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Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing enjoys “Thakaung Yadana” drama contest of Yangon Division

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct—The second session of second day of 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued under the title of “Thakaung Yadana” at the convocation hall of University of Veterinary Science in Nay Pyi Taw Yezin yesterday. Drama troupe from Yangon Division participated in the competition.

Among the audience were Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and wife, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe and wife, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement

Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and wife, Deputy Minister for Labour Brig-Gen Tin Tun Aung, departmental heads, officials of the committee and sub-committees, members of panel of judges from the states and divisions, and enthusiasts.

Drama troupe from Yangon Division participating in the competitions comprised Manager U Ga Mon, scriptwriter Hsan Nwe Oo, director Nyan Win Oo, leading actors Min Yazar and Zaw Win Maung and leading actress Cherry Myint Kyaw and Lin Zar Ni Zaw and side parts. They actively staged the plots in association with pianist Tekkatho Hsan Ni and traditional orchestra musician Sein Hla Ngwe.

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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, 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



Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla enjoy competition of Yangon Division in “Thakaung Yadana” Drama contest.—MNA

Kanma-Thayet railroad section making west Ayeyawady dwellers smile

Article & Photos: Thant Zin Tun (Kyemon)



First train plying Kanma-Thayet Railroad section.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for development of IT technology

Nowadays, it is essential for all nations in the world to possess human resources well versed in modern science and technologies to be able to stand on their own in the long run.

Exhibitions on information and communication technologies at a time when Myanmar is striving for IT development are an opportunity for those who want to study IT technologies.

Myanmar Information and Communication Technology Exhibition 2009 was held at the Tatmadaw Convention Hall from 15 to 18 October and local IT companies displayed latest hardware and software at the exhibition.

Displayed at the exhibition were software for medicine production and distribution, restaurants, hotel and hospital management, security, staff performance and payroll system. Computerized accounting software is used in budget and financial reports. Software used in hospitals and clinics can store all data about patients such as the time of registration and diagnostic and treatment records.

If IT technologies are applied in economic and social fields, work can be carried out speedily and accurately.

As IT technologies are advancing with the passage of time, holding exhibitions on information and communication technologies from time to time will enable the youth to study the latest IT developments.

UMFCCI meets Sri Lankan Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct—Vice-President U Tun Aung of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, General Secretary Dr Maung Maung Lay and CEC member Dr Thin Nwe Win received Ambassador of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Mr Newton Gunaratna and First Secretary Mr Charitha Yattogoda at the headquarters of the federation here on 14 September.

They frankly discussed boosting of mutual trade and investment between the two countries, seeking potential markets in Sri Lanka for Myanmar agricultural produces, further co-operation between traders and industry organizations of the two sides and exhibition of home products in trade fair.

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Vice-President of the UMFCCI U Tun Aung meeting with Sri Lankan Ambassador Mr Newton Gunaratna and party.—MNA

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

Commander, Minister attend opening of new school building



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint delivers an address at the opening ceremony of new school building of No.2 BEPS in Thayethamein (model) village of Waw Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct—Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Hla Min and Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint attended the opening ceremony of new school building of No.2 Basic Education Primary School in Thayethamein (model) village of Waw Township in Bago Division on 18 October.

Director-General U Kyaw Thu of No.1 Basic Education Department under the Ministry of Education, Chairman of the School Construction Committee U Kyin Te and officials from City Mart Holdings Co Ltd opened the school building.

The commander unveiled the stone inscription. The school building measuring 190 feet by 30 feet was built at a cost of K 54 millions.

Afterwards, a ceremony to hand over the new school building followed.

The commander accepted K 34 millions donated by City Mart Holdings Co Ltd and the minister K 20 million by Chan Tha Construction.

The commander and the minister inspected No.3 BEHS and station hospital in Thayethamein (model) village. The commander and the minister encouraged the patients and provided the cash assistance to them.

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Workshop on revision of plans for child health development opened



Minister Dr Kyaw Myint addresses the workshop on revision of plans for child health development.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct—The Ministry of Health, World Health Or-

ganization and UNICEF co-organized Workshop on revision of existing five years strategic plan for child health development (2005-2009) and development and formation of next five years strate-

gic plan for child health development (2010-2014) at the Royal Kumudra Hotel here this morning.

It was attended by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Ministers Dr Mya Oo and Dr Paing Soe, directors-general, responsible persons from WHO (Headquarters) and the Directorate for Southeast Asia Region, Acting Resident Representative of WHO Dr Leonard Ortega, UNICEF Resident Rep-

resentative Dr Ramesh Shrestha, professors/deans from universities of medicine, specialists, representatives from INGOs and social organizations and guests.

Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo gave an introductory speech. The WHO acting resident representative and the UNICEF resident representative delivered addresses.

The workshop continues till 22 October.

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Disputed US base likely to stay on Okinawa

TOKYO, 20 Oct—Despite political pressure among Tokyo's new leaders to shut down a US Marine base on Okinawa, the top American defense official says he expects the base will remain.

US Defence Secretary Robert Gates was to meet on Tuesday with Japanese Foreign Minister Katsuya Okada on a visit to Tokyo where the Futenma base was expected to be a top topic.

"There really, as far as we're concerned, are no alternatives to the arrangement that was negotiated," Gates told reporters late Monday as he headed to Japan.

At issue is the fate of the air field, a major Marine hub, in the wake of Japanese Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama's election last month.

US and Japanese officials in 2006 agreed to shift 8,000 Marines to the

US territory of Guam and to move the Futenma base to another US military location on Okinawa, Camp Schwab, where a new runway would be built.

But some members of Hatoyama's government want the Futenma base closed and the remaining US troops moved out of Japan altogether. Okinawa residents have complained that the military bases cause too much noise and crime.—Internet



A helicopter for display is placed at an exhibition hall in Seoul Airport in Seongnam, Gyeonggi Province, South Korea, on 19 Oct, 2009. The Seoul International Aerospace and Defence Exhibition (ADEX) 2009, one of the largest arms exhibitions in Asia, will take place here from Tuesday to Sunday.—XINHUA



A worker transports steel bars at a steel market in Hefei, Anhui Province, on 20 Oct, 2009. China's gross domestic product grew more than 7 percent in the first nine months, a senior official from the National Development and Reform Commission said on Monday.—INTERNET

Airbus, others sued in US over Air France crash

ATLANTA, 20 Oct—A US lawyer filed suit against planemaker Airbus SA and many aerospace suppliers on Monday seeking unspecified compensation on behalf of survivors of eight of the 228 passengers who died when an Air France flight crashed off the coast of Brazil in June.

The lawsuit said the plaintiffs, relatives of some of the dead from Air France Flight 447, have "suffered a loss of support" and other losses as

a result of the deaths. The action was brought under the Illinois Wrongful Death Act and filed in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois.

The Airbus A330 plane that crashed was "defective and unreasonably dangerous," the complaint states.

Other defendants include aircraft parts mak-

ers Honeywell International, General Electric Co, Rockwell Collins Inc, Thales SA and chip maker Intel Corp.

Airbus, a unit of EADS, had no comment. "We are aware of it. We do not comment on lawsuits," an Airbus Americas communications manager, Mary Anne Greczyn, said in an email.—Internet

IAEA chief praises Iran talks

VIENNA, 20 Oct—The head of the UN nuclear agency says talks that could persuade Iran to move most of its enriched uranium out of the country are off to a "good start."

Tehran says it needs enriched uranium for nuclear fuel, but the West fears it could be used for weapons. The US says Iran is now one to six years away from being able to make such arms, should it choose to.

Mohamed ElBaradei, who heads the International Atomic Energy Agency, attended the first day of talks on Monday. He spoke of "quite a constructive meeting, adding: "We are off to a good start."—Internet

Deadly building collapse in Kenya

NAIROBI, 20 Oct—At least one person has died after a multi-storied building collapsed on the outskirts of Kenya's capital, Nairobi. Dozens of people are feared trapped in the ruins of the building in Kiambu town, which was under construction. Red Cross officials said 15 severely ill people had been pulled from the rubble and taken to hospital.

It is not clear what caused the collapse, but correspondents say Kenyan building companies are often criticised for flouting safety regulations. There have been suggestions that heavy rain in the area recently could have weakened the five-storeyed structure. The rescue operation continued late into the night, as officials said an unknown number of people could still be inside the building.

Xinhua

Civilian killed, eight injured in Baghdad minibus bombing

BAGHDAD, 20 Oct—An Iraqi civilian was killed and eight others were wounded in a bomb explosion inside a minibus in northeastern Baghdad on Monday, an Interior Ministry source said.

The incident occurred in the afternoon when a bomb stuck to the minibus detonated while travelling in the neighbourhood of

Sha'ab, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The explosive charge was of a magnetic kind, which had been stuck in the minibus, and totally destroyed the minibus, the source said.

The powerful blast also caused damages to several nearby civilian cars, he said, adding that Iraqi security forces immediately sealed off the area and began evacuating the victims.

Xinhua

A survivor of a collapsed three storied building is carried away by rescuers in Kiambu, Kenya, on 19 Oct, 2009. A Kenyan police official says an unknown number of people are trapped in the rubble of a collapsed three story building in Kiambu.

INTERNET



Three killed in train-car crash in southern Miss

McCOMB, 20 Oct—Authorities say three people have been killed and another person critically injured after the car they were riding in collided with a passenger train in southern Mississippi.

No one on the Amtrak train was injured in the crash on Monday afternoon in McComb.

Authorities identified the dead as a 2-year-old, a 12-year-old boy and a 17-year-old woman. A 17-year-old man was taken to a hospital in critical condition.—Internet

China, ASEAN trade ties to enter new stage as FTA established

NANNING, 20 Oct—The China-ASEAN Free Trade Area (CAFTA) will be established as planned on 1 Jan, 2010, setting up a significant milestone in regional economic cooperation, Chinese Vice Premier Li Keqiang said here on Tuesday.

Li made the remarks at the opening ceremony of the China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit, which was held simultaneously with the China-ASEAN Exop from 20 to 24 Oct in Nanning, capital city of south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

Zero-tariff treatment

Brazil's Petrobras reports record oil output in September

RIO DE JANEIRO, 20 Oct—Brazil's state-owned energy firm Petrobras said on Monday its oil output hit a record 2.003 million barrels per day in September, up 1.2 percent from August and 5.6 percent year on year.

The figure surpassed the previous mark set in March by 12,000 barrels.

Petrobras said the increase was a result of resumed exploiting activities in the pre-salt area of Santos Basin and in the Campos Basin, both located off Brazil's southeastern coast.

Xinhua

will be realized for 90 percent products traded between China and ASEAN countries when CAFTA is set up, while the service trade market between the two sides will be opened in a substantial way, according to Li.

"CAFTA marks that trade ties between China and ASEAN are to enter a new stage. We should further promote mutual economic and trade cooperation to a deeper level, as well as make joint efforts to boost the liberalization and facilitation of

trade and investment," Li said.

ASEAN, or the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam with a total area of 4.5 million square kilometres.

"We firmly oppose trade and investment protectionism in any forms, in a purpose to advance global economic recovery and sustainable prosperity," Li said.—Xinhua



The Shanghai Yangtze Grand Bridge is brightened with dazzling illumination and looks more brilliant against the nocturnal sky, as over 1,200 road lamps being lightened in a successful overall trial illumination to present a spectacular night scene of the newly-completed Shanghai Yangtze Grand Bridge, in Shanghai, east China, on 18 Oct, 2009.—XINHUA



Triple Olympic and world champion sprinter Usain Bolt (R) receives the Order of Jamaica from Jamaica's Governor General Patrick Allen during Jamaica's annual National Honours and Awards ceremony in Kingston, on 19 October, 2009.—XINHUA

Russian economy to reach pre-crisis level in 2012

MOSCOW, 20 Oct—The Russian economy is expected to get back to the pre-crisis level in 2012, Russian news agencies quoted a senior official as saying on Monday.

"According to our

forecasts, expecting the best, Russia will reach its pre-crisis level in terms of gross domestic product (GDP) in early 2012," Andrei Klepach, a deputy economics minister in Russia's Ministry of Eco-

nomics Development and Trade, told a forum in the northern city of St Petersburg.

Russia's GDP would contract 8.5 percent this year from a year ago, he said, adding that the country had witnessed a slight growth since June but it was not stable enough.

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New York Times will cut 100 newsroom jobs

NEW YORK, 20 Oct—The New York Times plans to cut 100 newsroom jobs, about 8 percent of its staff, by end of this year, according to a report available on Monday on its website.

The newspaper will offer buyouts to staff who voluntarily leave the company, and it will lay off others if there are not enough volunteers, Executive Editor Bill Keller said in an e-mail to his staff. Employees will have 45 days to apply for a buyout.

The Times erased 100 newsroom jobs in the spring of 2008, while other jobs were created so that the net reduction was smaller, says the report.

About 15 to 20 journalists lost their jobs in that round of cuts, which was the first time in memory that had happened.

Xinhua



File photo taken on 10 March, 2009 shows people walking past the New York Times headquarters building in New York.—XINHUA

Italy, Russia, Turkey sign Samsun-Ceyhan pipeline agreement

ROME, 20 Oct—The governments of Italy, Russia and Turkey signed on Monday a joint agreement for the construction of the Samsun-Ceyhan pipeline.

The pipeline is a strategic infrastructure which aims to transport oil from the Black Sea port of Samsun to the Mediterra-

nean hub of Ceyhan across Turkey, avoiding shipping to cross the Istanbul Strait, according to local media.

The agreement was signed by Turkey's Energy minister Taner Yildiz, Italy's Industry minister Claudio Scajola and Russia's Deputy Premier Igor Sechin and En-

ergy minister Sergei Shmatko.

"The planet needs climate-friendly energy infrastructures and this pipeline is fundamental in that it considerably reduces the number of ships crossing the Istanbul strait, thus limiting sea pollution," said Scajola.

Xinhua



A woman shows blue-and-white porcelain clocks at the exhibition hall of 2009 China Jingdezhen International Ceramic Fair in Jingdezhen, east China's Jiangxi Province, on 18 Oct, 2009.—XINHUA



A technician debugs devices at the unmanned earthquake monitor in Tingri County, southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region, on 17 Oct, 2009. China's first unmanned earthquake monitor has been established and put into use at 4255 metres above sea level on Mt Qomolangma.—XINHUA

Militants bomb another telecommunication tower in S Philippines

COTABATO, 20 Oct—Suspected Al-Qaeda affiliated militants bombed another telecommunication tower in southern Philippines, Philippine military officials said on Tuesday.

Chief Supt Paisal Umpa, regional police commander, said that suspected members of Abu Sayyaf detonated on Monday night a homemade bomb they planted on Globe Telecom Inc's cell site in the township of Parang in Sulu. No one was reported hurt or killed in the incident.

Last week, suspected Abu Sayyaf militants bombed the cell site of Smart Communications Inc, cutting off mobile communications and Internet service in Sulu.—Xinhua

Sport plays major role in promoting world peace, development

UNITED NATIONS, 20 Oct—China said here on Monday that sports has always played a major role in promoting world peace and development.

The statement came as Zhang Yesui, the Chinese permanent representative to the United Nations, was taking the floor at the General Assembly on the agenda item "Sport for Peace and Development."

"China believes that sport has always played a major catalytic role in mankind's pursuit of peace and development," Zhang said. "It deepens understanding and exchanges among different cultures and promotes dialogue and cooperation."

"China appreciates efforts by the UN to integrate the values of sport with the goal of peace and development," he said. "We support the (UN) secretary-general's special advisor and the UN Sport Office in their endeavour to mobilize all resources to incorporate sport into activities and programmes for peace-keeping, development, education, health, gender equality, and the safeguarding of the rights and interests of persons with disabilities, so as to further advance the role of sport in helping to achieve the UN MDGs (Millennium Development Goals)."

Last year, the Chinese government successfully hosted the 29th Summer Olympic Games and the 13th Paralympic Games in Beijing, he said, adding that two years ago, Chinese delegation sponsored and tabled for adoption an Olympic Truce resolution at the 62nd Session of the General Assembly.—Xinhua

Global IT spending to rebound in 2010

SAN FRANCISCO, 20 Oct—Global information technology (IT) spending is expected to return to growth in 2010, leaving the worst year ever behind, market research firm Gartner said on Monday.

According to Gartner's latest forecasts, worldwide IT spending next year will climb to 3.3 trillion US dollars, a 3.3-percent increase compared with 2009.

Gartner also predicted

that global IT spending as a whole will see a 5.2-percent drop year-on-year in 2009, and enterprise IT spending will fare worse with a decline of 6.9 percent.

"While the IT industry will return to growth in 2010, the market will not recover to 2008 revenue levels before 2012," Peter Sondergaard, Gartner's global head of research, cautioned in a statement.

"2010 is about balancing

the focus on cost, risk, and growth. For more than 50 percent of CIOs (chief information officers) the IT budget will be 0 percent or less in growth terms. It will only slowly improve in 2011," he said.

Analysts at Gartner noted that emerging regions will resume strong growth in the coming years and are expected to have increasing influences on the future of the IT industry.—Xinhua



An audience appreciates an oil painting created by Vietnamese artist in Nanning, southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 19 Oct, 2009.—XINHUA

Brazil to host Amazon summit on climate change

SAO PAULO, 20 Oct—Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva announced on Monday in Sao Paulo that leaders from Amazon countries would attend a summit in Manaus on 26 Nov to form a common position at the upcoming UN climate change conference in Copenhagen. At a press conference at the Sao Paulo Industries Federation headquarters, Lula said the Copenhagen meeting would be "a golden opportunity" to discuss the Amazon's preservation among other subjects involving climate change.—Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

32 new planets found outside solar system

PARIS, 20 Oct—European astronomers announced on Monday the discovery of 32 new planets outside our solar system, bringing the number of known exoplanets to more than 400.

The newly found planets include six that have a mass of only a few times the size of the Earth, an encouraging sign in the quest for Earth-like worlds that could harbour life.

The discovery was made with the so-called High Accuracy Radial Velocity Planet Searcher or HARPS, a spectrograph for the European Southern Observatory's (ESO) 3.6-meter telescope at La Silla, Chile.

"HARPS is a unique, extremely high precision instrument that is ideal for discovering alien worlds," said Stephane Udry, a researcher at the University of Geneva in an ESO statement.—Xinhua



The giant luxurious Ro-Ro Passenger Vessel Bo Hai Bao Zhu (Pearl on Bohai Sea), is launched at the wharf of the dockyard of Yellow Sea Shipbuilding Co Ltd, in Rongcheng, east China's Shandong Province, on 18 Oct, 2009.—XINHUA

China's water aircraft to take off in 2013

BEIJING, 20 Oct— The first Chinese-made large amphibious aircraft is scheduled to take off in 2013, and ready for mass production in 2015, *China Daily* reported on Tuesday.

The amphibious aircraft, about the size of an Airbus 320, will handle emergency services and military tasks that are difficult or impossible with current aircraft in China today, the newspaper quoted a senior engineer of the manufacturer as saying.—Xinhua

Toyota unveils new hybrid-only model

TOKYO, 20 Oct—Toyota Motor Corp has unveiled a more expensive and bigger hybrid-only model than its hit Prius, underlining the Japanese automaker's ambitions to make green technology more widespread.

The "Sai" sedan is Toyota's second hybrid-only model after the Prius. Toyota offers hybrid versions of other car models

Sai, which means "talent" and "colour," will be sold only in Japan, starting on 7 Dec, targeting monthly sales of 3,000 vehicles. No global sales plans have been decided, the world's biggest automaker said on Tuesday.

Hybrids get better mileage than regular gasoline engine cars by switching between an electric motor and a gas engine. Other automakers are also beefing up their hybrid lineups, including hybrid-only models.

Internet



Journalists view the Toyota Motor Corp's hybrid sedan 'Sai' during the news conference in Tokyo, Japan, on 20 Oct, 2009. Toyota is coming out with a more expensive and bigger hybrid-only model than its popular Prius, the Sai.—INTERNET

Monkeys found to have human-like response

PRINCETON, 20 Oct—US scientists report evidence that monkeys, like humans, experience an emotional response to slightly unrealistic images of themselves. The emotional response was named "the uncanny valley" in 1970 by Masahiro Mori, a Japanese researcher of robotics. Mori found people enjoy looking at human images that are highly realistic or highly unrealistic. When examining human images that are generally realistic, but also

have unrealistic or distorted features, Mori found people experience a feeling of revulsion.

The "valley," scientists said, is a reference to the drop in positive emotional responses when people view the slightly unrealistic images of humans.

In the new study, Princeton University Assistant Professor Asif Ghazanfar and researcher Shawn Steckenfinger studied the responses of macaque monkeys as they viewed computer-generated

images of monkeys that were realistic, but less than perfect. The scientists found the monkeys averted their gaze and became fearful when shown the close-to-but-not realistic images.

The researchers say their results are the first such findings in any animal, other than human, that show there is a biological basis for the phenomenon. The study appears in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.—Internet

Study shows peripheral vision importance

MANHATTAN, 20 Oct—US scientists say they've discovered human peripheral vision is more important than central vision for determining what type of scene is being viewed.

Two Kansas State University psychology researchers say the most surprising part of their study is that they didn't anticipate peripheral vision to be so important for perceiving scenes.

Assistant Professor Lester Loschky and graduate student Adam Larson said they are attempting to determine how people understand and label what they see.

"We found that your peripheral vision is important for taking in the gist of a scene and that you can remove the central portion of an image, where your visual acuity is best, and still do just

fine at identifying the scene," Larson said.

Loschky and Larson also showed people's central vision benefited more from just a few additional pixels than did their peripheral vision. That, they said, suggests how the areas of our eyes known as our visual fields use information differently. The study is detailed in the *Journal of Vision*.

Internet

Three injured as boiler explodes in Ottawa

OTTAWA, 20 Oct—Three workers were injured, one seriously, when a boiler exploded at a heating plant in the heart of Canada's capital Ottawa on Monday.

One man has second-degree burns to 50 percent of his body and a severe head laceration. He is reportedly in serious condition in hospital, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) cited paramedics at the scene as saying.

Another man has first-degree burns and is in stable condition while the third has minor injuries, the paramedics said.

Firefighters evacuated 27 people from the heating plant, which supplies heat to buildings on Parliament Hill.

A hazardous materials team has been brought in to make sure no toxic substances were released by the blast.—Xinhua



Saxony's State Opera is getting ready for a world premiere of "UT-OP er," a work inspired by 16th century English statesman Thomas More's "Utopia."

The musical is being staged in the high-voltage lab, built in 1925, at Dresden's Technical University.

Americans enchanted by ancient Chinese warriors

Just like his first meeting with them, Nestor Dub still found the terra-cotta figures of ancient Chinese warriors and horses before him fascinating and unbelievable. These soldiers and horses made people feel insignificant and realize that in a different time, in a different part of the world, "things this grand had existed," said Dud, standing before a bust of a terra-cotta soldier.

Dub was one of the more than 200,000 Americans who visited the 5-month-long terra-cotta exhibition in the Houston Museum of Natural Science, which ended here.

Swiss charge Brazilian with faking skinhead attack

Swiss prosecutors have charged a Brazilian woman with faking an attack by skinheads that she said made her miscarry twins, officials said.

Prosecutors, however, are seeking only a fine and not prison time if Paula Oliveira is convicted of deception of justice. They did not say how high the fine could be.

Police said Oliveira claimed she was attacked outside a Zurich train station by three skinheads, one with a Nazi symbol tattooed on the back of his head, and that the purported assailants cut the initials of Switzerland's main right-wing party into her stomach and legs, causing her to

miscarry twins.

Pictures of her scarred body appeared in newspapers and Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva condemned the "remarkable violence against a Brazilian woman abroad."

But after a series of tests, Swiss police said Oliveira was not three months pregnant as she claimed, and Zurich University forensic medicine chief Walter Baer called it a "textbook case" of self-mutilation.

Her passport and legal papers were ordered blocked so an investigator could examine whether she misled law-enforcement authorities. Prosecutors filed the charges, according to a statement.



Visitors admire the displayed terra cotta warriors at the Houston Museum of Natural Science in Houston, the United States, on 18 Oct, 2009. The exhibition "Terra Cotta Warriors: Guardians of China's First Emperor" is concluded at the museum on Sunday, receiving over 200,000 visitors during its 5-month-long exhibition period.

NEWS ALBUM



A Fox News grab showing rescuers gathering around a homemade balloon after it landed in a field. A six-year-old Colorado boy feared to have fallen to his death from a homemade helium balloon was found hiding in his garage, ending a televised drama that transfixed the nation.

Five persons jump from 25,000 feet in Mt Qomolangma Skydive

Five persons made four solos and one tandem jump from a height of 25,000 feet (around 7,600 meters) in the south side of Mt Qomolangma.

According to a press release from the event organizer Explore Himalaya, in the first batch, Tom Noonan (United States), Ian Bishop (Australia) and Kishan (India) made solo jumps at 10:30 am. (GMT 0445). In the second batch, world record holder and also chief coordinator of the team, Wendy Smith (New Zealand) made a solo jump, while

Ganesh Pandey (Nepal) made a tandem jump with Tom Noonan (USA) at 12:30 am (GMT 0645).

The jumps were made from Tara Air's Pilatus Porter aircraft at Shyangboche, some 150 km east of Nepali capital Kathmandu.

Krishana Aryal, the skydive coordinator of the event organizer Explore Himalaya, told Xinhua on Friday that the five landed at Shyangboche area with an altitude of 12,500 feet (around 3,800 metres).

Prize presentation of U 16 ASEAN Women's Football Tournament held



Commander Maj-Gen Win Myint presenting individual gold medals to players of first prize winning team at the final match and prize presentation of U 16 ASEAN Women's Football Tournament.—MNA

YANGON, 20 Oct—The final match and prize presentation of U 16 ASEAN Women's Football Tournament hosted by Myanmar took place at the Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna), here on 18

October evening, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint. The Commander and guests watched the final

match between Australia and Thailand.

After that, Vice-Presidents of ASEAN Football Federation and President of Myanmar Football Federation presented the prizes to the

winning teams and individual prizes to referees.

Afterwards, the commander presented individual gold medals to players of first prize winning team and President of ASEAN Football Federation gave the championship cup.

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Sports Minister meets contestants from Sagaing Div

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct —Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint cordially greeted contestants from Sagaing Division who are taking part in the 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions at No (7) Transit Center in Nay Pyi Taw this evening.

Next, the minister presented cash assistance for the contestants through member of the panel of judges (modern song) Yaynatha Soe Hlaing.

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Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presents cash assistance for the contestants through member of the panel of judges (modern song) Yaynatha Soe Hlaing.

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Kanma-Thayet railroad section making west Ayeyawady dwellers smile

Article & Photos: Thant Zin Tun (Kyemon)

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Implemented by Myanmar Railways of the Ministry of Rail Transportation, Kanma-Thayet railroad section of Kyangin-Pakokku Rail Road Project was inaugurated on 17 October.

Before the inauguration of the new railroad section, the main threat to the development of the region was

as the transportation charge was high. Thanks to the new railroad, the fee for a passenger will only cost K 250 for the whole Kanma-Thayet trip. So, the locals can now enjoy the chance to transport their products easily with low-cost.

Attending to the instructions of the Head of State, the development of the west region of Ayeyawady was set as a



Merchant U Win Aung, Thayet.

voices from all of the local people who attended the inauguration of the new railroad section.

Teacher Daw Wah Wah Khine of Thayet said that they had mainly used the waterway before the completion of the new railroad section and she is thanking to the government for easy transport.

Merchant U Win Aung of Thayet also said that the using of waterway and motorway made the commodity flow delayed, caused the accidental losses of the goods and the inauguration of the new railroad section can lead to economic upturn of the local merchants. Students of No (1) Thayet Basic Education High School in Ma Aye Aye Nwe and party who were

on the special train for the opening ceremony said, "We have only seen the train while we visited Pyay with our families.

with Kyemon news crew was a farmer near Thayetaw Rail Station, Pazinneik Villager Daw Sein Ngwe. She said that



Daw Sein Ngwe, Pazinneik Village, Kanma Township.

Now, we have already been enjoying the taste of riding a train and we all thank those who constructed the railroad."

The last who met

she is now at the age over 70, she haven't even known before what the train is and she will take at least a trip by train while she lives.

The happy faces of all the attendees were supposed to be symbols of welcoming the emergence of new railroad.

There are six rail stations, 131 under-40 ft bridges, three 40-180 ft bridges and one 500-1000 ft bridge along the Kanma-Thayet railroad section.

So, the local people should enjoy the fruitful results of the emergence of new railroads contributed by the government. Locals too are now responsible for preservation of the facility.

Translation: HKA Kyemon (19-10-2009) *****



Teacher Daw Wah Wah Khine, Thayet.

transportation issue. The motorway and waterway were used for 35-mile Kanma-Thayet trip. Travelling through waterway was hard in rainy season. There would be cost K 2000 such a short trip because the road was rough.

The locals could only generate a little income from their seasonal fruit plantations

priority and Patheinywa motorway had been constructed. So, more passengers and goods can be transported in a short range of time. Kyangin-Pakokku railroad is a section of Patheinywa-Kyangin-Pakokku-Kalay railroad and the entire railroad sections will be completed soon.

Kyemon news crew has heard the heartfelt



Ma Aye Aye Nwe and party from Thayet BEHS (1).

17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continue

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct —The 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions went on at the designated venues here today.

Among the audience were Minis-

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Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw enjoys the presentations of contestants.—MNA

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Mg Soe Nyi Nyi and party from Ayeyawady Division participate in boy's orchestra troupe contest. MNA



U Tin Shwe from Mon State participates in guitar contest. MNA



Ma Hnin Ei Khine from Mandalay Division participates in guitar contest.

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Ma Myat Eaindray Htet from Shan State participates in dancing contest.

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Minister Dr Kyaw Myint enjoys the performance of contestants.

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Insurgents destroy three bridges on Papun-Kataingti-Kamamaung motor road

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct—Insurgent terrorists are constantly committing destructive acts although the government is fulfilling requirements of improving transport facilities in all parts of the country. Three bridges on Papun-Kataingti-Kamamaung

motor road between Mahtaw and Kataingti villages in Papun township, Kayin State were burnt to the ground by terrorist insurgents on 20 September.

Officials of Road Construction Special Group-9 of the Public Works in cooperation

with local authorities and local people repaired damaged bridges not to cause traffic delay. As the three damaged bridges were repaired completely on 13 October, it is learnt that the traffic has returned to normal as from the day.

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Ayeyawady Division Court holds coord meeting

YANGON, 20 Oct—The work coordination meeting of Ayeyawady Division Court and district/township courts was

held at the division court in Patheingyi on 16 October.

Ayeyawady Division Judge U Myint Thein

gave necessary instructions on judicial matters and heard reports presented by those present.

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Mg Ye Min Htet from Bago Division participates in piano contest.



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National level Sports Management Course 3/2009 opened

YANGON, 20 Oct—Under the programme of International Olympic Committee Solidarity 2009, Ministry of Sports,

Myanmar Olympic Committee and International Olympic Committee jointly-organized national level Sports Management

Course 3/2009 at Sports and Physical Education Institute (Kyaikkasan sports ground) on 18 October morning.

9th Plenary Meeting of 6th 47-member SSMNC on 7-8 Nov

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct—Members of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee are invited to come to the Kaba Aye Hill in Mayangon Township on 3 November (2nd Waning of Tazaungmon) to attend the 9th Plenary

meeting of 6th 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee.

The meeting will be held on 7 and 8 November (on 6th and 7th Waning of Tazaungmon, 1371 ME) at Kaba Aye Hill.

The Religious Af-

fairs Department has sent the invitations to the members of the committee, and asked them to arrive at Kaba Aye Hill on 3 November (2nd Waning of Tazaungmon) if they do not get the invitations in time.

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U Pyay Phylo Lin from Taninthayi Division participates in song contest.

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U Kyaw Ko Latt from Magway Division participates in oboe contest.

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Contestants and managers from States/Divisions enjoy the performance of contestants.—MNA

On behalf of the Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports, Director-General U Thaug Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department made an opening speech.

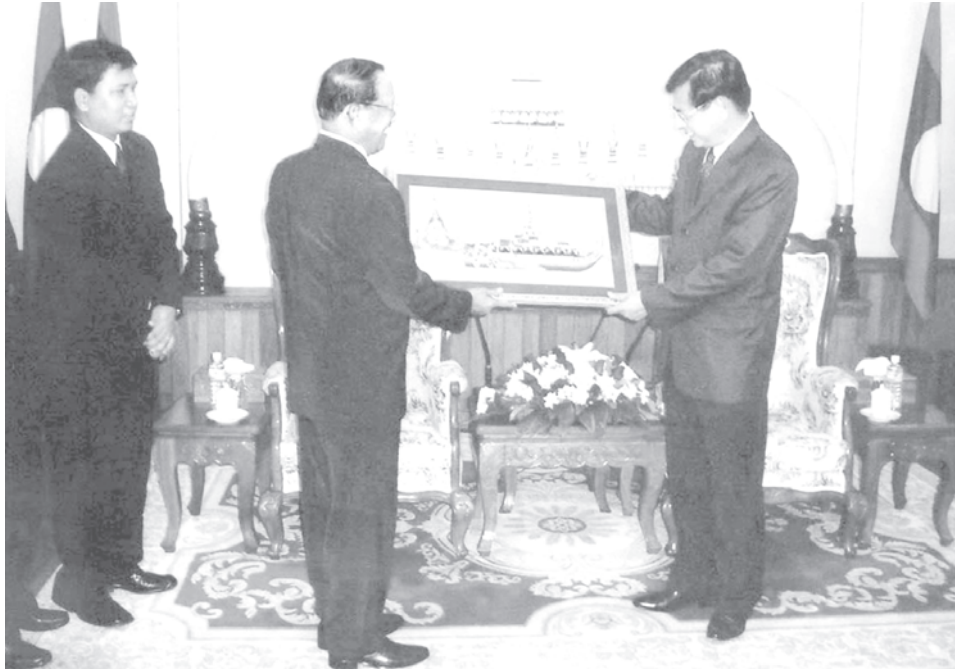
A total of 50 trainees

are attending the course that lasts up to 23 October.

The director-general attended the opening ceremony of 5th Inter-State and Division Men's, Women's Track & Field event at Youth Training

Centre (Thuwunna). He presented championship shield and duplicate shield to Bago Division women team, to Yangon Division men's team and combined championship shield to Yangon Division team.

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Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presents a gift to Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh.—SPORTS (NEWS REPORTED)

L & F Minister meets departmental officials, local people in Myeik

YANGON, 20 Oct — Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein met with departmental officials and local people in Myeik on 18 October and fulfilled the requirements for development of the region.

The minister held a meeting with departmental

officials in Taninthayi Division, businessmen from the fishery sector and owners of the cold storage factories at the office of the Head of Taninthayi Division Fishery Department in Myeik. In the afternoon, the minister went to Ingamaw Model Village and Sandawut Village in Myeik District

and met with local people, members of social organizations and local people.

On 17 October, the minister attended an extempore talk on English at Pale Yadana Hall in Myeik. Students from basic and higher education level participated in the talks. **MNA**



Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein meeting with departmental officials and businessmen from the fishery sector.—L&F

Talks on money matters on 24 Oct

YANGON, 20 Oct — Author Khin Maung Nyo (Economics) will give talks at Wise International Hall, at Room No.1009, on the

10th Floor of Yuzana Tower, at the corner of Kaba Aye Pagoda Road and Shwe Gondaing Road, Bahan Township, here on

24 October. The topic of the talk is Money Matters and those interested may dial 556183, 095157032. **MNA**

Third round of Myanmar Golf Tour 2009-2010 on 29 Oct

YANGON, 20 Oct — Jointly Organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and Myanmar PGA and mainly sponsored by Air Bagan Ltd, Air Bagan Open Golf Championships, the third round of Myanmar Golf Tour 2009-2010 will be held at PyinOoLwin Golf

Club in PyinOoLwin of Mandalay Division from 29 October to 1 November on a grand scale.

Participants must be professional level and amateur level (Handicap 0-12) golfers.

The tournament will be held in compliance

with St Andrews rules and regional regulations and handsome prizes will be awarded to golfers who win Hole-In-One prizes.

Golfers may register at PyinOoLwin Golf Club and Ph-095017049 and 092037671 not later than at 2 pm on 27 October.

Air Bagan Ltd is main

Meeting on industrial development held

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct — An industrial development work coordination meeting of Myanmar Industrial Development Work Committee took place at the Ministry of Industry-2 here this morning. Chairman of Myanmar Industrial Development Committee Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung and Chairman of Myanmar Industrial Development Work Committee Minister

for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein spoke on the occasion.

Next, Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin and departmental heads discussed matters related to industrial development.

Chairmen and secretaries of industrial zone supervisory

committee and management committee also reported on industrial development matters. Minister Vice-Admiral Soe Thein gave a concluding remark.

After the meeting, the ministers and officials viewed machine parts including engines, gearboxes, pistons and casting parts produced by the Ministry of Industry-2.—**MNA**



Ministers U Aung Thaung and Vice-Admiral Soe Thein view the machine parts produced by the Ministry of Industry-2.—MNA

Regional development tasks performed in Natogyi Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct — Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung on 12 October made a speech in meeting with local people from Magyikan model Village of Natogyi Township and handed over K 10 million for construction of Magyikan model village Basic Education Middle School (branch) donated by U Kyaw Kyaw Moe, U Kyaw Kyaw Oo and wife

Daw Ei Ei San family (Kyaw San Co).

Afterwards, Donor U Kyaw Kyaw Moe explained the purpose of donation. The deputy minister accepted K 10 million donated by U Kyaw Kyaw Moe and presented K 50,000 for teachers of the school through headmaster U Aung Kyaw. Afterwards, townselder U Ye Kyi spoke words of thanks. The deputy minister

and donors viewed construction of one-storey building measuring 80 feet by 28 feet.

The deputy minister met with local people from Magyikon Village and donated 75 bags of cement for construction of rain water tank for the primary school.

Afterwards, the deputy minister met with local people from Yonbingon village.—**MNA**

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Ma Phyu Phyu Kyaw of Kayin State in singing contest. (News on page-8)

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Kuwait plans to spend 63 bln dls on mega projects

KUWAIT CITY, 20 Oct—OPEC member Kuwait plans to spend 18 billion dinars (63 billion dollars) over the next four years on 250 massive projects, a newspaper reported on Tuesday.

The projects are included in a four-year programme approved by the cabinet on Monday and will be sent to parliament later this week, Al-Watan newspaper reported, citing

government sources.

The daily did not name any project but Kuwait, awash with cash from oil revenues, has been planning a new business hub dubbed Silk City as well as a new modern harbour, a railway and metro system.

The plan which runs from the current 2009/2010 fiscal year until 2012/2013 will focus on boosting the private

sector's role in the domestic economy.

Kuwait's private business accounts for just a quarter of gross domestic product.

The emirate is estimated to have foreign assets of close to 230 billion dollars, run by its sovereign wealth fund, despite sharp losses in the past year due to the global economic downturn.

Internet



Local residents clear snow on the road in Hexigten Banner, north China's Inner Mongolia Region, on 20 Oct, 2009. A snowfall hit the area on Tuesday.—INTERNET

Top Opel manager warns of cash crisis

FRANKFURT, 20 Oct—The top manager at struggling German carmaker Opel warned on Tuesday it could run out of cash within three months unless a deal to sell it off to the Canadian group Magna goes ahead quickly.

Opel "only has liquidity until mid-January 2010, that means the decision must be made as quickly as possible," Fred Irwin, head of the Opel Trust which now manages the carmaker, told Deutschlandfunk radio.

Opel's parent company, the US automaker General Motors, is expected this week to sign a deal selling a 55-percent stake in Opel, which includes Vauxhall in Britain, to Magna and the state-owned Russian bank Sberbank.

But on Friday, the European Commission voiced serious doubts about whether German aid to help the deal succeed conformed to European Union competition regulations.

Berlin, keen to protect as many of the 25,000 Opel jobs in Germany as possible, has offered up to 4.5 billion euros (6.7 billion dollars) in state aid.

A German government spokesman said on Monday that he did not expect the EU to throw up "fundamental" problems for the sale.

"It is not in Opel Trust's interest to relaunch the bidding process," Irwin added on Tuesday. GM's management board "should meet today (Tuesday) or tomorrow" and consider the matter in a pragmatic manner,



Flags outside the Opel car factory building in Antwerp in September. The top manager at struggling German carmaker Opel warned it could run out of cash within three months unless a deal to sell it off to the Canadian group Magna goes ahead quickly.—INTERNET

he said.

About half of Opel and its sister brand Vauxhall's workforce is located in Germany, with the rest in other countries including Belgium, Britain, Poland and Spain.

Internet

Public finances slump to record deficit

LONDON, 20 Oct — The national deficit ballooned last month, reaching a record for September as the public purse buckled under the weight of a steep recession, according to official data published on Tuesday.

The data, published by the Office for

National Statistics, is a major headache for Prime Minister Gordon Brown, whose Labour government is already trailing the opposition Conservatives before an election due next year.

The public sector net borrowing requirement — the government's preferred measure of

public finances — hit 14.8 billion pounds in September, the ONS said in a statement.

That was almost double the 8.7 billion pounds in the same month one year ago, but marginally less than the 15 billion pounds forecast by analysts.

The government has now borrowed a total of 77.3 billion pounds in the first six months of the 2009-10 financial year, which began at the start of April.

That is the highest half-year PSNBR figure since records began back in 1946, according to the ONS.

Internet



A model displays a creation by Japanese designer Aya Furuhashi at a fashion show during Japan Fashion Week in Tokyo 19 October, 2009.

INTERNET

British Museum relaxed about Chinese relics' search

LONDON, 20 Oct—One of Britain's most prestigious museums said Tuesday it had nothing to hide, after China announced it would dispatch experts to record relics abroad it says were looted from Beijing's Old Summer Palace.

Museums, libraries and private collections in the United States, Britain, France and Japan will be targeted by the initiative, according to the director of Beijing's Yuanmingyuan, or Old Summer Palace, quoted in the China Daily.

China views the burning and pillaging of the Yuanmingyuan in

1860 by British and French armies as one of its greatest humiliations.

The British Museum in London, which has a substantial collection of Chinese artifacts, said it

did not believe the Chinese initiative was aimed at seeking the return of any items, but simply to catalogue them.

Internet



The general view shows the ruins of the Guanshuifa Fountain at the Old Summer Palace in Beijing, February 2009.

INTERNET

Baker Greggs says it will create 6,000 jobs

LONDON, 20 Oct—The baker Greggs, a seller of sandwiches and pastries, announced a plan Tuesday to open at least 600 shops in Britain in the coming years, creating 6,000 jobs.

The group also said in a management statement that sales so far this year had increased 3.8 percent compared with the same period of 2008.

"The growth opportunities within (Britain) are significant," it said. "It remains our belief that a further 600-plus shops can be opened in the medium term with little cannibalisation from our existing shops. This will take our shop numbers above 2,000, making us accessible to many more customers and creating some 6,000 new jobs."

The company said it hoped to open 50-60 new shops in 2011 and then at least 70 per year starting in 2011.—Internet



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Several visitors take souvenir photos of the florid float of Soaring Shanghai, which participated in the grand parade in celebration of the 60th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China on the Tian'anmen Square on the Oct 1st National Day, and now makes presence on the Oriental Pearl Square to start its 1-month-long public show to local citizens, in Shanghai, east China, on 18 Oct, 2009.—XINHUA

Study looks at malaria parasite genetics

BALTIMORE, 20 Oct—US scientists say they've found creation of a broadly protective malaria vaccine may be difficult due to genetic differences in most malaria parasites.

Researchers at the University of Maryland School of Medicine's Center for Vaccine Development said they charted the extreme genetic differences that occur over time in the most dangerous malaria parasite in the world.

The findings, the scientists said, suggest developing a broadly protective vaccine for malaria might be challenging because the parasite's genetic makeup is so variable and constantly changing. If a vaccine targets only a single protein in the parasite, and there are many different versions of that protein, the parasite becomes a moving target for vaccine development.

Drug-resistant malaria has been a major barrier to treating the disease, and the new study suggests "vaccine-resistant" malaria might also become a problem.

The research led by Assistant Professor Shannon Takala appears in the *Journal Science Translational Medicine*.—Internet

Tulane doctor kills cancer cells with cold

NEW ORLEANS, 20 Oct—A surgeon at New Orleans' Tulane University said he used extreme cold to freeze tumors and kill cancer cells inside of a patient.

Tulane urologist Dr Benjamin Lee said instead of using conventional surgical methods to deal with Joseph Davis' kidney cancer, he used specially-designed instruments to freeze the patient's tumors using a mixture of nitrogen and argon, *The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune* said on Monday.

The use of the tiny instruments meant Lee only had to make an incision in Davis' midsection no larger than a quarter.

Davis, 65, said he was shocked with how much could be done to aid his body through such a small incision.

"I was amazed at what they could do through that opening with those tools ... to manipulate the tools and not destroy you in the process," Davis said of the technique used in his 30 March procedure.

Unidentified experts told the *Times-Picayune* that a typical kidney cancer surgery results in a foot-long incision in the patient and occasionally the removal of a rib.—Internet

Lifestyle, not alcohol, may stem decline

FERRARA, 20 Oct—Italian researchers say lifestyle related characteristics — rather than alcohol—may affect functional decline in drinkers.

The study, published in the *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*, finds participants consuming moderate levels of alcohol had the lowest incidence of mobility limitation and disability.

However, after adjusting for demographic characteristics, moderate alcohol intake was still associated with reduced risk compared to never or occasional consumption, but adjusting for lifestyle re-

lated variables substantially reduced the strength of the associations.

The study of more than 3,000 adults ages 70-79 found the association between light-to-moderate alcohol consumption and reduced risk of functional decline over time did not hold up after adjustments were made for characteristics related to lifestyle — in particular physical activity, body weight, education and income.

Given the risk of alcohol-dependence and the

health hazards associated with excessive alcohol consumption, the researchers advise caution.

"From this point of view, in our opinion, lifestyle recommendations for the prevention of disability should be based on interventions proven to be safe and effective, such as weight control and physical exercise," study author Dr Cinzia Maraldi, of the University of Ferrara in Italy said in a statement.

Internet

Vietnamese PM expects more cooperation with China's Guangdong province

HANOI, 20 Oct—Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung said here on Monday that he expects Vietnam could strengthen all-round cooperation with the Guangdong Province of China.

Dung made the remarks when meeting with Huang Huahua, governor of south China's Guangdong Province who is leading a business delegation to visit Vietnam.

Dung said Vietnamese provinces and cities have made good cooperation with China's Guangdong Province in recent years, bringing benefits to the two sides.

Dung hoped the two sides could enhance cooperation in trade, investment, tourism and education, contributing to the Vietnam-China comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership.

Huang said Guangdong and Vietnam boast of great potentials in cooperation. During this visit, the Guangdong business delegation is expected to sign contracts valued at 1.8 billion US dollars with Vietnamese partners, he said.

Huang hoped the visit could push forward cooperation between Guangdong and Vietnam to a new level.—Xinhua

Lower income linked to poorer breast cancer survival

BEIJING, 20 Oct—A new study using data on over 100,000 US women diagnosed with breast cancer between 1998 and 2002 found that lower-income women appear less likely to survive the disease than their richer counterparts.

The study, in the online journal *BMC Cancer*, found that those living in economically depressed areas had poorer survival rates through the end of 2005. Considering socio-economics alone, women in the poorest areas were almost one-third more likely to die during that

period than those living in the highest-income areas.

When other factors were weighed, the timing of a woman's diagnosis seemed to explain much of the income gap.

It found that women in lower-income areas were less likely to receive radiation as part of their first course of treatment: 55 percent to 58 percent of women in the two higher-income groups received radiation, versus 48 percent in each of the two lower-income groups. Radiation is typically recommended to destroy any remaining

cancer cells after a breast tumor, or the breast itself, has been surgically removed.

According to study author Dr Xue Qin Yu, a researcher at Cancer Council New South Wales, in Kings Cross, the findings point to a need for "targeted interventions" to increase breast cancer screening and early treatment of lower-income women. That, the researcher said, could include education for women and more government funding of screening programmes for low-income or uninsured women.—Xinhua

Mexico fells trees to save butterfly reserve

MEXICO CITY, 20 Oct—Authorities who have struggled to stop illegal logging in Mexico's famed monarch butterfly reserve now are cutting

down thousands of trees themselves to fight an unprecedented infestation of deadly bark beetles.

Biologists and park workers are racing to fell

as many as 9,000 infected fir trees and bury or extract infested wood before the orange-and-black monarchs start arriving in late October to spend the winter bunched together on branches, carpeting the trees.

Environmentalists say the forest canopy of tall firs is essential to shelter the butterflies on their annual migration through Mexico, the United States and Canada. The journey is tracked by scholars and schoolchildren across North America and draws tens of thousands of tourists to the reserve, a UN Heritage site.—Internet



In this photo taken on 16 Oct, 2009, Rosendo Caro, Director of Mexico's Monarch butterfly reserve, stands in front of a group of trees severely damaged by the bark beetle, outside of the reserve near Ocampo, Mexico.—INTERNET



A laboratory technician is seen at a Sanofi-Pasteur production plant manufacturing Panenza, a vaccine for the H1N1 flu virus, in Val-de-Reuil, western Paris, on 19 Oct, 2009. France will begin vaccinating key medical workers against swine flu on 20 Oct, 2009.—INTERNET

Second wave of A/H1N1 infections hits China

BEIJING, 20 Oct— China is experiencing a second round of A/H1N1 flu infection, as recent infections are more widespread and increasing rapidly, said Zeng Guang, chief epidemiologist at the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention, was quoted by *China Daily* on Tuesday. China has reported two deaths from A/H1N1 influenza, an 18-year-old woman in Tibet who died on 4 Oct, 4 and a 43-year-old woman who died last Friday in Qinghai. Zeng said as seasons change, A/H1N1 infections slow in the southern hemisphere, while they rocket in the northern hemisphere.

The number of H1N1 cases reported daily now equals the number of cases reported during 10 days of last month, he said. The Chinese mainland had reported more than 26,300 cases of A/H1N1 influenza as of last Friday. About 86 percent had already recovered.

More than 17,000 of the cases were reported in September alone. A/H1N1 infections are spreading to small and medium-sized cities, as well as central and west China, Zeng said.—*Xinhua*

First case of H1N1 flu confirmed in US pig

WASHINGTON, 20 Oct— US Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced on Monday that US Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Veterinary Services Laboratories has confirmed the presence of 2009 pandemic H1N1 influenza virus in a pig sample collected at the Minnesota State Fair submitted by the University of Minnesota. Additional samples are being tested.

"We have fully engaged our trading partners to remind them that several international or-

ganizations, including the World Organization for Animal Health, have advised that there is no scientific basis to restrict trade in pork and pork products," said Vilsack in a statement. "People cannot get this flu from eating pork or pork products. Pork is safe to eat."

Sequence results on the hemagglutinin, neuraminidase and matrix genes from the virus isolate are compatible with reported 2009 pandemic H1N1 sequences.

The samples collected at the 2009 Minnesota State Fair were part of a University of Iowa and University of Minnesota cooperative agreement research project funded by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention which documents influenza viruses where humans and pigs interact at such as fairs.

Internet

Internet surfing found to have boosted brain function for elders

LOS ANGELES, 20 Oct— Scientists at University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), have found that web surfing for middle-aged and seniors with little Internet experience have boosted their brain function. "We found that for older people with minimal experience, performing Internet searches for even a relatively short period of time can change brain activity patterns and enhance function," said study author Dr Gary Small, professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior at

UCLA.

Dr Small and his team selected 24 volunteers between the ages of 55 and 78. Half of the participants had Internet experience, while the other half had very little experience.

After Internet training, participants with minimal online experience displayed brain activation patterns very similar to those

seen in the group of experienced Internet users after just a short period of time. "The results suggest that searching online may be a simple form of brain exercise that might be employed to enhance cognition in older adults," said Teena D Moody, the study's first author and a senior research associate at UCLA.—*Xinhua*

Study shows ancient meat-butchering clues

TEL AVIV, 20 Oct— Israeli and US scientists studying an ancient animal bone found in an Israeli cave have discovered new clues concerning the history of meat butchering. Scientists from Tel Aviv University and the University of Arizona said their research is providing new insights about how, where and when man's communal habits of butchering meat developed, and they're changing the way anthropologists, zoologists and archaeologists think about evolutionary development, economics and social behaviors through the millennia.

The bone and other objects unearthed at Qesem Cave in Israel suggest that during the late Lower Paleolithic period (between 400,000 and

200,000 years ago), people hunted and shared meat differently than they did in later times.

Instead of a prey's carcass being prepared by just one or two people — which would result in clear and repetitive cutting marks — the marks found on the bone suggest something else.

"The cut marks we are finding are both more abundant and more randomly oriented than those observed in later times, such as the Middle and Upper Paleolithic periods," Tel Aviv University Professor Avi Gopher said. "What this could mean is that either one person from the clan butchered the group's meat in a few episodes over time, or multiple persons hacked away at it in tandem."—*Internet*

US study shows protein may predict heart attack, early death

WASHINGTON, 20 Oct— People with high levels of a protein called C-reactive protein (CRP), a marker for inflammation in the blood, may be at higher risk for heart attack and death but not stroke, according to a study that will be published Tuesday in *Neurology*, the medical journal of the American Academy of Neurology.

The study involved 2,240 people from the Northern Manhattan Study who were 40 years old or older and stroke-free. Of the group, 63 percent were Hispanic, 20 percent non-Hispanic black and 15 percent non-Hispanic white residents.

All participants had their blood tested for CRP levels and were evaluated

for stroke and heart attack risk factors. They were followed for an average of eight years. In that time, there were 198 strokes, 156 heart-related events and 586 deaths.

Storm watchers run from the deck at a hotel on Medano Beach as a large wave overtakes their perch as Hurricane Rick approaches Cabo San Lucas, a popular tourist resort at the Southern tip of Baja California, Mexico. Rick has claimed its first victim as it churned up Mexico's Pacific Coast whipping up a giant wave which swept away a Mexican at the Los Cabos tourist resort, authorities said on Monday.—INTERNET



SPORTS

Bayern's Robben out of Bordeaux trip



Dutch winger Arjen Robben

MUNICH, 20 Oct—Bayern Munich coach Louis van Gaal has decided against risking Dutch winger Arjen Robben for Wednesday's Champions League clash at Bordeaux.

The 25-year-old injured his right knee in the 0-0 draw at home to Juventus on 1 October which required surgery.

Bayern beat Freiburg 2-1 in the Bundesliga on Saturday and are fifth in the table while the German giants are joint leaders at the top of Group A in the Champions League alongside Bordeaux who also have four points.

Aside from Robben Bayern are also without French international Franck Ribery.—*Internet*

Injured Giggs doubtful for Man Utd's Champions League tie

LONDON, 20 Oct—Welsh midfielder Ryan Giggs could be Manchester United's injury doubt for the English Premiership team's Champions League away match to CSKA Moscow on Wednesday.

"Ryan Giggs has got a knock and is a doubt for Wednesday," said United manager Alex Ferguson.

The veteran had been knocked down during Saturday's 2-1 win over Bolton and is unlikely to travel to the Luzhniki Stadium at the Russian capital.

Other key players might miss the Moscow showcase include Patrice Evra, Dimitar Berbatov, Wayne Rooney and Nemanja Vidic.

United top Group B with full points from two games, while CSKA have won one and lost one.

Internet

Stoke City's Huth charged over Upson clash

LONDON, 20 Oct—Stoke City defender Robert Huth was charged Monday with violent conduct by the Football Association (FA) following a clash with West Ham's Matthew Upson at the Britannia Stadium on Saturday.

Huth appeared to swing an arm into Upson's face as the pair tried to gain position at a free-kick but, with Stoke 2-1 up, the eventual full-time score, the incident went unseen by referee Martin Atkinson.

Stoke manager Tony Pulis, speaking after the game, said: "I will have a look at it and obviously if he has done it we will speak to him and deal with him in-house."

West Ham manager Gianfranco Zola added: "I saw the incident. Matthew is okay now, he had a few stitches.

"Looking at the video after the match obviously it was a sending-off. I can only assume the referee didn't see it.

"I haven't spoken to the referee about it. I don't think I need to talk to him. It is down to the authorities to decide (whether further action is required) - it won't change the story for me."—*Internet*



Stoke City defender Robert Huth

Ferguson charged over referee remarks



Alex Ferguson

LONDON, 20 Oct—Alex Ferguson was charged Monday with improper conduct by the Football Association (FA) for publicly labelling referee Alan Wiley "unfit".

The Manchester United manager made his comments after the Premier League champions were held to a 2-2 draw by Sunderland at Old Trafford on 3 October.

Ferguson apologised for the remarks but that didn't stop the FA from pressing charges against the Scot which could lead to a possible touchline ban and fine.

Ferguson accused

Wiley of not being "fit enough for a game of that standard" and of "walking up the pitch for the second goal needing a rest".

The FA said Monday in a statement: "Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson has been charged with improper conduct.

"The charge relates to media comments made by Ferguson about referee Alan Wiley following United's match against Sunderland at Old Trafford on 3 October. He has until 3 November to respond to the charge."

Ferguson, in his apology, said: "I apologise to Mr Wiley for any personal embarrassment my comments may have caused and to the FA for going public with my views.

Internet

South Africa fire coach Joel Santana



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JOHANNESBURG, 20 Oct—World Cup hosts South Africa fired coach Joel Santana on Monday after eight losses in nine matches, a national football association spokesman said here.

The 60-year-old Brazilian tasked with building a team capable of holding its own at the

2010 tournament paid the price for a string of poor results and consistent refusal to accept criticism of his hyper-cautious underperformers.

After 1-0 defeats at European middleweights Norway and Iceland last week, the man appointed in mid-2008 said he had not been hired to win friendly fixtures.

Many South African Football Association (SAFA) officials considered this comment an insult to the nation and it became an issue of when rather than if he would be axed.

Internet

Fulham enjoy birthday celebration at Hull's expense

LONDON, 20 Oct—Fulham celebrated the club's 130th anniversary by pulling clear of the Premier League's relegation zone with a 2-0 win over fellow strugglers Hull at Craven Cottage on Monday.

Bobby Zamora's first-half header and a Diomansy Kamara strike just after the hour mark settled a contest which lifted Fulham up to 12th place in the table and left the visitors mired in the drop zone.

Zamora said Fulham

had earned the three points.

"In previous games we've worked hard and not got the result we deserved but we deserve the points tonight," he said.

Zamora's opener came two minutes before the interval, the striker heading

Fulham's Bobby Zamora celebrates scoring his goal against Hull City during a Premier League football match at Craven Cottage in London. Fulham won 2-0.—INTERNET

home following a fierce shot from Ireland winger Damien Duff, which Hull goalkeeper Boaz Myhill was unable to hold.

Internet



European PGA Tour adds 2 tournaments for 2010

WENTWORTH, 20 Oct—The European PGA Tour added a pair of tournaments to its 2010 schedule on Monday and left three others off the list.

The Africa Open in South Africa and the Hassan 11 Golf Trophy in Morocco were put on the schedule, while the Johnnie Walker Classic in Australia, the Malaysian Open and the Indonesian Open were missing.

The three missing events had a combined prize fund of more than \$4 million in 2009.

The Africa Open, which will be co-sanctioned with the Sunshine Golf Tour, will be held at the East London Golf Club in the first week of January. In March, the Hassan 11 Golf Trophy, which dates back to 1971 and is being upgraded to Tour status, will be played at the Royal Dar-Es-salam Club in Rabat. The tournament features a new celebrity pro-am format over the first two rounds.

Internet

France handed tough Irish draw for playoffs



Republic of Ireland's coach Giovanni Trapattoni (left) warms up with his team during training in Bari. Former champions France have been handed a potentially tough test in their bid to qualify for the World Cup finals after drawing the Republic of Ireland in the play-offs.—INTERNET

ZURICH, 20 Oct—Former champions France have been handed a potentially tough test in their bid to qualify for the World Cup finals after drawing the Republic of Ireland in the play-offs Monday.

Giovanni Trapattoni's Irish side were one of the most impressive teams in their qualifying group eight, which was dominated by Italy.

And they were one of two teams, the other being Ukraine, the French wanted to avoid for the two-leg playoff in which Ireland play at home on 14 November before travelling to France four days later.

Internet

Reina rues beach ball goal keeper admits ref made mistake for goal



Liverpool goalkeeper Pepe Reina

LONDON, 20 Oct— Liverpool goalkeeper Pepe Reina has admitted he took his eye off the real ball for Darren Bent's controversial winner for Sunderland.

The Spanish international was beaten when Bent's shot struck a stray beach ball inside the penalty area to totally deceive the keeper.

Under the laws of the game the goal should have been disallowed with a drop ball given, but the officials appeared not to notice

the change of direction the ball took after it hit the beach ball.

Reina admits the beach ball made him lose sight of the real ball as he instinctively moved towards the beach ball.

"It was such bad luck. I lost sight of the official ball and stayed on the red one," Reina told Spanish radio station Cope.

"When he shot, it startled me and I went for the red ball instinctively as it was the closest to me and the other went past me. It all happened very quickly.

"This had never happened before in my life. I didn't know what to do.

"A lot of things were going through my head but I honestly thought that the goal would stand and no one was going to disallow it."

Internet

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (21-10-2009) (Wednesday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~10:00am) MST
Europe	- (15:30pm~23:30pm) MST
North America	- (23:30pm~07:30am) MST

Local Transmission

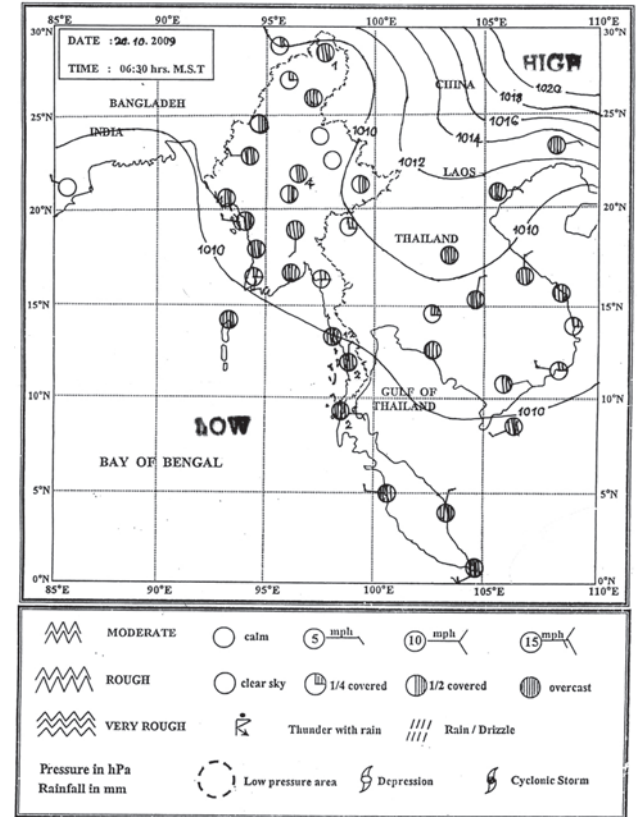
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Kachin Traditional Wedding Ceremony
- * Going Together Paintings
- * The Source of The River Ayeyawady
- * Culture Stage
- * Let's Meet at Taunggyi Tazaungdaing Festival
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Shan Traditional "Hsoon" Offering Ceremony
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

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- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Eiksitan Grape Orchard
- * Innovative Skills Of Myanmar Handicrafts (Part-1)
- * Lifestyles Along The Ayeyawady (Mandalay to Pyay) (Part-III)
- * National Dance
- * Myanmar Natural Resource Spirulina
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) for regional development
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 20th October, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Rakhine, Kayin and Kayah States, upper Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Taninthayi Division, scattered in Kachin, Shan, Mon States and Bago Division and isolated in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Taninthayi Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Launglon (5.04)inches, Mudon (1.38)inches, Heho (0.98)inch, Bago (0.95)inch, Myeik (0.87)inch, Pinlaung (0.67)inch and Mandalay (0.16)inch.

Maximum temperature on 19-10-2009 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 20-10-2009 was 71°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 20-10-2009 was 88%. Total sun shine hours on 19-10-2009 was (3.1) hours approx.

Rainfall on 19-10-2009 was Tr at Mingaladon, Nil at Kaba-Aye and (0.20) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (110.83) inches at Mingaladon, (120.87) inches at Kaba-Aye and (128.35) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southeast at (10:30) hours MST on 19-10-2009.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Southeast Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 21st October 2009: Rain or thundershower will be widespread in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, scattered in Kayin State, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions, isolated in Kachin, Chin, Shan and Rakhine States, Sagaing, Bago and Mandalay Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 21-10-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 21-10-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 21-10-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Wednesday, 21 October View on today

- 7:00 am
 1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am
 2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am
 3. Morning News
- 7:40 am
 4. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်၊ စိုင့်ညိုမင်း၊ တေးရေး- ဗိုလ်ကလေးတင့်အောင်)

- 7:50 am
 5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:05 am
 6. "ငွေကြေးကိစ္စမှန်သမျှ တက်ကိုသာအားကိုးကြ" (ခန့်စည်သူ၊ မြိုးငွေစိုး၊ ဝိယ၊ ပုလဲဝင်း၊ ဖူးစုံ၊ သဇင်) [ဒါရိုက်တာ-မြင့်စိုး(ဝ/သ)]
- 8:30 am
 7. Musical Programme
- 8:40 am
 8. International News
- 8:45 am
 9. Connect With English (Episode-21) (A Difficult Decision)
- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm
 2. Song of National Races
- 4:20 pm
 3. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

- 4:30 pm
 4. Classical Songs
- 4:35 pm
 5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 4:40 pm
 6. Song to Uphold National Spirit
- 4:45 pm
 7. ရွှေဖွယ်စုံလင် အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်
- 4:50 pm
 8. Myanmar Smiles (Episode-3) (To The Land of Gold Here Comes The Korean Wave)
- 5:40 pm
 9. စူပါတေးသံရှင်ရွေးချယ်ပွဲ
- 6:00 pm
 10. Evening News
- 6:15 pm
 11. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm
 12. မြန်မာ့လေ့ရိုးရာလက်ငွေ

- 6:30 pm
 13. ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင် အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်
- 7:00 pm
 14. ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်
- 7:30 pm
 15. အေဝမ်းစိုးမြင့်ဝိုင်း သံစုံတူရိယာအဖွဲ့ပျော်ဖြေခန်း
- 8:00 pm
 16. News
 17. International News
 18. Weather Report
 19. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ် (၁၇)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
 20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မြူးစိုးဝေဝေချစ်သက်တည်" (တတိယတွဲ) (အပိုင်း-၁၅)
 21. မြန်မာ့ဗီဒီယိုဇာတ်လမ်း "ဒါပါဘဲ" (နိုင်းနိုင်း၊ သက်မွန်မြင့်) [ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မောင်ဦး (စနိုးဝိုက်)]

- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

- VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- Do not allow ourselves to be swayed
- By broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Lt-Gen Ko Ko of Ministry of Defence enjoys performance of troupe from Kayin State in "Thakaung Yadana" drama contest

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct—The first session of the third day of the 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued under the title of "Thakaung Yadana" at the convocation hall of University of Veterinary Science in Nay Pyi Taw Yezin this evening.

Drama troupe from Kayin State participated in the drama contest. Among the audience were Lt-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Sao Nwan Khun Hsam, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun and wife, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe, Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population Brig-

Gen Win Sein, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Col Thurein Zaw, Member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Win Aung, heads of department, officials of work committee and sub-committees, members of panel of judges from states and divisions and those who love Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts.

Drama troupe from Kayin State participating in the competition comprised Director Tun Myint (a) Zin Moe Hnaung, U Saw Htar Lon, U Thaung Tun, Than Aung (Mudita) and side parts. They actively stated the episodes with the accompaniment of Thaton Sein Kala traditional orchestra troupe and pianist Thaung Myint Tun.—MNA

Tatmadaw (Army, Navy, Air) U-21 Football Tournament continues

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct—The 25th Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Cup Tatmadaw (Army, Navy, Air) U-21 Football Tournament for 2009 continued at Taunggyi Stadium this afternoon.

North-West Command beat South-East Command 2-0 and Eastern Command beat Yangon Command 2-1.

MNA

Lt-Gen Ko Ko and wife Daw Sao Nwan Khun Hsam enjoy "Thakaung Yadana" Drama Contest.

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