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Commander participates in physic nut growing ceremonies, inspects development tasks in Mongyang, Mongkhat townships

Commander Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing presents a physic nut sapling to an officer.

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NAY PYI TAW, 23 June — Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing met with families of servicemen at Yan Myo Aung Hall in Mongyang Station on 8 June and urged them to carry out regional development tasks in cooperation with departments concerned.

On 9 June, the commander attended the physic nut growing ceremony of Mongyang Station and participated in it.

Next, the commander inspected thriving physic nut plantations and gave necessary instructions.

The commander also attended Mongyang Township physic nut growing ceremony and heard reports on progress of cultivation of physic nut plants and collection of physic nut saplings and grafts.

Next, the commander presented the saplings to members of township social organizations and local people.

Later, the commander and wife planted physic nut saplings at the designated places.

After the ceremony, the commander looked into the nurturing of physic nut saplings and thriving physic nut plantations.

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Weather Forecast for (24-6-2007)

Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas
Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Yangon and neighbouring areas
Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Mandalay and neighbouring areas
Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

INSIDE

Plants give human beings not only crops for nutrition but also herbal medicines. Herbal plants and tubers and bulbs are used as ingredients of potent Myanmar traditional medicines. Global warming causes the gradual rise in temperature of the earth's atmosphere with an increase in deterioration of plants. In consequence, there has been an adverse effect on natural forests, home to wildlife, and a great many species of animals have become extinct.

PAGE 7 MAUNG SWE WIN (BAGO)

Development drives inspected in Minbya, Kyauktaw Townships

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June — Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Maung Shein together with departmental officials inspected construction of a new two-storey building of Middle School in Kanni village, Minbya Township on 6 June.

Chairman U Zaw Myint Thein of Township PDC reported on progress of work and stockpiling of construction materials. The commander gave instructions to the officials.

The new school building is 200-foot long and 30-foot wide. It has eight classrooms.

Education department and donors funded construction of the school building.

The commander inspected the school buildings of the Middle School and viewed learning of students there.

Next, the commander and party inspected construction of a 40-foot long wooden bridge on the road between Kanni and Cheywa villages. Director U Ohn Thwin of Rakhine State Development Affairs Committee and officials reported on progress of work to the commander.

In Ywatmahnyo village of MyaukU Township, they viewed drinking water supply from the lake in the village and gave instructions to the officials.

In Kyauktaw Township, the commander inspected collective growing of physic nut plants by departmental staff, social organizations and residents. He heard reports on completion of growing physic nut plants and future tasks.

The commander and officials planted physic nut saplings and viewed growing of physic nut.

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Myanmar's tourism industry with promising future

Tourism industry is a lucrative business that is carried out on a wide scale around the world. World nations are preserving and promoting their famous archaeological buildings and the areas endowed with scenic natural beauties for development of tourism industry.

Myanmar is blessed with a large number of expressive geographical features and several beautiful and pleasant beach resorts. Moreover, it has many archaeological regions along with lovely traditions and customs of national races.

The State's stability and peace, and friendship and hospitality of the people are attracting foreign tourists.

More than 600,000 tourists visited Myanmar in 2006. About one million tourists are expected to come this year. So, all necessary arrangements are to be made to upgrade and improve the hotels, international level services and transport in the regions of tourist attractions such as Mandalay, Bagan and Inlay in addition to Yangon so as to provide sufficient accommodation to the growing number of foreign visitors.

In building new standard hotels, the designs should portray Myanmar's traditions, culture and customs instead of modern decorations only.

It is believed that Myanmar's tourism industry will improve rapidly if greater emphasis is placed on providing standard accommodation, smooth transport, and advanced services for the convenience of the guests.

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People's Desire

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

Mingalabyuha Parahita Society pays respects to centenarians

YANGON, 23 June—A ceremony to pay respects to centenarians to mark the tenth founding anniversary of Mingalabyuha Parahita Society of Mingalabyuha Association was held at the hall of the association on Arzani Street in Bahan Township this afternoon with an address by Chairman of the association U Kyi Win.

Next, Chairman of MPS U Win Maung (Min Yu Wai) explained the purpose of the ceremony, and introduced elder persons on the occasion to executives of the society.

After that, respects were paid and cash and kind presented to the centenarians. The ceremony ended with the recitation of *Buddha Sasanam Ciram Titthatu* three times.—*H*

A responsible person presents gift to an elder person in the respect-paying ceremony.

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UMFCCI President meets JETRO Managing Director

YANGON, 23 June—President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint and General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing received Managing Director Mr Kojima Eitaro of Japan External Trade Organization at the UMFCCI office yesterday.

They discussed promotion of bilateral trade and business, participation of Myanmar companies in expositions held in Japan and proposal of Myanmar to hold the meeting of Myanmar-Japan CCI Business Cooperation Committee (MJBCC) to be held in November.—*MNA*

President U Win Myint of UMFCCI receives the managing-director of JETRO.

UMFCCI

Stipends provided for children of police members

YANGON, 23 June — A ceremony to provide stipends for children of members of Phakant Township Police Force for 2007-08 academic year was held at the Township Police Force office on 5 June.

After giving a speech, Commander of Township Police Force Police Captain Tun Tun Oo presented K 365,000 to 101 children of police members from Phakant, Karmaing, Hsezin police stations and Township Police Force Commander's Office.

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Police Captain Tun Tun Oo presents cash assistance to a student of Phakant Township Police Force.—**H**

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

ASEAN urged to set up standards for adoption of digital TV

SINGAPORE, 22 June — Singapore and Brunei have launched initiatives to promote the adoption of standards for digital TV in Southeast Asia, local media reported on Thursday.

The Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Digital Broadcasting Cooperation Initiative, spearheaded by Singapore and Brunei, aims to pave the way for over 540 million people in ASEAN region to enjoy the sharper resolution and sound quality of digital TV by switching to digital video broadcasting on the terrestrial format (DVBT), Channel NewsAsia reported.

The two countries' officials said on-going discussions and study by three new working groups would provide a clearer picture on how and when to switch from the current analogue broadcasts to DVBT.

Permanent Secretary of Singapore's Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts Tan Chin Nam told Channel NewsAsia that "By adopting DVBT as a standard, I think we will remove uncertainty in the market. From the manufacturers' point of view, it will be easier to come up with a quantity of equipment which will be able to address the market needs in a very cost-effective manner."

Ismail Mohamed, permanent secretary of Prime Minister's Office of Brunei, said: "We are also hoping for cooperation between the industry players, the vendors and the manufacturers, for them to be sensitive to the aspiration of ASEAN and to make this new technology available without factoring in a big amount of the costs to retailers."

MNA/Xinhua

Police swoop on suspected dog-fighting ring in N England

LONDON, 22 June — Police arrested nine people and seized six dangerous dogs in a crackdown on Thursday on a suspected dog-fighting ring in northern England.

Officers, together with members of the RSPCA Specialist Operations Unit, said they had carried out coordinated raids on seven properties in Accrington, Lancashire.

Those arrested are in police custody awaiting questioning while the dogs have been taken into RSPCA kennels.

"Dog-fighting is an abhorrent, cruel activity that was banned in this country over 150 years ago, but still continues today," said RSPCA Chief Inspector Mike Butcher.

Police said dog-fighting was not widespread but an "isolated and localized issue".

The issue of dangerous dogs gained prominence this year when five-year-old Ellie Lawrenson was mauled to death by a pit bull terrier at the family's home in Liverpool on New Year's Day.

Her uncle was jailed in May after admitting charges of possessing a dog banned under the Dangerous Dogs Act.

After Lawrenson's death, officers in the city carried out a series of raids in which dozens of dangerous dogs were seized.

MNA/Reuters

Shuttle lands safely in California Desert

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, 22 June — The space shuttle Atlantis landed this afternoon at Edwards Air Force Base in the Mojave Desert, concluding a 13-day mission to install solar power panels on the International Space Station.

The space shuttle Atlantis and its seven astronauts returned to Earth safely on Friday, ending a two-week mission to deliver an addition to the international space station and bring home a crew member from the outpost. Atlantis landed at Edwards Air Force Base in California because of bad weather in Florida.—INTERNET

Rain and thunder-storms over central Florida prompted NASA ground controllers in Houston to bypass a landing attempt at Cape Canaveral's Kennedy Space Center for a second day and instead choose the backup site in California.

It was the 51st time out of 118 missions since the shuttle began flying in 1981 that Edwards hosted a landing. The massive white-bodied spaceplane, carrying a seven-person crew, rolled to a stop on the desert runway at 12:51 pm PDT.

"Congratulations on a great mission," ground controller Tony Antonelli said over the radio to Col Rick Sturckow, the shuttle commander.

"I'll remember all the things that went right on this challenging mission," said William H Gerstenmaier, associate administrator for space operations, said at a news conference after the landing.—*Internet*

CHINESE OPERA

Belgium's Crown Princess Mathilde(C) leaves after a promotional event at a jewellery shop in Hong Kong on 22 June, 2007. Belgium's Crown Prince Philippe and Crown Princess Mathilde arrived at Hong Kong on Friday to have an official three-day visit as part of their China tour. — INTERNET

Pumpkin for cancer prevention

PENANG, 22 June — Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) which discovered that the humble cempedak can cure diabetes has done it again, this time with the pumpkin which can control activation of cancer cells.

Its Technology Industry Department lecturer Dr Noor Aziah Abdul Aziz said the pumpkin flour contains resistance starch to produce propionic acid.

"The acid causes the starch to remain indigestible thus fermenting the bacteria and weakening the cancer cells. It changes the oxidation process," she told reporters after receiving the gold medal in conjunction with USM's participation at the Malaysian Technology Expo on 29 March.

Dr Noor Aziah had conducted numerous research on the nutritional properties of local fruits including that of the cempedak as a cure for diabetes because of its insulin content.

Other than containing resistance starch which can weaken cancer cells, the pumpkin has high fibre content, natural colour suitable for bread or noodle and contain vitamin A, anti-oxidant and minerals. She said the flesh of the pumpkin is dried and then mixed with wheat flour and processed into multi-purpose flour.

"I am also studying the use of the skin and seed of the pumpkin in the flour. The pumpkin flour has no fruit taste and can be consumed by anyone," she added.

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A woman lights candles to place along the path through Omotesando EcoAvenue in Tokyo on 22 June, 2007. The Candle Night event was held in perspectives of protecting the environment and reducing energy consumption. — INTERNET