Press conference that the figure represented a 20-per-cent increase over 2004.

Ramirez, who is also Venezuela’s Oil Minister, said the government is very satisfied with the earnings.

He also said Venezuela, the world’s fifth largest oil exporter, has cut its oil production by 50,000 barrels a day, in a bid to shore up flagging international petroleum prices.

Venezuela has managed to increase oil production in the past year, and even with the latest cut the country is still producing more than 3.3 million barrels a day, Ramirez said.

Venezuela wants the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to reduce oil output, a move opposed by many OPEC members.

Made-in-China regional airplane sells well abroad

BEIJING, 5 Oct—Xi’an Aircraft Industry Company (XAC), a major Chinese aircraft producer, has taken export orders for 32 Xinzhou-60 (MA60) twin turboprop regional passenger planes.

The company has already delivered six MA60s, designed for short and medium-range commuter services, to customers in Zimbabwe, Zambia, Laos and the Republic of Congo, said Wang Dawei, deputy president of the China National Aero-Technology Import and Export Corporation, XAC’s export agent.

Five more of the 60-seat planes will be delivered to foreign customers by the end of the year. The MA60, an improved version of the Y7-200A, uses imported engines, turbo propellers, and electronic equipment.

XAC believes it is one of the best turbo-prop regional airplanes in the world.

Philippines faces threat of another typhoon

MANILA, 4 Oct—Days after typhoon Xangsane killed about 200 people and devastated many parts of Luzon and Metro Manila in northern and central Philippines, another tropical storm, Bebinca, is now heading toward the central and northern parts of Luzon, the local weather bureau PAGASA reported Tuesday.

The weather bureau said that as of 16:00 local time (08:00 GMT), the storm was spotted at 550 kilometres east southeast of Casiguran, Aurora in northern Philippines, with maximum sustained winds of 85 kilometres per hour near the centre and gustiness of up to 100 kph.

It is moving west north-west at seven kph and is expected to be 390 kilometres east southeast of Casiguran by Wednesday afternoon, said PAGASA.

Mexico suspends sale of US carrot juice

MEXICO CITY, 4 Oct—Mexico said on Tuesday it had ordered supermarkets to withdraw carrot juice imported from the United States after the US Food and Drug Administration issued a warning linking four case of botulism to the product.

Mexico’s Health Ministry told the country’s top supermarket Wal-Mart de Mexico controlled by US retailer Wal-Mart Stores Inc and members of retailers group ANTAD to withdraw the juice.

The ministry mentioned by name Bolthouse Farms 100 per cent carrot juice, Earthbound Farm Organic 100 per cent carrot juice imported from the United States after the US Food and Drug Administration ordered supermarkets to withdraw carrot juice before November 2007, and expected to begin operations early 2007, and before November 2007, product sales begin,” he said Monday.

The factory will also manufacture scooters and sport models. Indonesian motorcycle market is dominated by Japanese producers.

Motorcycle sales in the first eight months of the year totaled 2.65 million units, of which the trio motorcycle giants — Honda, Yamaha and Suzuki — made up of more than 2.5 million units. —MNA/Xinhua
The Significant and Noble Day of Abhidhamma (The Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut, Mahapavaranama Day)

The Significant and Noble Day of Abhidhamma (the Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut, Mahapavaranama Day) falls on 6th October in the year 2006.

In the fourth week, after attaining the enlightenment, the Buddha began to contemplate and review the Dhamma (the truth) He had realized near the Bodhi tree. On His seventh Vassa (Seven Years) of enlightenment, the Buddha, out of compassion for the devas and brahmas, went to the Tavatimsa Devaloka (Celestial abode) where He preached the Abhidhamma Pitaka (Basket of Ultimate things) for a full three months to His deceased mother who was reborn as Santusita Deva, and also to the other devas and brahmas assembled there, hoping to make them realize the four ultimate things for which a Knowledge of Abhidhamma is absolutely necessary because it deals with the highest and ultimate sense of things springing into being as facts as distinct from mere names.

After preaching Abhidhamma (Ultimate Truth) to His deceased mother, Santusita Deva and other Devas and Brahmas for a full three months, the Buddha returned to the human abode on the Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut. According to the Pali Text, three decorated stairways of silver, gold and ruby beginning from the top of the great Mount Meru to the gate of Sankassa Town on earth were created as a token of paying deep homage to the Buddha who returned to the human abode. The Buddha took the middle stairway accompanied by Devas and Brahmas which took right stairway and left stairway. All Devas and Brahmas from the Tavatimsa Devaloka (Celestial abode) paid deep homage to the Omniscient Buddha descending to the earth from the Celestial abode (supreme bliss). The Buddha put up white sacred umbrellas and fanning Him putting up white sacred umbrellas and fanning Him.

At the time, when the Buddha returned from the Tavatimsa Devaloka (Celestial abode) to the gate of Sankassa Town on earth, the Devas and Brahmas accompanied Him and arranged three stairways of silver, gold and ruby beginning from the top of the great Mount Meru to the gate of Sankassa Town of the human abode (on earth). The Devas (Celestial beings) accompanied the Buddha from the left side stairway of gold playing musical instruments and fanning the Buddha. The Brahmas (higher celestial beings) accompanied the Buddha from the left side stairway of silver putting up white umbrellas.

The Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut (Mahapavaranama Day) has been marked by Buddhists as the significant and noble day of Abhidhamma since then (over 2000 years ago). On the auspicious occasion of the Abhidhamma (Mahapavaranama Day), in remembrance of the Buddha, members of the Sangha recite Abhidhamma discourses, and multifarious Buddhist devotees offer lights, water, flowers, incense, fragrant scents, fruits and other offerings. And also, Dhamma talks about Abhidhamma (Mahapavaranama) Day are held. On this noble day, most Buddhists keep nine precepts for their meritorious deeds dedicating to the attainment of noble stage of Nibbana (supreme bliss).

The Pali term Abhidhamma is composed of Abhi which means subtle or ultimate, and Dhamma which means truth or doctrine. The Abhidhamma, therefore, means subtle or ultimate truth or doctrine. The Abhidhamma Pitaka consists of the four ultimate things; Mind (Citta), Psychic factor (Cetasikas) Matter (Rupa) and Nibbana. It is the most important and most interesting to a deep thinker. It is subdivided into seven books.

When the Buddha had preached Abhidhamma for a full three months to His deceased mother who was reborn as Santusita Deva and to other Devas and Brahmas at the celestial abode, He said to the king of the celestials that He would return to the human abode. Therefore, the king of the celestials created and arranged three stairways of silver, gold and ruby beginning from the top of the great Mount Meru to the gate of Sankassa Town of the human abode.

Sending forth the six coloured rays emanated from His body, the Buddha descended by the middle stairway of ruby to the gate of Sankassa Town of the human abode (on earth). The Devas (Celestial beings) accompanied the Buddha from the right side stairway of gold playing musical instruments and fanning the Buddha. The Brahmas (higher celestial beings) accompanied the Buddha from the left side stairway of silver putting up white umbrellas.

At the time, when the Buddha returned from the celestial abode to the human abode, the highest Brahma realm, Ekamanta, the lowest Aviji (Apaya planes of miserable existences), the four cardinal points, the ten directions and thousands of worlds were clearly visible without any blockage and barrier because of unlimited miraculous powers, supernatural powers and glory of the Buddha.

People could see the whole celestial abode (on earth) clearly viewed more than hundreds of thousands of millions of people who were welcoming and paying deep homage to the Buddha. There was no one that did not wish and pray to become a Buddha, the most noble wish after witnessing the most surpassing splendour.

Up to this day, we can visualize the most surpassing splendour and significant event of the Omniscient Buddha descending to the earth from the great Mount Meru accompanied by Devas and Brahmas to the gate of Sankassa Town of the human abode.

On the Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut, we all Buddhists generously offer lights, water, flowers, scents, fruits, food and other various kinds of offerings to pagodas and monasteries, and also pay respect to teachers, parents and elders. These meritorious deeds are dedicated to the attainment of the noble stage of Nibbana through the most surpassing splendour and significant event of the Omniscient Buddha descending to the human abode from the celestial abode on the Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut.
Teachers of universities, colleges, institutes and... 

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Apart from teaching students, teachers are regarded as honourable persons who are capable of guiding and nurturing students to become the educated with good morality.

In his address, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein urged teachers and parent to work joining hands with one another to develop the abilities and talents of teachers and to open opportunities for teachers.

As part of an effort for development of the State, the Government has been implementing the 30-year long-term national education promotion plan. The Government has also encouraged teachers to participate in drawing and implementing the National Education Promotion Plan. Moreover, a programme for improvement of abilities and talents of teachers is included in the plan.

In basic education sector, teachers and parents are working together to enable every child to go to school and to reduce the dropout rates.

The Government is taking steps to improve the abilities of teachers, to upgrade the curricula, to use information technologies in teaching and learning activities, to ensure the examination system to be adaptable to the teaching and learning activities and to achieve success in teaching activities in basic education schools.

In an attempt to improve the national education standard, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance to improve teaching skills, to upgrade the curricula, to use teaching aids, to motivate students to observe rules and regulations and to emphasize flourishing of Patriotic Spirit and Union Spirit.

In accordance with guidance of the Head of State, refresher courses for senior assistant teachers were opened and arrangements have been made to upgrade the school curricula and those who qualified for senior assistant teachers were assigned to basic education high schools.

The Government has opened more teachership courses, pre-occupational degree courses, pre and post graduate courses, master’s degree course and doctorate courses.

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DTEd, DTEC, BEd, PGDT, PGDMA courses and Special Certificate in Educational Technology-SCET course have been conducted in education colleges.

Therefore, it can be said that today’s teachers become those who have high teachership efficiency.

In the higher education sector, faculty members have many options to pursue further education in various subjects. Due to opening master’s courses, MRes courses and doctoral courses, subject-wise experts and highly-qualified faculty members rose. Therefore, teachers have more opportunities to create their better lives.

The Government is making arrangements for enhancement of the capabilities of teachers in the process of the improvement of teachership quality and national education promotion programme. Hence, teachers, on their part, are to make utmost efforts for carrying out their respective education tasks.

Teachers are noble persons entrusted with most subtle and praise-worthy tasks of the human society. They are also honorable persons striving for nurturing intellectuals and intelligentsia on whom the State can rely and outstanding persons for the nation and the world.

Therefore, teachers of universities, colleges, institutes and basic education schools throughout the nation are to try hard to become the persons who can turn out outstanding students of the nation by preserving teachers’ ethics and dignity in their respective regions.

In conclusion, the Secretary-1 on behalf of the Government, expressed gratitude to all the teachers for their performance in nurturing students who would enhance socio-economic life of the State in the future, and urged them to dutifully perform tasks of region-wise human resources development with diligence and perseverance.

Next, Education for All Country Coordinator U Tin Nyo read the joint message sent by heads of UNESCO, UNDP, ILO and UNICEF.

Students of Nay Pyi Taw BEHS No 6 sang the song entitled “Obe-myatsaya”.

Director-General U Bo Win of Education Planning and Training Department reported on the list of four honorary teachers and four outstanding teachers and their contributions to education sector.

Next, the Secretary-1 presented awards and certificates of honour to retired rector of Mandalay University Dr Kyaw Sein, retired principal of Yangon Institute of Foreign Languages Vice-Chairman-2 of Myanmar History Commission U Sai Aung Tun, retired director-general of Basic Education Department U Tin Pe and retired chairman of Myanmar Board of Examinations U Maung Maung Sein through Chairman of Myanmar Board of Examinations Director-General of Myanmar Education Research Department U Ohn Myint; and awards and certificates of honour to four outstanding teachers —Headmaster U Tin Hay of Phaletkho BEPS in Zalun Township, Headmaster U Myo Khaing of Legyikwin BEPS in Kyangin Township, retired Headmaster U Than Aye of Moemeik BEPS No 2 and JAT Daw Khin Than of Loikaw BEMS No 1 respectively.

Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe presented first, second and third prizes to the winners in the faculty member level article contest, the article contests of basic education high school teachers, middle school teachers and primary school level teachers respectively.

Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein gave first, second and third prizes to the winners in the essay and poem contests at university/college level, high school level and middle school level.

After the ceremony, the Secretary-1 greeted diplomats of foreign missions, resident representatives of UN agencies and honorary teachers.

Later, the Secretary-1 and party together with guests viewed the booth opened in commemoration of World Teachers’ Day (2006), prize winning works of poem, essay and article contests and endeavours of honorary teachers and outstanding teachers displayed at the hall of the Ministry of Education.

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a first-hand statement on all criteria before adopting suitable decisions on the issue in question.

“Actions like this, based on an arbitrary and selective interpretation of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, do not contribute to advancing towards the necessary transparency and representativeness that should characterize the work of an organ that under the Charter of the United Nations, should act on behalf of all Member States of the United Nations.

“I am hereby requesting that the text of the present letter and its annex containing the statement Cuba was to make on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement at today’s private meeting on “The situation in Myanmar”, be circulated as a document of the Security Council.”

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the question of encroachment by the Security Council on the functions and powers of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, as well as other matters related thereto.

The principled positions of the Movement on these issues have been transmitted to the President of the Security Council for the month of February, 2006 through the letters of the Chairman of the Coordination Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement dated 10 February 2006 and 20 February 2006, as contained in documents S/2006/85 and S/2006/111, respectively, and the letter dated 10 July 2006.

The Non-Aligned Movement stresses once again that the decision by the Security Council to initiate a formal or informal discussion on the situation in any Member State of the United Nations or any issue that does not constitute a threat to international peace and security is contrary to Article 24 of the Charter of the United Nations. The Movement does not consider that the situation in Myanmar constitutes a threat to international peace and security and opposes attempts by a member of the Council to categorize the situation in Myanmar as such.

Therefore, including this issue in the agenda of the Council would be in violation of the purposes and principles of the Charter, in particular, Article 24. In this regard, the Movement further stresses once again the need for the Council to uphold the primacy of and respect for the Charter in carrying out its duties and responsibilities.

I also wish to inform the Council that the Fourteenth Summit Conference of Heads of State or Government of the Non-Aligned Movement in its Final Document adopted on 16 September 2006 “calls upon the Security Council to uphold the primacy of the respect for the Charter in connection with its functions and power and stresses once again that the decision by the Security Council to initiate formal or informal discussions on the situation in any Member State of the United Nations or any issue that does not constitute a threat to international peace and security is contrary to Article 24 of the Charter.”

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**Billboards set up in Mandalay**

**YANGON, 5 Oct — Hailing the Annual General Meeting for 2006 of Union Solidarity and Development Association,** a billboard was set up in front of the office of Mandalay Division USDA in Mandalay on 3 October. Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, wife Daw Khin Pyone Win, chairperson of Mandalay Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, local authorities, members of Mandalay Division USDA were present.

The two outstanding students unveiled the billboard. Likewise, a billboard was erected near the office of Chanmyathazi Township USDA and the two outstanding students formally opened the billboard. A similar ceremony was held at the corner of 80th Street and 26th Street in Mandalay. At the ceremony, the two outstanding students unveiled the billboard. Secretary of Mandalay Division USDA U Tin Maung Oo, members of USDA and students were present.— MNA

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**Delegates to NC arrive in Yangon**

**YANGON, 5 Oct — The delegates to the National Convention from Taninthayi Division, Shan State (East) and Rakhine State arrived at Yangon International Airport today. They were welcomed at the airport by Chairman of Invitation and Accommodation Subcommittee Col Hein Lin and committee members and conveyed to Nyaunghnapin Camp, venue of the National Convention in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division. — MNA**

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**Patron of Mandalay Division Union Solidarity and Development Association Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw attends a ceremony to erect a billboard reading USDA’s Annual General Meeting-2006 in front of Mandalay Division USDA Office. — MNA**

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**Li-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence being welcomed by Military Attaché of Republic of Indonesia Col Yayat Hidayat at 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day reception of Republic of Indonesia in Yangon on 5 October 2006. — MNA**
Good teachers and good pupils

The 5th of October 2006 (Thursday) is the World Teachers’ Day. It is an auspicious day or a day of significance.

The motto designated for the World Teachers’ Day this year is “Quality Teachers for Quality Education”. Those who are capable of bringing about quality education are indeed quality teachers. This profound and noble definition highlights the essence of the World Teachers’ Day.

In the Knowledge Age of today teachers capable of bringing about quality education are badly required in different countries. The world is now facing the shortage of capable and qualified teachers.

Therefore, to organize the existing qualified teachers to remain in their career and to make the new generation capable teachers to embark on teaching career are a challenging task.

A joint message sent by UN agencies such as UNESCO, UNDP, ILO and UNICEF on the occasion of the World Teachers’ Day stated those points regarding quality teachers, quality education and called for fulfilling the requirements.

The first Shwegyin Sayadaw used to say that an iron piece cannot be turned into a weapon without being beaten by a blacksmith; a stone cannot be made into a statue without being carved by a sculptor; a pupil cannot become a good one without being trained and nurtured by a good teacher.

To have a good weapon a blacksmith needs to beat an iron piece as necessary. This is the task of a blacksmith. Likewise, to have a fine statue a sculptor needs to carve a stone as necessary. This is also the task of a sculptor. In the same way, to become a good one, a pupil is to be taught and trained patiently by a good teacher. To teach, nurture and guide a pupil is the task of a good teacher. It means that a pupil who is not exposed to a good teacher cannot become a good one. And only when he is nurtured by a good teacher as much as possible will he become a good one.

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There is a Myanmar saying that a pupil will not become a capable person without being systematically trained by a teacher. A pupil needs to be under the care of a good teacher to become a talented, educated and civilized one. Only when a pupil learns from a good teacher will he surely become a good citizen.

In Myanmar society, parents are regarded as first and foremost teachers. And the social status of a teacher is placed on the same level together with parents. Being held in high regard, a teacher, in turn, regards pupils as sons and daughters of his own. This being so, the Myanmar society has regarded those who are well nurtured and trained by both parents and teachers as good pupils and children of good teachers and parents.

There are three kinds of pupil, namely: 

- **Atijata pupil**—one who is superior to one’s parents and teachers in terms of capability and qualification. Such person will not be able to contribute his shares to the creating of a peaceful and prosperous society.

- **Anujata pupil**—one who just has the same quality as one’s parents and teachers. Naturally, he is not qualitatively superior or inferior to his parents and teachers. It can be assumed as the one who catches up with the ability of his parents and teachers or the new generation youths meet ability and qualification of the existing old ones. Such person is capable enough to preserve the present condition or may not be able to do so. If so, the society will be stagnant.

- **Avajata pupil**—one who is inferior to one’s parents and teachers in terms of capability and qualification. Such person will not be able to contribute his shares to the creating of a peaceful and prosperous society.

All the new generation youths are truly human resources on whom parents, teachers and the State can rely.

Hence, teachers of the Knowledge Age are to try their utmost to become well-versed and qualified ones. At the same time, they are to strive to become teachers for producing good pupils. Only when they can produce pupils like Atijata pupils will the nation develop.

And they are to constantly strive to become teachers for good pupils by producing and nurturing talented and good pupils on whom the State and the people can rely.

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The remains were located on a section of a farming terrace in Linglong Village, Chencang District of Baoji City. The remains were about one fifth the size of the original houses which are estimated to be nearly 200 square metres, archaeologists said.

The houses were built on two 8 to 10-centimetre-thick layers of hard earth. The remains of a wall is nearly 15 metres long and 40 to 50-centimetre wide, and 103-cm tall. A 1.6-metre-ditch was found outside the wall, which archaeologists believe was used to discharge water.

The remains were destroyed during the middle or end of the Yangshao Culture dating back 5,000 to 7,000 years when people usually lived in houses built partly underground, said an expert with an archaeology team of Baoji. — MNA/Xinhua

Tibet welcomes first non-stop overseas charter flight for tourists

LHASA, 5 Oct — A charter flight with 109 tourists aboard arrived Tuesday afternoon in Tibet from Singapore, becoming the first non-stop overseas charter flight for tourists to this southwest China autonomous region.

A Singaporean travel agency rented the flight by Air China, China’s top airline company, for this tour, according to the Tibet Tourism Bureau.

The non-stop flight marked that Lhasa, the regional capital, has become the direct destinations of overseas tourists, said Bazho, director of the bureau.

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According to a statement issued by the centre, Royana’s scientific name is “Royan-SHA-C2.”

In the scientific name, SH stands for the first two letters of the cloned species — sheep while the third letter A stands for the sheep’s race — Afshari.

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Indonesia records highest export in August

JAKARTA, 3 Oct—Indonesia’s export volume in August reached 8.89 billion US dollars, the highest ever, the National Statistic Bureau announced here Monday.

Head of the bureau Rusman Heriawan told a press conference that the figure was 0.73 per cent higher than the previous month. He said that the country’s cumulative export by August was 64.63 billion US dollars, increased by 4.35 per cent from July to 5.62 billion US dollars, he said. Heriawan said the cumulative import for the first eight months rose by 2.56 per cent to 38.94 billion US dollars compared to the same period last year.

Japan, China and the United States were still the most contributive countries on Indonesia’s import in August, he said. 

Ningxia likely to be China’s top wind power region in 2020

Yinchuan, 3 Oct—Northwest China’s Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region will build nine new wind power plants with an investment of 2.2 billion US dollars by 2020, said the local government.

The region is expected to become the country’s biggest wind power generator in 2020, when it will have the installed capacity of 2.15 million kilowatts.

The region’s installed capacity of wind power stood at 112.200 kilowatts in 2005, according to the China Electricity Council (CCE), an association of Chinese electricity plants.

By 2005, Ningxia ranked fourth in wind power capacity after Inner Mongolia and Xingjiang Uygur Autonomous Regions, and Liaoning Province, the council said.

Development of wind power is hailed as an urgent matter in China as it struggles to alleviate power shortages and curb pollution.

The country has set a target of raising the proportion of renewable energy such as wind and solar power in its total energy supply to 10 per cent by 2010 and to about 16 per cent by 2020.

To achieve the goal, China will need a total investment of 101.1 billion US dollars by 2020, offering vast business opportunities for foreign investors.

Vietnam to reduce pharmaceutical tariffs under WTO roadmap

HANOI, 3 Oct—Vietnam will gradually slash import taxes on pharmaceuticals to an average of 2.5 per cent within five years after its accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO) (from current 0-15 per cent), local newspaper Vietnam News reported Monday. Specifically, 47 pharmaceutical categories which currently bear tariffs of 10-15 per cent will see lower import taxes, the paper quoted sources from the Drug Administration of Vietnam under the Health Ministry.

People attend the annual Dussehra celebration in Mysore, about 148 km (92 miles) south of the southern Indian city of Bangalore on 2 Oct, 2006. The festival of Dussehra is celebrated to mark the victory of god over evil. —INTERNET
University marked its 100th anniversary on private organization of the US Ivy League Yale, Weichao said. The name in 1906, principal Liu of Yale-China Association graduates of the in Changsha, Hunan, was members of China's two centuries, Yale had educated Yale, Liu said. Over the last and was a transliteration of expression (ya) and meaning elegance of philosopher and educator, Analects of Confucius, the Yali came from the Analects of Confucius, the ancient Chinese philosopher and educator, meaning elegance of expression (ya) and propriety of conduct (li), and was a transliteration of Yale, Liu said. Over the last century, Yali had educated more than 70,000 graduates, including 14 members of China's two academies of science and technology, who had made contributions to the mankind around the world, he said. Yale University President Richard C. Levin and former US President George Bush both sent congratulatory messages, the principal said. "Among Chinese institutions, Yali is unique in the depth, breadth, and longevity of its ties with Americans, and we are proud that those ties are with graduates of our own university," Levin said in the letter.

China's oldest academy celebrates 1,030th anniversary

Changsha, 4 Oct — More than 1,000 teachers, students and alumni gathered on Tuesday in central China to mark the 1,030th anniversary of the founding of Yuelu Academy, China's oldest learning institution that is now affiliated to Hunan University. Established in 976AD, the Yuelu Academy is one of the most famous academies in ancient China. It became a school in ancient China. But most disappeared except for the Yuelu Academy, which developed into Hunan University," said Deng Hongbo, director of Yuelu's Chinese Academy Research Centre.

Japan negotiating summits with China, S Korea

Tokyo, 3 Oct — Japan is trying to agree on dates for fence-mending summits between its new Prime Minister, Shinzo Abe, and the leaders of China and South Korea, a senior Japanese Foreign Ministry official said on Monday.

Leaders of the two countries, where bitter memories of Japan's wartime aggression run deep, had refused to meet Abe's predecessor, Junichiro Koizumi, because of his visits to a Tokyo war shrine seen by many as a symbol of Japan's militaristic past.

"We are not at odds over whether to have (summits) or not," Vice Foreign Minister Shotaro Yachi told a news conference.

But he said that specific dates had not been agreed upon.

Abe, who took over as Prime Minister last week, has supported Koizumi's visits to Yasukuni Shrine, but has declined to say if he would pay his respects there while in office. An adviser to Abe has said he visited Yasukuni last April, when he was a Cabinet minister, but Abe himself has neither confirmed nor denied that.

Macao's fixed, cell phone numbers reach 8-digit

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Vietnam eyes eco growth of 8.4 % in Q4

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Gold medal winner France's Vencelas Dabaya, centre, silver medalist China's Zhiyong Shi, left, and Bulgaria's Demir Demirev, bronze, pose at the podium of the men's 69 kgs (152 lbs) category at the World Weightlifting Championships in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, on 2 Oct, 2006. — Internet

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**SPORTS**

Ghana upset Japan 1-0 in soccer friendly

**TOKYO/YOKOHAMA, 5 Oct** — Ghana edged Japan 1-0 on Wednesday in an international soccer friendly at Yokohama International Stadium.

Draman Hamimu scored the winning goal from close range in the 73rd minute against a largely experimental Japanese lineup.

Ghana, led by Chelseas Michael Essien, were rarely troubled and had several chances to take the lead in the first half through Asamoah Gyan, Stephen Appiah and Essien.

Japanese debutant Satoru Yamagishi hit the post with a lucky shot off his knee just before the hour.

Ghana got their revenge with 17 minutes remaining after Razak Pimpong worked well on the right before sending in a low cross that Hamimu crashed home at the near post.

Japan, without the help of Europe-based stars tied with their club commitments, lacked precision both on the offensive and the defensive.

"Ghana proved to be a strong team as expected," said Japan coach Ivica Osim, a 65-year-old Bosnian who took over the team from Brazilian legend Zico after Ger many 2006.

"Japan played better in terms of details. It is disappointing that we lost the match this way," he added.

It was the second loss against three wins for Osims charges who are aiming to rebuild the Asian side after their dismal World Cup campaign which ended with two losses and one draw in the first round.

**MNA/Xinhua**

Cuballero stuns Somsak to lift world title

BAN RAI (Thailand), 5 Oct — Panamanian Celestino Cuballero won the WBA super-bantamweight title on Wednesday after a third-round demolition of champion Somsak Sithatchawan at a Buddhist temple in rural Thailand.

Cuballero won the fight on a technical knockout after Somsak went down three times in the third round following a barrage of punches from the fast-hitting challenger.

The Panamanian had the best of the first round but Somsak fought back in the second as a boisterous rural Thai crowd got behind him, some climbing over the barricades to get ringside.

However, Cuballero silenced Somsaks supporters in the third round when he burst out of the corner and sent the champion to the canvas twice before pinning him to the ropes and knocking him down with hard of left and right hooks.

With Somsak on the deck, the referee called time on the fight to hand victory to Cuballero.

Cuballero, a devout Muslim, said God had given him the will to win the fight and he vowed to remain champion for years to come.

"I trained hard for this, but God was on my side," he told reporters. "It will be a long time before someone takes this title away from me."

**MNA/Xinhua**

Moscow to stage 2008 Champions League final

**MOSCOW, 5 Oct—** Moscow Luzhniki Stadium will stage next season's European Champions League final, Uefa's Executive Committee said on Wednesday.

The decision was made after the first day of a two-day meeting of the Executive Committee in the Slovenian capital Ljubljana.

The 84,745-seater stadium became last week the first ground to stage a Champions League group stage match on artificial turf when Spartak Moscow drew 1-1 with Sporting Lisbon.

However, the stadium organizers plan to restore grass for European club footballs most prestigious event. "There were no demands from Uefa about the artificial pitch being removed," spokesman William Gaillard told Reuters by telephone from Ljubljana.

"The pitch was legal to play all Champions League matches on artificial turf for a year and a half now, but the Moscow bidders chose to state in their technical data that the final would be played on grass." Russian Football Union president Vitaly Mutko acclaimed the announce ment.

"This is just great, great news for all of us," Mutko was quoted as saying by the official website of the Russian Football Union (RFU).— MNA/Reuters

Russia's Tatiana Matveeva lifts 135 kgs (298 lbs) to win the bronze medal in the in the clean and jerk modality of the women's 69 kgs (152 lbs) category at the World Weightlifting Championships in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, on 4 Oct, 2006.

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Costa Ricass LD Alajuelense player Rafael Rodriguez, center, fights for control of the ball with Chiles Colo Coloplayers during their soccer match for the Copa Sudamericana at the Morena Soto stadium in Alajuela, Costa Rica, on 4 Oct, 2006.

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Malaysia opens National Space Centre

KUALA LUMPUR, 5 Oct — Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi opened Malaysia’s National Space Centre at Balıng, some 150 kilometres southwest of Kuala Lumpur, in a bid to harness space technology for the country’s development.

The Prime Minister said that, to compete with developed countries, Malaysia needed to master various science and technology fields including space technology.

He said that the Malaysian Government was committed to enhance space science research capabilities and innovations, stressing that the country would not be able to become a developed country without building the capacity in that field.

Malaysia has set a target to become a developed country by 2020. Badawi said that the centre was an additional step to propel the country towards a developed nation based on knowledge and technology.

Malaysia’s national news services Bernama said that the space centre is equipped with sophisticated laboratories to assist in work relating to satellite systems.

The centre, which began to be developed in 2004, has the capacity to monitor and communicate with astronauts at the International Space Station, Bernama said.

Badawi said that Malaysia has gained a lot from space technologies since the 1970s, including communication satellite technology which facilitated contact with the outside world and enabled the country to receive worldwide news.

Communication satellites are also used in the security and defence sectors, he said. Malaysia had used satellite pictures over the past several decades for various purposes, including to forecast weather, monitor land development and the latest to detect and monitor natural disasters and forest fires, he added.

In addition, he said, Malaysia was building the National Observatory in Langkawi, another crucial infrastructure in the country for space science research.

The observatory would reportedly be equipped with a robotic telescope, which will enable people to view space through the Internet.

**Weather**

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**Internet**

Using a microwave probe of US space agency NASA, scientists said recently they have evidence that the universe has a shape somewhat akin to an egg, rather than the expected round.
Cuban representative sends letter to UNSC chairman as Cuba’s demand to attend UNSC meeting on Myanmar agenda, on behalf of NAM, is not permitted

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Oct — A private meeting was held at the UN Security Council on 29 September afternoon after putting Myanmar on the UNSC agenda. UN Under Secretary-General for Political Affairs Mr Ibrahim Gambari gave clarifications on the agenda. Cuba taking the chairmanship duty of Non-Aligned Movement submitted a request to attend the meeting. But the UNSC rejected the request. Cuban UN representative sent a letter to the UNSC chairman the same day.

The letter says, “we regret that decision which reaffirm once again the validity of the Non-Aligned Movement’s position on the need for an urgent and in-depth reform of the Security Council including the reform of the working methods of this organ.”

“The request made by the Non-Aligned Movement to address the above-mentioned Council meeting was entirely justified and in full accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations. The Non-Aligned Movement reaffirms its principled positions pertaining to the cardinal requirement of upholding the Charter of the United Nations and other principal organs of the United Nations in accordance with the Charter, in particular on the need for the Council to uphold the primacy of and respect for the Charter in carrying out its duties and responsibilities.”

NAM stresses situation in Myanmar does not constitute a threat to international peace and security & need for the Council to uphold the primacy of and respect for the Charter in carrying out its duties and responsibilities

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Oct—After the Myanmar issue was constituted on the agenda of the United Nations Security Council, a private meeting took place on 29 September afternoon to deal with the issue. In that regard, Cuba asked that it would attend the meeting on behalf of NAM, but the request met the dismissal of the UNSC. So, Cuban representative to the UN wrote to the president of the UNSC, attaching to the letter the clarification of Cuba to be made at the private meeting on behalf of the NAM. The clarification made by Cuba on behalf of the NAM is as follows:

I wish to thank you for the opportunity to express on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement the concerns that have been expressed by member countries of the Movement on the inclusion of the issue of the situation in Myanmar in the agenda of the Security Council. The Non-Aligned Movement reaffirms its principled positions pertaining to the cardinal requirement of upholding the Charter of the United Nations and other principal organs of the United Nations in accordance with the Charter, in particular on the need for the Council to uphold the primacy of and respect for the Charter in carrying out its duties and responsibilities.”

KNPLF condemns United States for its interference in Myanmar’s internal affairs using the UN as a tool

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Oct — Kayinni Nationalities People’s Liberation Front (Ka-La-La-Ta) on 27 September issued the declaration on its stance on the decision to put Myanmar on the agenda of the United Nations Security Council.

The following is the full text of the declaration:

The declaration of Kayinni Nationalities People’s Liberation Front (Ka-La-La-Ta) 27 September 2006

1. Myanmar is a sovereign State in which different national races are residing.


3. Ensuring peace and development and emergence of democracy in Myanmar is the duties of all Myanmar national races. All the national races have accepted the need to discharge these national duties with the same mind. All the national races joining hands with the people are striving for peace, development and democratic transition and we are enjoying fruitful results to some extent.

4. There is no reason for Myanmar to pose a threat to regional stability because peace and stability prevails throughout the country and there can be seen unprecedented developments in all regions.

5. Therefore, KNPLF hereby declares that it condemns and protests against the act of United States as it is merely interference in Myanmar’s internal affairs using the UN as a tool.

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