**Four political objectives**
- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- National reconciliation
- 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 county 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 moral character 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

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**Prime Minister General Thein Sein awards championship shield to Ministry of Sports team in 2nd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament 2008**

**NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept—** Prime Minister General Thein Sein attended the final match of the 2nd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament 2008, jointly organized by the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Football Federation, at No. 1 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground, here, at 3 pm today.

Also present on the occasion were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, the ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Nay Pyi Taw Mayor, members of the Myanmar National Olympic Council, Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee, Attorney-General of the Government Office, and departmental heads, the president of Myanmar Football Federation and officials, staff of ministries, staff families and guests. Prime Minister General Thein Sein and party enjoyed the final match between Sports Ministry and Labour Ministry. In the match, Sports Ministry clinched the title with a 4-1 win over Labour Ministry.

At the prize presentation ceremony, Minister for Rail Transporta-tion Maj-Gen Aung Min presented the third prize to Ministry of Transport; Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi, the second prize to Ministry of Labour; and Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing, the first prize to Ministry of Sports. They also awarded medals to the winners.

Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung gave away the best goalkeeper award to Wai Lin Tun of Ministry of Communications, Posts and Tele-graphs, the best defender award to Zaw Win Htut of Ministry of Sports, the best forward award to Wai Lin Tun of Ministry of Sports, the best midfielder award to Wai Lin Tun of Ministry of Sports, and the best coach award to Zaw Win Htut of Ministry of Sports.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein presents championship shield to Ministry of Sports team.—**MNA**

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**Malaysian Co shows interest in power generation**

**NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept—** Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint received delegation led by Mr. Syed Slarjudeen, chief representative of MASEER from Malaysia at the ministry here on 17 September morning. They held discussion on construction of new natural gas-fired power station and cooperation in maintenance of factories. Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Brig.Gen Win Myint and departmental officials. **MNA**

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**Zhai Zhigang to be China’s first man to walk in space**

**BEIJING, 19 Sept—** A 42-year-old fighter pilot, whose mother sold sunflower seeds on the street to pay for his education, is to become China’s first man to walk in space.

Zhai Zhigang, who holds the rank of colonel in the People’s Liberation Army, will join two other astronauts on board the Shenzhou VII for China’s third manned space mission when it blasts off on 25 September for a 68-hour flight.

Launch is scheduled for between 8 pm and 9 pm on 25 September with the spacewalk by Colonel Zhai expected to take place in the afternoon or evening of 26 or 27 September, the State Council, or cabinet, said. **Xinhua**
PERSPECTIVES

Towards a new democratic nation in line with the seven-step Road Map

At present, the government is in the process of building a new discipline-flourishing democratic nation. To realize this, it is implementing the seven-step Road Map phase by phase in accord with the background history of the nation and national prestige and integrity.

In building a new nation, political, economic and social systems that are in conformity with the nation are required, and the entire national people are to be endowed with knowledge and outlooks based on the systems.

The State constitution, the fourth step of Road Map, was approved with 92.48 percent votes in favour at the national referendum. This means that the efforts of the government in the process of transition to democracy are unanimously supported by the entire people.

At a time when the entire people are striving for prevalence of peace and stability as well as improvement of their socio-economic status, any act leading to violence and unrest is totally unacceptable.

Now, efforts for building of a new democratic nation are in full swing. Meanwhile, necessary steps are being taken in order to hold the multiparty democracy general election in 2010.

It is our belief that the government, the people and the Tatmadaw will be able to continue building a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation, the national goal, in line with the seven-step Road Map.

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

Functions of Toungoo TV Re-transmission Station inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept—At Toungoo TV Re-transmission Station this morning, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan was welcomed by Deputy Commander of Southern Command Brig-Gen Win Myint, Director-General U Khin Maung Htay of Myanma Radio and Television, member of Toungoo District Peace and Development Council Commander of Toungoo District Police Force Police Lt-Col Thet Lwin, Chairman of Toungoo Township PDC U Tin Maung Win, Assistant Director U Kyi of Bago Division (East) Information and Public Relations Department and Staff Officer U Than Htay of Toungoo District IPRD.

After viewing functions of the TV Re-transmission Station, the minister urged the staff to operate the station at full capacity on schedule, transmit quality pictures and sound, control and maintain the machinery, carry out maintenance of machines, take fire preventive measures and guard against disturbances of destructive elements.

Next, the minister visited the station and left there. — MNA

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan visits TV Re-transmission Station in Toungoo. — MNA

MANA forms Yangon Division association

YANGON, 19 Sept — Myanmar Anti-Narcotics Association held a ceremony to mark the establishment of Yangon Division Anti-Narcotics Association at the office of the association on Kyundaw Road in Kamayut Township this afternoon with an address by Chairman of the MANA U San Thein.

CEC members and doctors who are taking part in anti-narcotic projects gave accounts of MANA and explained progress of the projects.

The ceremony came to an end with the concluding remarks by the chairman of MANA after forming Yangon Division Anti-Narcotics Association with ten executives including Police Lt-Col Sai Aung Min (Retd) as chairman. — MNA

Applied Pharmaceutical Management Course No. 5 concludes

YANGON, 19 Sept — Organized by Myanmar Pharmaceutical Dealers and Entrepreneurs Association, the conclusion ceremony of Applied Pharmaceutical Management Course No. 5 was held at UMFCCI Office Tower Level 5, here, this morning.

Chairman Dr Win Sithu and Vice-Chairman U Thant Zin of the association delivered addresses and presented certificates of honour to the course instructors.

Next, the chairman and responsible persons awarded outstanding trainees, and course instructor Dr Mi Mi Ko made concluding remarks.

Applied Pharmaceutical Management Course No. 3 (Advanced Level) will be opened in the first week of October. — MNA

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BEIJING, 19 Sept— Most liquid milk on the market did not contain melamine and was safe to drink, Chinese quality watchdog said on Thursday following a nationwide special check on the chemical.

The chemical was first found in a top powder milk brand, Sanlu, earlier this month that caused kidney stones and kidney failure among babies.

Chinese State Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ), along with 150 state level food testing centres, checked more than 400 liquid milk producers, and found most diary products were safe to drink.

The 408 liquid milk producers, including Sanyuan and Nestle, were not found containing the chemical.

However, the test results showed nearly 10 percent of the sample batches tested from Mengniu and Yili, 2 top brands on Chinese diary market, contained 0.8 - 7 and 0.7 - 8.4 milligrammes of melamine per kilogramme respectively while six batches out of 93 from Bright, contained 0.6 to 8.6 milligrammes of melamine per kilogramme.

Medical experts said that it would not cause any illness such as kidney stones for an adult who drink less than two litres of such milk daily. The administration also urged producers to recall all contaminated products, find the source of the problem and punish severely those held responsible. —Xinhua

Dir villagers kill two suspected ‘bombers’

PESHAWAR, 19 Sept— Two suspected suicide bombers blew themselves up in the Upper Dir town on Thursday after residents foiled their attempt to take 300 schoolchildren hostage, police said.

The men entered into the town from Swat valley but people from the area chased them away, local police officer Johar Ali told AFP. They took refuge in a school building then and tried to take students hostage, local news agencies said, but police and villagers forced them to flee from there as well.

Two of them then tried to take refuge in a forest where an exchange of gunfire took place, and later detonated the explosives strapped to their bodies, Johar Ali said. The state-run APP news agency said a third man fled, but Online said he was arrested.

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After the attack, 400 protesters gathered at the site demonstrating peacefully against the raid, and marched to the cemetery for the funeral.

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Workers remove the remains of a Metrolink commuter train on 14 Sept, 2008 in Chatsworth, California. The conductor of a train involved in a rail crash that left 25 people dead was sending text messages on his mobile phone during working hours, authorities said on Thursday. —INTERNET

Iraqis protest deaths of seven people including women

BAGHDAD, 19 Sept— Iraqis protested the deaths of at least seven people during an American air strike in northern Iraq on Friday, in the town where Saddam Hussein was captured in 2003.

“I condemn the random targeting of civilians and the excessive use of force against civilians,” he said. “It was better to use another method to avoid losses; this is the third incident during the past two months,” he said.

Fares Khatab, a sheik of the family’s tribe, said that the family had fled to Ad Dwar from their home in Baghdad to escape the violence in the capital. “This family is an innocent family,” he said, —Internet

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Research into GM cotton makes cover of “Science”

NEW DELHI, 19 Sept — Newly released results from Chinese scientists’ research into genetically modified (GM) cotton will be featured in a cover story in the latest issue of Science magazine on Friday.

Wu Kangming, a researcher from the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, said in the paper that bacillus thuringiensis (BT) cotton could defend itself against cotton boll worms as well as protect neighbouring crops such as soybean and sorghum.

The cotton is the main host crop for the destructive insect, which often breeds in the plant, Wu said.

Wu and his team worked on the project from 1997 to 2007. Their study covered about 3,800 hectares of GM cotton in six provinces of Shandong, Hebei, Henan, Jiangsu, Anhui and Shaanxi.

The research found that after the cotton was planted, the population of boll worms decreased sharply. In addition, cotton yields increased by 15-20 percent and pesticide use could be cut by up to 50 percent. The team said these factors helped the ecology and rural people’s health.

Bacillus thuringiensis is a soil microorganism with a pest-killing insecticide. In recent years, the gene inside BT that expresses the insecticide effect has been cloned in several plants, including corn and potatoes.

BT has been used in pesticide since 1960 and is considered harmless to humans, animals, fish and most insects.

East China nuclear power plant safe after its transformer fire

BEIJING, 19 Sept — A nuclear power plant in east China’s Jiangsu Province is in safe condition although a fire occurred in late August in a transformer, company sources said on Thursday.

The transformer in the Tianwan nuclear power plant caught fire at 5:32 pm on 26 Aug due to a short circuit, however, the blaze was immediately extinguished, a plant source said, adding it was just “an ordinary incident.”

The National Nuclear Safety Administration carried out an on-the-spot check soon after the incident and then assigned inspectors to Jiangsu Nuclear Power Co Ltd for a special inspection of nuclear safety.

No radiation leaked and the plant functioned normally, the inspectors confirmed. —Xinhua

India to launch Chandrayaan-1 moon mission in October

NEW DELHI, 19 Sept — Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) announced on Thursday that it is all set to launch the country’s first unmanned spacecraft Chandrayaan-1 to the moon, according to the Indian Express on Friday.

The spacecraft is scheduled for launch on 22 October, five years after the Indian government cleared the project. It will make an entry into the lunar atmosphere for a two-year mission.

It will be loaded with six Indian and five foreign scientific instruments.

It has overcome a major hurdle in the form of extreme temperature tests over the past fortnight. Now its launch is dependent on weather factors, said ISRO moon mission director Annadurai.

“Weather is a key issue. We are watching for forecasts closer to the tentative launch dates,” Annadurai said. Chandrayaan-1 would take approximately eight days to course the nearly 386,000 km to get to its final orbit — 100 km from the moon.

If weather plays spoilsport and the late October launch is postponed we would have to wait for dates in November or December when the trajectory of the moon and Chandrayaan-1 will intersect again, he said.

Chandrayaan mission is seen as a major step in acknowledging India’s existence in space. —Xinhua

Global burden of malaria control remains enormous

GENEVA, 19 Sept — The global burden of malaria control remains enormous as many countries still lack sufficient resources to tackle the disease, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Thursday.

Worldwide, 247 million people were infected with malaria in 2006, and 881,000 died of the disease in the same year, the UN agency said in its World Malaria Report 2008. In Africa only 125 million people were protected by mosquito nets in 2007, while 650 million are still at risk.

A lot of surveyed countries still lack sufficient resources to tackle the disease and access to treatment is still inadequate, said the report.

Most African countries are way off meeting the 80 percent coverage target for the four main treatments — mosquito nets, drugs, indoor insecticide spray and treatment during pregnancy — set by the WHO in 2005.

“We know that malaria control interventions work and that we can make rapid progress toward ending malaria deaths,” said Ray Chambers, the United Nations Secretary-General’s special envoy for malaria.

“Now is the time to expand these results to all of Africa and the rest of the world,” Chambers said in a statement. Yet, the report noted some progress in malaria control, particularly in African countries.

Recent increases in malaria funding were beginning to translate to coverage of key malaria interventions, especially mosquito nets, by 2006, the report said. —Xinhua

China’s tourism receives $160 b income in 2007

BEIJING, 19 Sept — China’s tourism income reached 1,095.7 billion yuan (160.328 billion US dollars) in 2007, up 22.6 percent year-on-year, said China National Tourism Administration on Thursday.

The country hosted 131.87 million inbound tourists last year. Domestic and outbound travelers surpassed 1.6 billion and 40.95 million respectively. The international tourism income reached 41.91 billion US dollars, up 23.5 percent. Domestic tourism income reached 777.06 billion yuan, up 24.7 percent. The international inbound market maintained fast momentum last year. Tourists from other Asian countries took up 61.5 percent of all international tourists. Republic of Korea continued to be the first on the list of nations. —Xinhua

Russia test-fires strategic missile from submarine

MOSCOW, 19 Sept — The Russian Navy Thursday test-launched a Bulava ballistic missile, a spokesman for the Russian Defense Ministry said.

The Bulava missile was launched from a submerged submarine cruiser Dmitry Donskoi and its warheads hit targets at the Kura testing ground on the Kamchatka peninsula in Russia’s far east.

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Two girls drum to cheer at a booth of north China cuisine during 2008 Autumn/Winter Food Fair in Shanghai, China on 17 Sept, 2008. Some 150 chefs participated in the fair to show their unique cuisine. —Xinhua

Photos of Giant Panda cub twins are displayed in an exhibition held in Beijing on 18 Sept, 2008. —Xinhua

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New Mozart piece of music found in French library

PARIS, 19 Sept.—A French museum has found a previously unknown piece of music handwritten by Mozart, a researcher said Thursday. The 18th century melody sketch is missing the harmony and instrumentation, but was described as an important find. Ulrich Leisinger, head of research at the International Mozarteum Foundation in Salzburg, Austria, said there is no doubt that the single sheet was written by the composer.—Internet

Palin’s husband refuses to testify in Alaska probe

ANCHORAGE (Alaska), 19 Sept.—The husband of Gov. Sarah Palin will ignore a subpoena from Alaska lawmakers investigating whether the Republican vice presidential nominee’s firing of a state commissioner constituted an abuse of power, officials from her campaign said on Thursday. Todd Palin was among 13 people, including several Palin administration staffers, subpoenaed by a legislative committee to testify in private or at a hearing scheduled for Friday.

The abuse-of-power investigation is seeking to determine whether Gov Palin dismissed former Public Safety Commissioner Walt Monegan because he declined to fire a state trooper involved in a contentious divorce from the governor’s sister.

“Nobody is above the law,” said State Sen. Bill Wielechowski, an Anchorage Democrat. “Just because you’re the husband of someone who is running for vice president doesn’t mean you can flout the law.”

Internet

Rocket fuel experiment by NASA engineer blows up

A retired NASA engineer looking to develop an inexpensive way for people to travel to space might have to go back to the drawing board after one of his experiments exploded.

Jim Akkerman was working on a spacecraft his firm is developing when his rocket fuel exploded. No one was injured and no property was damaged at the accident in Hitchcock, located about 40 miles southeast of Houston.

“That’s just an experiment that went bad,” police Chief Glenn Manis told the Galveston County Daily News.

Australia’s new Laced Monitor goes on display at the zoo

A new born Laced Monitor goanna poses in the hand of a keeper at Sydney’s Taronga Zoo. The goanna, Australia’s largest species, joins the Veiled Chameleon, which famous for its bold green coloring that can change according to its mood and body temperature, on display at the zoo.

China health scandal spreads to ice-cream, yoghurt

HONG KONG, 19 Sept—Hong Kong ordered the recall of a Chinese company’s products on Thursday after tests found that eight out of 30 of its products, including milk, ice cream and yoghurt, were contaminated with melamine.

Inner Mongolia Yili Industrial Group Co Ltd is one of several Chinese firms implicated in China’s growing milk powder contamination scandal. Powdered milk powder containing melamine has killed four infants in China and made over 6,000 more ill.

“We are recalling the Yili products and the importer is also recalling all Yili products from the Yili brand,” said Constance Chan, the Controller of Hong Kong’s Centre for Food Safety, after latest round of test results of 30 samples of milk products.
Politics that can chart a prosperous future of a nation lies inside.

Similarly, the strength of a nation lies at home. If a nation has come under alien invasion and interference, every citizen of the nation is duty-bound to drive out the intruders to help their motherland regain independence and sovereignty.

Falling under the subjugation of the British for more than 100 years, Myanmar went through the hell of suppression and despotism by the colonialists. It was British Bombay Burma Co that made substantial profits by unfairly exploiting Myanmar’s various species of hardwood such as teak and ironwood that earn a global reputation for its first-class quality. Such British companies as Steel Brothers and Bullinger Pool also made huge profits by collecting with low prices the agricultural produce such as paddy, crops, beans and pulses, cotton and jute produced by Myanmar farmers, and exporting them.

Moreover, BOC Company of the British did well in its business by exploiting oil at Myanmar oilfields. The British companies that engaged in mining industry like Burma Corporation became in the list of world’s richest companies by Myanmar’s minerals such as gold, silver, copper, lead and iron. Nonetheless, Myanmar people’s whole life was merely a constant battle against poverty.

So, patriotic national brethren launched independence struggles risking their life and limb to regain independence. A large number of Myanmar patriots sacrificed their lives in the Oilfield Workers’ Uprising, Peasants’ Uprising and students’ uprising. Just before the World War II, thirty Myanmar young men secretly went abroad. They realized that demands alone did not work to regain independence from the British. It made it clear that the British colonialists were addicted to colonizing other countries. Being aware of that point, the 30 Myanmar young men left the nation to undergo military training and in search of weapons.

Traditional weapons such as swords, spears, arrows and bows, and solid bamboo sticks were not enough to fight back the British. So, the Thirty Comrades contacted Japanese Minamikan group and underwent military training and got weapons from Japan. The Thirty Comrades and the Myanmar Independence Army drove the British colonialists out of eastern part of the World War II.

The young men later realized that they had kept bad company, the Fascists, who then suppressed Myanmar people for three years. So, Myanmar revolutionaries drove out the Fascists commencing 27 March 1945. In the process, some Myanmar patriots went to India for help of the British to drive the Fascists out of Myanmar. The Fascists-led by Lenin conquered the Soviet Union, that made up one-sixth of the world area, followed by conflicts between Tzar royal clans, and the leader of the interim government and followers, and Lenin’s Bolshevik (the majority) Party. Leader of Menshevik (the minority) Party Trotsky who opposed Socialism fled abroad, putting reliance on alien nations, in the hope of re-conquering the Soviet Union with the assistance of the western capitalist countries. In practice, they were known as world’s first expatriates.

Trotsky was assassinated by Soviet KGB Intelligence while taking refuge in Mexico. Western countries used Russian dissidents to do anti-Soviet government movements. However, the assistance they provided for the revolutionaries was just enough to survive. However, when government expatriates were no longer capable of attacking the Soviet Union effectively, the colonialists sided them. Many descendants of Tzar Dynasty had to work as waiters to earn their living in Paris, France. There have been many other similar instances in which expatriates have met their miserable ends due to their failure to rely on the strength of the nations concerned in internal revolutions.

Once Myanmar had regained independence, KNDO rose against the government, placing reliance on Colonel Tulloc and correspondent Campbell in the hope of gaining funds and weapons from the British and the US. In the end, it changed itself to KNU, and its strength is getting weak in the neighbouring country. It has placed too much reliance on external elements and has been expatriate-cum-insurgent for more than 60 years.

All the insurgent groups that flee Myanmar and rely on alien nations meet their tragic ends. U Nu-U Law, CNA-NCN, CDP, KNDO, BCP, NUPO, NMUB, EFLA, MNFL, etc. all died hopelessly and forcefully in the battle against the British. The local and international organisations of the expatriates wanted to support the government to help the nation regain independence.

When they came to their knowledge that Myanmar would soon regain independence and the nation would be ruled by a national government in 1948, some educated persons, rich men and landlords of the colonial days moved to some western countries, giving an excuse that they did not want to live under the rule of the Myanmar government. At first, they could lead an easy life there. However, they lost the golden opportunities to be independent Myanmar citizens with a sense of duty to work hard for reconstruction of the motherland.
So, they are expatriates

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Some expatriates were appointed in BBC, VOA, RFA and DVB to serve as living proofs and attack their motherland. The Thirty Comrades, according to the prevailing situations at that time, went abroad and underwent military training with the aim of driving out the colonialists and helping the nation regain independence, unlike today’s expatriates who are working to the liking of their masters and putting reliance on them to make the mother country fall under alien subjugation again. Today’s dissidents’ acts are designed to make their country lose independence. So far, thousands of expatriates have been sidelined abroad. A small number of expatriates who are still young are speaking ill of their country indiscreetly. According to the history of the world, expatriates are the hopeless ones who have no chance to return home.

The British ruled Myanmar for more than 100 years. As described in the poem by Achoktan Saya Pe, at the start of the time of the British, many national people excessively relied on external elements and served as lackeys of the colonialists. Among them was national traitor interpreter Maung Ba Than who guided the colonialists, sitting on the deck of their warship.

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Expatriates are the ones who fled to foreign countries or who have turned their back on their motherland without any hope of coming back.

Experts reassess Post-Cyclone Assistance Project

Dr Abdul Haque Waheed of UNICEF makes an opening speech at Mid-Term Review Meeting, which reassesses the Post-Cyclone Assistance Project.—MNA

YANGON, 19 Sept — The Mid-Term Review Meeting, which reassesses the Post-Cyclone Assistance Project of Myanmar Health Assistance Association was held at Park Royal Hotel, here yesterday. Dr Abdul Haque Waheed of UNICEF made an opening speech. Chairman of MHAA U Aung Khin and Dr U Soe Lwin Nyein of the Health Department (Infectious Disease Control) put forward suggestions on the project.

Altogether ten representatives of seven townships from Ayeyawady Division and three townships from Yangon Division submitted review papers on three-month period health care services.

Next, the MCs read paper on 13 work programmes for Primary Health Care to be implemented for storm-victims during September, October and November.

Later, the attendees viewed the booth that displayed photos, maps and documents on provision of aid to storm-hit people.

In the evening, Dr Garita Thein, Dr Kyaw Win Sein and Dr Khang Soe gave talks on Primary Health Care, Food+Nutrition, Development, Infantile Beri Beri, WASH.—MNA

Crude prices open sharply higher

NEW YORK, 19 Sept—Crude futures opened sharply higher Friday morning as light, sweet crude for October delivery rose 4.40 U.S. dollars to 102.28 dollars per barrel.—Xinhua

Jobless claims rise due to Hurricane Gustav

WASHINGTON, 19 Sept—New applications for unemployment benefits rose unexpectedly last week, largely due to Hurricane Gustav, the government said Thursday, adding further strain to the economy. The Labor Department reported that initial jobless claims rose to a seasonally adjusted 455,000, up 10,000 from the prior week. Wall Street economists had expected claims to fall slightly to 440,000. Layoffs can worsen the nation’s economic woes as newly unemployed workers and those that fear for their jobs cut back on their spending and fall behind on their debts. Consumer spending accounts for about two-thirds of the economy.—Internet

Toyota plant in Canada receives bomb threat

OTTAWA, 19 Sept—Employees at a Toyota plant in eastern Canada were evacuated Friday after a bomb threat was received, police said.

The Oxford Community Police Service confirmed that a threat has been made against the Toyota plant in Woodstock, Ontario, following the evacuation of employees there, local media reported.

No details about the nature of the threat has been disclosed.—Xinhua
Prime Minister General Thein Sein enjoys final match between Sports Ministry and Labour Ministry. — MNA

Staff complete Banking Course

YANGON, 19 Sept — The conclusion ceremony of General Banking Services Course No. 12 organized by Supervisory Committee for Banks of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue was held at Myanmar Banks Association this afternoon with an address by Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe.

The deputy minister presented prizes to outstanding trainees and Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein, completion certificates to trainees and certificates of honour to course instructors.

Altogether 48 trainees of State-owned banks and private-run banks attended the 12-week course.

MNA

Excavators, fumigators, paddy harvesters provided to farmers of arid region

YANGON, 19 Sept — With a view to boosting agricultural production of local farmers in Kyaukse and Myittha townships of Mandalay Division, excavators, paddy harvesters and fumigators were donated at the hall of Irrigation Department, here, on 16 September afternoon.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo spoke words of thanks.

Ambassador of Japan Mr Yasuaki Nogawa explained the purpose of donations and handed over documents related to the donations to the minister.

The documentary films were presented on efforts for supply of water by sinking tube-wells and renovation of village lakes in arid zone.

On behalf of the Japanese government, the Japanese ambassador donated four excavators, 580 fumigators and nine paddy harvesters. — MNA

New facilities for schools

YANGON, 19 Sept — CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association (Yangon Division In-charge) Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa on 16 September looked into construction of two-storey school building for Basic Education Post Primary School No. 7 at Yangonthit ward in Thingangyun Township and progress of construction of Basic Education Primary School No. 18 at 26 ward in Dagon Myothit (South) and Basic Education Middle School No. 4 in Dagon Myothit (East). — MNA
USDA honours outstanding students in Yamethin

SECRETARIA. Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association’s Annual General Meeting-2008 took place at Thilawa Hall of Yamethin on 16 September in conjunction with a prize presentation ceremony for outstanding matriculation students.

Minister Vice-Admiral Soe Thein meets Vice-President Mr Wang Bo of China CAMC Engineering Co Ltd. — MNA

Shwebo-Myitkyina and Myitkyina-Namti-Tanai roads, bridges maintained

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EP-1 Ministry, PRC Co discuss Yeywa hydropower project

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Athletes encouraged to grab victory

YANGON, 19 Sept—U Thaung Htaik, general secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education met Myanmar Wushu athletes who will participate in the 4th World Wushu Competition to be held in Busan, Republic of Korea from 26 to 29 September, cyclists going training camp in Bangkok of Thailand and taking part in Asian indoor cycling race championship to be held in Bangkok of Thailand from 30 September to 12 October, members of Myanmar Volleyball Federation who will attend the Volleyball technique seminar to be held in Bangkok of Thailand from 22 to 26 September at the meeting hall of Aung San Stadium this morning.

Next, the general secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education made a speech on behalf of the chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports.—MNA
Myanmar youth football team brings honour to the State

The Mekong Delta Region Sports Competitions held in Thailand concluded successfully with the victory for two years successively by Myanmar youth team in the U-18 football tournament. Myanmar youth team secured the championship with the largest points and without loss.

In the training period, the Myanmar youth team focused on achieving more success in the tournament. Concocted efforts and perseverance of coaches U Khin Maung Tint and U Kyaw Lwin and the players enabled the team to win the victory. In addition, nine eligible players chosen from the 2005 ASEAN U-17 champion team and many footballers who had experiences in age-wise football tournaments became reliable footballers for the Myanmar youth team in securing the championship trophy.

In the U-21 football tournament of the Mekong Delta Region Sports Competitions 2007, the Myanmar youth team managed to emerge champion without loss. Likewise, the team clinched one more title by beating its opponent teams in four matches with 12 points. In this year's tournament, Myanmar, host Thailand, Vietnam and Laos played the round-robin matches. In the competitions, Myanmar stood first with seven points with two wins and one draw and won the championship.

In its debut, Myanmar held a 1-1 draw with Laos. Remarkably, Myanmar crashed host Thailand 3-2 and edged out Vietnam 7-0. After the round-robin matches, Myanmar stood first with seven points and Thailand, second with six points. Throughout the tournament, Myanmar scored 11 goals and conceded three only. For Myanmar youth team, Tin Zaw Moe netted four goals in the tournament.

At the airport, the news crew of the Myanma Alin Daily made an interview with responsible persons of the champion Myanmar youth team. Chief Coach U Khin Maung Tint said that he took pride in Myanmar youth team for its championship victory in the U-18 football tournament similar to that of Myanmar team in the U-21 football tournament last year. In the competition, the match in which Myanmar beat Thailand was the decisive one. In the match played against Thailand, he said that it was the second gold medal for him. He added that he had set the aim to become the selected player to bring honour to the State.

Tin Zaw Moe scored one goal in the match against Laos, one goal against the Thai team and shot two goals in competing against Vietnam.

Under control of Chief Coach U Khin Maung Tint (Transport) and Assistant Coach U Kyaw Lwin (Defence), the Myanmar youth team was formed with footballers Tin Zaw Moe (Construction), Soe Min Naing (Myanmar Railways), Kyaw Kyaw Khaing (Finance and Revenue), David Dun (Air Bagan), Win Thu (YCDC), Win Aung (Air Bagan), Kyi Lin (Transport), Hein Zaw Aung (YCDC), Myo Min Latt (Transport), Kyaw Zayar Win (Air Bagan), Nyan Lin Tun (Energy), Naing Zin (Kanbawza), Than Tun Aung (Myanmar Railways), Naing Lin Tun (Energy), Min Naung Oo (Transport), Aung Ye Thway (F&R), Zaw Naing Tun (YCDC) and Nay Hlaing (Kanbawza).

Myanmar youth football team in the U-18 football tournament scored goals in all three matches. He said he was not content with two goal medals as he had won. He added that he had set the aim to become the selected player to bring honour to the State.

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Russia envoy warns NATO on air space to Afghanistan

KABUL, 19 Sept—Russia threatened to block NATO from using its air space for operations in Afghanistan if member states did not stop “hostile” policies toward Moscow, the Kremlin’s top diplomat in Kabul said.

“(Russian air space) is still open, but if the NATO countries continue to their hostile policies with regard to Russia, definitely this issue will happen,” Zamir Kabulov told BBC radio in an interview aired on Thursday.

Kabulov said the United States had made far too many mistakes since toppling the Taliban government in 1991. “The main one ... is that it did not work with the Afghan Government and the Afghan nation,” Kabulov said. More than 71,000 foreign troops under the command of NATO and the US military are stationed in Afghanistan where the Taliban has made a come back since 2005. — MNA/Reuters

Obama mocks McCain’s call to fire SEC chairman

WASHINGTON, 18 Sept—Democratic presidential candidate, Sen Barack Obama, D-Ill, speaks during a rally in Espanola, NM, on 18 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

Espanola (NM), 19 Sept—Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama promised fresh ideas Thursday to calm America’s financial meltdown and help struggling families avoid mortgageforeclosure, saying “this is not a time for fear, it’s not a time for panic.”

Obama also heaped criticism and sarcasm on Republican rival John McCain and mocked his promise to fire the head of the Securities and Exchange Commission if elected.

“I think that’s all fine and good but here’s what I think,” Obama said. “In the next 47 days you can fire the whole trickle-down, on-your-own, look-the-other-way crowd in Washington who has led us down this disastrous path.

“Don’t just get rid of one guy. Get rid of this administration,” he said. “Get rid of this philosophy. Get rid of the do-nothing approach to our economic problem and put somebody in there who’s going to fight for you.”

Cuba says US lying about hurricane aid

HAVANA, 19 Sept—Cuba on Thursday accused the US Government of lying about its aid to the island following hurricanes Ike and Gustav and said the 46-year-old US trade embargo against Cuba is hurting recovery from the storms.

Cuban Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque said the Bush Administration was conducting a “propaganda operation” to make it look like it was helping the island after the storms caused five billion US dollars in damage.

The United States has said it gave 100,000 US dollars in aid for Cuba and accelerated the approval of 250 million US dollars in agricultural sales from US companies.

It also offered five million US dollars in aid that Cuba rejected, saying it would not accept US help due to the embargo imposed a few years after the now ailing Fidel Castro took over the island in a 1959 revolution.

Perez Roque, in a news conference, said the licensing of agricultural sales, permitted under the embargo, was routine procedure and did not represent aid because Cuba pays in cash for what it buys from US farmers. — MNA/Reuters

An Andean Condor, one of the largest flying birds in the world, flies next to other condors after being released into the wild in Sierra de Paileman, some 750 miles south of Buenos Aires, on 18 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET
California expected to benefit from anti-global warming plan

LOS ANGELES, 19 Sept—California’s ambitious anti-global warming plan would boost the state’s expected 2.6-trillion-dollar gross product by 4 billion dollars, according to the report—a global warming plan would boost the state’s expected economy, according to the report.—

The plan would also create 100,000 additional jobs and increase per capita income by 200 dollars, the state Air Resources Board said in a report published by the paper.

“These are good-news numbers,” board Chairwoman Mary Nichols said. “We are not claiming this is the way to economic salvation. But making our state more energy-efficient and less reliant on imported oil . . . will have a net positive effect.”

California is poised to adopt the nation’s most comprehensive plan to slash emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases, which come mostly from burning fossil fuels.

A draft blueprint, to be finalized by the end of the year, would limit utilities’ use of their electricity from solar, wind and other renewable sources, require automakers to sell cars that are more fuel-efficient, and wedges energy-saving measures into home-building, manufacturing and other sectors of the economy, according to the report.—Xinhua

Pakistan says not informed of US missile strike

ISLAMABAD, 19 Sept — The United States did not inform Pakistan about a missile strike on militants hours after the top US military officer said the United States would respect Pakistan’s sovereignty, Pakistan’s Foreign Minister said. The United States, frustrated by intensifying Taliban insurgency in Afghanistan, has stepped up attacks on militants in Pakistan with six missile attacks by pilotless drones and a helicopter-borne ground assault this month. US officials say Taliban and al-Qaeda-linked fighters use ethnic Pashtun tribal regions on the Pakistani side of the border as a springboard for attacks into Afghanistan. But the US attacks have infuriated many in Pakistan, which is also battling al-Qaeda and Taliban militants, and the Army has vowed to stand up to aggression across the border. The latest missile strike, on the Pakistani side of the Afghan border on Wednesday evening, killed five militants, and was the result of better US-Pakistan intelligence sharing, a senior Pakistani official with knowledge of the operation told Reuters earlier.—MNA/Reuters

ADB grants to India $420 mln loan for highway project

MANILA, 19 Sept — The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is extending a 420-million-US-dollar, 25-year loan to the Indian state of Bihar for the expansion of the state’s highway network, the lender said on Thursday. The Bihar State Highways Project will improve about 820 kilometers of roads under the state government’s highway development program. A 1-million-dollar technical assistance is also granted by the ADB for the reform and strengthening of road sector institutions. Bihar, the country’s third most populous state, is one of the poorest states in India. Its development is a key to the country’s goal of regionally balanced growth, the ADB said in a press release. Many roads have deteriorated badly in the past years, and demand for improved road transport has increased sharply due to India’s strong economy. The project is a core investment of the state government to transform the state dependent on subsistence farming to a state built on market-oriented agriculture and tourism and to attract private sector investment,” said Hiroaki Yamaguchi, a Senior Transport Specialist with ADB’s South Asia Department.

“It will improve access to socioeconomic services, increase employment opportunities and improve transport services which will reduce poverty in the region,” the specialist said. Internet

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100s of new creatures found on Australian reefs

SYDNEY, 19 Sept—Marine scientists have discovered hundreds of new animal species on reefs in Australian waters, including brilliant soft corals and tiny crustaceans, according to findings released Thursday. The creatures were found during expeditions run by the Australian chapter of CReefs, a global census of coral reefs that is one of several projects of the Census of Marine Life, an international effort to catalog all life in the oceans.

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Internet

Fly studies reveal immune cell responses to tumor and tissue damage

SCIENCE DAILY, 19 Sept — Knee scrapes and tumor growth might have more in common than you think. The idea that tumor growth triggers the same immune response as a cut or wound was once a highly controversial notion. However, increasing evidence supports the idea that the same cellular mechanisms which heal a skinned knee might also have a role in preventing the growth of tumors.

A new report published in Disease Models & Mechanisms (DMM), now reveals more details about responses to tumor and tissue damage in flies. Tian Xu and colleagues at the Yale University School of Medicine examined the activity of hemocytes, a type of immune cell, in response to tumor and tissue damage in flies. Xu and colleagues at the Yale University School of Medicine examined the activity of hemocytes, a type of immune cell, in response to tumor and tissue damage in flies.

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WASHINGTON, 19 Sept—Scientists have found the “missing link” between small and super-massive black holes in a galaxy, according to a study published in 18 Sept issue of journal Nature. For the first time researchers from Durham University have discovered that a strong X-ray pulse is emitting from a giant black hole in a galaxy 500 million light years from Earth. The pulse has been created by gas being sucked by gravity on to the black hole at the center of the REJ1034+396 galaxy. —Xinhua

Stressed plants release aspirin-like chemical

WASHINGTON, 19 Sept—Plants stressed by drought or unseasonable temperatures quick out an aspirin-like chemical. Researchers reported on Thursday in a finding that may some day help farmers watch for trouble.

The chemical, methyl salicylate, may help plants resist the damage and may help them signal danger to one another, the team at the National Centre for Atmospheric Research in Colorado said.

“Unlike humans, who are advised to take aspirin as a fever suppressant, plants have the ability to produce their own mix of aspirin-like chemicals, triggering the formation of proteins that boost their biochemical defences and reduce injury,” Thomas Karl, who led the study, said in a statement.

“Our measurements show that significant amounts of the chemical can be detected in the atmosphere as plants respond to drought, unseasonable temperatures, or other stresses.”

Acetylsalicylic acid, or aspirin, was originally derived from tree bark, so scientists knew it was a compound made by plants. But it was never seen to be emitted as a gas.

Writing in the journal Biogeosciences, the researchers said they accidentally found the chemical when they set up instruments last year in a California walnut grove to monitor plant emissions of volatile organic compounds. Such compounds can combine with industrial emissions to affect pollution and they can influence local climate.

The trees were already stressed by drought, and levels of methyl salicylate rose with unseasonably cool night-time temperatures especially when it quickly warmed up the next day.

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S P O R T S

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Struggling AC Milan put aside league woes to beat Zurich in UEFA Cup

MILAN, 19 Sept—Struggling AC Milan earned their first victory of the season in a 3-1 success over FC Zurich in the UEFA Cup first round, first leg at the San Siro on Thursday.

It was a welcome boost for under-fire coach Carlo Ancelotti who will now hope his team carry that form into Sunday’s visit of Lazio in Serie A. Goals from Marek Jankulovski, Pato and Marco Borriello gave Milan a three-goal start before Dusan Djuric pulled one back for the visitors in front of a pitiful crowd of less than 25,000.

Borriello claimed that this victory would boost confidence in the team. It was a measure of Milan’s lack of confidence in this competition that despite Andrea Pirlo’s injury, Ronaldinho, Gianluca Zambrotta and goalkeeper Christian Abiai were all rested while Alessandro Nesta wasn’t even included amongst the list of 25 available players.

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Venezuela-Russia ties deepen

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URUMQI, 19 Sept — Seven people were killed and 15 others injured in an accident in northwest China’s Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region on Friday.

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2008 ASEAN Award winners honoured

Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi and prize winners pose for documentary photo.—ENERGY

New homes for villagers in Hainggyikyun Township

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept—Member of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint met departmental officials, chairmen of township and village Peace and Development Councils and inspected rehabilitation of agriculture, fishery and salt industries in Konthaya Village of Hainggyikyun Township, Labutta District, on 15 September.

The minister and party also looked into progress of the construction of houses for storm victim households, works of local people and progress of houses construction in the village.

Next, they inspected Konthaya Village Basic Education Middle School being constructed by Shwe Thanlwin Co and task of water availability for the village and fulfilled their requirements.

Ronaldo ‘still talking with City’

MANCHESTER, 19 Sept—Brazilian striker Ronaldo has claimed he is ‘in the process of talking’ with Manchester City, contrary to the Premier League club’s recent announce ment.

The three-time World Footballer of the Year said earlier this month that he was set to join Premier League side City, however the Eastlands outfit moved to confirm they will not be persuing the capture of his signature.

But the out-of-contract 32-year-old has insisted that joining City remains a possibility, while he also expressed his interest in signing for Ligue 1 club Paris St Germain when he returns to fitness after suffering a serious knee injury in February.

“Yes, it is a big possibilit y,” he said, when asked by French daily L’Equipe if he was tempted by play ing in the Premier League.—Internet

Myanmar youth football team brings honour to the State

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Ancient wall paintings found

El Paso, 19 Sept — It was in Hueco Tanks State Historic Site near El Paso, Tex., that the tiny dome-shaped niche called Umbrella Cave was found. Inside were centuries-old images that render it a sort of miniature New World Sistine Chapel — rust-colored, graceful, haunting outlines of human and animal forms, painted on the rock as much as 800 years ago or even more.

About 2,000 rock paintings, called pictographs, are scattered over the 860 rugged acres of Hueco Tanks, offering the visitor an experience of archaeology combined with adventure that conjures up Indiana Jones. Ancient artists, working with colored paints, had the pictures in caves, cracks and crevices. Seeing even a small part of this abundance requires clambering over rocky mounds, crab-walking down steep slopes, sliding into irregular niches and squeezing through narrow passages.

Whether the painters planned it or not, the locations they chose served to preserve their work, protecting it from centuries of sunlight, wind and rain. As if caught in an acruscultural slipstream, many of these images remain clear and bright, offering a vivid glimpse into the psyches of people long gone.—Internet