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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

Senior General Than Shwe sees off Prime Minister General Thein Sein on PM's departure for Thailand

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe saw off Prime Minister General Thein Sein, who left here by special aircraft to attend the 15th ASEAN Summit and Related Summits to be held in Hua Hin of Thailand at the invitation of Prime Minister Mr. Abhisit Vejajiva of Thailand, at Nay Pyi Taw Airport at 10.35 am today.

Also present at the airport to see off the Prime Minister were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, departmental heads, Ambassador of Thailand to Myanmar H.E. Mr Bansarn Bunnag, Military Attaché Col Ekachai Harnpoonvittaya and officials.

The Prime Minister was accompanied by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and departmental heads.

Members of the Myanmar delegation—Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha and Minister for Culture

Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint—left here for Thailand in advance yesterday.

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Senior General Than Shwe sees off Prime Minister General Thein Sein on his departure to attend the 15th ASEAN Summit and Related Summits in Hua Hin of Thailand, at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.—MNA

Senior General Than Shwe welcomes back Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo on his return from PRC

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe welcomed back Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo who arrived back by special flight from the People's Republic of China at Nay Pyi Taw airport

at 10 a.m today. At the invitation of the Government of the People's Republic of China the Secretary-1 attended the 6th China-ASEAN Expo and the 6th China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit.

Together with Senior General Than Shwe at the airport were Vice-Chairman of the SPDC Deputy

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Prime Minister General Thein Sein, Member of the SPDC Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, (See page 7)

PERSPECTIVES

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Work hard in concert for higher social and economic standards of rural people

As agricultural industry is the base of the rural economy, measures are being taken to be able to supply water sufficiently for agriculture. Clusters of dams and sluice gates have been built region-wise and therefore cultivation of summer and monsoon paddy as well as multiple and mixed crops has been thriving.

In addition, as education, health and economic requirements of the rural people are being fulfilled, rural areas are developing in parallel with urban areas. More and more basic education school buildings, rural affiliated high schools and self-reliance village libraries have also been built. As a result, rural youth have better opportunity to seek education and broaden the scope of their knowledge.

Bridges and inter-village roads are being constructed to improve transport development region-wise, to enable rural people to travel from one place to another easily and to facilitate trading. A new gravel road linking Sangyikon and Wayarchaung villages in Patheingyi Township in Ayeyawady Division was opened recently. An inter-village road linking Bontha, Boatkone and Pyinsi villages in Natogyi Township in Mandalay Division was also opened on 13 October.

New buildings of Dawngankha Basic Education Middle School in Dimawhsa Township in Kayah State and of No (2) Basic Education Primary School in Thameinteye model village in Waw Township in Bago Division were opened recently. These are part of the government's efforts to improve the education standard of rural areas.

As the government, regional authorities, social organizations and individual well-wishers have been working hard in concert and donating money and materials needed for rural development tasks, social and economic standards of rural people are becoming higher and higher.

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

Minister inspects No 2 district-to-district road in Mandalay Div

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt inspected paving gravel on Koekway-Paunglong Chaung-road section of No 2 district-to-district road being implemented by Mandalay Division Development Affairs Department this morning.

At Koekway briefing hall, Director of the Division DAD U Min Min Zaw presented reports to the minister on progress of road works and tasks to be carried out. After hearing the

Minister for PBANRDA Col Thein Nyunt inspects cleaning of the waterfall and construction of recreation centre in Koekway Village.

PBANRDA



reports, the minister gave necessary instructions.

Upon arrival at the waterfall in Koekway village, the minister gave instructions on upgrading tasks for the waterfall. On

arrival at the hot spring near Taungkya village in Panlong township, engineers presented reports to the minister on arrangements to be made for upgrading the hot spring.

After hearing the reports,

the minister gave necessary instructions.

The Mandalay Division DAD has already tarred 20 miles of road and built 25 wooden bridges so far.

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Foreign Affairs Dy Minister arrives back from Russia

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—The Myanmar delegation led by U Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, arrived back here by air this morning from Moscow after attending the Fourth Round of Consultation

between the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar and the Russian Federation held in Moscow.

While in Moscow, the Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister U Maung Myint attended the Fourth Round of Consultation between the Ministries of Foreign Af-

airs of the Union of Myanmar and the Russian Federation held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation in Moscow on 19 October 2009.

At the meeting, Deputy Minister U Maung Myint cordially discussed with the Russian delegation led by

H.E Mr. Alexey N. Borodavkin, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation on the matters of bilateral relations and co-operation between Myanmar and Russia and also exchanged views on matters relating to regional and international issues.—MNA

Bathroom equipment and tiles of INAX introduced



Director Daw Wai Thit Lwin of TMW Enterprise Ltd gives introductory speech at introduction to bathroom equipment and tiles of INAX.—MNA

YANGON, 22 Oct—A ceremony to display bathroom equipment and tiles was held in conjunction with the 4th anniversary of INAX at INAX Showroom of TMW Complex at No. 56 on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, here, yesterday evening.

It was attended by architects of Myanmar Architects Association, entrepreneurs, engineers, INAX Japan Branch Director Mr Morita and Manager Mr Sakai. Director Daw Wai Thit Lwin of TMW Enterprise Ltd gave an introductory speech. Mr Morita and

Mr Sakai of INAX Japan branch extended greetings.

To mark the opening ceremony of INAX Showroom Renew, various designs of bathroom and toilet equipments and tiles are put on sale at the special price at the showroom.

MNA

Paper reading of Myanmar Arts and Science Academy opens



President U Than Oo of Myanmar Arts and Science Academy speaking at the research paper-reading session.—EDUCATION

YANGON, 21 Oct—The opening of ninth Paper reading session of Myanmar Arts and Science Academy was held at Yangon University this morning. Chairman U Than Oo of Myanmar Arts and Science Academy made an opening

speech and President U Thein Oo of Myanmar Computer Federation read the paper on Education in Information Age and Digital Economy. Researchers from universities will read out the research papers.—MNA

Global pirate attacks on the increase

WASHINGTON, 22 Oct —The first nine months of this year has seen more pirate attacks than all of last year. And more than half of those attacks were carried out by suspected Somali pirates, an international maritime watch-

dog group said on Wednesday.

“The increased activity in Somalia is the major reason for the spike,” said Cyrus Mody, manager of the International Maritime Bureau, which monitors shipping crimes.

From 1 January until 30 September, pirates worldwide mounted 306 attacks, compared with 293 in all of 2008, the Bureau said.

Of the incidents this year, Somali pirates accounted for 54 percent: they launched 168 attacks. Most of them took place off the east coast of Somalia and in the Gulf of Aden, a major shipping route between Yemen and Somalia.

They successfully hijacked 32 vessels and took 533 hostages. Eight others were wounded, four more killed and one is missing, the Bureau said. Somali pirates are still holding four ships for ransom with 80 crew members as hostages.

INTERNET



On 20 Oct, 2009, storm watchers run from the deck at a hotel on Medano Beach as a large wave overtakes their perch as Hurricane Rick Lucas, a popular tourist resort at the Southern tip of Baja California, Mexico.

INTERNET

Hijacking thwarted on flight to Cairo

CAIRO, 22 Oct — Security guards thwarted an attempted hijacking on Wednesday on an EgyptAir flight from Istanbul to Cairo by overpowering a man who threatened crew members with a knife, a security official for the airline said.

A Sudanese man used a plastic knife from the in-flight meal to threaten flight attendants after the plane left Turkish airspace and demanded that the flight be diverted to Jerusalem, the official said. Guards on the flight were able to detain the man and no one was hurt, he said. The flight landed safely at Cairo airport. The man was arrested and was being questioned by state security, the official said. The Boeing aircraft was carrying 87 passengers, a Cairo police official said. He identified the suspect as Mohammed Hamad Nourain, 26, and said he used a passport with a phony name to board the flight.

The man told flight attendants he wanted to “liberate Jerusalem,” the police official said. Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to provide the information to journalists.—INTERNET

Pakistan hits Taliban as schools ordered shut

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, 22 Oct—Pakistani helicopter gunships attacked Taliban bases near the Afghan border on Wednesday as authorities ordered educational institutions closed amid fears of retaliatory militant strikes.

Pakistani forces launched an offensive to wrest control of the lawless South Waziristan re-

gion on Saturday after militants rocked the country with a string of bomb and suicide attacks, killing more than 150 people.

A day after six people were killed in two suicide bomb attacks at an Islamabad university, authorities ordered schools and colleges closed, unsettling stock investors, with the main index ending 3.36 percent lower at 9,247.78.—MNA/Reuters

Taser maker issues heart warning

WASHINGTON, 22 Oct —The US manufacturer of the Taser stun gun has advised police not to aim the weapons at the chests of suspects after admitting heart risk concerns for the first time. Taser International stressed that suffering an “adverse cardiac event” after being zapped was “extremely unlikely,” but a groups say hundreds of people have been killed by the electroshock weapons.

The Arizona-based company has issued new guidelines saying it has “lowered the recommended point of aim from center of mass to lower-center of mass for front shots.” “When possible, avoiding chest shots with ECDs (Electronic Control Devices) avoids the controversy about whether ECDs do or do not affect the human heart,” it explained.

“Researchers have concluded that a close distance between the ECD dart and the heart is the primary factor in deter-

mining whether an ECD will affect the heart. The risk is judged to be extremely low in field use,” it said.

Tasers, which pack a 50,000-volt punch that can paralyze targets from up to 10 metres (30 feet) away, are used by several police forces around the world, including Australia, the UK, Canada, France, Israel, and the United States.—INTERNET



Iraqi medics rush wounded journalist Mohammed Abdallah Zadeh into a hospital in Kirkuk. A series of attacks in the northern Iraqi cities of Kirkuk and Mosul and the confessionally mixed area south of Baghdad killed nine people on Wednesday, including a child and a cameraman, police and medics said.—INTERNET

Six hostages taken in Paris supermarket siege

PARIS, 22 Oct — Six supermarket employees were taken hostage by armed robbers in a store near Paris today, sparking a police siege, before being released unharmed as their captors were detained. Some 200 police deployed around the LIDL discount store in an industrial zone in Sevran north of Paris after it was attacked as the cashiers were setting up for the day.

Two attackers threatened staff with a pistol and a tear gas canister demanding the keys to the store safe, before taking five women and a man hostage, deputy state prosecutor Solange Moracchini said. Some 200 riot police, gendarmes, plain-clothes officers and hostage-negotiation experts, backed by a helicopter, deployed at the scene where they negotiated the release of the hostages during a three-hour siege.

Paris management of the German supermarket chain confirmed none of its employees had been hurt. “All the hostages have been freed. They were not harmed, they are being cared for by the police officers who negotiated with the hostage-takers,” said Michel Lemble, LIDL France’s head of human resources.—INTERNET



Remains of a car used in a bomb attack near Falluja, 50 km (32 miles) west of Baghdad on 20 Oct, 2009. A car bomb killed four people including two policemen and wounded nine civilians in a town outside of Falluja, 50 km (32 miles) west of Baghdad, police said.

INTERNET



Construction workers labour at the top of a building in Shanghai, China. China's economy charged ahead in the third quarter, expanding by 8.9 percent thanks to lavish stimulus spending that sparked a boom in construction, share prices and consumer spending.—INTERNET

Design changes cause Boeing loss

CHICAGO, 22 Oct — Aircraft maker Boeing has blamed a third-quarter net loss of \$1.6bn (£974m) on rising production costs and poor market conditions. The latest results reflect charges incurred to modify Boeing's 787 Dreamliner and the new updated version of its 747 jumbo jet.

The steeper-than-anticipated loss has led the company to cut its profit forecast for 2009. Shares in the firm fell 2.4% to \$50.64 after the figures were announced. The loss compares with a profit of \$695m made in the same period a year earlier.

In August, Boeing said it would take a charge of \$2.5bn because the first three test Dreamliners were undergoing so much modification that they had no commercial market value. The company then added a \$1bn charge for higher costs and lower demand than it expected for the 747-8.

Boeing also said that it would postpone the first flight of the freighter version of the 747-8 to 2010. Reacting to the news, some analysts are calling for the company to take drastic action. —*Internet*



Boeing said late

engineering designs

caused disruption.

INTERNET

Ericsson profits drop 71.5 percent in 3rd quarter

STOCKHOLM, 22 Oct — Wireless equipment maker LM Ericsson AB's profits dropped 71.5 percent in the third quarter as the global financial crisis hit demand for network equipment, the Swedish company said on Thursday. The world's leading supplier of broadband networks said net profit in the July-September period was 810 million kronor (\$117.6 million), down from 2.84 billion in the same three months last year.

Sales fell by 5.6 percent to 46.4 billion kronor, from 49.2 billion in the third quarter of 2008. The results were lower than analysts had forecast in a SIX Estimates poll cited by financial newspaper

Dagens Industri. Stockholm-based Ericsson, which has previously seen only limited effects of the global recession, said the network market is now being hurt by the crisis.

The downturn in investments has coincided with a drop in GSM sales, as telecommunication operators shift from voice telephony to mobile broadband, Ericsson said.

Internet

S Korea's Samsung Electro-Mechanics report quadrupled net earnings in 3Q

SEOUL, 22 Oct — South Korea's Samsung Electro-Mechanics Co said on Thursday its third-quarter earnings more than quadrupled from a year ago thanks to rising demand and cost-cutting efforts.

During the July-September period, Samsung's net profit topped 123 billion won, or 104 million US dollars, sharply hiking from 26.4 billion won, or 22.4 million US dollars, the company said in a regulatory filing.

Total sales also marked a 30 percent leap, hitting 1.55 trillion won (1.31 billion US dollars) during the cited period. The company's operating income soared to 207 billion won (175.57 million US dollars) as well, posting a three-fold increase. — *Xinhua*

China's growth accelerates to 8.9 percent in 3Q

SHANGHAI, 22 Oct — China's economy expanded a blistering 8.9 percent in the third quarter, fueled by lavish government stimulus spending that has helped the nation spearhead recovery from the global recession.

Growth in the world's third-largest economy accelerated from 7.9 percent in the second quarter and for the first nine months of the year was 7.7 percent, the National Statistics Bureau said on

Thursday. Officials have said they expect the economy to at least reach the annual growth target of 8 percent. China has countered the global downturn with a 4 trillion yuan (\$586 billion) stimulus plan involving massive spending on infrastructure such as rail and roads to pump up the domestic economy as exports slumped.

Investment in factories, construction and other fixed assets rose by

one third in January-September to a record 15.5 trillion yuan (\$2.27 trillion). "Investment played an important and positive role in maintaining relatively fast growth and reversing the slowdown," said Statistics Bureau spokesman Li Xiaochao. Meanwhile, domestic consumption such as consumer spending contributed nearly a third of the growth in economic activity, he said. — *Internet*

S Korea's state-run corporation buys Canadian energy company

SEOUL, 22 Oct — The South Korean government on Thursday announced its state-run Korea National Oil Corp (KNOC) has bought Canada's Harvest Energy.

According to the Ministry of Knowledge Economy, the 3.95 billion US

dollars' worth of merger and acquisition deal has successfully completed recently.

The Harvest Energy, one of Canada's largest oil producer and refiner, currently has a capacity of 53,400 barrels of crude and gas per day. With the latest purchase project, the total volume of oil and gas that can be produced from fields controlled by South Korean companies could rise from current 188,000 barrels per day to 241,400 barrels, the ministry said.

South Korea is one of the largest oil-consumers in the world, and it almost relies on foreign imports. It has put forward an overseas resources development plan aiming to achieve self-sufficiency — ownership of natural resources by South Korean companies — to a level of 30 percent by 2016. — *Xinhua*

eBay profits continue to fall

LONDON, 22 Oct — Profits at online auction giant eBay have fallen by 29% as it continued to struggle amid the weak economy.

It made \$350m (£211m) in the third quarter from \$492m in the same period a year earlier as customers showed reluctance to spend.

But the firm's overall sales rose 6% to \$2.4bn as more people used its PayPal division to pay for things online.

Shares fell 5% in after-hours trading as it forecast the fourth quarter would continue to be tough. Revenue from internet communications service Skype, rose by 29%. Earlier this year eBay agreed to sell the business for about \$2bn though will keep a 35% stake. — *Internet*

eBay had said earlier this year that it planned to spin off Skype.—INTERNET



Hu, Obama hold telephone discussions

BEIJING, 22 Oct —Chinese President Hu Jintao and his US counterpart, Barack Obama, exchanged views on bilateral ties and climate change during a phone conversation on Wednesday morning. Obama expressed appreciation over China's contribution to the success of the G20 Pittsburgh summit in September, saying that he looked forward to visiting China in November and discussing with Hu issues of mutual concern.

Looking forward to exchanging views on their

bilateral relations and important regional and international issues with Obama, Hu said, "China is ready to work with the US side to ensure a successful visit by President Obama and further promote the positive, cooperative and comprehensive relationship between the two countries." On climate change, Hu said the Copenhagen Conference to be held in December would be an important meeting of the international community in efforts to tackle climate

change.

It conforms to the interests of all parties concerned, including China and the United States, to strive for a wide consensus and a successful Copenhagen Conference on the basis of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol, under the principle of "common but differentiated responsibilities" among developed and developing countries, and in line with the Bali Roadmap, Hu said. —Xinhua



People walk through Tokyo's Ginza shopping district in August. Japan's heavy reliance on foreign markets to drive its economic growth left it highly vulnerable to the recent global recession.

INTERNET

Vietnam to hold international agriculture exhibition 2009

HANOI, 22 Oct—An international agriculture exhibition, Agro Viet 2009, will be held in Vietnamese capital city of Hanoi from 12 to 16 Nov, according to the organizer on Thursday. The exhibition is held by the Trade Promotion Center for Agriculture under Vietnamese Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

The exhibition will draw participation of over 220 domestic and foreign companies. It will showcase modern agriculture machinery, tools, and equipment, latest technology on seed and plant production, high-quality agricultural products and agricultural materials, according to a report posted on the center's website.

The exhibition will serve as an opportunity for agricultural businesses seek more cooperation and investment. It is also a chance for Vietnam to introduce and promote its agricultural products, said the report.

Xinhua



A group of Chinese martial arts fans practise during a morning exercise session at the Temple of Heaven park in Beijing.

China has over 140 million people over the age of 60.—INTERNET

Strong earthquake jolts Panama, no casualties reported

PANAMA CITY, 22 Oct —An earthquake measuring 6.1 on the Richter scale rocked south of Panama on Wednesday, said the US Geological Survey (USGS) on its website. No casualties or damage were reported.

The quake at 9:51 pm local time Wednesday occurred near the border of Panama and Costa Rica with the epicenter being located 179 km south of the city of David at the Pacific Ocean and at a depth of 10 km, it said. —Xinhua

Russia holds int'l symposium on China's development, China-Russia ties

MOSCOW, 22 Oct—Russia opened an international symposium on Wednesday to mark its six-decade relations with China and celebrate the 60th anniversary of the founding of new China, with participants speaking highly of China-Russia relations.

The three-day international symposium focused on the theme of the experience and lessons of China's development and China-Russia relations. Mikhail Titarenko, president of the Russia-China Friendship Association, said at the opening ceremony that the development course of China exemplified how an impoverished, underdeveloped country could transform into a major global power.

He is also the director of the Far East Research Institute and Research Council on Problems of Complex Study of Contemporary China. The Russia-China relations have also undergone extraordinary twists and turns over the past 60 years, he said. —Xinhua

Urbanization means better rural areas, too

BEIJING, 22 Oct —China is undergoing unprecedented urbanization, which has sharpened social contradictions. To make the country's urbanization sustainable, we have to develop modern agriculture, says an article in *Changjiang Times*.

The latest McKinsey & Company study shows about 1 billion people will be living in the country's urban areas by 2025, and more than 200 cities will have a population of 1 million

or more. Urbanization, in essence, is the expansion of urban areas resulting from the migration of the agricultural population. Yet the process is more complex than that.

The increasing expansion of big cities has sharpened social contradictions by widening people's interests, which are related to money and power. Today's China fits this model well.

Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Afghan police capture 11 Taliban fighters in North

KABUL, 22 Oct — Police during an operation in Baghlan Province, north of Afghanistan detained 11 militants, provincial police chief Mohammad Kabir Andarabi said on Thursday.

"The operation was launched on Wednesday in some villages of

Baghlan-e-Markazi district during which 11 mercenaries including two group commanders Mullah Zaman and Mullah Nasir were made captive," Andarabi told *Xinhua*.

He further added that the villages of Kokchinar and Mangala had been

cleaned up of militants.

Militants have fled the area, the official stressed. However, Andarabi did not say if there were any casualties on the troops.

Taliban militants, who have intensified their assaults since the beginning of this year, have yet to make comment.—Xinhua



A model is prepared backstage prior to showing off fashions by Mexico's designer Louis Verdad at the Mercedes Benz Fashion show in Mexico City, on 21 Oct, 2009.—INTERNET

Fruitadens haagarorum 'smaller than rabbit'

LOS ANGELES, 22 Oct — Fossils from the smallest dinosaur found in North America, a fleet-footed species only 71cm long and weighing less than a rabbit, have gone on public display for the first time at a Los Angeles museum.

The bones were discovered in western Colorado in the late 1970s but

only recently identified and named *Fruitadens haagarorum* by an international team of scientists. The fossils represent the skulls, vertebrae, arms and legs of four individual dinosaurs and are housed at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, which put them on display on Tuesday.

"We're really testing

the limits of body size among dinosaurs," Luis Chiappe, director of the museum's Dinosaur Institute, said. "Here's an animal that is estimated to have weighed about two pounds (0.91kg) when it was full grown, so this is a really tiny dinosaur." It is the smallest known dinosaur from North America and one of the smallest dinosaurs ever."

Internet



Fruitadens haagarorum survived for around 100 million years. "That's a very long time," museum director Luis Chiappe said.—INTERENT

DNA prompts Japan murder retrial

TOKYO, 22 Oct — A Japanese man who spent 17 years in jail for the murder of a four-year-old girl has now pleaded not guilty in a retrial of his case.

Toshikazu Sugaya, 63, was released earlier this year after fresh DNA tests showed that evidence found at the murder scene did not match his DNA.

He was sentenced to life in jail after saying during a police interrogation that he committed the crime.

He later retracted this statement, saying it was made under duress.

Appearing at the Utsunomiya District Court on Wednesday, Mr Sugaya said he had nothing to do with the 1990 murder.

He then asked the court why he had been made to suffer 17-and-a-half years in jail for a crime he did not commit.

Internet

US Southwest Airlines to test Green Plane

HOUSTON, 22 Oct —US Southwest Airlines, the world's largest airline by annual number of passengers, said on Wednesday it would test a "Green Plane" that could save more than 10 US million dollars a year in fuel costs and reduce emissions.

The modified *Boeing 737-700* has environmentally friendly products sprinkled throughout the cabin and elsewhere, ranging from the carpet to seat covers to life vest pouches, according to the company's web site.

The most interesting items to be tested include Interface FLOR carpet, which allows the replacement of individual pieces rather than the whole carpet and is 100 percent recyclable; twice as durable seat covers, lighter leather seats; and a lighter life vest pouch that provides more under-seat room.

"Southwest is committed to continuing to lead the industry in emissions reductions through fuel efficiency," said Gary Kelly, Southwest's chairman, president and CEO.

Internet

Mexico university creates first network of telescopes in Latin American

MEXICO CITY, 22 Oct — Experts from the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) have created the first network of radio-telescopes in Latin America to promote the research of the activities of the sun, the moon and the planets.

The network aimed to promote the scientific research and facilitate the intercommunication between radio-telescopes, the UNAM, one of the major universities in Latin America, said in a state-

ment on Wednesday.

UNAM General Director of Science Divul-gation Jose de la Herran said in the statement that the university wants more radio-telescopes form different parts of the country to join the network and to encourage the study of the radio astronomy among Mexican youngsters.

De la Herran said in the event like sun storms, the intercommunication between local and global radio-telescopes is neces-

sary to determining the sun's radio emissions.

"The radio-telescopes study objects in the sky and the astrophysics phenomena, measuring the emission of electromagnetic radiation in the region of the spectrum's radio," de la Herran said.

De la Herran added that a minimum network set uses one antenna, one radio receptor and one computer with a software to translate the graphic signals.

Xinhua

Purification of toilet water expected

The growing population of the United States will one day make the purification of toilet water for use as drinking water a necessity, experts say.

Dozens of experts gathered during the past week at the Water Environment Federation conference in Orlando, Fla, said purifying wastewater will eventually be needed to meet a growing demand amid dwin-

dling water supplies, the Orlando (Fla) Sentinel said.

The conference, held 10-14 Oct at the Orange County Convention Center, attracted 20,000 professionals in the water field and featured a wide assortment of valves, pumps, chemicals injectors, meters and other hardware for treating and transporting sewage, the newspaper said.

Eight-year-old boy has "sex change"

Just like any other little girls, 8-year-old Josie Romero loves wearing skirts and playing with dolls.



Josie Romero of Arizona, the United States.

She was born into a boy's body in Arizona, US, but now her sex has been legally changed and, with the help of drugs and surgery, she will grow up to be a woman.

She used to wrap up her army figures and rock them like a baby when she was a toddler, and she only wore colours like orange which were nearest to girly pink. When she started to talk, she always said "I'm a girl." Whenever someone called her a boy, she would correct them. At the age of four, she insisted: "No, I really am a girl."

The little girl's favourite game was to wrap her mother's scarf around her waist to make a skirt, according to the mother. By the time she reached six, Josie had been diagnosed as transgender and was beginning her transition to becoming a female.



Wild birds fly above Huangshui River in Xining, capital of northwest China's Qinghai Province. As local environment improves and water area enlarges, more and more wild birds can be seen in the suburbs of Xining.

Driver gets 15 citations in 11 minutes

Swiss police said an Italian man set a record for traffic violations in their country by racking up 15 moving violations in the space of 11 minutes.

Police in St Gallen said the 47-year-old's spree of road violations began when he drove past police while speeding 100 mph in a 60 mph zone during the weekend, the *Daily Mail* reported on Monday.

Officers said the ensuing offenses include driving too close to other cars, driving too close to the curb, weaving across the white dividing line, failing to stop for police sirens, barreling through red lights, speeding through a construction zone and driving on a hard shoulder of a roadway.

NEWS ALBUM

Elvis' hair leaves the building

A pile of hair believed snipped from Elvis Presley when he joined the US Army in 1958 sold for \$18,300 (11,200 pounds) on Sunday, according to a Chicago auction house.

The King's hair was one of up to 200 items of Elvis memorabilia collected by the late Gary Pepper, who was the president of the Tankers Fan Club set up for Elvis fans.



Germany's beaches are being prepared for the winter season. In the resort town of Ahlbeck on the Baltic Sea, horse carriage drivers are bringing in the traditional German beach chairs on 4 October. All summer long, the roofed wicker chairs line the country's northern beaches.

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Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, departmental heads, Chinese Charge d' Affaires to Myanmar Mr Wang Zongying, and officials.

Myanmar delegation led by Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo comprising Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and heads of department also arrived back.—MNA

Senior General Than Shwe welcomes back Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.—MNA



Lt-Gen Tha Aye and party enjoy “Thakaung Yadana” Drama Contest

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—The second event of the fourth day of “Thakaung Yadana” Drama Contest of the 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions took place

at the convocation hall of the University of Veterinary Science in Nay Pyi Taw Yezin at 9 pm yesterday.

Among the audience were Lt-Gen Tha Aye of

the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Wai Wai Khine, Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Col Thurein Zaw, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo and wife, member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Soe Oo, departmental heads, officials of the work committee and subcommittees, members of the panel of judges (central) and those from States and Divisions.

Under the management of Academy Myodaw Maung Yin Aung, script writer and drama director gold medalist Chit Sayar, leading actor Soe Moe Aung, leading actress Su Nanda Kyaw and supporting artistes performed entertainment to the accompaniment of pianist U Win Pe, leader of musicians Academy Sein Mutta and orchestra of U Bo Naing and party.

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Lt-Gen Tha Aye and wife Daw Wai Wai Khine enjoy “Thakaung Yadana” drama of Mandalay Division.—MNA

Commander attends opening of 227th Phayagon dam in Shan State (South)

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—The ceremony to open Phayagon dam built by Irrigation Department was held at Mingala pandal near the dam this morning. The dam is situated near Phayagon Village, Taunggyi Township, Shan State (South).

The ceremony was attended by Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Ya Pyae, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Myint, officials of

the Irrigation Department, departmental heads, township chairman and district and township level officials, and members of social organizations.

The commander and deputy minister made the opening speeches.

Next, on behalf of locals, a local spoke words of thanks to the SPDC for construction of the dam.

The commander later unveiled the inscription and sprinkled scented water on it together with the deputy minister.

Afterwards, the commander and the deputy minister opened the dam by cutting the ribbon and posed for documentary photo with officials and locals. They later looked around the dam.

The newly-completed Phayagon dam is 227th dam for the country. It can store 686-acre feet water at the highest level. It is 42 feet high and 900 feet long. The dam can irrigate 200 acres of farmlands and also supply drinking water to Phayagon Nyomi Village.—MNA



Phayagon dam in Taunggyi Township, Shan State (South).

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Bilateral cooperation deepened in various sectors due to reciprocal State visits of leaders of two countries, growing friendship, cooperation of two peoples

Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo

China will always support Myanmar's nation-building tasks carried out in national interest with massive support of Myanmar people

(Chinese Vice-Premier H.E Mr. Li Keqiang)

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo of the Union of Myanmar conferred with Chinese Vice-Premier H.E. Mr Li Keqiang, Member of the Standing Committee of the

the PRC U Thein Lwin, Director-General of the SPDC Office Col Kyaw Kyaw Win and heads of department, and Chinese Minister of Commerce H.E. Mr Chen De Ming, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs H.E. Mr Mu Dawei, Deputy Minister for Commerce H.E. Mr Gao Hucheng,

member country, takes great pride in the fact that despite being in tight schedule of national duties, Chinese leaders including H.E Mr. Li Keqiang held the 6th China-ASEAN Expo, and the 6th China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit on a grand scale and invited

between the two countries will be in its 60th anniversary next year.

The 6th China-ASEAN Expo, and the 6th China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit are pragmatic approach to boost China-ASEAN cooperation in the economic and commercial fields.

He said that he was very pleased as the Myanmar delegation led by him had an opportunity to pay a visit to Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, and he believed that the visit will improve the bilateral friendship and cooperation.

The bilateral cooperation has deepened in various sectors due to reciprocal State visits of leaders of the two countries and growing friendship and cooperation of the two peoples.

It is heartening to note

The two neighbours are contributing towards each other in the international political sphere with mutual understanding.

Next, the Secretary-1 presented Myanmar's political development, and said that the two countries have to strengthen bilateral friendly relations and cooperation in various sectors.

H.E Mr. Li Keqiang in his speech said that he conveyed the greetings extended by Chinese President Mr. Hu Jintao and Chinese Premier Mr Wan Jabao to Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe and Vice-Chairman Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and Myanmar leaders.

He thanked Myanmar for the praise for achievements China had

neighbouring country that values Myanmar's interest, China will continue to maintain and promote Paukphaw relations between the two countries.

The two countries will always help each other by promoting bilateral friendly relations. China will always support Myanmar's nation-building tasks being carried out in the national interest with massive support of Myanmar people. In addition, China will continue to provide assistance for Myanmar's economic growth.

The departments concerned are holding discussions thoroughly to seek ways and means of how to contribute to the projects Myanmar has proposed. The ongoing projects are to be completed as soon as possible.

China thanks Myanmar for the Myanmar



Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo cordially greets Vice-Premier H.E Mr Li Keqiang, Member of the Standing Committee of the Politburo of Communist Party of the PRC at the International Conference Centre in Nanning of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.—MNA



Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo holds discussion with Vice-Premier H.E Mr Li Keqiang, Member of the Standing Committee of the Politburo of Communist Party of the PRC at the International Conference Centre in Nanning of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.—MNA

Politburo of Communist Party of the People's Republic of China, at the International Conference Centre in Nanning of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region at 4.30 pm on 19 October.

Present together with the Secretary-1 were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Myanmar Ambassador to

Chairman of People's Congress Standing Committee of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and Secretary of Chinese Communist Party of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Guo Shengkun, Governor of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Ma Biao and officials were together with the Chinese Vice-Premier.

Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo in his speech said that Myanmar, an ASEAN

Myanmar to the expo and summit.

He said that he conveyed the greetings of Myanmar leaders Chairman of SPDC Senior General Than Shwe, Vice-Chairman Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, SPDC member General Thura Shwe Mann, and Prime Minister General Thein Sein to Chinese leaders including H.E Mr. Li Keqiang.

Myanmar and China have established friendly relations for many years, and the diplomatic ties

that in particular, the bilateral cooperation in the agricultural, hydropower, industrial, mining, oil and gas sectors and fundamental building industry have been successful. The two countries are required to jointly fulfil the requirements for soonest completion of current projects in the said sectors.

The two countries will work hard together to complete the projects under discussion as soon as possible.

gained in 60 years.

The two countries are good neighbouring countries with broad and deep relations. He expressed his belief that bilateral cooperation in the political, economic and commercial sectors will be increasing continuously.

China respects the sovereignty of Myanmar and believed that the internal affairs of Myanmar can be dealt conclusively by the Myanmar government and Myanmar people. Being a good

government's encouragement and protection of Chinese companies in implementing the economic plans jointly with Myanmar.

He concluded that China wants to launch the agreement of strengthening cooperation in economic and trade between the two countries as soon as possible that is to be ratified by the Myanmar government and the Chinese government.

The meeting ended at 5.25 pm.—MNA

Secretary-1 visits Myanmar booth of 6th China-ASEAN Expo



Secretary -1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo views Myanmar booth at 6th China-ASEAN Expo in Nanning International Convention & Exhibition Centre in Nanning of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of the PRC.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo on 19 October evening visited the Myanmar booth to be displayed at the 6th China-ASEAN Expo at Nanning International Convention & Exhibition Centre in Nanning of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China.

On arrival at the centre, the Secretary-1 and party were welcomed by Vice-Presidents U Aung Lwin, U Zaw Min Win and U Tun Aye of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, officials and members of the organizing committee for the expo.

The Secretary-1 viewed the scale model of Muse 105-Mile Myanmar-China Border Trade Zone displayed at the Myanmar booth on the ground floor and heard reports on arrangements for the booth presented by officials of the Ministry of Commerce and UMFCCI.

The Secretary-1 and party viewed round the booths of the PRC and ASEAN member nations.

At the Myanmar booths on the second floor, the Secretary-1 viewed industrial products, agrobased foodstuffs, agricultural produce, marine products, finished wood products, jewellery and Myanmar handicraft of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism,

Fisheries Department under the Ministry of Livestocks and Fisheries, UMFCCI, Myanmar Industries Association, Myanmar Agro-based Foodstuff Producers and Exporters Association, Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association, Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs, Association, Myanmar Marine Products Producers and Exporters Association, Muse-Namhkam Border Trade Association, Myanmar Paddy Producers Association, UMEHL and private companies, entrepreneurs from Myaungmya, Pyay, Mandalay, Mawlamyine, Kalay, Monywa, Meiktila, Yenangyoung, Patheingyi, Myeik, Pyinmabin and Yangon East Industrial Zones.—MNA



Myanmar booths seen at 6th China-ASEAN Expo in Nanning International Convention & Exhibition Centre in Nanning of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of the PRC.—MNA

Uggasena Drama Contest commences



Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of Ministry of Defence and wife enjoy Uggasena Drama Contest of Ayeyawady Division drama troupe.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—The drama troupe that representing Arts Ayeyawady Division took part in the Uggasena Drama Contest of the 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions at the convocation hall of the University of Veterinary Science in Nay Pyi Taw Yezin this evening. Among the audience were Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing and wife, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt and wife, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Brig-Gen Win Myint, Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Maj-Gen Thein Tun, departmental heads, members of the work committee and subcommittees, members of the panel of judges and those from States and Divisions.—MNA

Secretary-1 and party arrive in Nanning of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of PRC

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct— At the invitation of the government of the People's Republic of China, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, accompanied by Minister for Foreign Affairs of Myanmar U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Director-General Col

Kyaw Kyaw Win of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental heads, left here by special flight at 9 am on 19 October to attend the 6th China-ASEAN Expo and the China-ASEAN Economic & Investment Summit to be held in Nanning of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China, and arrived at Nanning International Airport of the PRC at 1.50 pm local standard time.

Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thein Lwin and Director Mr Tang Chong Guang of the

Foreign Affairs Office of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region welcomed the Secretary-1 onboard the aircraft.

Next, member of the Standing Committee of Communist Party of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Wen Ka Hua and Deputy Head of Foreign Affairs Mr Zhu Shu Hua welcomed the Secretary-1.

Two children presented bouquet to the Secretary-1 and a local girl, a traditional gift.

The traditional culture troupe also welcomed the Secretary-1 with the entertainment of tradi-

tional dances.

The Secretary-1 and party posed for documentary photo together with local traditional cul-

tural troupe members.

Later, the Secretary-1 and party left for Liyuan Resort.

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Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo being welcomed by Mr Wen Ka Hua, member of Standing Committee of Communist Party of Guangxi of PRC at Nanning International Airport.—MNA

Secretary-1 attends opening of 6th China-ASEAN Business & Investment Summit



merce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thein Lwin, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of SPDC Office, departmental heads, ministers and deputy ministers and senior officers from China and ASEAN countries, ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Surin Pitsuwan, officials and guests.

At the summit, Chairman of China Council for the Promotion of International Trade Mr Wan Jifei delivered an opening speech.

Afterwards, Chairman of Standing Committee of People's Congress of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and Secretary of CPC Guangxi Committee Mr Guo Sheng Kun made a speech.

Next, Laotian Prime Minister H.E Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh and Member of Standing Committee of the Politburo of Communist Party of China Central Committee Vice Premier H.E. Mr Li Keqiang made speeches.—MNA

Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo attends the opening ceremony of 6th China-ASEAN Business & Investment Summit held at Guangxi People's Great Hall in Nanning of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, PRC.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo attended the opening ceremony of the 6th China-ASEAN Business & Investment Summit held at Guangxi People's Great Hall in Nanning of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China at 11 a.m. on 20 October.

Present at the Summit were member of Standing Committee of the Politburo of Communist Party of China Central Committee Vice Premier H.E. Mr Li Keqiang, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic H.E. Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, Speaker of House of Representatives H.E. Mr Prospero C Nograles of Philippines, Permanent Deputy Prime Minister H.E. Mr Nguyen Sinh Hung of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Com-



Secretary-1 attends dinner to mark 6th China-ASEAN Expo, China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo on 19 October evening attended a dinner to mark the 6th China-ASEAN Expo and the China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit hosted by the Central Government of the People's Republic of China at International Conference Centre of Liyuan Resort in Nanning of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China.

Also present at the dinner were member of the Standing Committee of the Communist Party of China Central Committee Politburo Vice Premier H.E. Mr Li Kegiang, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic H.E. Mr Boausone Boaphavanh, Speaker of the Parliament of the Philippines H.E. Mr Prospero C Nograles, First Deputy Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam H.E. Mr Nguyen Sinh Hung, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Myanmar U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic

Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Myanmar Ambassador to PRC U Thein Lwin, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental heads, ministers, deputy ministers, senior officers and officials of Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, the Philippines, the Singapore, Thailand, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and PRC and entrepreneurs of the respective countries.

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17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continue

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—The 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued for fifth day at the designated avenues today.

Among the spectators were Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Minister for Electric Power No. 2 and for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Deputy

Attorney-General U Myint Naing, members of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Nyi Tun and U Kyaw Aung, departmental heads, members of the leading committee, chairmen, secretaries and members of work committee and subcommittees, members of the panel of judges (central) and supervisors.

In higher education level women's Maha Gita singing contest, eight contestants took part in it. In the afternoon, 11 contestants participated in basic education level (aged 10-15) boys' Maha Gita contest.

In basic education level (aged 15-20) women's dancing contest the University of Veterinary Science, 18 participants took part in the contest. In the afternoon, 15 contestants competed in basic education level (aged 15-20) men's dancing contest.

The rehearsal for writing contest was held at the hall of No (7) Transit Center in Nay Pyi Taw, and contestants from amateur level (first class), amateur level (second class) and higher education level took part in the rehearsal.

Six contestants took part in the basic education

level (aged 10-15) boys' harp contest held at the theater of the University of Agriculture. In basic education level (aged 10-15) girls' harp contest, four participants take part. Ma Hein Htet competed in basic education level (aged 15-20) women's harp contest.

Eight contestants participated in amateur level (second class) men's harp contest.

In basic education level (aged 10-15) boys' piano contest, eight contestants competed in it, and two contestants took part in amateur level (first class) women's piano contest. In amateur level (first class) men's Ozi contest held at Agricultural Research Department, seven groups participated in it, and six groups took part

in the basic education level (aged 15-20) men's Ozi contest.

In the basic education level (aged 10-15) girls' orchestra (group) contest, two groups competed in the contest. In the afternoon, two groups took part in the amateur level (first class) women's orchestra (group) contest.

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Minister Vice-Admiral Soe Thein watching the performance of the participants.—MNA



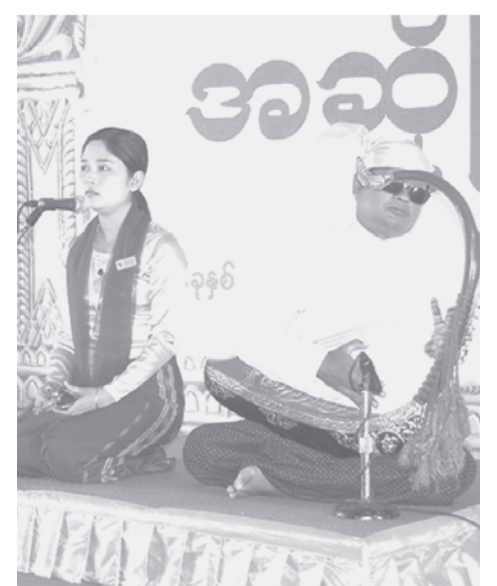
U Kyaw Kyaw from Yangon Division in Ozi contest.

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Maung Sai Khay Hlyan from Shan State in piano contest.

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Ma Cherry Win from Bago Division in Maha Gita contest.

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UMFCCI's monthly talks on 24 October

YANGON, 22 Oct – Organized by the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, the monthly talks (2/October, 2009) will be held on the first floor of UMFCCI Office Tower at 2 p.m. on 24 October (Saturday).

U Thein Myint Wai, Assistant

Director of Directorate of Trade, and U Kyaw Win, Director of Customs Department, will give talks. Every one including chairmen, executives and members of the affiliated associations of the UMFCCI and industrial zones may attend the talks.—MNA

Talks on success by successful spirit on 24 Oct

YANGON, 21 Oct — Jointly organized by the Myanmar Fishery Federation and the Myanmar Shrimp Association and sponsored by the City Mart Supermarket, writer Ledwinthar Saw

Chit will give talks on success by successful spirit at the hall of MFF on Bayintnaung Road in Insein Township at 2 pm on 24 October. Those interested may attend the talks.—MNA

MGEA to hold AGM on 24 October

YANGON, 22 Oct — The seventh annual general meeting of Myanmar Gold Entrepreneurs Association will be held at 1 p.m. at Panda Hotel here on 24

October.

Members of the association are invited to attend the meeting without fail.—MNA

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV SINAR BIMA VOYNO (044)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SINAR BIMA VOYNO (044) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 23.10.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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HIV vaccine trial was significant

BANGKOK, 22 Oct—A review of a trial of a HIV vaccine in Thailand has concluded that it does show real signs of a protective effect. Scientists announced last month that a combination of vaccines gave a 31% level of protection in trials among 16,000 heterosexuals aged 18-30. Doubts had been raised about whether the finding was significant.

But new data published at a conference in Paris indicates that, while small scale, the findings are robust and statistically significant. However, the scientists say they do not understand what is causing the effect, and it seems to offer less protection to those most at risk. Despite these drawbacks, Colonel Nelson Michael from the US military HIV research programme it is still a small step in the right direction.

He said: "It's important that people understand that this is a scientific advance, a scientific breakthrough." It is not a public health breakthrough; there is not a vaccine that is around the corner.

"We now, after 26 years of trying, believe that we can go down that road with confidence that we will be able to develop a vaccine that is globally effective."

Despite their initial joy when the first results from the Thai trial were announced, many scientists were concerned that the protective effect was very small.

Internet

H1N1 vaccinations rolled out in UK

LONDON, 22 Oct—A mass H1N1 immunization programme began in the UK on Wednesday, with the country's health minister urging all priority groups to take up the vaccine. Health and social care workers are among those identified in the "priority" group given first access to the vaccine against the H1N1 virus, commonly known as swine flu.

Others include pregnant women, those over 65, people with asthma, diabetes and those having cancer treatment, the country's Department of Health has said. From Monday, this group will be given appointments to visit doctors surgeries to receive the vaccine.

The vast majority of people will be offered GlaxoSmithKline's Pandemrix vaccination, which is effective after one dose but made using chicken eggs, according to the Department of Health. Those allergic to eggs will instead be offered Baxter's Celvapan, which requires two doses three weeks apart.—*Internet*

Latin America discusses distribution of A/H1N1 vaccines

PANAMA CITY, 22 Oct—Latin American countries, including Cuba, Mexico and Venezuela, began a series of meetings on Wednesday in Panama to discuss the purchase and use of the A/H1N1 influenza vaccines.

Jose A Escamilla, representative of the Pan American Health Organization, told *Xinhua* that participants will "define the procedures and the priority groups to receive the vaccine."

The participants would also discuss their countries' needs and the amount of vaccines needed to meet the demand of their people, Escamilla said. The specific amount of vaccines for all regions and nations would be determined at the end of the meeting, Escamilla added.

Xinhua

India train crash leaves 22 dead

MATHURA, 22 Oct—Two passenger trains have collided near the city of Mathura in northern India, killing at least 22 people. One of the trains, the Mewar Express, was stopped at a red signal when the Goa Express rammmed into it from behind, a railway official said.

Rescuers used gas cutters to enter the train. About 22 people were in-

jured and taken to hospital. Officials say the rescue operation is now over and all the passengers have been accounted for. The crash took place just before 5am local time (2330 GMT).

"The Goa Express train rammmed into the Mewar Express train from behind, this is the situation. A coach of the Mewar Express was damaged, whereas, there has been


damage in the pantry car of the Goa Express," the *Reuters* news agency quoted railway official RD Tripathi as saying.

"We felt a massive jolt," Ramesh Charan, a passenger aboard the Mewar Express, told *Reuters*. "Some people sleeping on upper berths fell to the coach floor by the impact of the collision," he said.

Internet

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. Second best time is now.

What is HIV/AIDS?



HIV: human immunodeficiency virus

- Attacks the immune system by invading white blood cells known as CD4+ T cells
- Normal CD4+ T cell count at 800-1200/mm³

AIDS: acquired immunodeficiency syndrome

- Final stage of HIV infection
- Occurs when CD4+ T cell count drops below about 200/mm³

Data from an AIDS vaccine trial in Thailand was presented to scientists on Tuesday for the first time, confirming the prototype as only a partial shield against HIV but still a pioneering achievement. —INTERNET



Woman dies dolphin-swimming in New Zealand

PICTON, 22 Oct—A 27-year-old American woman died in waters off New Zealand while swimming with dolphins, police said. The woman, while on a swimming excursion on Tuesday with Dolphin Watch Ecotours in the Marlborough Sounds near Picton New Zealand, went in the water mid-morning and was

later spotted floating face-down, the *Dominion Post* reported.

Emergency officials were contacted while other swimmers on the tour lifted the woman onto the tour boat. A doctor on the trip and coast guard workers tried unsuccessfully to revive the woman, whose name was not reported. The woman's mother and

husband were also on the trip, the newspaper said.

Dan and Amy Engelhaupt, Dolphin Watch Ecotour's directors and marine biologists from the United States, had initially intended to hold a press conference, but were advised by police not to speak with media about the incident, the *Dominion*

Post said." The Engelhauts were well-respected operators who had built up a good business since moving to Picton about five years ago," Marlborough District Mayor Alistair Sowman said. No cause of death was reported and an autopsy was scheduled, the newspaper said.

Internet

Indian city bans kites after child deaths

CHENNAI, 22 Oct — Police have banned kite flying in the southern Indian city of Chennai after two children died in accidents and several motorcyclists were injured by kite string coated with glass powder.

The deaths occurred when boys chasing after kites fell from rooftops, city police commissioner T Rajendran said.

In many parts of Asia where kite flying is a sport, participants use their kites to cut through rivals' strings. Chennai temporarily banned kites in 2006 after an eight-year-old boy died when string caked in glass powder cut into his neck, and again in 2007 after a similar incident. —Internet

An employee of Japan's beverage giant Suntory holds a bunch of their genetically modified roses at a Press conference in Tokyo. Japan's Suntory Ltd said it would start selling the world's first genetically-modified blue roses next month, 20 years after it began research to create the novelty flowers. —INTERNET



Pouring cold water on fashionista swimmers

TOKYO, 22 Oct — Japan's swimmers could face lifetime bans if they dye their hair, wear an earring or have brightly decorated fingernails. Japanese officials have launched a strict policy to prevent athletes turning up for competitions looking more like rock stars than swimmers.

Male and female swimmers caught sneaking into each others rooms at Japanese training camp, where the sexes have separate sleeping quarters, will also find themselves in hot water." The United States and Australia are also setting these criteria," the Japan Swimming Federation's executive director Masafumi Izumi told local media on Wednesday.

"We have had many recent controversies (in Japan) with marijuana in sport and at universities, and this is about swimming taking a stand on its own initiative."

The JSF's stringent new plan has been written into its charter following an executive board meeting on Tuesday and swimmers will have to sign a letter of oath. —Internet

Divers recover anchor from reputed Blackbeard ship

BEAUFORT, 22 Oct — An anchor from a shipwreck thought to be Blackbeard's flagship, the Queen Anne's Revenge, was so unstable that divers in North Carolina

retrieved it Wednesday rather than waiting until next year. Divers raised the 4.5-foot, 160-pound grapnel, or anchor, from the wreck in the Atlantic Ocean near Beaufort on

Wednesday and will display it on Thursday at the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort. The anchor originally had four prongs, but now has 1 1/2. Two divers put straps on the anchor, then small lift bags that they filled with air, said Mark Wilde-Ramsing, the director of the Queen Anne's Revenge shipwreck project. When the grapnel reached the surface, a crane brought it on the boat. "It went great," he said. "It went as smooth as it could be." The grapnel probably was an anchor for a smaller boat that would have been used to transport items between ships or from land to ship, Wilde-Ramsing said.

Internet



A replica of the ship 'Queen Anne's Revenge' rests on a stage in Raleigh, NC in front of the scientists and researchers who helped discover what is believed to be Blackbeard's flagship in the waters off of the North Carolina coast. —INTERNET

Food toxin may cause liver cancer

LOS ANGELES, 22 Oct — A toxin produced by mold on grains can cause liver cancer for large amount of consumption, researchers at the University of California, Irvine (UCI) has said. "It's shocking how profoundly these molds can affect public health," Sheryl Tsai, associate professor in biochemistry and pharmaceutical sciences was quoted as saying by a study published in the journal *Nature* on Thursday.

It is the first time scientists have discovered what triggers the toxin to form, which could lead to methods of limiting its produc-

tion. Reports said about 4.5 billion people in developing countries are chronically exposed to vast amounts of this toxin, called aflatoxin, which is often hundreds of times higher than safe levels.

In some countries, the combination of aflatoxin and hepatitis B virus exposure increases the likelihood of liver cancer occurrence by 60 times, and toxin-related cancer causes up to 10 percent of all deaths in those nations. Tsai, graduate student Tyler Korman and undergraduate Oliver Kamari-Bidkorpeh, along with

Johns Hopkins University researchers, jointly discovered that a protein called PT is critical for aflatoxin to form in fungi.

Tsai said protein PT is key to making the poison. With this knowledge, scientists could kill the PT with drugs, inhibiting the mold's ability to make aflatoxin. Aflatoxin can colonize and contaminate nuts and grains before harvest or during storage. The US Food & Drug Administration considers it an unavoidable food contaminant but sets maximum allowable limits.

Xinhua

Man staged nearly 100 car crashes in cash scam

LONDON, 22 Oct — A Briton who cost the insurance industry some 1.6 million pounds by staging almost 100 car crashes as part of a scam to win fraudulent payouts, was jailed for 4-1/2 years on Wednesday. Mohammed Patel, 24, charged 500 pounds a time to stage accidents which enabled fraudsters to claim an average of 17,000 pounds from their insurers.

Police said he staged at least 92 crashes between 2005 and 2008, each time

persuading the other driver to believe they were at fault. The plot was uncovered after workers in an office block by the main A34 road in Cheadle, near Manchester, became suspicious about a regular number of crashes taking place at a nearby roundabout.

AXA insurance, one of the firms caught up in the scam, investigated and contacted police. Detectives found that Patel deliberately caused crashes for his clients by braking suddenly so the vehicle behind could not avoid a collision.

Internet



Car crash damage is seen in this undated handout photo.

INTERNET

Blood protein may predict heart attack but not stroke

WASHINGTON, 22 Oct — High blood levels of C-reactive protein (CRP) may increase a person's risk for heart attack and death, but not for stroke, a new study has found. The study included 2,240 people in New York City who were 40 or older and stroke-free. At the start of the study, the participants' blood was checked for levels of CRP (a marker for inflammation) and their heart attack and stroke risk factors were evaluated by researchers.

During an average follow-up of eight years, there were 198 strokes, 156 heart-related events and 586 deaths. People with CRP levels greater than 3 milligrams per liter of blood were 70 per-

cent more likely to have a heart attack and 55 percent more likely to die than those with CRP levels of 1 milligram per liter or less, the researchers reported in the 20 Oct print issue of *Neurology*.

After they took other risk factors into account, the study authors concluded that CRP levels didn't influence stroke risk. "The role of this protein in predicting risk of stroke has been controversial, although prior studies have found it to be a marker for predicting risk of heart disease," study author Dr Mitchell Elkind, of Columbia University Medical Center in New York City, said in a news release from the *American Academy of Neurology*. —Internet

SPORTS

United maintains perfect Champions League start



Antonio Valencia (right) of Manchester United vies with Aleksei Berezutski of Russia's CSKA Moscow during their Champions League Group B match in Moscow.—INTERNET

MOSCOW, 22 Oct — Sir Alex Ferguson believes Antonio Valencia is on the verge of proving that he can be a major player in Manchester United's drive for silverware this season.

The Ecuador winger, signed for 17 million pounds from Wigan as a replacement for Cristiano Ronaldo, has struggled to convince the United faithful that he is up to the task.

But after claiming his first United goal in the win over Bolton at the weekend, Valencia capped a fine performance with a late winner in United's 1-0 Champions League win over CSKA Moscow here on Wednesday, and Ferguson was quick to underline the importance of the display.

"He has been the plus point for the last two weeks," Ferguson said. "He is settling into the club, his confidence is stronger and he has tremendous assets for a wee player - strength, balance, feet and a good crosser of the ball."—*Internet*

Bordeaux miss penalties but beat nine-man Bayern

PARIS, 22 Oct—Bordeaux fought back from a catastrophic start and survived a nerve-racking second half to beat nine-man Bayern Munich 2-1 to go top of their Champions League Group A on Wednesday. Bordeaux defender Michael Ciani opened the scoring, for Bayern, with an own goal in the fifth minute before making amends with an equaliser just before the half hour mark.

Marc Planus claimed Bordeaux's second before the interval, however as Bayern striker Luca Toni



Bordeaux' defender Marc Planus celebrates after scoring a goal during their Champions League football match Bordeaux versus Bayern Munich at the Chaban-Delmas stadium in Bordeaux, southern France.

INTERNET

missed a great late chance to equalise, the hosts went on to spectacularly miss two second half penalties. Bayern coach Louis van Gaal never one to hold back when displeased gave vent to his feelings. "The defeat has really angered me," said the Dutch taskmaster, who won the trophy with Ajax in 1995.

"After the early goal we made too many poor

passes. We were better in the second-half with 10 men than we were in the first-half with 11." Bayern came to the Chaban Delmas stadium without injured forwards Arjen Robben and Franck Ribery and in the hope that playmaker Thomas Muller could live up to his reputation as a future Bayern star.

INTERNET

Heinze gives Marseille Champions League hope in Zurich

ZURICH, 22 Oct — Gabriel Heinze delivered Marseille's first points of this Champions League campaign, the Argentine lifting the French side to a 1-0 win at FC Zurich on Wednesday.

Heinze's second half contribution gave Didier Deschamps' team an outside shot of progressing to the knockout stages, the win lifting them up into contention at least for a ticket out of Group C and into the Europa League.

After defeats to AC



Olympique Marseille's Gabriel Heinze.

INTERNET

Belgian tennis star Henin set for Brisbane comeback

SYDNEY, 22 Oct — Belgium's seven-time Grand Slam winner Justine Henin confirmed she would make her comeback from a 15-month retirement at Australia's Brisbane International in January.

The former world number one's return to tournament tennis will pit her against compatriot and fellow ex-retiree Kim Clijsters, who won September's US Open just five weeks after ending a two-year hiatus.

"After a 15-month absence I am pleased to begin my second tennis career at the Brisbane International," the 27-year-old Henin said in a statement.

It will be great to get back to playing competitive tennis again and with the strong field, the same court surface and a similar climate to Melbourne, it will be the perfect



Belgium's world number one and seven-time Grand Slam winner Justine Henin.—INTERNET

preparation leading into the Australian Open."

Tournament director Steve Ayles said Henin will also be up against Serbia's former French Open champion, Ana Ivanovic, and home favourite Jelena Dokic at the January 3-10 event."

It will be tremendous to see Justine match up against her former rival and countrywoman Kim Clijsters," said Ayles.

INTERNET

Tennis vet Safin ousts top seed Davydenko in Moscow

MOSCOW, 22 Oct — Russian tennis icon Marat Safin battled from a set down to advance past top seeded compatriot Nikolay Davydenko into the second round of the joint ATP and WTA tournament here on Wednesday. Safin, 76th in the ATP rankings, won 4-6, 6-4, 6-2 in a replay of 2006 final at the two-million-dollar tournament here to level his head-to-head record with 28-year-old Davydenko at four wins all.

"I was serving and receiving good today and managed to avoid basic mistakes," Safin said. "That gave me an opportunity to stay in the match. It seems that Nikolay (Davydenko) had not yet recovered after his win at Shanghai and later on I took advantage of his mistakes." Now I have an opportunity to continue playing in front of my home crowd and I'll try to go as far as I can."

Davydenko looked confident from the start breaking early in the opening set for a 4-2 lead after Safin, who announced his decision to retire at the end of this season, produced a catalogue of errors in the fifth game.—*Internet*

Chelsea's Ancelotti has eyes only for first place

LONDON, 22 Oct — Carlo Ancelotti warned his Chelsea stars that only first place will do after Salomon Kalou and Frank Lampard inspired a 4-0

Champions League rout of Atletico Madrid. Ancelotti's side moved within touching distance of a place in the last 16 thanks to their clinical display against the woeiful Spaniards at Stamford Bridge on Wednesday.

But, more importantly for Ancelotti, the Blues are top of Group D at the halfway stage and he wants them to stay there as it guarantees a home second leg against one of

the group runners-up in the first knockout round." We are in control of the group now.

Our aim is to arrive in first place because it is important for the rest of the Champions League," Ancelotti said.

"That is not certain yet and we need more points. It has not been easy without Didier Drogba but all the players have done well in this competition."

INTERNET



Chelsea's Italian manager Carlo Ancelotti.



Senior Captain Chatchavarl Meesawadi, Naval Rating school commander, gives a banana to a long-tailed macaque on Kledkaew island, Sattahip district, Chonburi Province on 21 October, 2009. Hundreds of monkeys live on the offshore island which is located within the Naval training base. The Navy regularly supplies food to the monkeys after reports that many drowned while trying to catch fish from the sea.—INTERNET

Hong Kong proposes e-Learning pilot scheme

HONG KONG, 22 Oct—The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) government is committed to developing e-learning which will enhance student learning and development, Secretary for Education Michael Suen said on Thursday. Suen said the recommendations of the Working Group on Textbooks and e-Learning Resources Development on how the local government can encourage and support schools to make good use of e-learning resources will be carefully considered.

The working group has submitted a report proposing a three-year “promoting e-learning” pilot scheme be launched in up to 30 primary and secondary schools in the 2010-2011 school year.

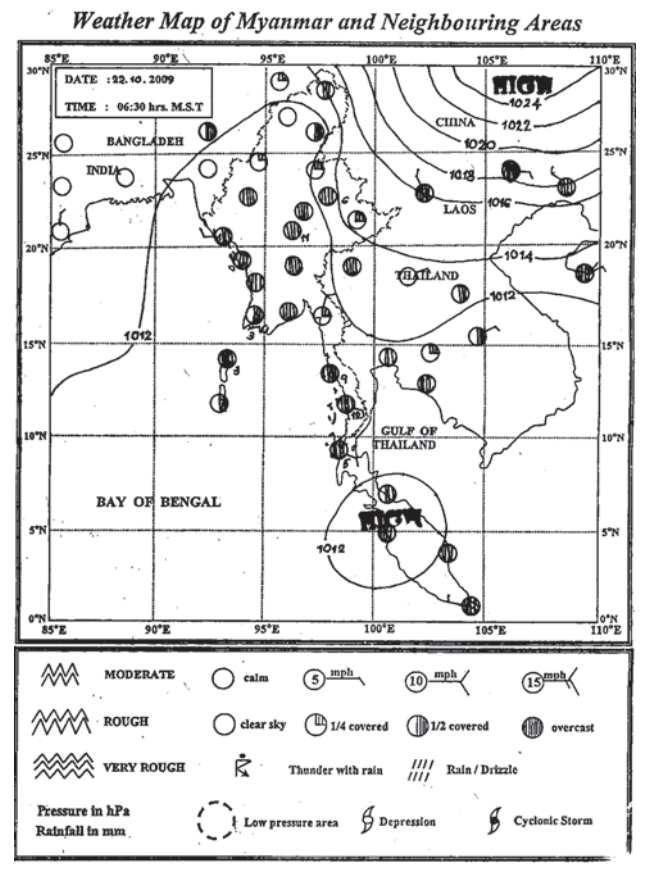
It also suggests the development of the depository of curriculum-based learning and teaching resources be expedited and strengthened at the primary and junior secondary levels with additional resources from the 2009-10 school year.—Xinhua

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (23-10-2009) (Friday)

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
 - * Travelogue (Taunggyi)
 - * Taunggyi Tazaungdaing Festival, Hot-Air Balloon Competition “Nya Mee Gyi” Hot-Air Balloons
 - * The Beauty of The 2nd Defile of the River Ayeyawady
 - * Culture Stage
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 - * New Year Flag-Mast Festival Dance (Kayah State)
 - * Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes
 - * Naitonal Dance
 - * Ancient Royal City Innwa & Nanmadaw Mae Nu Brick Monastery
 - * Myanmar Modern Song
 - * Gold Fishes and their ‘Water Palace’
 - * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm



WEATHER Thursday, 22nd October, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Chin States and upper Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Taninthayi Division, scattered in Mon and Kayin States, Mandalay, Bago and Yangon Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Lewe) (0.63)inch, Nay Pyi Taw (Pinyinana) (0.39)inch, PyinOoLwin (1.30)inches, Thandaunggyi (1.14)inches, Yamethin and Hpa-an (0.79) inch each, Coco Island (0.63) inch, Aunglan and Gwa (0.59) inch and Kyaukpadaung (0.56) inch.

Maximum temperature on 21-10-2009 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 22-10-2009 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 22-10-2009 was 83%. Total sun shine hours on 21-10-2009 was (3.3) hours approx.

Rainfall on 22-10-2009 was (0.07) inch at Mingaladon, Nil at Kaba-Aye and (0.43) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (110.90) inches at Mingaladon, (122.05) inches at Kaba-Aye and (128.78) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southeast at (07:30) hours MST on 22-10-2009.

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 23rd October 2009: Rain or thundershower will be scattered in Mon and Kayin States, Yangon, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated in Shan, Rakhine and Kayah States, Mandalay, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of continuation of light rain in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 23-10-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 23-10-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 23-10-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Friday, 23 October View on today

- 7:00 am**
 - တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am**
 - To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am**
 - Morning News
- 7:40 am**
 - အပူပေးမင်္ဂလာ (ယဉ်ဝေယံထွန်း၊ တေးရေး-ဝိတစာဆိုမျိုးနွယ်ဆွေ)

- 7:50 am**
 - Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am**
 - အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:05 am**
 - “ဆေးလိပ်ကင်းကွာအနုပညာကမ္ဘာ”
- 8:10 am**
 - The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies
- 8:20 am**
 - အကျိုးပြုအားမာန် ဆည်ရေလျှောက်တံခံ
- 8:25 am**
 - Musical Programme
- 8:35 pm**
 - International News
- 8:45 pm**
 - Connect With English (Episode-23) (The Retirement Party)

- 4:00 pm**
 - Myanmar National League MNL 2009 ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (Delta-United FC အသင်းနှင့် ဇေယျာရွှေမြေ FC အသင်း)
- 4:50 pm**
 - Songs of Yester Years
- 5:00 pm**
 - Songs For Uphold National Spirit
- 5:05 pm**
 - “အိမ်တွင်းပုန်းများမကြည့်ရ” (နေတိုး၊ သက်မွန်မြင့်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဇာနီထက်လင်း)
- 5:20 pm**
 - သက်တံရောင်သံစဉ်
- 5:30 pm**
 - ပဉ္စလက်ကျောင်းတော်
- 6:00 pm**
 - Evening News

- 6:15 pm**
 - Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
 - သုတစုံလင်ရွှေဇာန်ရှင်
- 6:50 pm**
 - Musical Programme
- 7:00 pm**
 - နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မေတ္တာလောင်းရိပ်” (အပိုင်း-၆)
- 8:00 pm**
 - News
 - International News
 - Weather Report
 - ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ် (၁၇)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
 - နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မေတ္တာလောင်းဆုံ” (အပိုင်း-၆၈)
 - သီချင်းချစ်သူ (ထွန်းထွန်း (Examplez))

- ★ 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

Secretary-1 attends opening ceremony of 6th China-ASEAN Expo

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo attended the opening ceremony of 6th China-ASEAN Expo, held at Nanning International Convention and Exhibition Centre in Nanning in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China at 9 am on 20 October.

Also present on the occasion were Member of the Standing Committee of the Politburo of Communist Party of China Central Committee Vice Premier H.E. Mr Li Keqiang, Heads of State/Government of the ASEAN member countries, ministers, deputy ministers and senior officers from the People's Republic of China and ASEAN member countries, ASEAN Secretary-General H.E. Dr Surin Pitsuwan and re-

sponsible persons, entrepreneurs of those countries and correspondents from international news agencies.

On the occasion, Governor of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Ma Biao extended greetings.

Next, ASEAN Secretary-General H.E. Dr Surin Pitsuwan and Minister of Commerce of the PRC H.E. Mr Chen Deming gave speeches on the occasion.

Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic

Republic H.E. Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh gave an opening speech.

After that, the documentary video on the previous China-ASEAN Expositions was presented to those present.

The Secretary-1, Heads of State/Govern-

ment of the People's Republic of China and ASEAN member countries and the ASEAN Secretary-General took the designated positions on the stage to open the ceremony.

Vice Premier H.E. Mr Li Keqiang announced the

6th China-ASEAN Expo open.

Afterwards, the Secretary-1, Heads of State/Government of PRC and ASEAN member countries and the ASEAN Secretary-General concluded the ceremony by throwing flowers into the air.—MNA



Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo attends the opening ceremony of 6th China-ASEAN Expo at Nanning International Convention and Exhibition Centre in Nanning in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of the PRC.—MNA