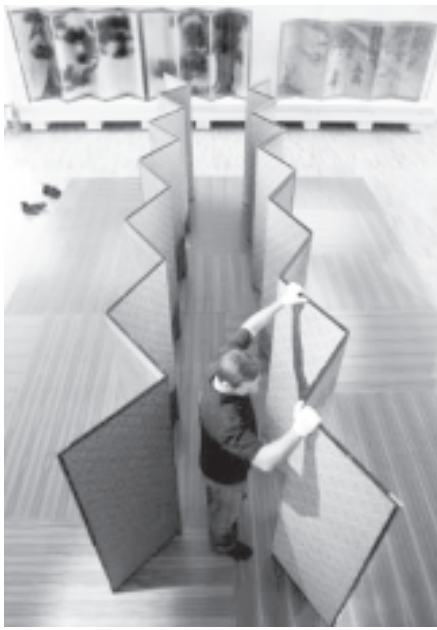


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Peter Tsangarides carefully positions a Japanese screen painting more than 400-years-old at Sydney's New South Wales Art Gallery on 4 November, 2004 for part of the gallery's collection of 16th to 17th century Japanese art. The exhibition showcases screens from the 'Golden Age' of Japanese screen painting, which in Japanese are called 'byobu' or 'protection from the wind'.

INTERNET

Thai govt sets up National Rice Office

BANGKOK, 4 Nov — Thailand made a further step in securing the future of its rice production sector by authorizing the establishment of the National Rice Office, aimed at turning the nation into a world leader in rice production, trade, research and development.

Proposed to the Cabinet by the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, the National Rice Office is being set up at the request of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit, who in recent talks with Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra spoke of the need to bring the various agencies responsible for

rice cultivation, trade and research under a single umbrella, the Thai News Agency reported Wednesday.

The new office will function essentially as a government department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, and will be staffed by officials from the min-

istries of agriculture, commerce, and science and technology.

Government Spokesman Jakrapob Penkair said the new office would help facilitate planning and policy making, while ensuring the effective transfer of technology to rice farmers.

MNA/Xinhua

Shahrukh Khan celebrates 39th birthday

MUMBAI, 4 Nov — Bollywood star Shahrukh Khan turned 39 Tuesday and it was a quiet celebration by the actor with his family members and close friends.

Shahrukh, described by the Time magazine as "biggest movie star in the world", marked his birthday in a manner unlike the grandeur usually associated with the celebrations of birthdays of some other Bollywood stars, industry sources said.

"It was a quiet family affair although Shahrukh invited only the closest friends in the film fraternity," an industry source said.

Beginning his career as a television

actor by doing roles in serials like "Fauji" and "Circus", Shahrukh has come a long way and has given industry some of the biggest hits like "Baazigar", "Darr", "Dilwale Dulhaniya Le Jayenge", "Kuch Kuch Hota Hai", "Kal Ho Na Ho".

Two of his films Yasho Chopra-made "Veer Zaara" and "Swades" from Asutosh Gowariker of "Lagaan"-fame are likely to be released this year.

MNA/PTI

Paramount Pictures chairwoman to depart when contract expires

LOS ANGELES, 4 Nov — Sherry Lansing, chairwoman of the Hollywood studio Paramount Pictures, will leave her post at the end of next year when her contract expires, she announced Tuesday.

Her announcement came after several management shakeups at the studio's parent company Viacom, including the departure of Jonathan Dolgen, who had shared power with Lansing at Paramount and left shortly after Tom Freston and Les Moonves were made co-presidents of Viacom in June.

It was also regarded as part of efforts by Freston and Viacom chairman Sumner Redstone to revitalize the ailing studio after several years of lackluster performance. Paramount has seen a series of box office disappointments in recent years, including "The Stepford Wives".

Lansing, 60, said she plans to leave her high-

profile Hollywood job when her contract expires on December 31, 2005, and that she will help find a successor.

Lansing, a former actress and model, became the first female president of production for a Hollywood studio in 1980 when she was named to that job at 20th Century Fox Productions. —MNA/Xinhua

Archaeologists find Iron Age hut in Czechoslovakia

PRAGUE, 4 Nov — Archaeologists have discovered remains of a nearly 3,000 years old hut from the Iron Age with extraordinary well preserved facilities during the excavations in Prague-Liboc, research head Michal Bures from the Archaia organization said on Tuesday.

"The places where the inhabitants prepared and ate meat, where they ground wheat and where they stored it are recognizable in the hut's interior," Bures said.

The archaeologists have revealed a fireplace, a ceramic water container

and a small oven. Two containers for valuables were found under the floor, but they were empty. The excavations started last autumn and have brought other discoveries as well, including about twenty 7,000 years old tombs.

"One of the buried individuals has a sharpened axe and a marble weapon, another one was buried with several necklaces from bone beads and small shells," Bures said. He added it is a unique discovery.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam exports more fragrant rice

HANOI, 4 Nov — Vietnam exported over 100,000 tons of fragrant and glutinous rice in the first 10 months this year, up from 75,000 tons in the whole 2003, said the Vietnam Food Association Wednesday.

Among fragrant and glutinous rice strains, Khawdakmali has the highest export price — 400 US dollars per ton, followed by sticky rice with 240-250 dollars, and Jasmine with 240 dollars, which are comparatively high compared to prices of 5 per cent broken normal rice at 220-225 dollars, according to the as-

sociation.

Main importers of Vietnamese fragrant rice are Southeast Asian countries, it said.

The association has proposed to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development that more fragrant rice, especially the Jasmine strain, should be grown for export. Vietnam currently has some

115,000 hectares of fragrant and glutinous rice.

The country shipped abroad nearly 3.5 million tons of rice of all kinds totalling 817 million dollars in the first 10 months this year, down 5.4 per cent in volume but up 17.9 per cent in value over the same period last year.

MNA/Xinhua

Jackie Chan to make more action movies in Hollywood, Asia

SINGAPORE, 4 Nov — Hong Kong film legend Jackie Chan will perform martial arts stunts as long as he can and has no plans to retire after turning 50 this year, but he said on Wednesday he might like to direct a film.

Chan, who performs most of his own gravity-defying stunts and came close to death in 1985 after falling from a tree and splitting open his skull, says he would like to make more action movies both in Hollywood and Asia.

"I don't know how far I can go, but I'll just keep going. I feel I still can do it," Chan told a news conference in Singapore, where he is promoting the share market listing of Hong Kong-based film company Media Asia Entertainment Group Ltd.

"Movies are my business and movies are my job...but if I am not in front of the screen then I would become a director or producer," he said.

MNA/Reuters

Australia ratifies tobacco control treaty

MANILA, 4 Nov — Australia has ratified the World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC), which is designed to reduce the devastating health and economic impact of cigarette smoking.

Australia ratified the treaty on October 27, becoming the 34th country ratifications, which has given the global war on smoking a major boost, the WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific said Tuesday here in a statement.

"Australia has provided excellent leadership on tobacco control, as well as during the intense FCTC negotiations," said Shigeru Omi, WHO's Regional Director for the Western Pacific.

"Its decision to ratify brings us one step closer to protecting present and future generations from the destructive force of tobacco use and exposure to tobacco smoke pollution," he added.

With just six more ratifications, the FCTC becomes international law, requiring that coun-

tries that ratify it implement comprehensive tobacco measures, the WHO statement said.

Almost one fifth of all Australians aged 14 and above smoke. Smoking is the single greatest cause of death and disease in Australia, causing an estimated 19,000 deaths each year, the statement said.

Tobacco is responsible for an estimated 3000 deaths per day in the Western Pacific Region. As a risk to health, it ranks first among developed countries; it is a contributor to five of the top 10 diseases and injuries. Worldwide, tobacco now accounts for 9 per cent of all deaths, it added. — MNA/Xinhua

Drive safely

SPORTS

AS Roma draw 1-1 with Bayer Leverkusen

ROME, 4 Nov — An injury-time equalizer by striker Vincenzo Montella threw AS Roma a Champions League lifeline when they drew 1-1 with Bayer Leverkusen in a Group B match played behind closed doors at the Olympic Stadium on Wednesday.

An earlier goal by Dimitar Berbatov had seemed to condemn Roma to their fourth successive defeat and elimination, but two minutes into injury time Montella latched on to a Francesco Totti pass before firing past Jorg Butt to rekindle his side's faint hopes of progressing. Leverkusen remain locked together with Real Madrid and Dynamo Kiev on seven points after their rivals drew 2-2 in Ukraine, while Roma remain in with the slenderest of a chance on one point.

UEFA ordered the match to be played behind closed doors after Swedish referee Anders Frisk was injured by a coin thrown from the stands in Roma's opening Champions League match against Dynamo Kiev in September. To the strains of the Champions League anthem, the players trooped out to the unusual sight of rows of empty seats in a stadium that holds 75,000 spectators.

MNA/Reuters

Champions League:**Ronaldinho's brilliant goal gives Barcelona 2-1 win over Milan**

BARCELONA, 4 Nov — A brilliant late strike from Ronaldinho gave dominant Barcelona a 2-1 comeback win over AC Milan in an epic Champions League contest at the Nou Camp on Tuesday.

The Brazilian forward brought the crowd to its feet when he jinked his way past two defenders and fired an unstoppable shot high into the net just two minutes from time to give the Catalans a thoroughly deserved win in Group F.

"It was an unforgettable goal and came at the perfect time," said delighted Barca coach Frank Rijkaard.

Milan had taken the lead against the run of play when Ukraine international Andriy Shevchenko finished off a razor-sharp break with a cool finish in the 17th minute.

But the Catalans, who were on top throughout, responded by pouring for-

ward and got their reward when African Player of the Year Samuel Eto'o lashed home eight minutes before the break.

Despite the defeat Milan remain top, level on nine points with Barce-

lona, while Donetsk and Celtic have three.

Barca controlled possession from the start, stroking the ball around midfield and probing for gaps in Milan's defence.

MNA/Reuters



Barcelona's Samuel Eto'o (L) celebrates with teammate Ronaldinho (R) after scoring a goal during a Champions League soccer match in Barcelona.

INTERNET

Real holds 2-2 draw with Dynamo Kiev

KIEV, 4 Nov — Real Madrid fought back from two goals down to draw 2-2 with Dynamo Kiev in their Champions League match on Wednesday, leaving Group B wide open with two rounds remaining.

Nigerian midfielder Ayila Yussuf, who turns 20 on Thursday, gave himself a birthday present with his first Champions League goal, firing home in the 13th minute after his shot deflected off Michael Owen and wrong-footed Real keeper Iker Casillas.

Latvia striker Maris Verpakovskis made it 2-0 minutes later with a solo effort and the Ukrainian champions looked poised

to take control of the game.

But Real, who conceded three goals in each of their last two Champions League away games, fought back with a vengeance despite missing three key players including England captain David Beckham through injury.

Raul started the Spanish comeback in the 38th minute with his 48th Champions League goal — one behind former Real striker Alfredo Di Stefano's European scoring record.

Luis Figo, who turns 32 on Thursday, also had reason to celebrate a day early after threading a perfect pass to Raul, who gave Olexander Shovkovsky no

chance as he slotted the ball into the corner with his left foot. Figo then silenced a capacity 83,000 home crowd at Kiev's Olympic stadium, levelling the score with a 44th-minute penalty after Ronaldo was tripped inside the box by Dynamo's Moroccan international Badr El Kaddouri.

Despite conceding four goals between them, Shovkovsky and Casillas made several fine saves in a frantic first half. Dynamo captain Shovkovsky stopped Roberto Carlos and Ronaldo while at the other end, Casillas made a great diving save to deny Oleg Gusev from the edge of the box. — MNA/Reuters

Manchester United demolishes Sparta Prague 4-1

MANCHESTER (England), 4 Nov — Ruud van Nistelrooy struck four times as Manchester United demolished Sparta Prague 4-1 in a lively Champions League Group D match at Old Trafford on Wednesday.



Manchester United's Ruud van Nistelrooy sidesteps the keeper to score his first of four goals against Sparta Prague during their Champions League clash at Old Trafford, Manchester United won 4-1.

INTERNET

Van Nistelrooy, recalled after missing the 2-0 defeat at Portsmouth on Saturday through suspension, responded in style to manager Alex Ferguson's criticism of his expensive strike force by going one better than his partner Wayne Rooney.

Rooney scored a hat-trick on his United debut in their last home Champions League game against Fenerbahce.

Wednesday's victory lifted the English side into second place with eight points from four matches, two behind leaders Olympique Lyon.

United went ahead on 14 minutes when van Nistelrooy latched on to a poor back pass by defender Jiri Homola and coolly rounded keeper Jaromir Blazek before rolling the ball into an empty net.

The hosts had already struck the Sparta woodwork through a rasping shot from

defender Gabriel Heinze and should have doubled their lead when Paul Scholes headed wide of a gaping goal from close range.

The Czechs' reprieve was short-lived, however, Scholes earning a 25th-minute penalty after being upended as he surged into the area and van Nistelrooy calmly converted the spot-kick.

Sparta also had dangerous moments, Roy Carroll making a fine save to deny Lukas Zelenka, but United should have added a third just before the interval when Cristiano Ronaldo failed to beat Blazek after being released by Rooney's pass.

The Portuguese winger's profligacy looked worse eight minutes into the second half when Zelenka pulled a goal back for Sparta.

The lively forward tricked a static United defence with a dummy and ran on to a precise through ball before lifting the ball neatly over Carroll from 10 metres.

United looked rattled but van Nistelrooy was on hand to settle their nerves on the hour.

The Dutchman was again the beneficiary of sloppy defending as he capitalized on a weak header back to stretch out a leg and lift the ball over Blazek.

The Czech goalkeeper made a diving save to keep out Ronaldo's blistering 30-metre free kick and the winger was substituted soon afterwards, along with Scholes, as Ferguson turned his attention to Sunday's Manchester derby against City. — MNA/Reuters

Liverpool earn valuable 1-0 win over Deportivo Coruna

LA CORUNA (Spain), 4 Nov — An own goal by defender Jorge Andrade gave Liverpool a valuable 1-0 win over a toothless Deportivo Coruna at the Riazor in a Champions League Group A match on Wednesday.

The Portuguese centre back turned the ball into his own net in the 14th minute under pressure from Liverpool striker Milan Baros after Norwegian midfielder John Arne Riise had swept in a low cross from the left.

Depor, who had not scored in any of their previous group matches, threw men forward in search of the equalizer but were unable to break down the powerful Liverpool back four.

The result leaves Liverpool in second place in the group, level on seven points with leaders Olympiakos, who beat Monaco 1-0 at home.

Depor, who reached the semifinals last season, are rooted to the bottom of the table on two points and now have little chance of making it to the next phase.

Liverpool had a gilt-edged opportunity to snatch the lead straight from the kickoff when Milan Baros beat the off-side trap and found himself alone in front of goal,

but Depor keeper Jose Molina reacted sharply to smother the ball as he entered the area.

Depor responded well to the early shock and quickly got control of the ball in midfield with Victor making several dangerous forays down the right flank and Sergio lashing wide from the right-hand-side of the box.

But the Liverpool back four, marshalled by the outstanding Sami Hyypia, refused to give ground and

frustrated Depor's attempts to get into the area. The visitors gradually grew in confidence and took the lead on 14 minutes after some powerful play by Igor Biscan in midfield.

The Croatian shrugged off several challenges as he strode forward towards the Depor area, pushed the ball out wide to Riise on the left and the Norwegian's cross was turned into the net by Andrade as he was pressured by the waiting Baros. — MNA/Reuters



Liverpool's goalkeeper Chris Kirkland stops a ball in front of a Deportivo Coruna player during their Champions League matchday 4 group A football match at Riazor stadium in La Coruna. — INTERNET

ASEAN Govt Heads arrive Nanning for China-ASEAN Expo

NANNING, 4 Nov— Government leaders from the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) arrived in this capital city of south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region to attend the first China-ASEAN Expo.

Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen said at the Nanning airport that the first China-ASEAN Expo is a historic event for cooperation between China and ASEAN. The fair will be conducive to the promotion of the process of the China-ASEAN Free Trade Area in the future.

The government heads will also

attend the first China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit that will be held on the sideline of the expo.

The first China-ASEAN Expo will be held in Nanning from November 3 to 6. About 1,500 enterprises from ASEAN, China and other countries will participate in the expo.

MNA/Xinhua

Engineers urged to contribute more to sustained development

SHANGHAI, 4 Nov—Chinese Vice-Premier Huang Ju said here Wednesday that worldwide engineers should cooperate with each other to contribute more to sustained development of the human society.

At the opening ceremony of the 2004 World Engineers' Convention (WEC), Huang said it is a common responsibility for engineers to create a better world for the people.

Combined with science, technology and other fruits resulting from human intelligence, engineering and technologies are playing a vital role in pushing forward economic and social advancement, Huang said.

Faced with new opportunities and challenges in the 21st Century, Huang said, engineers should shoulder more responsibility in safeguarding world peace and realizing common prosperity.

Developing countries need help to strengthen science, technology and engineering capability, Huang said. Continuous development of science and technology in developing countries will contribute to narrowing the gap between the rich and the poor.

Resources-saving and environment-friendly technologies are encouraged to realize harmonious coexistence

between the nature and the human society, Huang said.

China should revitalize the nation through science and technology and education, pay great attention to save natural resources and protect environment and ecology, and also train a good number of excellent engineers and technologists, Huang said.

Huang said China will constantly enhance exchange and cooperation with the international engineering community and try all out to keep up with the latest developments in world engineering.

Before the opening ceremony, Huang met with Lee Yee-Cheong, president of the World Federation of Engineering Organization (WFEO), and other leaders of international or foreign organizations.

About 3,000 engineers and representatives from international organizations participated in the three-day convention with a theme of "Engineers shape the sustainable future".

MNA/Xinhua

Asphyxia accident claims 6 lives in N-W China county

XI'AN, 4 Nov — A gold mine asphyxia accident that happened in northwestern Shaanxi Province took the lives of six farmers, and their bodies have been recovered, local sources said Wednesday.

The accident of suffocation occurred Monday night at Taoyuan gold mine located nearby Suyu Village of Huaxian County, when nine peasant farmers were working at a workforce 200 metres underground where oxygen was thin and scarce, said local officials.

When the tragedy happened, three people managed to escape to the ground, while the six others were left behind.

Local government officials organized an emergency rescue effort right after the accident, but repeated cave-in caused by the shortage of oxygen at the bottom of mine pit impaired the rescue move, and the bodies of those killed were brought out till Tuesday night.

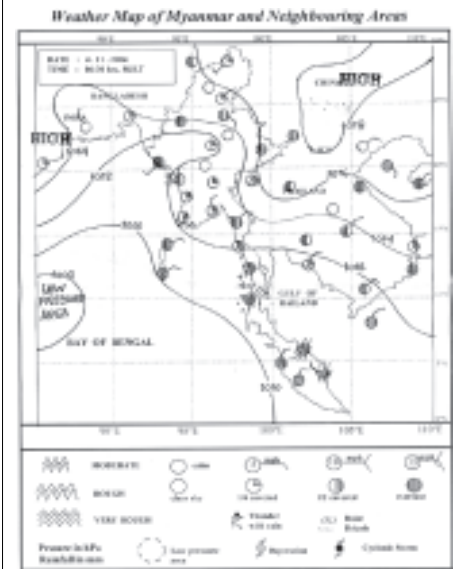
The six dead were all farmers in adjacent rural areas, and the cause of

the accident is still being investigated, said a local government official.

It is learned that the Taoyuan gold mine where asphyxia accident

occurred, formerly owned by the county, was closed for months, but reopened Monday after its transfer to a private owner.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Thursday, 4 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. Night temperatures were (3°C) above normal in Kachin State. (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Kayin State, Magway, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and about normal in the remaining States and Divisions.

Maximum temperature on 3-11-2004 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 4-11-2004 was 66°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 4-11-2004 was 74%. Total sunshine hours on 3-11-2004 was (8.1) hours approx. Rainfall on 4-11-2004 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 5 mph from Southwest at (18:30) hours MST on 3-11-2004.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (09:30) hours MST today, a low pressure area has formed over southwest Bay. Weather is partly cloudy in South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 5-11-2004: Possibility of isolated light rain or thundershowers in Ayeyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be generally fair in the remaining areas. 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 5-11-2004: Partly cloudy.


Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 5-11-2004: Fair weather.



Friday, November 5

Tune in today:

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music: - What about me
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music: -Mambo No 5
- 8.50 am National news/Slogan
- 9.00 am Music: Violet
- 9.05 am International news
- 9.10 am Music: -After the love has gone
- 1.30 pm News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm Lunchtime music -I live my life for you -Sleeping child
- 9.00 pm World of music Songs from: Japan
- 9.15 pm Article/Music
- 9.25 pm Music at your request -My love -Unchanged melody -Owner of my heart
- 9.45 pm News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL



Friday, November 5

View on today:

<p>7:00 am</p> <p>1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကျွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အစည်းတော် ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာဟောပြောချက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာပဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မတော်တို့၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရီတို့၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာ ဝိသင်္ဃာတီ ပရိတ်တရားတော်</p> <p>7:25 am</p> <p>2. To be healthy exercise</p> <p>7:30 am</p> <p>3. Morning news</p> <p>7:40 am</p> <p>4. Nice and sweet song</p> <p>7:55 am</p> <p>5. ရိုးရာကျေးလက်တေးဂီတ</p> <p>8:05 am</p> <p>6. အတူပြိုင်ပွဲ</p>	<p>8:15 am</p> <p>7. The mirror images of the musical oldies</p> <p>8:25 am</p> <p>8. ရဲညှင်းတန်းတံတား</p> <p>8:30 am</p> <p>9. International news</p> <p>8:45 am</p> <p>10. English For Everyday Use</p> <p>4:00 pm</p> <p>1. Martial song</p> <p>4:15 pm</p> <p>2. Songs to uphold National Spirit</p> <p>4:30 pm</p> <p>3. Practice in reading</p> <p>4:45 pm</p> <p>4. Musical programme</p> <p>5:00 pm</p> <p>5. အစေးသင်တန်းပွဲလှိုင် ပညာရေး နှစ်ပြိုင်ဆိုင်ကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -တတ်ယူနစ် (ခေတ်အဆင့်မြင့်) (ခေတ်အဆင့်)</p> <p>5:15 pm</p> <p>6. Song of national races</p> <p>5:30 pm</p> <p>7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>5:40 pm</p> <p>8. ရဲညှင်းတန်းတံတားအဖွဲ့အစည်း</p> <p>5:50 pm</p> <p>9. ဂီတမဟာဓမ္မာစီရင်ရာ</p>	<p>6:00 pm</p> <p>10. မြန်မာ့စာ၊ မြန်မာ့စကား</p> <p>6:10 pm</p> <p>11. Discovery</p> <p>6:20 pm</p> <p>12. Musical programme</p> <p>6:30 pm</p> <p>13. Evening news</p> <p>7:00 pm</p> <p>14. Weather report</p> <p>7:05 pm</p> <p>15. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းကွဲ "လူ့စွန့်လွှတ်တော်" (အပိုင်း-၂၆)</p> <p>7:40 pm</p> <p>16. Songs of yesteryears</p> <p>8:00 pm</p> <p>17. News</p> <p>18. International news</p> <p>19. Weather report</p> <p>20. "ယောကျာ်းဆိုတာ တစ်ခါတုန်းက သမတိပိပ" (အပိုင်း-၂) ကျွန်ုပ်တို့၊ ရန်အောင်၊ လွင်မိုး၊ မိုးမိုးမြင့်အောင်၊ မေသဉ္ဇာတို့၊ မိုးခင်းကြည့် ခါရိုက်တာ- ဓမ္မာပျိုမင်း (ရင်တွင်းမြစ်)</p> <p>21. မင်းကျွန်းဆရာကြီးဝိစိတ္တသာရာ ဝိသင်္ဃာတီ အရပ်အယံဗျက်နာ မေတ္တာဘာဝနာပွားများပြင်း တရားတော်</p> <p>19. The next day's programme</p>
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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

Doyen artistes disseminating invaluable art, knowledge and experiences to new generation

Doyen artistes, and judges of Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions honoured

YANGON, 4 Nov — Doyen artistes and judges who rendered assistance for the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions were honoured at the National Theatre in Dagon Township here this evening, with an address by Patron of the 12th MTCPAC Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present were Chairman of the Leading Committee to Organize the 12th MTCPAC Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, the chairman of Yangon City Development Committee the mayor, chairmen and members of the respective committees and subcommittees, officials, others and guests.

The Secretary-1 said that the artistes themselves have already accepted the fact that the performing arts competitions play a key role in implementing a delicate national task of preserving and promoting Myanmar culture. The holding of the performing arts competitions

on a grand scale annually, with the participation of artistes of all ages, is the implementation of the national task, with the harmonious efforts of the entire people. Thanks to the invaluable assistance of the doyen artistes, historians, literati and judges, the performing arts competitions and the national task of preserving and promoting national culture are flourishing with full artistic essence. The Government has been honouring them annually to acknowledge their assistance. The State Peace and Development Council has been striving in all sectors for the nation to stand shoulder to shoulder with other nations around the world, and its goal is for emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation that preserves the thousand-year-old traditions and culture of Myanmar. Thus, preservation of national value, traditions and culture and customs will be a priority task till the emergence of the future nation that serves the interest of people. Elders should teach youths to understand that the extinction of Myanmar's

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein gives a speech at the dinner hosted in honour of maestros and judges who contributed their services to the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. — MNA

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe tours Kalaw Township

YANGON, 4 Nov— Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence, together with Chairman of Shan State PDC Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Brig-Gen Thet Oo of local battalion and departmental officials, attended the

harvesting of paddy on Konmyint-2 model field in Kyauksaung Myaygya village, Kalaw Township, yesterday morning.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspected the harvesting of paddy on the Konmyint-2 model fields of local farmers.

Local authorities reported on cultivation of summer and monsoon paddy for local food sufficiency and regional development. Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint dealt with growing of paddy, edible oil crops and other crops in the townships of

Shan State (South), success achieved in cultivating the ten major crops and other 20 kinds of crops in the region, distribution of high-yield Shweyinaye strain paddy and Konmyint strain 1 and 2 paddy to farmers and condition on food sufficiency of Shan State.

In his speech, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe said that with increasing per acre yield of crops, the farmers will enjoy better income and it will contribute towards further regional development. The Government is taking measures for progress of

Shan State. Now the State's Seven-step Road Map is in the process under the guidance of the Head of State to transform the nation into a discipline-flourishing democratic one. Local people and departmental officials at all levels are to cooperate with each other for ensuring development, peace and stability of the region, he said.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint visited the bees keeping farm in Kalaw Township.

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Mid-Year Myanma Gems Emporium concludes

YANGON, 4 Nov — Patron of the Central Committee for Myanma Gems Emporium Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint arrived at the Mid-Year Myanma Gems Emporium for 2004 held at the Myanma Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road this morning. The minister was welcomed there by Chairman of the Central Committee for Myanma Gems Emporium Deputy Minister U Myint Thein, Managing Director U Khin Oo of the Myanma Gems Enterprise and members of CEC.

The minister viewed round the Mart, observed the sales and left it. Pearl lots were sold by tender system during the sales today. Merchants purchased 82 pearl lots this morning.

The emporium successfully ended at noon.

A total of 852 jade, gem and pearl lots were sold at the emporium. Altogether 173 local merchants from 109 companies and 658 foreign merchants from 228 companies of 12 countries attended the emporium.—MNA

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