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ASEAN states to set up network to standardize blood products

BANGKOK, 3 Nov— Member countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) have agreed to establish a medical network to standardize blood products throughout the region.

The plan was developed during the meeting of ASEAN specialists in Bangkok between 31 October and 2 November, the *Thai News Agency* reported.

The seminar entitled the "Development of Harmonization of QA system for Blood Products in Asian Countries" was sponsored by the World Health Organization (WHO).

Several dozens blood experts from the United States, Japan, South Korea, India, Germany, Malaysia, Thailand and

the WHO participated in the seminar.

The seminar was intended to be a forum for these experts to exchange experiences in the quality control of blood products used for medical purposes.

Thailand will be one of the founding countries of the ASEAN network, Deputy Public Health Minister Professor Dr Suchai Charoenrattanachai, was quoted by the agency.

MNA/Xinhua

Nepal Mountaineering Association marks 31st anniversary

KATHMANDU, 3 Nov— Nepal Mountaineering Association, a prime institution for mountain tourism promotion and mountain environment protection in Nepal, celebrated its 31st anniversary here Monday.

The Nepali Government has authorized the only national alpine club of Nepal to issue permits for 33 peaks between 5,587 metres and 6,654 metres since 1978, Ang Tshering Sherpa, president of the association, told *Xinhua*.

The association has always been active in promoting and developing mountain tourism in Ne-

pal, which is home to the vast Himalayan range with eight of the 14 peaks that are over 8,000 metres in the world, Ang Tshering said.

Since its establishment on 1 November, 1973, the non-governmental and non-profit organization has maintained the foremost objective of not only promoting mountain tourism in the coun-

try but also working for the conservation of the fragile mountain and Himalayan ecology, he noted.

"Our association has 1,200 formal members nationwide up to now," he said, adding "Of the tens of thousands of tourists visiting Nepal every year, around 30 per cent come here for mountaineering."

MNA/Xinhua

Researchers develop new methods of fighting infection

WASHINGTON, 2 Nov— Pitting one germ against the other, researchers said on Monday they had developed at least two new methods of fighting infection without the use of antibiotics.

One method uses a deadly enzyme made by viruses called bacteriophages that precisely execute bacteria, and another uses compounds made by one bacteria to shut down another without actually killing it.

Each illustrates potential new ways to fight the growing problem of superbugs — bacteria that have mutated the ability to resist most or even all of the antibiotics used against them.

They might also work against biological agents such as anthrax, the researchers told a meeting sponsored by the American Society for Microbiology.

A single squirt of the bacteria-killing enzyme may keep an infected per-

son from sneezing out bacteria for up to a week, said Dr. Vincent Fischetti of Rockefeller University in New York.

"These are enzymes that, basically, punch a hole in the bacteria and cause them to explode," Fischetti told a news conference.

They have used them to decontaminate animals of pesky bacteria such as Group A streptococci and staphylococci.

"We can eliminate these organisms from the noses of these animals," Fischetti said.

They tried it intravenously against the anthrax bacillus. "We could save 90 per cent of the animals with a single dose of the enzyme," said Fischetti, whose work is funded by the Department of De-

fence's Advanced Research Projects Agency or DARPA.

They are planning tests in mice, monkeys and perhaps rabbits and will use the results to seek permission to test the enzyme for safety in human volunteers.

New Food and Drug Administration rules allow researchers to test drugs against potential biological agents in two animal species, as there is no ethical way to test them in people.

"These enzymes work instantly," Fischetti said. They could be sprayed into the nose in a saline buffer, he said. And there is no evidence, yet, that bacteria can develop mutations that will allow them to evade these enzymes, he said.

MNA/Reuters

Britain starts on-the-spot fines for shoplifters, litter droppers

LONDON, 2 Nov— The British Home Office said it started on-the-spot penalties from Monday on shoplifters, underage drinkers, vandals and litter droppers to crack down on anti-social behaviours.

Fines of 80 pounds (147 US dollars) can be given to first-time shoplifters where the value of the goods taken is less than 100 pounds, and anyone caught drinking underage, buying alcohol for a minor or causing minor criminal damage. Thefts of goods worth more than 100 pounds will be dealt with by the courts.

People caught dropping litter will face instant fines of 50 pounds (92 dollars) under new police powers.

Any offender who refuses to pay the fine faces an increased penalty and possible court action.

British Home Office Minister Hazel Blears said the fines would "make people think twice" and bring more "low level offenders" to justice.

"Vandalizing property, fouling streets with litter, blind drunk teenagers causing trouble or stealing for a buzz — this is anti-social, criminal behavior and a scourge on society," she said.

"People committing these offenses will no longer be let off with a verbal warning. From today (Monday), they will face immediate punishment and court action if they refuse to pay," she said.

"Fixed penalty no-

tices make big savings in police time, freeing them up to patrol the streets, they enable the courts to concentrate on more serious offenses and give offenders an immediate punishment," Blears added.

MNA/Xinhua



Professional Santa Claus performers attend a training day at the 'Ministry of Fun's Santa School' at Southwark Cathedral in London, on 1 Nov, 2004. The 'Ministry of Fun,' which provides Santa Claus performers for Christmas grottos, hosted the event for 35 Santas on Monday, with the aim of highlighting and turning around what they claim is a decline in demand for their services during the festive period.—INTERNET

China has shut 1,600 Internet cafes between February, August

BEIJING, 2 Nov— China has shut 1,600 Internet cafes between February and August and imposed 100 million yuan (12.1 million dollars) worth of fines for allowing children to play violent or adult-only games and other violations, state media said.

Of 1.8 million Internet bars inspected, 18,000 were ordered "to stop operation for rectification", *Xinhua* news agency quoted Zhang

Xinjian, deputy director of the Culture Ministry's market department, as saying.

"Porn, gambling, violence and similar problems

have adversely affected the healthy development of the Internet in China," Zhang was quoted as saying.

MNA/Reuters



Chance, a 2-year-old English Sheepdog, wears a Superman costume during a costume contest at Piccadilly Pets, on 30 Oct, 2004, in Palo Alto, Calif. Chance and owner Clive Davies won first place.—INTERNET

SPORTS



Arsenal's Jose Antonio Reyes (L) has his shot blocked by Panathinaikos goalkeeper Kostas Chalkias during their Champions League clash at Highbury in London.—INTERNET

Arsenal held 1-1 draw by Panathinaikos

LONDON, 3 Nov— Arsenal missed a chance to virtually guarantee themselves a place in the knockout stage of the Champions League when they were held 1-1 by Panathinaikos at Highbury on Tuesday.

A Thierry Henry penalty was cancelled out when Arsenal defender Pascal Cygan diverted a shot past his own goalkeeper with 15 minutes to go and Panathinaikos held out against some frenetic Arsenal attacking to secure a point.

It was hardly the result Arsenal wanted after a couple of difficult weeks and it could have been worse had Angelos Basinas not missed a penalty for the Greek champions in the 62nd minute.

Arsenal, who needed a late goal on Saturday to avoid a second straight league defeat a week after Manchester United had ended their record unbeaten run at 49 games, remained second in Group E three points behind PSV Eindhoven with Panathinaikos still just a point behind.

The home side made a stuttering start and looked out of sorts before referee Luis Medina Cantalejo

adjudged that Sotiris Kirgiakos had bundled Arsenal skipper Patrick Vieira over in the box as they competed for a 16th minute Dennis Bergkamp freekick.

Henry, who missed a penalty against Southampton on Saturday, made no mistake this time and after a stutter-step the French striker sent Kostas Chalkias the wrong way.

But the goal failed to fire Arsenal and for the rest of the half they continued to scrap it out in a congested midfield while failing to find their teammates with the usual incisive passing.

Henry had a goal disallowed for offside early in the second half after a fine run by Robert Pires but just after the half hour mark Panathinaikos looked to set to get back on level terms when Ashley Cole upended Dimitris Papadopoulos in the box.

MNA/Reuters

Celtic keep hope of reaching knockout phase

GLASGOW, 3 Nov— Scottish champions Celtic kept alive their slim hopes of reaching the Champions League knockout phase with a 1-0 win against nine-man Shakhtar Donetsk on Tuesday.

Alan Thompson crashed home a 25th-minute free kick awarded after visiting goalkeeper Jan Lastuvka was penalized for holding the ball too long.

Shakhtar captain Anatoly Tymoshchuk was shown a red card shortly before halftime when he brought down a surging Henri Camara and Cosmin Barcauan also departed after 58 minutes when a late tackle on Stilian Petrov earned him a second yellow card.

Celtic failed to press home their numerical advantage and stay bottom of Group F with three points, behind Donetsk on goal difference after their 3-0 loss in the Ukraine last month.

The Glasgow side had conceded six goals in losing at AC Milan and Shakhtar, but they continue to be tough opponents at Celtic Park where their 3-1 reverse to Barcelona in September remains their only home defeat in their last 21 European games.

They could have been two goals up early on when Camara slipped an effort

wide after speeding away and Joos Valgaeren headed straight at Lastuvka moments later.

Shakhtar also threatened on the counter attack and Brazilian Matuzalem thrashed a ferocious shot that was brilliantly tipped away by David Marshall after 10 minutes.

Stilian Petrov went close with a volley and John Hartson almost connected with Didier Agathe's shot before the home side made the breakthrough.

After French referee Eric Poulart penalized Lastuvka for holding the ball too long Petrov rolled a short free kick to Thompson who hammered the ball into the net.

Celtic's night got better on 41 minutes when Tymoshchuk was sent off for a cynical foul on Camara as he sped towards goal.

Hartson and Petrov both went close to extending Celtic's lead before Donetsk were further handicapped by the sending off of Barcauan.—MNA/Reuters

Werder thrash Anderlecht 5-1

BREMEN (Germany), 3 Nov— Werder Bremen moved a step closer to the knockout stage of the Champions League with a 5-1 thrashing of Anderlecht on Tuesday, striker Ivan Klasnic scoring a hat-trick against the young Belgian side.

Victory was never doubt for the Bundesliga and German Cup champions once they went ahead in the second minute and they were an ever-present danger to the visitors' defence.

A third consecutive win consolidates Werder's second position in Group G, with nine points, one behind Inter Milan, who are guaranteed qualification.

Crucially, they are five ahead of Valencia, whom they visit in the last round of fixtures next month.

Anderlecht, who have now lost all four games, cannot qualify, although they could still grab third place and a back-door entry to the UEFA Cup.

Klasnic, whose two goals in Brussels assured Werder's comeback win two weeks ago, put Werder 2-0 up by the 16th minute.

The lively Croat striker opened his account with a long-range left-foot strike after 77 seconds, then skil-

fully steered in a second following a corner.

The Anderlecht side, all of them under 30, briefly threatened midway through the first half as Walter Baseggio narrowly missed from close range and Oleg Iachtchouk's header went over the bar before he glanced in a Baseggio free-kick.

However, Miroslav Klose settled the game three minutes later when French midfielder Johan Micoud crossed to provide

the Germany striker an easy tap-in.

Klasnic and Daniel Jensen compounded Anderlecht's misery with two more goals late in the second half as Werder's neat passing ripped open the visiting defence.

Werder were indeed far superior. Playmaker Johan Micoud directed midfield operations and repeatedly sent in dangerous corners, while Ludovic Magnin threatened down the left all night.—MNA/Reuters



Bremen's striker Miroslav Klose (C) celebrates with his teammates his 3-1 against Anderlecht during their Champions League match in Bremen.—INTERNET

Porto face struggle to qualify for knockout phase

PORTO (Portugal), 3 Nov— Champions League title holders Porto face a struggle to qualify for the knockout phase after Paris St Germain held them to an uninspired 0-0 draw on Tuesday.

The 2004 winners remain rooted to the bottom of Group H with two points from four games after a scrappy, rain-soaked match where they enjoyed most of the possession but failed to capitalize on their chances.

Brazilians Derlei and

Diego and Portugal midfielder Maniche all squandered opportunities while PSG, apart from some spirited moments in the last 10 minutes, looked happy with a draw.

Poor passing and finishing let down Vitor Fernandez's Porto, who

have struggled with their form after losing coach Jose Mourinho to Chelsea at the end of last season.

Maniche put a volley wide in the 19th minute and broke though at the end of the half but he shot high under pressure.

Diego produced the only shot on target in the first half but he scuffed the ball straight at PSG goalkeeper Lionel Letizi.

Brazilian playmaker Derlei then missed a sitter from a pinpoint Maniche cross in first-half injury time, heading wide with the goal at his mercy.

Benni McCarthy also put a diving header wide early in the second half.

PSG relied on the counter-attack but Porto proved expert at catching Pauleta offside.

MNA/Reuters



FC Porto's Brazilian Diego Ribas (R) is tackled by Paris St Germain's Modeste M'Bami (L) during their European Champions League clash in Porto.—INTERNET

Chelsea become first club through to knockout stage

MOSCOW, 3 Nov— Chelsea became the first club through to the knockout stage of the Champions League on Tuesday when they won 1-0 at CSKA Moscow whose Brazilian Vagner Love conjured up the worst penalty miss of the season early in the second half.

The result gave the multi-national London side, owned by Russian billionaire Roman Abramovich, a maximum haul of 12 points from four matches with two games still to play in Group H and they cannot finish outside the top two places. Arjen Robben and Damien Duff traded passes for the well-struck goal which broke the deadlock in the 24th minute.

Robben, who missed the first two months of the season with a foot injury, accelerated down the right and tapped the ball outside to Duff, who back-heeled it back into the Dutchman's path.

Robben dummied past a defender and made room for himself before coolly

slotting the ball into the bottom left corner of Igor Akinfeev's net for his first Chelsea goal.

His new side could have had a second after another Robben break eight minutes later but Sergei Semak just got a leg in the way of Eidur Gudjohnsen's cross to a goal-hanging Duff.

Much as at Stamford Bridge two weeks ago where Chelsea soaked up pressure before emerging comfortable 2-0 winners, CSKA's energetic runs down both flanks were let down by poor finishing.

They produced a good chance in the 32nd minute when Love wrong-footed midfielder Scoptt Parker and defender Ricardo Carvalho.—MNA/Reuters

China slams America's "irrational" foreign policies

BEIJING, 3 Nov— China has fired yet another salvo at the United States, criticizing the Bush Administration's "outdated" and "irrational" foreign policies and urged Washington to undertake a profound self-examination to win the hearts and minds of the international community.

If the United States wants to regain respect from the world people, it must make profound self-examination, abandon the long outdated diplomacy characterized by power politics and hegemony, the only way for a solution to the problem is for it to implement a more democratic foreign policy that conforms to the international tide," a stinging article in the *People's Daily* said.

Otherwise, it would

be as futile as catching fish in a tree — doing the impossible," the article in the ruling Communist Party's mouth-piece said.

The highly critical article is the second to appear on the eve of the US presidential polls. Former Chinese vice-premier and foreign minister Qian Qichen had penned an article on Monday lambasting the Bush Administration's quest to rule the world, drawing sharp reactions

from US officials.

The *People's Daily* article points out that Washington's attempts to change its international image since the September 11 attacks has "completely failed."

Listing out a slew of diplomatic and public relations activities undertaken by the US Government since September 11 attacks, the article says that America's attempt to reverse its image has not yielded the anticipated results. —MNA/PTI

China, Italy to join hands in producing fastest light helicopters

NANCHANG, 3 Nov — China will produce the world's fastest light double-engine helicopters, according to an agreement signed on Tuesday between China and Italy in Zhuhai, a coastal city in south China's Guangdong Province.

The A109E helicopter is also reportedly the most powerful double-engine helicopter in resisting wind.

Under the accord between Jiangxi Changhe Aviation Industry Co Ltd based in this capital city of east China's Jiangxi Province, and the AGUSTA from Italy, the world's leading helicopter supplier pledged to transfer all of the produc-

tion activities for A109E to China eventually.

The cooperation between the two will have two modes, outsourcing and joint-venture operation, according to an official with the Jiangxi company.

After the planned joint-venture company is established, it will take over all of the marketing of its choppers in China, the official said. The joint venture is expected to start delivering A109E helicopters to the Chinese market in 2005, the official added.

The coming joint venture will also act as a service centre for A109E choppers, and all of the

other products of AGUSTA in China, the official said.

Prior to the agreement inked on Tuesday, the Jiangxi company clinched a contract with the AUGSTA in July this year and vowed to supply body parts of 290 A109E choppers for the Italian firm.

Put on the market in 1997, A109E is one of the state-of-the-art light double-engine helicopters in the world. With a remarkable performance, particularly against high temperature and high land conditions, the helicopter will be suitable to fly most parts of China, experts said.

MNA/Xinhua

Jakarta to host Asian cities meeting

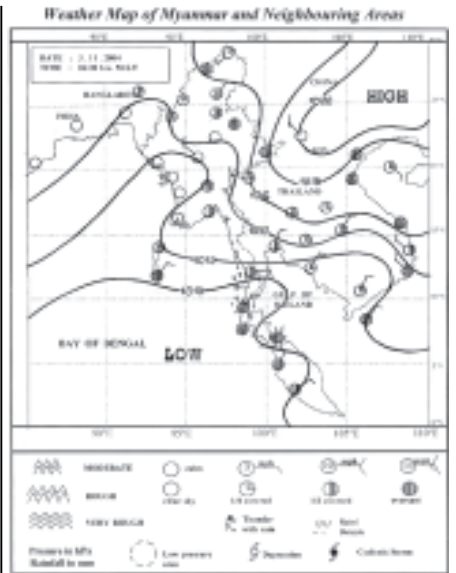
JAKARTA, 3 Nov— Top officials from the biggest cities of Asia will meet later this month in Jakarta for the fourth Asian Network of Major Cities 21 (ANMC 21) annual meeting.

The meeting, scheduled to run from November 21 to November 24, will be attended by the governors or mayors of Tokyo, Beijing, New Delhi, Seoul, Bangkok, Hanoi, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, Manila, Yangon and Taipei.

Jakarta's intercity co-operation bureau chief Terman Siregar was quoted Tuesday by *The Jakarta Post* as saying that the meeting would discuss issues including joint projects between member countries, special reports on contagious diseases in the region and human resources, culture and technology policies.

Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono is expected to open the meeting.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Wednesday, 3 November, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, light rain has been isolated in Shan State and Taninthayi Division, weather has been generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Taunggyi (0.27 inch). Night temperatures were (3°C) above normal in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, (3°C) below normal in Kayin State, Magway and Yangon Divisions and about normal in the remaining States and Divisions.

Maximum temperature on 2-11-2004 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 3-11-2004 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 3-11-2004 was 75%. Total sunshine hours on 2-11-2004 was (6.5) hours approx. Rainfall on 3-11-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was (112.24 inches) at Yangon Airport, (106.77 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (109.64 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 10 mph from North at (11:55) hours MST on 2-11-2004.

Bay inference: Weather is cloudy in the South and Central Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 4-11-2004: Possibility of isolated rain in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Mon State, Yangon and Ayeeyawady Divisions and fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of rain in extreme Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 4-11-2004: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 4-11-2004: Fair weather.



Thursday, November 4

- Tune in today: 8.30 am Brief news 8.35 am Music: - True to your heart 8.40 am Perspectives 8.45 am Music: -First love 8.50 am National news/Slogan 9.00 am Music: We like to party 9.05 am International news 9.10 am Music: -Ain't no particular way 1.30 pm News/Slogan 1.40 pm Lunch time music -Eternal flame -Big big world -Give it to you -Love me for a reason 9.00 pm Aspects of Myanmar -Scissored Rice Noodle 9.10 pm Article 9.20 pm Pouri 9.30 pm Favourite songs chosen by music lovers -More than a friend -You'll still be one -Can you feel the love tonight 9.45 pm News/Slogan 10.00 pm PEL



Thursday, November 4 View on today:

- 7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Mingun Sayadaw 7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise 7:30 am 3. Morning news 7:40 am 4. Nice and sweet song 7:55 am 5. Dance of national races 8:05 am 6. အရေးမြင်ပွဲ 8:15 am 7. Dance variety 8:25 am 8. မင်းလှစေ့လှောင်တစ်

- 8:30 am 9. International news 8:45 am 10. Let's Go 4:00 pm 1. Martial song 4:15 pm 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit 4:30 pm 3. English for Everyday Use 4:45 pm 4. Musical programme 5:00 pm 5. အစေးသစ်တူထူဆိုလို့ ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ် (ရုပ်စေးအထူးပြု) (ရုပ်စေး) 5:15 pm 6. Cute little dances 5:30 pm 7. "သတိတစ်ချက် တစ်သတိအမှား" ကျော်မင်းနောင်၊ ကြည်လဲ့လဲ့ဦး၊ နန်းတလှာလို့၊ သကြံခံအောင် ဒါရိုက်တာ-စောစောဇော်ဝင်း 5:45 pm 8. Musical programme

- 6:00 pm 9. နိုင်ငံအဝန်း သစ်တောစွမ်းမြင့် စီမံလန်းစေ့စည် 6:15 pm 10. မူဟန်သွယ်သွယ်ဆိုကြမယ် 6:30 pm 11. Evening news 7:00 pm 12. Weather report 7:05 pm 13. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းဆွဲ "လူ့စွန့်လှူကောင်း" (အပိုင်း-၂၅) 7:35 pm 14. ရောင်းဝါလွန်းပ နေလစမာ သာသနာ (သာသနာရိုက်ပြီ မဟာဂဗ္ဘ) 8:00 pm 15. News 16. International news 17. Weather report 18. "ယောက္ခမဆိုတာ တစ်ခါတုန်းက သမင်ပါပဲ" (အပိုင်း-၁) ကျော်သူ၊ ရန်အောင်၊ လွင်စိုး၊ မိုးမိုးမြင့်အောင်၊ မေသစ္စာဦး၊ မိုးမိုးကြည် ဒါရိုက်တာ- မောင်မျိုးမင်း (ရင်းတွင်းမြစ်) 19. The next day's programme



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein greets members of the Panel of Patrons for the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. — MNA

Prize presentation ceremony of the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions held

YANGON, 3 Nov — The prize presentation ceremony of the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions was held at National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street, Dagon Township this afternoon. Member of

Present on the occasion were widow of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Daw Khin Than Nwe, wife of Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Daw Khin Khin Win, Members Panel of Patrons for Organizing the

the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Auditor-General, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Mayor, senior military officers, deputy ministers, members of CSSTB, members of Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions, Chairmen of Work Committee and Sub-committees and members, foreign ambassadors, charge d' affaires and military attaches, resident representatives of UN organizations, officials of State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of

departments, members of social organizations, judges, managers of states and divisions and participants, prize-winners, students of University of Culture and guests. During the ceremony, Daw Tin Tin Mya, Daw San San Yin, Daw Thida Swe and Daw Kay Khine Swe acted as masters of ceremonies.

First, Member of the Panel of Patrons for Organizing the Competitions Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein made a speech on the occasion.

Next, prize



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents second prize for amateur level men's Maha Gita song contest to U Tin Win (Nyaungshwe) of Shan State. — MNA

Panel of Patrons for Organizing the Competitions Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein attended the ceremony and made a speech on the occasion and presented prizes to the winners.

Competitions, Chairman of Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife, Ministers and their wives,



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe presents first prize for amateur level women's Maha Gita song contest to Daw Mu Mu Swe of Yangon Division. — MNA

<p>Four political objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 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 <p>Four economic objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 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 <p>Four social objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 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

presentation followed. Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented first prize for the professional level Maha Gita song contest (men's) to U Kyaw Kyaw Han of Yangon Division; second to Yangon Than Swe of Yangon Division and third to U Myo Min Win of Mon State; first prize for the amateur level Maha Gita song contest (men's) to U Ye Thwe (a) Bo Htu of Mandalay Division; second to U Tin U Hlaing of Yangon Division and U Tin Win (Nyaung Shwe) of Shan State and third to U Saw Win of Yangon Division; first prize for the higher education level (men's) Maha Gita song contest to Maung Aung Ko Thet of Yangon Division; second to Maung Kyaw Swa Thwin of Mandalay Division and third to Maung Aung Kyi Soe of Kachin State and consolation prize to Myaing Gyi Ngu Sai Saw Lin Aung of Kayin State; first prize for the basic education level (boy's, aged 15-20) Maha Gita song contest to Maung

Than Myat Soe of Sagaing Division; second to Maung Zayar Pyai Phyo of Yangon Division and third to Maung Hein Htu Zaw of Yangon Division, first prize for the basic education level (boy's, aged 10-15) Maha Gita song contest to Maung Aung Kyi Phyo of Kachin State; the second prizes to Maung Htet Aung Lin of Yangon Division, Maung Yan Min Aung of Mon State and Saw Aung Kyaw Zin of Kayin State and third to Maung Aung Kyaw Phyo of Yangon Division and first prize for the basic education level Maha Gita song contest (boy's, aged 5-10) to Maung Ye Lin Kyaw of Rakhine State; the second to Maung Wunna of Mon State and Maung Aung Khaing Min of Yangon Division.

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<p>Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Rules issued</p> <p>YANGON, 3 Nov — The Ministry of Home Affairs of the Government of the Union of Myanmar has issued the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Rules under Notification No 5/2004 dated 14th October 2004. — MNA</p>
