

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 transport, beans and pulses cultivation in Mandalay Division

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Oct — Prime Minister General Thein Sein accompanied by Maj-Gen Ohn Myint of the Ministry of Defence, the ministers, the deputy ministers, the director-general of the Government Office and officials arrived at Nyaunglun village in Yamethin District yesterday. They were welcomed there by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Tin Ngwe and officials.

At the Post Office of the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs in Pyawbwe, Prime Minister General Thein Sein heard reports on climate in the region, targeted monsoon paddy acres and completion of cultivation presented by Chairman of Pyawbwe Township PDC U San Htay.

The commander gave a presentation on tar-



Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects thriving cotton plants in 100-acre long staple cotton plantation in Hpakhu village.—MNA

geted monsoon paddy cultivation in 2008-2009 in the division and completion, arrangements for

growing paddy for the second time and beans and pulses. Next, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint reported on

arrangements being made for irrigating monsoon paddy cultivation from underground tapping wa-

ter, water pumping projects, dams and lakes. Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-

Gen Htay Oo submitted reports on repair of dams and lakes for irrigation. (See page 8)



Farmers ploughing farmland in Makhaya village in Natogyi Township.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 5 October, 2008

Attributes of teachers held in high esteem

UNESCO, UNDP, ILO and UNICEF designated 5 October 2002 as World Teachers' Day.

Today, world countries are celebrating World Teachers' Day commemorative ceremonies in recognition of the important role the teachers play for prosperity of the human society and outstanding performances they carry out throughout the world for development of human resources.

World Teachers' Day is marked annually to highlight the crucial role of teachers in nurturing the youth for development of human resources, fundamental requirement for development of a nation, to portray teachers' attributes and dignity, and to bring about good teachers capable of nurturing the youth into reliable persons.

In accordance with the fine tradition of holding teachers in highest esteem, Myanmar, like other nations, holds World Teachers' Day every year.

In a bid to build up a new nation that keeps abreast of other countries, the government is pursuing the 30-year plan designed to promote the education standard of the nation. Taking into consideration the dominant role of teachers in implementing the plan, the government is also taking measures for enhancing the skills of teachers.

Teachers nurture and guide the students and improve their reasoning power. Outstanding attributes of teachers are, therefore, a driving force for production of reliable and responsible youths for a brighter future of the nation.

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

44th Anniversary of Myanmar Police Force marked



Maj-Gen Maung Oo speaks at 44th Anniversary of Myanmar Police Force.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Oct — The 44th Anniversary of Myanmar Police Force was marked at MPF Headquarters here this morning with an address by Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, deputy ministers, MPF Director-General Brig-Gen Khin Yi, directors-general of the departments and members of MPF.

In his speech Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo said on 28 January 1994, MPF Management Reform Committee was formed with 16 members to improve MPF both in form and in essence after aims and objectives had been laid down. Since its formation, the MPF has been carrying out reform work to improve police

service in order that it becomes a trustful and reliable organization for the public.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance at the first biannual work coordination meeting in 1995 that the MPF was to endeavour to become a force that is good in form and essence and suitable to the characteristics of an independent nation. From the ideological point of view, MPF needed to focus on the spirit of cherishing its own country and people. Basically, conviction and confidence was important on the part of essence and the police force was to work in a systematic way.

The minister said throughout the history of Myanmar Police Force, there have been instances in which its members were honoured for their good service and there were members faced legal action for their torturing the public, abusing power, taking bribes and having immoral conduct. So, every member needs to act considerably in order not to become corrupt personnel. The MPF has been able to successfully take security measures, the main duty of the ministry. The more trust and reliance the people have, the more codes of conduct the MPF is to follow. Its members, therefore, must be morally good and sincere.

Every policeman is duty-bound to enforce the law. As members from the legal field, they must be loyal, dutiful and united. The dignity of MPF depends on the sincerity of its members. More importantly, they are to try not to be a burden to the people. All the members are to be loyal to the State and honest. They also need to do every task dutifully in accord with the five outlooks.

Afterwards, the minister awarded the most outstanding member and the ceremony went into recess.

At the second session, MPF Director-General Brig-Gen Khin Yi delivered a speech and accepted cash donated by 24 companies. Next, he awarded the outstanding members who sat for police codes of conduct exams at different levels.

Then, Deputy Director-General Police Brig-Gen Zaw Win, Police Adjutant-General Police Brig-Gen Soe Win Myint and Police Quartermaster-General Police Brig-Gen Win Soe also awarded the outstanding members.—MNA

UMFCCI receives delegation of Thai Ministry of Commerce

YANGON, 4 Oct — Min Win and U Thaung Sein Win Hlaing, CEC Vice-Presidents U Zaw Tin, General Secretary U members and executives



Vice-President U Zaw Min Win and party of UMFCCI hold discussion with Assistant Director Mr Weerachai Nopsuwanwong and party of Department of Trade Negotiation under the Ministry of Commerce of Thailand.—UMFCCI

of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry received a delegation led by Assistant Director Mr Weerachai Nopsuwanwong of Department of Trade Negotiation under the Ministry of Commerce of Thailand at UMFCCI office in Lanmadaw Township, here, on 29 September.

They discussed matters related to promotion of trade and investment between the two countries and cooperation in border trade.

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Turkish troops killed in clashes

ANKARA, 4 Oct—Kurdish rebels have killed 15 Turkish soldiers near Semdinli in the country’s south-east, the military says.

The soldiers died during an attack by fighters said to be from the Kurdistan Workers’ Party (PKK), based over the border in northern Iraq.

Generals said troops fought back, killing 23 rebels, but that two soldiers were missing after the attack.

Turkey blames the PKK for a series of bomb attacks on its cities, and often targets rebels with air strikes.

More than 40,000 people are thought to have been killed since 1984, when the PKK launched its campaign for a Kurdish homeland in south-eastern Turkey.

The latest attack was a surprise strike on a military outpost by guerrillas using heavy weapons.—Internet

Alleged Baghdad bomb mastermind killed

BAGHDAD, 4 Oct—The US military said Saturday it has killed an al Qaeda in Iraq leader suspected of masterminding one of the deadliest attacks in Baghdad as well as recent bombings and the 2006 videotaped execution of a Russian official.

American troops also killed the man’s wife after a firefight as they tried to capture him Friday in the northern neighborhood of Azamiyah in Baghdad, the military said.

Mahir Ahmad Mahmud al-Zubaydi, also known as Abu Assad or Abu Rami, allegedly directed the insurgent cell believed to be responsible for nearly simultaneous car bomb and suicide attacks Thursday, according to the statement.

Al-Zubaydi was one of the most senior insurgents to be killed by US forces as they seek to shore up recent security gains that have driven the level of violence to its lowest point in more than four years.

Internet

Bomb explodes outside court in Spain’s Basque region

MADRID, 4 Oct — A small bomb exploded in Saturday outside a court in Spain’s northeastern Basque region following a warning call from the armed Basque separatist group ETA, causing material damage but no injuries, Spanish media reported.

The bomb went off at 1:15 am (2315 GMT Friday) in the town of Tolosa about half an hour after a man speaking in the name of ETA called Basque traffic department DYA to warn of an imminent blast, public television TVE said.

It had been left in a rucksack in the steps of the court, the Europa Press news agency reported, citing local police who had cordoned off the area.

ETA, which is blamed for the deaths of over 820 people in its 40-year campaign of bombings and shootings for an independent Basque homeland, traditionally calls the DYA to warn of its attacks.—Internet

Death toll from Haiti storms nearly 800

GONAIVES (Haiti), 4 Oct — The death toll from a string of hurricanes and tropical storms in Haiti has risen to nearly 800 people, an official with the Haitian Red Cross says.

Jean Pierre Guiteau,

the group’s executive officer, said they suspected the numbers may climb further because many people were still missing.

Heavy rainfall from four major storms in August and September

created fatal flooding and mudslides in Haiti.

Tropical Storm Fay caused flooding and significant damage when it hit the impoverished island nation. Heavy rains from Hurricane Gustav, considered a major hurricane, caused destructive mudslides after it made landfall in Haiti on 26 August, the US National Hurricane Centre said.

Tropical Storm Hanna passed over northern Haiti in early September, bringing heavy rain and flooding. Ike, another major hurricane, caused flooding and mudslides.—Internet



A man carries drinking water through the flooded streets of Gonaives, Haiti, last month.—INTERNET

Israeli general warns Hezbollah of harsh response

JERUSALEM, 4 Oct — Israel will use “disproportionate force” if Hezbollah guerrillas attack Israel, a senior military commander said in published comments on Friday, adding that any village used to fire missiles against the Jewish state will be destroyed.

Maj Gen Gadi

Eizenkot, who commands forces along Israel’s northern border, issued a similar threat against Syria.

Eizenkot spoke to the Yediot Ahronot daily more than two years after Israel fought an inconclusive 33-day war against Hezbollah. That war, in which Hezbollah lobbed some 4,000 rockets and missiles into Israel, was widely seen as a failure, and Eizenkot has been busy rehabilitating the army’s readiness since taking up his post in the aftermath of the fighting.

Eizenkot said Israel would show no mercy on Lebanese villages that harbor Hezbollah fighters. Israel has repeatedly complained that Hezbollah fighters used residential areas for cover, limiting Israel’s ability to respond.

Eizenkot stressed that this is “not a recommendation,” but a plan approved by the highest levels. “If fire is carried out from Shiite villages in Lebanon, this is the operational plan: Very aggressive fire.”

Internet

Seven killed in fiery Ala collision on rural road

MONTGOMERY, 4 Oct — A collision between an 18-wheeler and a state van Friday left a fiery, mangled heap on a rural highway and killed six applicants for prison jobs and their driver, authorities said.

Prison system spokesman Brian Corbett said all seven aboard the van died. Flames that rose from the twisted wreckage made it difficult for responders to cut into the overturned van to recover the bodies. The process took several hours, and towing company workers said the wreck was among the worst they’d seen.

“The crash was horrendous enough, but the fire added to the tragedy,” said Montgomery Mayor Bobby Bright, who went to the scene.

Internet

An American soldier killed in a roadside bomb in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 4 Oct — The US army in Iraq said on Friday that a roadside bomb killed an American soldier in Iraq on Thursday.

The US army said in a statement that the bomb exploded near his vehicle on Thursday south of Amarah, a city 200 miles southeast of Iraqi capital city of Baghdad. The statement also said that the soldier’s name is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

The death raises the number of American service members killed in Iraq to at least 4,177 since the war started in 2003, according to international media account.—Internet

Driver dead after car crashes into RI high school

LINCOLN, 4 Oct — A car crashed through an entrance at a Rhode Island high school and burst into flames, killing the driver, police and witnesses said. No students were hurt.

School secretary Carmel Mendoza told reporters that the driver was a special education teacher’s aide at Lincoln High School.

Police and school officials would not identify the victim, citing the investigation. An autopsy will be conducted on Saturday.

Students had been dismissed about an hour before the crash, Superintendent Georgia Fortunado said.

Internet



A burned car is loaded onto a tow truck after it was driven into the side of Lincoln High School in Lincoln, RI and burst into flames, on 3 Oct, 2008. The driver was killed in the crash.—INTERNET

OJ Simpson found guilty on all charges in robbery-kidnap trial

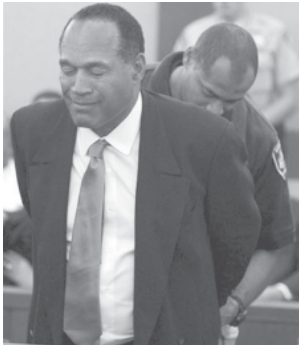
LAS VEGAS, 4 Oct — OJ Simpson, who went from American sports idol to celebrity-in-exile after he was acquitted of murder in 1995, was found guilty Friday of robbing two sports-memorabilia dealers at gunpoint in a Las Vegas hotel room.

The 61-year-old former football star could spend the rest of his life in prison. Sentencing was set for 5 Dec.

A weary and somber Simpson released a heavy sigh as the charges were read by the clerk in Clark County District Court. He was

immediately taken into custody.

Internet



OJ Simpson is taken into custody after being found guilty on all 12 charges, including felony kidnapping, armed robbery and conspiracy. INTERNET

South China region aims high in aluminum industry

NANNING, 4 Oct.— South China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region plans to turn its Bose City into an aluminum industrial base in the country or even in Asia by 2010, according to regional government officials.

The region plans to realize an annual output value of 100 billion yuan (about 14.7 billion US dollars) from the aluminum industry in Bose by 2010, local officials said at a recent conference.

By then, Bose city will produce 5 million tons of alumina worth 20 billion yuan a year, and 2 million tons of

electrolytic aluminum and aluminum alloy with an output value of 40 billion yuan.

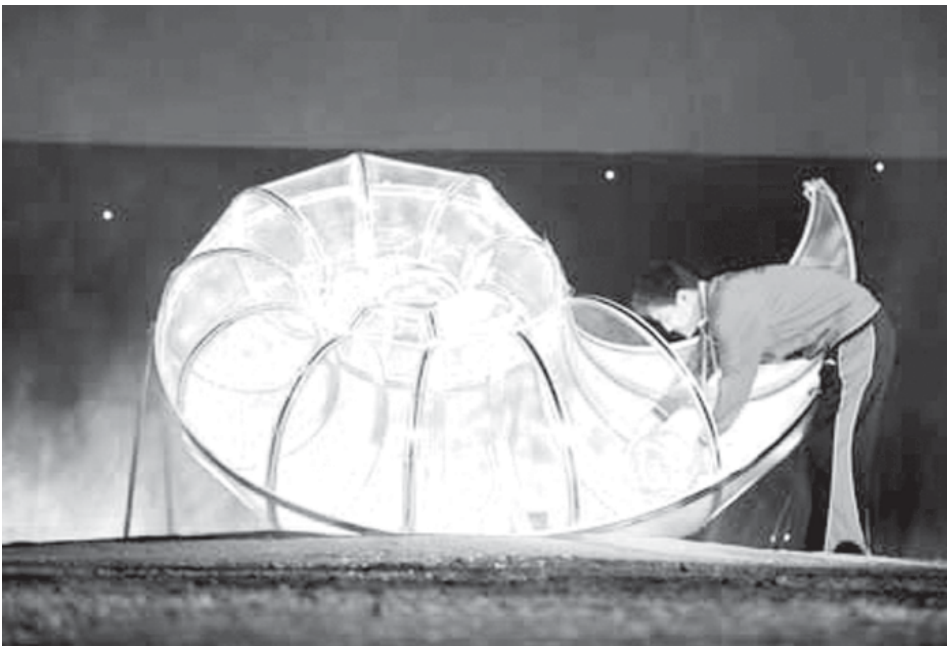
Meanwhile, the city will invest in a series of aluminum processing projects.

China’s proven reserves of bauxite, the raw material to make aluminum, stand at 2.66 billion tons. More than 90 percent of the reserves are located in Shanxi, Guangxi, Henan and Guizhou.

The prospective reserves of bauxite in Guangxi were estimated to be 1 billion tons.—Xinhua



The Mitsubishi i-Miev electric car is displayed on media day at the Paris Mondial de l'Automobile on 3 Oct, 2008. The Paris Auto show opens its doors to the public from 4 Oct to 19 Oct.—XINHUA



An athlete pours water into a conch representing wisdom during the opening ceremony of the 1st World Mind Sports Games in Beijing, capital of China, on 3 Oct, 2008. The games comprise Bridge, Chess, Go and Draughts with more than 3000 competitors competing for 35 gold medals. —XINHUA

Electric cars shine at Paris auto show

PARIS, 4 Oct —As the race to offer the first commercially viable electric car charges up, automakers hoping to cash in on environmental concerns displayed a slew of models at the Paris Motor Show on Friday.

But executives acknowledged that uncertainties linger over the batteries needed to power them technology needs to advance to meet cost and weight

requirements, and infrastructure to recharge them is lacking.

Some of the models on show are still prototypes — such as Renault SA’s Z.E. Concept — while others such as Daimler AG’s all-electric Smart ED, have entered the test phase.

Most of them won’t be commercially available for several years — and even then automakers say they will struggle to meet

demand.

“The investments needed for electric cars are colossal,” Renault CEO Carlos Ghosn said during the auto show, which opens to the public on Saturday and runs for two weeks.

“The question is not whether demand will be sufficient. It is whether supply will be able to follow the demand that is already out there,” he said.—Internet

News Analysis: EU unlikely to model US in financial rescue

BRUSSELS, 4 Oct — As the United States finally adopted the 700-US billion-dollar bailout plan on Friday in efforts to cope with the escalating financial crisis, a divided European Union (EU) is unlikely to follow suit.

The past week has seen several European banks badly hurt by the financial turmoil, prompting EU governments to infuse billions of euros to keep them afloat.

Till now, all those rescue efforts have been on national level or by several EU member states on an ad hoc basis. There was virtually no EU-wide coordination in place.

Internet

Somalia fighting kills at least 80 civilians, says UN

GENEVA, 4 Oct — At least 80 civilians died and more than 100 others were wounded last week after fighting in the Somali capital of Mogadishu, the United Nations said on Friday.

At least 110 wounded people were admitted to two main surgical referral hospitals in Mogadishu in three days, said Elisabeth Byrs, spokeswoman of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

The number of those wounded is suspected to be higher as reports are so far unavailable from other hospitals and clinics in Mogadishu, Byrs told a news briefing in Geneva. —Xinhua

Police seize 8 tons of marijuana in southern Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 4 Oct — Brazilian police seized 8 tons of marijuana on Friday morning in Sao Jose das Palmeiras, in southern Parana state near the Paraguayan border. Acting on an anonymous tip-off, police found the drugs hidden in the back of a truck. It was the largest drug haul in the state this year.

Two persons were arrested and charged with drug trafficking. They face a five to 15-year prison sentence if convicted.

The raid was part of Operation Fronteira (Border), launched by state police to stop drug trafficking and smuggling in the Itaipu Lake area on the Paraguayan border.—Xinhua

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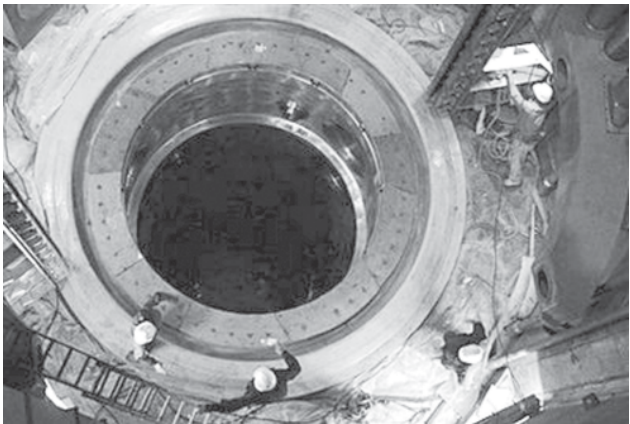
A man chooses stones at the rare stone fair held in Nanjing, capital of east China’s Jiangsu Province, on 3 Oct, 2008. —XINHUA

US scientists find sun not perfect round sphere

WASHINGTON, 4 Oct— Scientists using NASA’s RHESSI spacecraft have measured the roundness of the sun with unprecedented precision, finding that it is not a perfect sphere.

During years of high solar activity the sun develops a thin “cantaloupe skin” that significantly increases its apparent oblateness: the sun’s equatorial radius becomes slightly larger than its polar radius. Their results appear in the Oct. 2 edition of *Science Express*.

“The sun is the biggest and therefore smoothest object in the solar system, perfect at the 0.001 percent level because of its extremely strong gravity,” says study co-author Hugh Hudson. “Measuring its exact shape is no easy task.”—Xinhua



Technicians prepare to wash the reactor of the Bushehr nuclear power plant at the Iranian port town of Bushehr in 2007. Iran's envoy to the UN's nuclear energy watchdog said that his country will continue to enrich uranium while there is no legally-binding international assurance of a nuclear fuel supply.—INTERNET

Kenya anger at West's 'blackmail'

NAIROBI, 4 Oct — Kenya has sent protest notes to the United States and European Union following pressure for Kenya's electoral commissioner to resign.

The foreign minister said Samuel Kivuitu had been threatened with a travel ban, which was "shameless blackmail" and an insult to the public.

However, diplomatic sources say no such travel threat was made. The electoral commission was heavily criticised over last year's polls, which led to deadly political violence.

Last month, a report said there was no evidence that the Electoral Commission of Kenya (ECK) was guilty of rigging the poll results in favour of President Mwai Kibaki or any other candidates.

But it did call for a radical overhaul of the electoral body. —*Internet*

Kidnapped Briton freed in southern Nigeria

PORT HARCOURT (Nigeria), 4 Oct — A British national kidnapped this month in the southern Nigeria's oil hub of Port Harcourt was freed early Saturday, a military spokesman told AFP.

David Melford was released by his captors around 4:00 am (0300 GMT) and no ransom was paid, lieutenant colonel Musa Sagir from the paramilitary Joint Task Force said.

A British Foreign office spokeswoman in London confirmed the release, saying Melford was "safe and well".

Armed militants have carried out a spate of kidnappings in Nigeria's oil-rich south, often targeting expatriate oil workers.

Internet



Residents flee the floodwaters of Minatitlan in Mexico's state of Veracruz on 3 Oct, 2008. More than 7,000 people have been evacuated in Veracruz after heavy rains along Mexico's Gulf coast caused flooding.—INTERNET

Poverty-linked diseases come back in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, 4 Oct — Poverty-related diseases such as Chagas, rabies and yellow fever are making a comeback in Argentina because prevention campaigns cut during a deep economic crisis seven years ago have still not recovered.

Deforestation and higher temperatures attributed to global warming are also contributing to the resurgence or reappearance of some diseases, experts said.

Argentina has sharply reduced poverty since the 2001-2002 crisis, and the economy is in its sixth year of strong growth, but health workers say they do not have the resources for prevention in the poor northern region of the country. —*Internet*

Miner rescued after 11 days from Philippines mine

MANILA, 4 Oct — The last of 16 miners trapped in a flooded gold mine in the northern Philippines was rescued after 11 days, an official said on Saturday.

George Baywong, a Mines and Geosciences Bureau officer who supervised the rescue efforts, said Joseph Anayasan was pulled out of the mine in Itogon township in Benguet province around nightfall on Friday.

"It was miraculous," he said of the miner's survival. He said Anayasan was located by former miners who volunteered to rescue him in a tight spot where navy frogmen who had helped save the other miners could not reach him with their equipment.

Baywong said rescuers helped move Anayasan about 1,500 feet along a horizontal shaft. They then gave him a little food and water so he could regain strength to climb 300 feet on ladders along a vertical shaft and negotiate another 700 feet of a horizontal tunnel to get out on the side of a mountain. —*Internet*

Joint Message on the occasion of World Teachers' Day

5 October 2008

Today is World Teachers' Day, a day when we acknowledge the essential role teachers play in providing children, young people and adults with a relevant and appropriate education.

However, in many countries, there is a severe shortage of teachers, with an estimated 2 million new posts and 18 million additional teachers needed worldwide if universal primary education is to be achieved by 2015. For some countries, this will mean an increase in their teaching force of up to 280 percent. An even greater number of teachers will be required if adequate provision of secondary, higher, technical and vocational, or non-formal education is to be assured. These numbers will be higher still if all teachers are to be fully and appropriately qualified for the levels and subjects they teach. Even when the overall supply of teachers is sufficient, remote and disadvantaged areas across the globe may suffer persistent problems in recruitment and retention. This shortage of qualified teachers is one of the biggest challenges to achieving the Education for All (EFA) goals.

The teaching profession also faces the challenge of providing a quality education to meet the new demands of the 21st century. Economic, social, scientific and technological needs, the issues of sustainable development, poverty reduction and related questions of decent work for all, the AIDS epidemic and school violence are increasingly impacting on the profession. Since women constitute the majority of the primary teaching workforce, and are often disproportionately affected by these issues, the potential impact is compounded. Gender must therefore be central to the solutions. Furthermore, progress towards EFA, and in particular universal primary education, is leading to an increasingly diverse population of learners, with implications for schooling and teachers.

Faced with such high expectations, teachers often feel undervalued, insufficiently supported and ill equipped professionally to cope with the realities of the environments in which they work.

More recruitment, full and appropriate teacher training, better targeted deployment and

management, salary and incentives which compare favourably with those in other occupations requiring similar qualifications, better working and living conditions, ongoing professional support and opportunities for career development are all crucial to meet the new challenges.

The 1966 ILO/UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers and the 1997 UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Higher Education Teaching Personnel provide comprehensive guidance on a range of teacher policies, rights and responsibilities. As such they are a foundation for forward-looking national policies and practices to create a 21st century, professional teaching force.

National level teacher policies need to be coherent with existing global and regional frameworks, to help assure quality, identify benchmarks in the interest of greater harmonization as international teacher migration and mobility increases, and contribute to improved status and working conditions for teachers. They must also be aligned with broader Poverty Reduction Plans and education policies. It is important that teacher policies be set firmly within local and national contexts, evidence-based and realistic in order to facilitate the recruitment and retention of a sufficient and effective teaching force. They must take into account the findings and implications of research at all levels and national, financial and managerial capability and economic prospects. Meeting the 1990s benchmark of 6% GDP invested in education would help in many under funded national systems. Plans and policies also need to be prioritized, sufficiently financed and flexible in order to respond to evolving demands. For example, if the traditional higher education based model is not able to supply timely and sufficient numbers of teachers, innovative approaches to teacher training could be deployed, without undermining quality.

Throughout the process of policy development, it is crucial to ensure that social dialogue takes place between stakeholders, including policy makers, teachers, and their organizations. Social dialogue will help build national consensus and ownership towards a more efficient implementation of teacher policies. It is addressed in the ILO/UNESCO and UNESCO Recommendations. Much work is being undertaken to build the capacity of key stakeholders to participate in educational policy development, but more capacity building is needed.

On World Teachers' Day we celebrate teachers across the world, in all countries, towns and villages. We assert the need to ensure that the role of teachers in achieving quality Education for All is clearly articulated and reflected in policies which will foster a motivated, valued and effective teaching force. On this World Teachers' Day we thank the teachers and affirm that yes, TEACHERS MATTER. — *MNA*

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Ann M. Veneman Executive Director, UNICEF	Thulas Nxesi President, Education International	

Foreign Affairs Minister at UNGA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Oct—Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win arrived back here by air after attending the 63rd Session of United Nations General Assembly in New York the United States of America as the head of Myanmar delegation from 19 to 30 September.

During his stay in New York, Minister U Nyan Win attended the high level plenary meeting on the theme “Africa’s development needs: state of implementation of various commitments, challenges and the way forward” held on 22 September and made a statement at a roundtable discussion.

Minister U Nyan Win also attended the general debate at the 63rd Session of UNGA held from 23 to 29 September and delivered a statement at the plenary session of the UNGA held on 29 September.

In his address to the Assembly, Minister U Nyan Win explained Myanmar’s stand on overriding international issues facing the world today such as food crisis, energy security, and instability of financial markets, climate change and reform of the UN. The minister apprised the Assembly of Myanmar’s efforts to achieve the Millennium Development



Minister U Nyan Win shakes hands with UN Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon.— MOFA

Goals, particularly the progress made in the health and education sectors, relief and rehabilitation measures taken by the Government for the people affected by the Cyclone Nargis with the assistance of ASEAN, UN, local and international donor community. He also informed the Assembly of the recent development in implementation of Myanmar’s seven-step Road Map to democracy. The minister also stressed that political and social progress could be achieved through development, never through economic coercive measures which only served to worsen the plight of the people, particularly the most vulnerable among them,

women and children and that the sooner the unjust unilateral sanctions were revoked, the sooner would the country be in a position to become a reliable resource of energy and rice bowl for the region.

As Minister U Nyan Win, head of Myanmar delegation, has been elected as one of the vice-chairmen of the 63rd session of the UNGA, he presided over the general debate of the plenary session of the Assembly held on 25 September.

Minister U Nyan Win attended the state dinner hosted by the UN Secretary General at UN Headquarters on 23 September and the reception commemorating the 63rd anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of Indonesia held on 24 September.

Minister U Nyan Win also attended the opening of high-level session on Millennium Development Goals held on 25 September and the 32nd annual meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Group of 77 held on 26 September.

During his stay for the General Assembly, Minister U Nyan Win called on UN Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon at the latter’s office on 27 September and also received Ms Radhika Coomaraswamy, Under Secretary-General and Special Representatives of

Ibrahim Gambari separately at the UN Headquarters on 26 September. The minister held discussions with Minister of Foreign Affairs of Morocco Mr Taib Fassi Fihri, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka Mr Rohitha Bogollagama, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran Mr Manouchehr Mottaki and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia Dr Hassan Wirajuda during his stay for the General Assembly.

Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win attended dinner hosted by Permanent representative of Myanmar to the UN U Kyaw Tint Swe at his residence in New York where he met with staff and family members

of the Permanent Mission of Myanmar.

On 29 September, the minister attended the Informal ASEAN Foreign Ministers’ Meeting and ASEAN-UN Working Lunch where the ASEAN Foreign Ministers jointly met with the UN Secretary-General and President of the General Assembly. At the working lunch, the minister explained on Myanmar’s experience in disaster management in the case of Cyclone Nargis.

On 30 September, the minister received the delegation led by Chairman of US-ASEAN Business Council Mr Matthew P Daley at the latter’s request at the hotel and discussed matters on economic cooperation between the US and ASEAN.

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Safety checks on imported milk ...

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Melamine is extracted through urea obtained from coal and it contains 66 percent of nitrogen. It is used in making plastics, fertilizer and sanitary goods. When it gets into the human body, the stomach absorbs it quickly and discharges melamine through kidneys. However, melamine is a kind of plastic material and it blocks filters that treat the deposit of urine in the kidney as it is difficult to dissolve in liquid. And it can destroy kidney or kidney stones after reacting with uric acid in the body.

According to the reports, China’s General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine tested 494 samples of milk powder produced by 109 milk powder companies in China. Melamine content was found then in 69 kinds of milk powder produced by 22 companies. Moreover, yoghurt, ice-lolly and ice-cream also contain melamine.

Acting on information thus received, the Ministry of Commerce took prompt action and set limits on import of milk powder through shipping and border trade. Investigations were made on whether the milk powder manufactured by 22 companies in question were imported illegally or not. It is found that 1,500.851 tons of milk powder imported by 17 companies in Myanmar are not the products of those companies. Meanwhile, the imported milk powder is being tested whether it contains melamine or not.

However, a company from Myanmar imported 460 25-kilo bags of milk powder weighing 16 metric tons. It is found that they are from Inner Mongolia Yili Industrial Group, one of the 22 companies that used milk contaminated with melamine. Food and Drug Administration of the Ministry of Health destroyed the milk powder and is confiscating the rest of the milk powder in the markets. Other eight kinds of milk powder in Yangon and Mandalay markets manufactured by eight Chinese companies are being tested. Import of other milk powder is temporarily suspended while safety checks are being carried out.

Food and Drug Administration met personnel from milk importing companies, packing companies and milk powder manufacturing companies in the country beginning 22 and 23 September. The FDA issued directives on submission of imported milk powder and balance sheet on distribution and submission of melamine-free certificates and sale of milk powder only after it is melamine-free.

Myanmar Foodstuff Industries and Myanma Pharmaceutical Industries are testing milk wafer, milk chocolate, biscuit, milk bar and other foodstuff in which much milk is used. Milk powder produced and distributed by private industries registered in Myanmar is being tested.

Safety checks on imported milk powder are being carried out in the interest of the people in Myanmar. Authorities concerned have urged the people not to consume milk and dairy products during inspection period. They also urged those concerned not to sell milk powder contaminated with melamine and to take off the market milk powder under testing.—MNA



Minister U Nyan Win speaks at 63rd Session of United Nations General Assembly.—MOFA

Final of Yangon Command Commander's Shield Boxing Competition held

YANGON, 4 Oct—The final match of Yangon Command Commander's Shield Boxing Competition for 2008 was held in conjunction with the prize-distribution ceremony at the Gymnasium of Yangon Command in Hlaing Township here this afternoon, attended by

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint and wife Daw Kyin Myaing.

After the final match, the prize-presentation ceremony followed.

Officials pre-

sented prizes to prize winners, the best players and prize-winning teams while Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint presented the championship shield to the Defence Services Self-defence and Sports Institute that emerged champion.

MNA



Minister U Aung Thaung visits Paper Mill in Thabaung Township.
INDUSTRY-1

Thabaung paper mill to go into commercial operation soon

YANGON, 4 Oct—Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung yesterday inspected the 50-ton paper mill project of Myanma Paper and Chemicals Industries under the Ministry of Industry-1

near Hlaygyitet Village, Thabaung Township, Ayeyawady Division and gave necessary instructions.

The paper mill will be opened in the very near future and produce laser

typing paper, off-set printing paper, copier paper, packing paper, coated paper (art card) as import-substitute items for office use and printing in order to meet local demand.—MNA



Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister U Kyaw Thu and wife being welcomed by Saudi Ambassador Mr Turki Bin Naji Abdul Kadir Al Ali and wife at the reception to mark 78th National Day of Saudi Arabia on 4 October.—MNA

Objectives of the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

1. Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
2. Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
3. Keeping genuine patriotism based on national solidarity alive and dynamic
4. Turning out younger generation who will continue to safeguard the national culture and character

EP No. 2 Minister inspects in Intakaw Industrial Region

YANGON, 4 Oct—Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspected the production

process of 120/20 mm² and 95/15 mm² ACSR string of Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Limited in

Intakaw Industrial in Bago and instructed the requirements, yesterday afternoon.

MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe accepts cash donation from a wellwisher at 15th cash donation ceremony for supplying drinking water to rural areas on 4 October. (News reported)—MNA

Correct statistics of agricultural sector emphasized

YANGON, 4 Oct—Director-General of Settlement and Land Record Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation U Win Kyi met with heads of division/district/township SLRDs and deputy heads at Yangon Division Land Record Department on Bo Aung Kyaw Road here on 28 September.

During his meeting, the Director-General stressed the need for service personnel of SLRD at different levels to ensure correct statistics of

agricultural sector, calculate the per acre yield of monsoon paddy after harvesting in accord with the instructions over the methods of calculating the

per acre yield of crops of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation for boosting the per acre yield.

MNA

MMA to hold Post Nargis Seminar

YANGON, 4 Oct—The Post Nargis Seminar to discuss relief measures taken for storm victims by Myanmar Medical Association (Central) will be held at the Auditorium (A) of MMA on Theinbyu Road in Mingala Taungnyunt Township here on 12 October (Sunday).

Doctors who participated in the drive and well-wishers are requested to attend the seminar without fail.—MNA

Prime Minister
inspects trans-
port, beans...

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In response to the reports, the Prime Minister stressed the need for timely cultivation of beans and pulses, rendering assistance of agricultural service personnel to the growers, cooperation with social organizations in renovating dams and lakes to be used not only for irrigation but also for supplying drinking water.

At Chaungmagyi Educative Camp, the Prime Minister met local farmers and queried the climate condition, cultivation of crops and, social and economic status.

The Prime Minister told the farmers that the nation is rich in natural resources. So, they are



Prime Minister General Thein Sein views long staple cotton plantation in Tawma village in Meiktila Township.—MNA

and officials of Myanma Cotton and Sericulture Enterprise.

The Prime Minister also inspected Ngwechi-6 long staple with the use of Gasifier, provided by the Union Solidarity and Development Association.

The Prime Minister called for participation of USDA members in agricultural work.

At the monsoon paddy plantation of a local farmer of Kontoung village in Thazi Township,



Only when the rural people are better off through agriculture will the nation be wealthy. Therefore, the State is providing necessary assistance to the farmers.

the Prime Minister and party met local farmers. The Prime Minister said 70 per cent of the nation's population is rural people whose livelihood is agriculture. Only when the rural people are better off through agriculture will

the nation be wealthy. Therefore, the State is providing necessary assistance to the farmers. They are to work hard for earning more income and make efforts for transforming conventional methods to mechanized farming methods by saving their incomes.

Next, the Prime Minister observed tapping of underground water for irrigation in the field of a local farmer.

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Thriving monsoon paddy plantation seen in Watlat village in Pyawbwe Township.
MNA

to grow the crops systematically and to utilise quality paddy strains and mixed-organic and inorganic fertilisers.

Next, the Prime Minister observed monsoon paddy cultivation of local farmers in Watlat village-tract.

At the late monsoon long staple cotton plantation in Tawma village in Meiktila Township, the Prime Minister met with local cotton growers and queried the growing of cotton. He observed the samples of late monsoon long staple cotton and heard reports by District Manager U Aung Thubala

cotton cultivation of a local grower in Field No. 853 Holding-88 in Tawma village.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party inspected 2.50 acre-monsoon paddy plantation of a local farmer in Nyaunggaing village. The Prime Minister met local farmers and fulfilled their needs. And he observed tapping of underground water in the paddy field

Tapping of underground water with the use of Gasifier in Nyaunggaing village in Meiktila Township.—MNA



Prime Minister inspects transport, beans...

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In Meiktila-Thazi region, the Water Resources Utilization Department has had a target for sinking a total of 424 tube wells as a first phase for irrigation. And so far, 77 tube wells have been sunk and 44 still sinking.

Later, the Prime Minister and party arrived at 100 acre-monsoon paddy plantation in Legwingyi village in Mahlaing Township. The Prime Minister met local farmers, queried agriculture work and fulfilled re-

cal farmer in Field No. 280-2067 and called upon the officials to make arrangements for utilising mechanized farming methods and supplying electricity with the use of gas-fired turbine.

Mahlaing Township is situated in an arid zone and so, there was not enough irrigation water to be supplied into farmlands. Now, monsoon and summer paddy can be grown through water being supplied from Kyintha dam.

On arrival at 200-acre quality paddy planta-

met local farmers, made queries about economic, education and health sectors and attended to the needs.

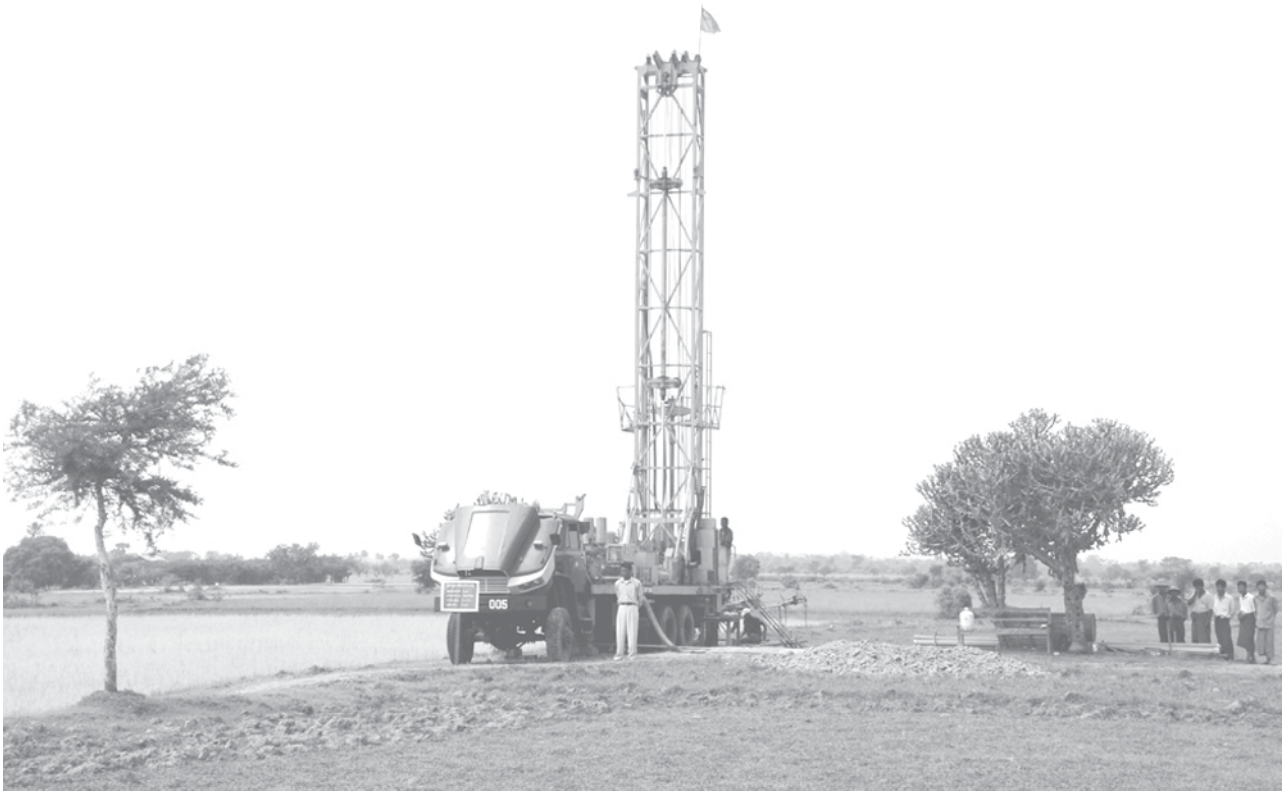
The Prime Minister presented bags of fertiliser to be used in agricultural work to the local farmers. Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, Commander Brig-Gen Tin Ngwe and Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo also handed the bags of fertiliser to farmers.

The Prime Minister later inspected Hsinthweyin monsoon paddy plantations of local farmers of the township.

In Makhaya village of Sein Pankan village-



Thriving cotton plants seen in 100-acre long staple cotton plantation in Hpakhu village of Natogyi Township.—MNA



Sinking of tube wells for irrigation in Kontoung village of Thazi Township.—MNA

quirements. He also inspected thriving monsoon paddy plantation of a lo-

tion in Kura village in Myingyan Township, the Prime Minister and party

tract in Natogyi Township, the Prime Minister and party viewed ploughing of 10-acre farmlands. And they met with local farmers and attended to the needs.

The Prime Minister and party also met with local farmers of Hpakhu village and fulfilled their requirements.

At thriving 100-acre long staple cotton plantation, the Prime Minister heard reports on cotton growing by an official

and farmers.

The Prime Minister told the farmers that prizes are awarded to the cotton growers who can produce up to 1600 viss

per acre and so, the farmers are to work in earnest for meeting the target.

Thereafter, the Prime Minister and party arrived at the briefing hall in Pyinsi village and heard reports on building of No.1 district-to-district road.

The Prime Minister called for maintenance of the district-to-district road that contributes to the development of the villages along the road. And then, they inspected No. 1

district-to-district road in a motorcade and arrived back in Mandalay.

During his tour, the Prime Minister inspected Nay Pyi Taw-Tatkon-Yamethin-Pyawbwe-Meiktila road section, Meiktila-Myingyan road section, Myingyan-Myitha-TadaU-Mandalay road section and, monsoon paddy and beans and pulses plantation along the roads.

MNA

Talks on Information and Network Security on Oct 11

YANGON, 4 Oct—With the sponsorship of Myanmar Computer Professionals Association and the support of Myanma Computer Co Ltd, Secretary of MCPA U Nyein Oo (COO-MCC) and Executive U Aung Zaw Myint (MSC Computer Centre) will give talks titled “Information & Network Security” at Room No. 205 at Main Building of Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline Township on 11 October for development of information and communication technology.

Talks on the importance of IT, danger to IT security and preventative measures will also be given.

Members of MCPA, leaders of business organizations, IT managers, Network Professionals and those interested may attend the talks free of charge. Contact the office of MCPA, Room-4, and Building-4 (Tel: 652276) for further information.—MNA

A 100-acre monsoon paddy plantation in Legyingyi village of Mahlaing Township.

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Road safety measures discussed

YANGON, 4 Oct—Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Secure and Smooth Transport held a meeting at the All Bus Lines Control Committee (Head Office) on Laydauntkan Street in Tamway Township, yesterday afternoon.

Chairman of the committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint delivered a speech.

Attendees reported on ongoing road safety measures.

The commander dealt with the reports and gave concluding remarks.—MNA

The wise one dispels intoxication through non-intoxication

When the wise one dispels intoxication through non-intoxication, he having ascended the tower of wisdom —being himself free from sorrow and being himself wise—looks at the sorrowing people and the unwise as one, standing on a mountain, views those on the plains.

Dhammapada-28

Kanyin dam in Ayeyawady Div to benefit 25,000 acres



Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo views progress in Kanyin Dam Project. — A&I

YANGON, 4 Oct—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo on 28 September inspected progress of Embankments Nos 1, 2 3 and 4, construction of spillway and tasks being undertaken by heavy machinery at Kanyin Dan Project near Tatkon Village, Ingapu Township, Ayeyawady Division.

The dam, 3,750 feet long and 194 feet high, covers embankments each of which is 2,850 feet in

length. The spillway is 2,000 feet long and 250 feet wide. On completion, it will be able to store 148,800 acre feet and benefit 25,000 acres of farmland.

Next, they looked into harvesting of Shwemyanmar paddy strain, land preparation with the use of power-tillers, cultivation of second paddy and harvesting of paddy at U Hla Thein's paddy fields. The per acre yield of his paddy field is 97.24 baskets.—MNA

Myanmar Gold Entrepreneurs Association meets

YANGON, 4 Oct—The Myanmar Gold Entrepreneurs Association held its sixth annual meeting at Panda Hotel on Wadan Street in Lanmadaw Township this afternoon.

Chairman of the association U Thu Daw (Academy Gold Purifying Industry) extended greetings. Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and President of the Union of Myanmar Federation and Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint delivered speeches.

Secretary U Kyaw

Win (U Hton Jewellery Shop) of the association presented the annual report and financial statement, and sought the approval of the meeting.

The executive committee for 2009-2010 was formed with U Thu Daw as chairman and U Kyaw Win as secretary. Vice-Chairman of the

association U Kyaw Myint (Golden Flying Horse Gold Purifying Industry) gave concluding remarks.

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Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint addresses paper reading session on Myanmar Social History.

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Paper reading session on Myanmar Social History held

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Oct

—A paper reading session on Myanmar Social History organized by the Ministry of Culture was held at the hall of the ministry here this morning, attended by Chairman of Myanmar Historical Commission Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, Secretary of the commission Dr Kyaw Win, members Dr Khin Maung Nyunt, U Kyaw, Daw Ohn Kyi, Dr Daw Myint Kyi, Director-General Dr Myo Myint of the Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana, Director-General Dr Aung Myo of Project Appraisal and Progress Reporting Department, Scholar Dr Myo Thant Tin, the directors-general of the departments under the ministry, Professor and Head of History Department of Yangon University Dr Margaret Wong, Professor and Head of History Department of Mandalay University Dr Sai Naw Khay, the professors of Toungoo University and Meiktila Uni-

versity, resource persons, officials and enthusiasts.

First, Commission Chairman Minister Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint delivered an address and opened the session.

Commission Secretary Dr Kyaw Win extended greetings and Director-General Dr Ba Maung of Historical Research Department explained the purpose of holding the session.

In the morning session, Director-General Dr Myo Myint read out the paper on "History and Anthropology, two interrelated disciplines" and Director-General Dr Aung Myo, on tasks of Myanmar Police Force and Social Society in Feudalism.

In the afternoon session, Dr Daw Myint Kyi, Director-General Dr Ba Maung, Dr Myo Thant Tin and U Kyaw presented their papers.

The resource persons answered the questions raised by the secretary of the commission and members and those present. Next, the minister held discussions on the papers and gave necessary instructions.

Afterwards, Director-General Dr Ba Maung presented gifts to the resource persons and the session came to an end.

MNA

Iran denies nuclear-bomb ambitions

TEHERAN, 3 Oct—Iran has accused the US of perpetuating a “huge lie” about its nuclear ambitions.

The International Atomic Energy Agency reported last month that Iran was not co-operating, and could be hiding some nuclear activity.

But speaking at a symposium sponsored by the Asia Society in New York on Thursday, Manouchehr Mottaki, the Iranian foreign minister, said Iran has no intention of building an atomic bomb and intends to press ahead with its civilian nuclear programme.

He restated Tehran’s view that the Iranian nuclear programme is peaceful and not geared towards the production of nuclear weapons, pointing out that possession of weapons of mass destruction violates Islamic teachings.—*Internet*

US employers slash 159,000 jobs in September

WASHINGTON, 3 Oct — Employers in the United States cut their payrolls by 159,000 in September, the most since March 2003, the Labor Department reported Friday.

The nation’s unemployment rate held steady at 6.1 percent last month as hundreds of thousand of people streamed out of the work

force for any number of reasons.

Analysts had been expecting the unemployment rate to be unchanged. But the reduction in payrolls was much larger than their expectations of 100,000 cuts.

It was the ninth consecutive month that the US economy has lost jobs, reflecting a severe housing

slump and a persistent credit crisis.

Job loss in August has been revised to 73,000, slightly less than the 84,000 initially estimated. However, the cuts in July turned out to be 67,000, more than the 60,000 previously reported.

In September, job losses were widespread.—*Internet*



Turbines from China’s largest wind farm dot a windswept plain in the remote northwest Xinjiang region.—INTERNET

Report: Parents in EU face inadequate child care services

BRUSSELS, 3 Oct — Child care services in most European Union (EU) countries are failing to respond to the needs of parents, according to a report released by the European Commission on Friday.

The report finds that most EU countries have missed the targets for child care provision that EU leaders set in 2002 as part of their ambitious Barcelona strategy of

growth and jobs.

The Barcelona strategy wanted child care for 90 percent of children between three years and school age and a third of children under three so that young parents, especially mothers, can go to work.

“We are far from reaching our targets on child care facilities and need to step up our efforts. Adequate and accessible child care is crucial to allow parents to work, to

strengthen gender equality and to reinforce social inclusion,” said Vladimir Spidla, EU commissioner for employment, social affairs and equal opportunities.

He stressed that child care is also a vital ingredient in facing up to the aging of the population. Without proper support services, parents are less likely to have children, he said.

—*Internet*



The Opel Insignia car is displayed on media day at the Paris Mondial de l’Automobile on 3 Oct, 2008. The Paris Auto show opens its doors to the public from 4 Oct to 19 Oct.

INTERNET

Sri Lanka troops kill 42 in offensive against rebels

COLOMBO, 3 Oct — Sri Lankan troops have killed 42 Tamil Tigers and injured 53 in a ground and sea offensive aimed at dismantling the rebels’ mini-state in the north of the island, the defence ministry said Friday.

Two soldiers were killed in Thursday’s clashes, and another 20 injured, said military spokesman Brigadier Udaya Nanayakkara.

The military says the rebels have lost 7,158 fighters since January, when Colombo pulled out of a Norwegian-brokered ceasefire. The defence ministry has acknowledged the loss of 697 soldiers over the same period.

—*Internet*



Six years old hippopotamus Kavango opens his mouth to catch a pumpkin fed to him by his keeper, in Cologne Zoo, western Germany, on 2 Oct, 2008.—INTERNET

Tropical storm Higos lands in S China

HAIKOU, 3 Oct— Higos, the 17th tropical storm of the year, landed in China’s southernmost Hainan Province Friday evening, local observatory said.

Higos landed at 10:15 p.m. in Longlou Town, Wenchang City, 19.6 degrees north latitude and 111.0 degrees east longitude. The wind speed at the eye of the storm was 18 meters per second, according to the Hainan Provincial Meteorological Observatory.

It was forecast to weaken and move northwest towards the coastal areas of western Guangdong Province.

In total, 24,115 fishing boats in the province had returned to port and coastal fisheries staff had gone home. All recreational sporting activities on the air or sea were also suspended on Friday, said Lin Mingzhong, Hainan Provincial Office for Flood, Wind and Drought Control deputy director. —*Internet*

Pakistanis bury ‘US strike’ dead

ISLAMABAD, 4 Oct— Pakistani villagers have collected the corpses and body parts of at least 20 people killed by a reported US strike. Intelligence officials

and villagers said a pilotless drone fired a missile at a house in Mohammad Khel, North Waziristan, near the Afghan border. A number of cross-border operations have been

undertaken by US-led forces in Afghanistan since late August. Pakistan says the attacks violate its sovereignty, kill civilians and anger the local population, making it harder to tackle the militants. “We found body parts scattered all over the place in the ruins, someone’s hand, someone’s leg,” Bakht Ali, a villager, told Reuters news agency. An intelligence official based in the region said a woman and three children were among those killed.



Casualty of US air strike.—INTERNET

Internet

Company charged with fraud in Afghan war contracts

WASHINGTON, 4 Oct — A Houston security company has been indicted on charges of defrauding the US government for work done during the Afghanistan war and rebuilding efforts.

The company accused is United States Protection and Investigations. The indictment released on Friday names the company and four employees: CEO Dwayne Spier; President Barbara Spier;

USPI’s Afghanistan operations manager, William Felix Dupre; and executive assistant Behzad Mehr. The government says the Texas company was supposed to provide security for contractors working in Afghanistan. But the indictment accuses USPI and its employees of inflating expenses for rental vehicles, fuel and security personnel.

Internet

Six killed in road accident in East Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 4 Oct — A mini-bus collided head on with a four-wheel drive vehicle in East Malaysia’s Sabah State on Wednesday, leaving six people dead, according to reports reaching here on Thursday. The tragedy occurred on the first day of Hari Raya celebration when the two vehicles met on the road in the east coast Kunak District there. Four people in the mini-bus including the driver were killed on the spot, while two passengers in the four-wheel drive lost their lives. Ten of the other passengers in the mini-bus and the vehicle driver were injured seriously. They were sent to hospital for treatment. Sabah police said that the mini-bus driver was attempting to overtake several cars along a bend before colliding head-on with the four-wheel drive vehicle, which was travelling in the opposite direction.

MNA/Xinhua

Malaysia eyes exports to ASEAN countries, Japan

KUALA LUMPUR, 4 Oct — Malaysia has expanded its exports to other members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and Japan due to the financial crisis in the United States, a senior official said on Thursday. Malaysia did not regard



An Algerian man carries his child as he walks by a destroyed vehicle in Ghardaia, some 600 kms south of Algiers. Around 5,000 people demonstrated in the flood-riven southern Algerian town of Ghardaia on Friday to demand urgent aid after flash floods killed 31 residents, witnesses said.—INTERNET

Psychotherapy ‘better than medication’

WASHINGTON, 4 Oct — Long-term psychodynamic psychotherapy seems more effective in treating complex psychiatric problems than short-term treatments focused more on medications, a meta-analysis has found. Long-term psychodynamic psychotherapy (LTPP) stresses psychological support and intervention for the patient based on his specific

needs. “In this meta-analysis, LTPP was significantly superior to shorter-term methods of psychotherapy with regard to overall outcome, target problems, and personality functioning,” said Falk Leichsenring of the University of Giessen, Germany, a lead researcher. The meta-analysis published in the October

1 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association included 11 randomized controlled trials and 12 observational studies, involving a total of 1,053 patients receiving LTPP. “Long-term psychodynamic psychotherapy yielded large and stable effect sizes in the treatment of patients with personality disorders, multiple mental disorders, and chronic mental disorders. The effect sizes for overall outcome increased significantly between end of therapy and follow-up,” Leichsenring stressed. Patients undergoing LTPP on average saw better results 96 percent of the time than patients who received short-term intensive medication therapies.

Internet



Filipinos watch a Bengal tiger as they observe World Animal Day at the Malabon Zoo, north of Manila on 4 Oct, 2008.

INTERNET

Women say NY’s dollar-dance clubs have darker side

NEW YORK, 4 Oct — As neon lights bathe the dance floor of the darkened nightclub, a group of young women from Latin America sit at tables, sipping water or soda and waiting for men to approach and hand them cash. For \$2, the women will dance one song. For \$10, they will dance a set. Forty dollars buys an hour of their time.

The scene plays out in immigrant neighbourhoods across New York City, providing a key source of employment for immigrant women and a haven for men seeking to stave off the loneliness of being far from home. It is a perfectly legal form of entertainment — there is no stripping but plenty of hand-holding. But some of the women say the clubs have a

darker side. They complain about exploitative management, sexual advances from clients and even violence. A 24-year-old dancer was recently shot and killed in Queens, and one of the city’s largest dollar-dance venues is now the target of a federal lawsuit. For many dancers, the stigma of working at the clubs is the most trying problem.—Internet



A woman cuts a bunch of grapes during a harvest near the Georgian town of Sagarejo some 50 km (31 miles) east of Tbilisi on 3 Oct, 2008.—INTERNET

Chinese pandas fed chicken soup for health

BEIJING, 4 Oct — Everyone needs some chicken soup for the soul — even pandas.

The Wuhan Zoo in central China has been feeding its two pandas home-cooked chicken soup twice in a month to reduce stress and give them a nutritional boost, a zoo official said on Friday. He Zhihua said 3-year-old Xiwang and Weiwei — literally meaning “Hope” and “Greatness” — were tired and suffering from a little shock since the start on Monday of the weeklong National Day holiday, one of the biggest travel seasons of the year.

On Wednesday, up to 30,000 people swarmed the zoo and about 1,000 tourists packed the panda enclosure, shouting to get the animals’ attention, he said. The pandas paced restlessly.

“They had been getting less sleep, and they had to run around more,” he



In this June 5, 2008 file photo, visitors look at a giant panda through the protective glass of a renovated panda hall inside a zoo in Beijing, China.—INTERNET

said. “We felt it would be good to give them the soup because they were fatigued and had a bit of a shock.”

Reflecting the Chinese tradition of drinking slow-cooked chicken soup for health, the zookeepers boiled roosters in water overnight and added a pinch of salt to the concentrated stock.—Internet

China to start nationwide checks of mining

BEIJING, 3 Oct — China will start a three-month safety checks of the country’s mining dumps from this month, the country’s work safety watchdog said on Thursday.

The move came after the September 8 accident in which at least 267 people were killed in a landslide due to the burst of an unlicensed iron ore tailings in Xiangfen County.

An initial investigation found the iron ore dregs pond collapse was due to negligence. The dumping pond was built in violation of regulations and had few safety inspections.

The State Administration of Work Safety (SAWS) said they would identify the number of mining dumps across the country as well as the state of such dumps during the inspection.

Illegal facilities and those with insufficient safety measures would be closed, the administration said. It also vowed to improve safety supervision over mining dumps.—MNA/Xinhua

Hurricane Marie drifts far off Mexico’s coast

MEXICO CITY, 4 Oct—Hurricane Marie formed off western Mexico and drifted through the Pacific Ocean on a path that forecasters said would keep it well away from land.

Marie was centered 860 miles west-southwest of the southern tip of Baja California on Friday night, the US National Hurricane Center reported. It had winds clocked at 75 mph and was heading slowly westward. Marie is the sixth hurricane of the eastern Pacific season.

Also on Friday, a new tropical depression formed 230 miles south of the Mexican resort city of

More US than European kids take mental health meds

NEW YORK 4 Oct— US children are substantially more likely to be prescribed drugs for mental conditions than their peers in the Netherlands and Germany, new research shows. The findings raise questions about treatment of mental health issues among US children that should be answered, Dr Julie M Zito of the University of Maryland in Baltimore, the study’s lead author, told Reuters Health.

“We don’t know if the big numbers are good and the small numbers are bad or the reverse,” she said in an interview.

What’s more, Zito added, data on the safety and effectiveness of these drugs in kids remains sparse. “We have almost no information on outcomes in children in the community.”

More and more children are taking these so-called psychotropic medications, with the most common being stimulants, antidepressants, and antipsychotics, Zito and her team write in the online journal Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Mental Health. They looked at the rates of use of these medications in

children in the three countries to better understand the influence of regulations, clinical practices and social factors.

The researchers reviewed 2000 data on 110,944 people aged 0 to 19 in the Netherlands, 356,520 young people in Germany, and 127,157 in the US. All had health insurance.

US children were the most likely to be medicated, with 6.7% taking a prescription psychotropic, compared to 2.9% of Dutch youngsters and 2% of Germans.

Internet

Millions to die in China from lung disease: report

HONG KONG, 4 Oct — Tens of millions of people will die from respiratory illness and lung cancer over the next 25 years in China if nothing is done to reduce smoking and fuel burning indoors, scientists warned.

In an article published in The Lancet, they predicted 65 million deaths from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and 18 million deaths from lung cancer between 2003 and 2033 from smoking and

biomass burning at home.

Those figures would account for 19 and 5 percent respectively of all deaths in China during that period, said the researchers at the Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH).

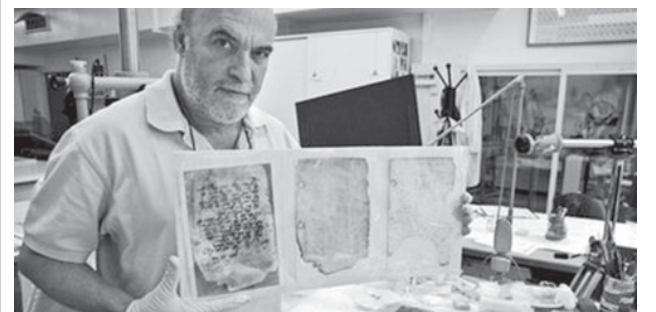
However, interventions to reduce smoking and household use of biomass — like wood, charcoal, crop residues and dung — for cooking and heating could reduce the number of deaths.

Using mathematical

models, they said gradual elimination of smoking and biomass burning would avoid 26 million deaths from COPD and 6.3 million deaths from lung cancer by 2033.

Interventions include building proper chimneys, air circular stoves with chimneys ending outside the house and ventilated ground stoves to cut respirable particulates, carbon dioxide and sulphur dioxide circulating indoors.

Internet



Yigal Zalmona, a curator at the Israel Museum, displays pages from the diary of Ilan Ramon, an Israeli astronaut who died in the fatal mission of space shuttle Columbia.—INTERNET

Astronaut’s diary goes on display in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, 4 Oct — Pages from an Israeli astronaut’s diary that survived the explosion of the space shuttle Columbia and a 37-mile fall to earth are going on display this weekend for the first time in Jerusalem.

The diary belonged to Ilan Ramon, Israel’s first astronaut and one of seven crew members killed when Columbia disintegrated upon re-entering the atmosphere on 1 Feb, 2003. Part of the restored diary will be displayed at the

Israel Museum beginning on Sunday.

A little over two months after the shuttle explosion, NASA searchers found 37 pages from Ramon’s diary, wet and crumpled, in a field just outside the US town of Palestine, Texas. The diary survived extreme heat in the explosion, extreme atmospheric cold, and then “was attacked by microorganisms and insects” in the field where it fell, said museum curator Yigal Zalmona.

Internet

SPORTS



Ukraine’s Dmytro Ivanov, front, controls the ball as Guatemala’s Carlos Estrad watches from behind during a FIFA Futsal World Cup 2008 match in Brasilia, on 3 Oct, 2008. Ukraine defeated Guatemala 6-2.—INTERNET

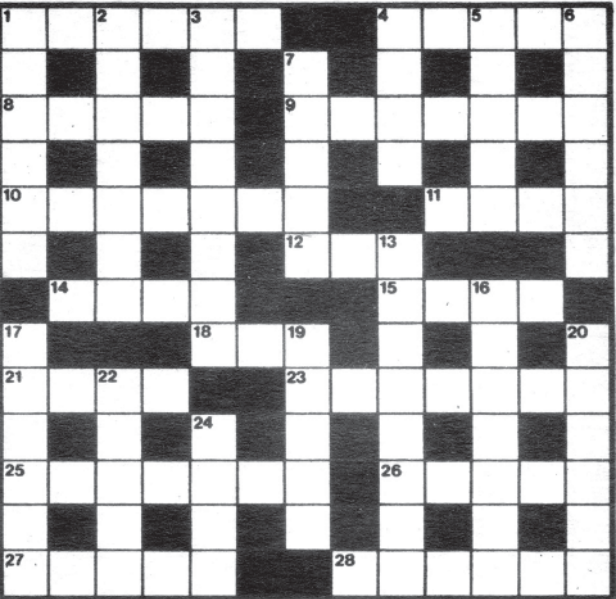
Man Utd reassures Capello on Rooney

MANCHESTER, 4 Oct — Alex Ferguson has moved to reassure Fabio Capello that Wayne Rooney will be made available for England's squad for their upcoming World Cup qualifiers.

The forward will almost certainly miss Manchester United's visit to Blackburn on Saturday with an ankle injury but Ferguson has played down fears he could fail to join Capello's squad for the qualifiers at home to Kazakhstan on October 11 and away to Belarus four days later.

Rooney limped out of United's impressive Champions League win over Aalborg in Denmark this week, generating concern that he would be unavailable for the England games.—Internet

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



- ACROSS
- 1 London rail-terminus
- 4 Not at all
- 8 Pursue
- 9 Hairy, shaggy
- 10 Clothing
- 11 Metallic element
- 12 Largest deer
- 14 Mosquito
- 15 Free from pain
- 18 Tree
- 21 Coarse
- 23 Put into words
- 25 House on wheels
- 26 Later
- 27 Village leader
- 28 Motor-car fuel
- DOWN
- 1 Armed guard
- 2 Standing-place
- 3 Pancake made of eggs
- 4 Informer (s.)
- 5 Alluring woman
- 6 Sprain
- 7 Colourless
- 13 Souvenir
- 16 Place of refuge
- 17 Children’s nursery
- 19 Intended
- 20 Of the stars
- 22 Risked
- 24 Affirm

I’m arrogant and nasty, says Mourinho



Inter Milan’s Portuguese coach Jose Mourinho

ROME, 4 Oct — Inter Milan coach Jose Mourinho, who famously described himself as the Special One during his time at Chelsea, on Friday admitted he was 'arrogant' and 'nasty.'

"After a match, you will never hear me criticise my players in front of the press," he said.

"Me, I never hide. I'm the man to attack. I'm nasty. I'm arrogant. If we lose, it's my fault and if we win it's down to luck. But this is fine as I like the fact that the players feel protected by their coach."—Internet



Kike (C) of Spain celebrates his goal against Libya with teammates Alvaro (L), Javi Rodriguez (2nd L), Fernando (2nd R) and goalkeeper Luis Amado (R) as Libya’s Nagi Abdalla looks down during their FIFA Futsal World Cup qualifying soccer match at the Gimnasio Maracanazinho in Rio de Janeiro on 3 Oct, 2008.—INTERNET

Serena Williams to miss Kremlin Cup

MOSCOW, 4 Oct — World number one Serena Williams has blamed a knee injury for her decision to pull out of next week's 2.4 million dollar Kremlin Cup.

"I was experiencing knee problems since the US Open and now I need a break to regain my top form," the American star told organisers of the joint ATP and WTA event on Friday. She added: "I played a lot of events this year and now I need a break to recover. My aim this year is to regain the world's top ranking. I played in the final here last year and will now lose a lot of points.—Internet

Overton still ahead at Turning Stone

VERONA, 4 Oct — With the PGA season winding down, Jeff Overton thinks a lot about securing a full exemption for next year. Still, that takes a back seat to simply winning.



Jeff Overton tees off on the 17th hole during the second round of the PGA golf Turning Stone Resort Championship in Verona, NY, on 3 Oct, 2008.—INTERNET

"You've just got to approach every tournament as a new week, have a passion to try to win every single tournament," Overton said Friday after shooting a 3-under 69 to gain a one-shot lead over Tag Ridings (68) at the Turning Stone Resort Championship. "You've got to go out there and approach each week as your last tournament almost and just go after it." Internet

PREMIER LEAGUE

(4-10-2008)		
Sunderland	1 – 1	Arsenal
Wigan	0 – 1	Middlesbrough
WBA	1 – 0	Fulham
Blackburn	0 – 2	Man Utd



Wigan’s Maynor Figueroa, centre, is tackled by Middlesbrough’s Gary O’Neil, left, as Jeremie Aliadiere looks on during their English Premier League soccer match at The JJB Stadium, Wigan, England, Saturday Oct. 4, 2008.—INTERNET



West Bromwich Albion’s Jonathan Greening, center, battles for the ball with Fulham’s Bobby Zamora, second left, Zoltan Gera, left, and Jimmy Bullard, right during their English Premier League soccer match at the Hawthorns stadium, West Bromwich, England, Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008. INTERNET

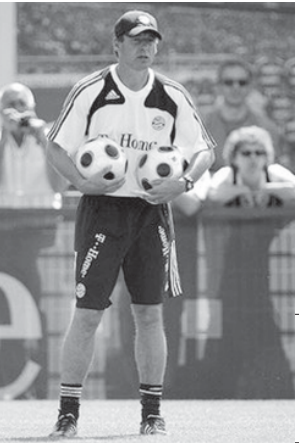
I don’t regret taking Bayern job, insists Klinsmann

MUNICH, 4 Oct — Bayern Munich coach Jurgen Klinsmann insists he has no regrets about becoming boss of the German giants despite the defending Bundesliga champions making their worst league start in 31 years.

The 44-year-old took over as Bayern coach on July 1 in his first domestic coaching role having led Germany to third at the last World Cup.

But Bayern have won only two of their six leagues games so far this season and their defence was brutally exposed as title rivals Werder Bremen destroyed them 5-2 at Munich's Allianz Arena last month.

"I take enormous pleasure doing this job," Klinsmann told the Suddeutsche Zeitung. "We have started an exciting phase of training which requires much investment from the players."



FC Bayern Munich’s new coach Juergen Klinsmann

One-quarter Australian children overweight or obese

CANBERRA, 4 Oct— The diets of Australian teenagers are severely lacking in fruit and vegetables and almost one-quarter of children are overweight or obese, according to Australian National Children's Nutrition and Physical Activity Report issued on Friday.

Only 1 per cent of 14 to 16-year-olds eat enough fruit, while just 5 per cent of that age bracket meets the daily recommended vegetable intake, and four out of five teenage girls are not getting enough calcium, said the report which was conducted by a team of scientists.

Some 4,487 randomly-selected children from across the nation took part in the telephone interview survey between February and August last year, and the children were split

evenly between genders and divided into the age groups of two to three years, four to eight and 14-16.

The survey showed children were much less likely to meet healthy eating and exercise guidelines as they grew older.

Team leader Professor Lynne Cobiac of Flinders University said the results for teenage girls were particularly worrying.

MNA/Xinhua



Russia's Nadia Petrova hits a forehand to Belarus' Victoria Azarenka during their semi-final match of the WTA tennis tournament in Stuttgart on 4 Oct, 2008. Petrova won the match 6-4 6-4.—INTERNET

Tokyo to learn from Beijing in its 2016 Olympic bid

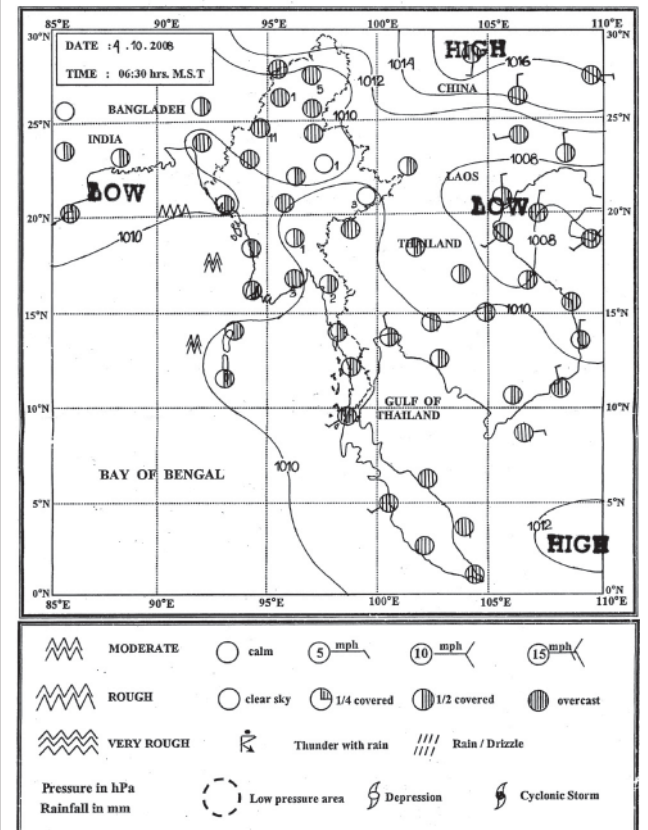
Tokyo, 4 Oct— Tokyo is to get some technical experience from Beijing in its bid for the 2016 Summer Games, said Ichiro Kono, chairman of the city's Olympic bidding committee, on Friday.

Though specifics of technical learning is to be put into the Candidature File for the IOC in February 2009 and cannot be released prior to that, he was impressed by many ways of Beijing's organization, Kono told Xinhua.

"The extreme dedication of volunteers in Beijing left us strong impression," Kono said. "So many Chinese volunteered with the BOCOG to create a wonderful atmosphere and extremely successful Games."

MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 4 October, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been fairly widespread in Kachin and Shan States, Bago and Yangon Divisions, scattered in upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, isolated in Mon State and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.67) inch, Shwepyin (2.01) inches, Khayan (1.26) inches.

Maximum temperature on 3-10-2008 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 4-10-2008 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 4-10-2008 was 84%. Total sunshine hours on 3-10-2008 was (2.0) house approx.

Rainfall on 4-10-2008 was (0.24) inch at Mingaladon, (0.12) inch at Kaba-Aye and (Tr) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (97.52) inches at Mingaladon, (109.29) inches at Kaba-Aye and (126.85) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southeast at (16:20) hours MST on 3-10-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 5-10-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Kachin and Shan States, upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Mandalay, Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions isolated in Chin and Kayah States and Taninthayi Division and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of rain in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 5-10-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 5-10-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 5-10-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Sunday, 5 October
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Cute little dancers

7:50 am

5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:00 am

6. လှုပ်ရှားပုံပြင် စိတ်ပျော်ရွှင်

8:10 am

7. Musical programme

8:20 am

8. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန်

(ကာလပေါ်တေး/ ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေး) (ဝါသနာရှင် (ဒုတိယတန်း) (အဆင့်) အမျိုးသား)

8:30 am

9. International news

8:45 am

10. “နင်းကြည့်စမ်းပါ” (မင်းအုပ်စိုးညီဘွား၊ ခင်စိုးပိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ - မင်းအုပ်စိုး)

11:00 am

1. Martial song

11:10 am

2. Musical programme

11:25 am

3. Round up of the Week's International News

11:40 am

4. ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင် အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်

12:00 noon

5. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မေမေမေတ္တာကုဇေကုဇာ” (အပိုင်း-၁၀)

12:50 pm

6. Myanmar Movies

“တစ်ဦးက စေတနာ တစ်ဦးက မေတ္တာ” (ကောလိပ်ဂျင်နေဝင်း၊ ကျော်ဟိန်း၊ တင်တင်ညို) (ဒါရိုက်တာ- ဦးဆု)

2:30 pm

7. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊

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2:45 pm

8. International news

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

3. Musical programme

4:35 pm

4. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ်

(သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြု)(သတ္တဗေဒ)

4:50 pm

5. Song to uphold

National Spirit

4:55 pm

6. “ဖွားချို”

(စံရှားတင်ဝါးဓယ်မရဲမောင်)

(ဒါရိုက်တာ- ခင်ဇော်)

(ကောသိပနိ)

5:15 pm

7. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေး/ ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေး)

(ဝါသနာရှင် (ဒုတိယတန်း) အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသမီး)

5:30 pm

8. Sing and enjoy

6:00 pm

9. Evening news

6:30 pm

10. Weather report

6:35 pm

11. “အဆုံးအဖြတ်”

(ခန့်စည်သူ၊ ငှက်ပျောကြော်၊

အေးမြတ်သူ၊ မျိုးမျိုးခိုင်)

(ဒါရိုက်တာ- ဘုန်းမြင့်အောင်)

6:50 pm

12. အနုပညာ ကြေးမုံပြင်တစ်ချပ်

ကို စံစားကြည့်ခြင်း

(အပိုင်း-၂)

7:10 pm

13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“သယံဇာတနေောင်ကြီး”

(အပိုင်း-၂)

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International news

16. Weather report

17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“လူယောင်ဆောင်သော

ရွှေငါးနတ်သမီးလေး”

(အပိုင်း-၂၈)

18. “မြန်မာနိုင်ငံရဲတပ်ဖွဲ့အငြိမ်း”

(မင်းသမီး-ကောသိအုန်း၊

အေးအေးမော်လူရွှင်တော်-

မိုးလမင်း၊ ယက်မောက်၊

အာကျယ်တိုင်းအောင်မြေကြယ်)

Upgrading of Yangon-Mandalay Union Highway, thriving paddy plantation inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Oct —Maj-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Brig-Gen Hla Min inspected work site

of Swa creek Bridge construction project being implemented by Bridge Construction Project Special Group (14) of Public Works at mile post 198 in Yadashe Township, Bago Division yesterday.

At the briefing hall

of the project, they heard reports on tasks presented by Senior Engineer U Kyaw Lin and U Chit Than Win of Asia World Co Ltd.

The 270 feet long reinforced concrete facility with 54 feet wide mo-

Safety checks on imported milk powder contaminated with melamine launched

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Oct — It is reported that children in some countries including China are suffering from kidney stones after consuming the tainted milk powder contaminated with melamine and some children died. Authorities concerned in Myanmar are making systematic arrangements to prevent danger stemming from the tainted milk powder contaminated with melamine.

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tor road can bear 60-ton of load. The construction of

the bridge is 90 per cent completed.

Next, Maj-Gen Ko Ko looked into newly-built toll gate of Asia World Co and progress of casting of bronze statue of King Bayintnaung at the entrance to Toungoo on Yangon-Mandalay motorway.

After hearing reports presented by Managing Director U Moe San Aung at the briefing hall of Kanbawza Pathfinder Industrial Ltd, Maj-Gen Ko Ko inspected collecting of road tax at toll gate and resurfacing of road.

Next, Maj-Gen Ko Ko, the commander and party oversaw thriving

paddy plantation at 1000-acre model farmland in Chinkhin village-tract, Pyu Township.

They also inspected chosen site for construction of toll gate of Hi-Star Co between mile posts (107/4) and (107/5) on Yangon-Mandalay Union Highway.

At the briefing hall of Shwe Thanlwin Highway Co Ltd at mile post (76/1), Maj-Gen Ko Ko heard reports on repair of Bago-Nyaunglebin road section presented by U Zaw Win Tun of the company and stressed the need to carry out repair works with might and main.

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Maj-Gen Ko Ko inspects toll gate of Asia World Company.—MNA

Manchester Beats Blackburn 2-0



Manchester United's Wes Brown (R) celebrates with Rio Ferdinand (L) after scoring during their English Premier League soccer match against Blackburn Rovers at Ewood Park in Blackburn, northern England on 4 October, 2008.

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Plantations for greening of Bago Yoma in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana District

Article & photos by Khin Maung Than (Industry)

The Forest Department under the Ministry of Forestry has been implementing Bago Yoma Mountain Range Greening Project since 2004-2005. Now, the project has also covered Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana District constituted with Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana, Nay Pyi Taw Lewe, and Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon townships. In the east of the district is Shan Yoma mountain ranges, and in the west, Bago Yoma mountain range.

We mediamen recently made a trip to observe Bago Yoma Greening Project. On the way along Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Taungdwingyi Road at mile post No. 20/0, we noticed a thriving one-year-old teak nursery. It was heartening to see the lush and luxuriant Padauk (gum-kino) plantation established in 1979, and the 905-acre separate plantation established in 2008 at Taungnyo forest reserve.

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Thriving Padauk (gum-kino) plantation at plot No. 22 of Taungnyo Forest Reserve on Pyinmana-Taungnyo Road in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township.