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Senior General Than Shwe welcomes back Prime Minister General Thein Sein on PM's return from Thailand

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe welcomed back Prime Minister General Thein Sein who arrived back from Thailand after attending 15th ASEAN Summit and related summits, at Nay Pyi Taw Airport this morning.

Together with the Senior General 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, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, 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



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Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing and 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 H.E. Mr Bansarn Bunnag, Military Attache' Col. Ekachai Harpoonvittaya

and officials. Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin

Aung Myint and departmental heads who accompanied the Prime Minister arrived back here on the same flight.

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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



PERSPECTIVES

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Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions depict Myanmar lifestyle, attributes

The 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions, ongoing in Nay Pyi Taw, are in their ninth day today.

Altogether 1853 contestants from the states and divisions along with 2445 contestants for subject-wise competitions are contending for the prizes in the 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.

The competitions have been organized yearly for nearly two decades, and more and more competitions are prescribed subject-wise year by year, thus generating a variety of benefits such as further maintaining the characteristics and high social status of Myanmar national races, bringing about new generations capable of handing down and preserving delicate Myanmar performing arts, and having established a cultural society for the future of Myanmar society.

Uggasena Drama, for instance, prescribed for this year's drama contest is an educative one reflecting the importance of education, the need of exerting perseverance, hard work and diligence at any ages and times, and the importance of expanding the horizons and practising meditation rather than pursuing mundane goals and indulging oneself in sensual pleasures.

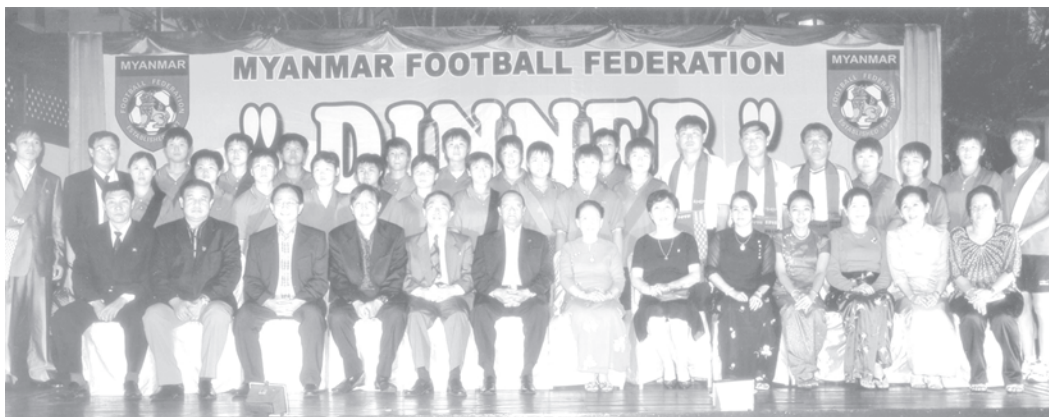
And so is Illisa Drama of Eka Nipata of the 550 Jatakas prescribed for the marionette, which depicts the importance of preservation of fine traditions of forefathers, doing meritorious deeds to realize kamma (deed, word and thought which predetermine one's future) and results of kmmas, refraining from evil deeds, words and thoughts for the fruitful results in this life and next existences, and duties of children who deserve inheritance of their parents.

Therefore, Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions portray lifestyles and attributes of Myanmar people such as maintenance of fine traditions of following the Teachings of the Buddha, high status of Myanmar society with own monarchs, executive, judicial and legislative principles, and warfare for national defence.

Friendly football match between U-16 DPRK women's football team and selected Myanmar women's football team

YANGON, 26 Oct—The Myanmar Football Federation's president hosted dinner to the under 16 women's football team of Democratic People's Republic of Korea at Chatrium hotel this evening. The DPRK women's football team will play against selected Myanmar women's football team that are under training to take part in XXV SEA Games.

The dinner was attended by Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, DPRK Ambassador to Myanmar H.E Mr Kim Sok Chol, general secretary of MOC, Director-General U Thaung Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department, Chairperson Daw Aye Aye of Central Work Committee of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation, President U Zaw Zaw of MFF and executives, officials, invited footballers and selected Myanmar women's football team.



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and officials pose for a photo together with U-16 DPRK women's football team.—NLM

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 inspect site chosen for new bridge



Commander Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe and Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspect site chosen for construction of a new bridge across Ayeyawady river.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct—Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe and Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint arrived at the briefing hall of bridge construction special group-1 near Bo Myat Tun Bridge yesterday.

Superintending Engineer U Tint Lwin briefed the commander and the minister on the site chosen for

construction of a new bridge crossing Ayeyawady river and condition of approach bridges and Deputy Superintending Engineer on the bridge design.

After hearing the reports, the commander and the minister inspected engineering works and the site chosen for construction of the new bridge and gave necessary instructions.

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English Proficiency Course of Finance and Revenue commences

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct—The opening of English Proficiency Course No (1/2009) organized by the Ministry of Finance and Revenue was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry here this morning, with an opening speech by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein, directors-general, managing directors, deputy directors-general, managers, officials from depart-



Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun addresses opening of Spoken English Course (1/2009).—MNA

ments and enterprises under the ministry, lecturers and trainees.

The minister said in his speech, the ministry opens the course in pursuit of the

fluency and proficiency in English that plays an important role for the staff of the ministry to make foreign relations as the ministry is striving for the economic development of the

state. The minister also urged the staff to try their best to secure the profits for the state and themselves. A total of 50 staff are attending the 16-week course.—MNA

mittee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, DPRK Ambassador to Myanmar H.E Mr Kim Sok Chol, general secretary of MOC, Director-General U Thaung Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department, Chairperson Daw Aye Aye of Central Work Committee of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation, President U Zaw Zaw of MFF and executives, officials, invited footballers and selected Myanmar women's football team.

The minister delivered an address and presented gifts to the team leader of U-16 DPRK women's football team. Chairperson Daw Aye Aye also gave them gifts. The minister and officials later posed for photo with the invited football team. The selected Myanmar women's football team will play against U-16 DPRK women's football team at Thuwunna Stadium at 4 p.m. on 27 (today) and 30 October and football lovers may enjoy the matches free of charge.—MFF

Four US troops die in Afghan chopper collision

KABUL, 26 Oct — Two helicopters collided on Monday in southern Afghanistan, killing four American troops and injuring two, the military said. A third US helicopter crashed in a separate incident in the west, leaving “some dead,” US military spokeswoman Elizabeth Mathias said. She

did not have details on how many or their nationalities.

It was unclear what caused the collision in the south. US military spokesman Col Wayne Shanks said the military had ruled out hostile fire but he did not have any other details. He said the injured had been evacuated to hospitals inside Afghanistan. The third helicopter went down during an operation by Afghan and international forces in which a dozen militants

were killed, the military said. It said the crash happened in western Afghanistan without giving a more precise location.

Mathias said hostile fire or other insurgent activity was not believed to be the cause, but they were still looking into all possibilities. Troops from the US, other NATO countries and Afghanistan were on board the helicopter, she said, adding that a recovery operation was under way.

Internet



A US Army Chinook helicopter seen in operation in southern Afghanistan. Four US soldiers have been killed in what NATO said was believed to be a mid-air collision between two helicopters in the region.—INTERNET

Singapore to get first doses of A/H1N1 vaccine in two weeks

SINGAPORE, 26 Oct — Singapore's Ministry of Health will distribute the A/H1N1 vaccine when the first doses arrive in two weeks, local media reported on Monday.

The ministry will begin distributing the vaccines to polyclinics, private hospitals and clinics once the first batches arrive. The ministry has started going to the clinics and hospitals to check on how many doses they need, local newspaper *the Straits Times* reported.

The ministry has asked doctors to compile the lists so that the vaccine can be allocated efficiently, based on how many each hospital and clinic needs for its patients.—Xinhua

Pesticides linked to suicidal thoughts

LONDON, 26 Oct — People with higher levels of pesticide exposure are more likely to have suicidal thoughts, researchers in China and Britain found. Dr Robert Stewart of the Institute of Psychiatry at King's College London, who worked with the scientists from Tongde Hospital Zhejiang Province, said agricultural pesticides commonly used in China are organophosphates, in wide use in lower income countries, but banned in many Western nations.

The survey was of a representative sample of 9,811 rural residents in Zhejiang Province who had been asked about the storage of pesticides at home and about whether or not they had considered suicide within the two years before the interview.

The study, published in the *World Health Organization Bulletin*, found that people who stored pesticides at home — ie those with more exposure — were more likely to report recent suicidal thoughts. The survey also said suicidal thoughts were associated with how easily accessible these pesticides were in the home, and that the geographic areas with highest home storage of pesticides also had highest levels of suicidal thoughts in their populations.—Internet

Iraqis gather at the site of a massive bomb attack in Baghdad, Iraq on 25 Oct, 2009.

INTERNET



Excursionists put up their tabernacles on the lawn, during a 2-day Tabernacle Fair, in the Zhuyuwan Scenery Resort of Yangzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province, 24 Oct. 2009. People enjoy the outdoor activities ranging from photographing, camping, riding, to rock-climbing etc, to relax their mood by enjoying the idyllic autumn scenery. — XINHUA

Singapore to exploit green opportunities in Asia-Pacific region

SINGAPORE, 26 Oct — Asia is poised to be the largest supplier of Certified Emissions Reductions (CERs) to the global carbon market, a senior Singapore official said on Monday.

Singapore's Senior Minister of State for Trade and Industry and Education S Iswaran said that 70 percent of Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) projects located within the Asia-Pacific, with China and India remaining the world's largest suppliers of CERs, although the rest of Asia, including the ASEAN countries, also has immense potential to explore CDM projects.

He said while the CDM process may have its shortcomings, the carbon and CDM markets have been successful on many counts. They have helped

provide a sound economic basis for carbon reductions while the European Union Emission Trading System has put carbon awareness squarely on the agenda of the boards of many major companies. Adding that climate change is a long-

term global challenge, he said that there will be an enduring role for carbon markets to help the world meet this challenge, as Singapore gears up to participate actively in this dynamic new sector.

Xinhua

Arab League strongly condemns Baghdad bombings

CAIRO, 26 Oct — Cairo-based Arab League (AL) strongly condemned on Sunday the twin truck bombings in central Baghdad which killed over 130 people and injured some 500 others.

In a statement sent to *Xinhua*, AL chief Amr Moussa denounced the bombings describing them as criminal acts claiming the lives of innocent citizens, adding that it is an attempt to

destabilize security of Iraq. Moussa reiterated his call for all Iraqi leaders to reunite so as to confront terrorism and radicalism and to avoid political and sectarian tensions which feed violence and impede the political process.—Xinhua

Only clothing in suspected suitcase bombs

OCOE, 26 Oct — Only clothing was inside two suspicious suitcases detonated as a precaution after being found in a mall in Ocoee, Fla., authorities say.

The Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel reported the two abandoned suitcases were detonated on Saturday by the Orange County sheriff's bomb squad after Ocoee police suspected they may have been filled with explosives. Ocoee police Lt Ted Silberstein said by using a specialized robot, bomb squad members moved the suitcases from outside the mall's food-court entrance to a safe location where they were destroyed.—Internet



An aerial photo shows vessels anchored along the coast of Singapore where key industrial output during September fell 7.7 percent year on year as declines were posted across every sector.—INTERNET

FAA may suspend NWA pilots' licenses

WASHINGTON, 26 Oct — The US Federal Aviation Administration says it may discipline two Northwest Airlines pilots who were unreachable while overshooting their destination. FAA spokeswoman Laura Brown said on Saturday her agency had sent "letters of investigation" to Capt Timothy Cheney and First Officer Richard Cole, alerting them the incident may quickly lead to revocation or suspensions of their pilots' licenses, *The New York Times* reported.

Cole has denied he was sleeping as Northwest Flight 188 flew 150 miles past its Minneapolis-St Paul International Airport destination on Wednesday evening.—*Internet*

NC interstate closed by rock slide

ASHEVILLE, 26 Oct — A stretch of Interstate 40 in North Carolina could be blocked for months after it was buried by a rock slide on Sunday, officials said.

The state Transportation Department said the massive slide occurred about 2 am EDT in a steep gorge west of Asheville in the western portion of the state, *The Charlotte Observer* reported.

No one was hurt by the slide, which initially was estimated to be 50 feet deep and 100 feet long, a DOT spokesman said. The blockage means anyone traveling between North Carolina and Tennessee on I-40 will have to take a detour. Officials were developing a strategy for removing rocks and dirt. They said it was too soon to predict when the highway would reopen, the newspaper said. Twelve years ago, a rock slide not far from the site of on Sunday's slide closed the interstate for three months.—*Internet*

Brain training may help blindsighted see

MUNICH, 26 Oct — Brain-training may help blindsight patients, with blindness due by injury to the brain region responsible for vision, gain some vision, German researchers said.

Study leader Caspar Schwiedrzik of the Max Planck Institute for Brain Research says the research may help blind-sight patients — whose primary visual cortex has been

damaged through a stroke or trauma so they cannot consciously see, although on some level their brains process their visual environment — gain conscious awareness of what their minds can see.

"Our study suggests that it might in principle be possible for blindsight patients to recover some visual awareness, and thus our findings might open a venue for a new line of

research and potential treatments for patients with acquired cortical blindness," Schwiedrzik says in a statement.

The study, published in the *Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology's Journal of Vision*, says the brain is continuously adapting and can be trained to see consciously what previously was consciously unseen.—*Internet*

Water buffalo on tracks responsible for deadly Egypt train collision

CAIRO, 26 Oct — A deadly collision between two passenger trains in Egypt was caused by a water buffalo which had wandered onto the track, officials said, according to Sky News.

Eighteen people were killed and 39 others were wounded in the crash which happened southwest of the capital Cairo.

The accident began after the first train struck the animal and then stopped.

The service was then

hit from the back by a second train which was travelling at full speed.

The official death toll has been lowered from one which originally said 25 people were killed and

55 injured, according to Sky News. No foreigners were reported among the casualties after the accident in the al Ayyat area of Giza, 25 miles from the capital.—*Internet*

S Korean won likely to further appreciate against US dollar

SEOUL, 26 Oct — South Korea's currency is likely to continue to strengthen against the US dollar, averaging at 1,124 won to one US dollar in the first half of 2010, a private survey showed on Monday.

According to a survey by the nation's biggest business lobby group, the Federation of Korean Industries, the South Korean won is to further appreciate against the US dollar on the back of the weakening US currency, South Korea's current account surplus and net selling of local stocks by foreign investors.

The federation said a strong won is adding to worries on the profitability and price competitiveness of local exporters.

Amid market concerns, the local currency averaged 1,239.74 per the dollar during the July-September period of this year, the federation said.—*Xinhua*

College's homecoming queen is transgender

WILLIAMSBURG, 26 Oct — Students at the College of William & Mary in Virginia have elected a transgender student their homecoming queen for the first time, a school official said. William & Mary President Taylor Reveley said the homecoming victory by junior Jesse Vasold is not a problem for the public Williamsburg school, which is the second-oldest college in the United States and educated presidents Thomas Jefferson, James Monroe and John Tyler, *The Newport News (Va) Daily Press* reported on Saturday.

"I knew Jesse before," Reveley said. "(It's) a little more publicity than normal for a homecoming queen, but it's just fine." Vasold, whose age was not reported, admitted being "surprised" by the homecoming win. "I knew I was nominated, but I was just surprised, because there were a lot of other really good candidates on the ballot," Vasold said. "I know all of the other girls, and they're wonderful people, really friendly. So I was surprised." *The Daily Press* said the William & Mary student does not identify with traditional male or female gender roles, instead choosing to approach each day individually. "Normally, it really just depends on the day, how I dress," Vasold told *the Daily Press*. "I don't identify as a woman. It really just depends on the day and the occasion."—*Internet*



A dog dressed as Batman participates in the Family Pet Festival in Cali, department of Valle del Cauca, Colombia, on 25 October, 2009.—XINHUA

Production line workers assemble motorcycles at a Honda factory. The Japanese auto firm plans to invest more than 100 million dollars to increase its motorcycle production in Indonesia in response to growing demand there.—INTERNET





Two young men take a bride with the shoulder pole during a folk show of local villagers of Miao ethnic group, as local villagers of Miao ethnic group gather for a song and dance rendezvous in celebration of this autumn bumper harvest as a result of seasonable weather with gentle breeze and timely rainfalls, in Basha Village, Congjiang County, southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 24 Oct, 2009. —XINHUA

Nepal to host Global Tiger Workshop

KATHMANDU, 26 Oct—With the view to developing a strategic action plan for the protection of tigers, the Nepali government is organizing a four-day global tiger workshop from on Tuesday.

The Kathmandu Global Tiger Workshop 2009 will be attended by more than 200 participants, including policy-makers, scientists and conservationists from various countries, with a theme of "Saving tigers is our test; if we pass, we get to keep the planet," the workshop will be inaugurated by

Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal, English daily *The Rising Nepal* reported on Monday. "The workshop would introduce new ideas to start the process of creating a platform for sustained worldwide cooperation to save wild tigers," the newspaper cited Deepak Bohara, Minister for Forest and Soil Conservation, as saying.

Xinhua

Ten die, after bus hits truck

RIO DE JANEIRO, 26 Oct—At least 10 people were killed and 26 others injured when a bus in which they were traveling hit a goods truck in southeastern Brazil state of Minas Gerais early on Sunday morning, police said. The crash took place around 3 am local time at 220 km of Federal Highway BR-116 within the jurisdiction of the town of Catuji, some 540 km from state capital Belo Horizonte.

Xinhua

A fire destroyed a slum area in the eastern Indian city of Siliguri, on 25 Oct, 2009. More than one thousand people evacuated after a fire swept through the slum area and the cause of the fire is still unknown, a fire official said on Sunday. —XINHUA



Somalia court gives pirates jail terms

MOGADISHU, 26 Oct—A court in the northeastern Somali region of Puntland on Sunday sentenced 12 men to various prison terms after being convicted of piracy activities off the Somali piracy-infested coast.

The judge of the court of first instance in Bossaso, the commercial hub of Puntland, gave eight of the 12 men the prison sentence of eight years each, with the possibility of an

appeal against the ruling.

The eight men were handed over to the local authorities by the Egyptian government after they were overpowered by the crew of an Egyptian fishing boat they have been holding hostage for nearly four months off the region.

Two of the pirates were reportedly killed in the struggle in mid August while the rest were taken to Egypt by the crew aboard the boat that was

seized last May.

The court also sentenced three years in jail each of the four men accused of an attempted piracy after they were allegedly caught with weapons around the coastal Mareero village outside Bossaso and planning to carry out seajacking. Judge Sheikh Mohamed Abdi Aware, who presided over the trials, said the men could lodge an appeal against the court ruling. —Xinhua

WHO urges governments to fight A/H1N1 flu

HAVANA, 26 Oct—Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) Margaret Chan on Sunday called on governments to devise measures to fight the A/H1N1 flu outbreak that has hit 195 nations.

"The WHO considers that all governments should create a packet of measures to face the A/H1N1 flu virus," she said

in a speech where she praised Cuba's "good work" in flu prevention and control.

Cuba is situated in the Western Hemisphere heavily stricken by A/H1N1 flu. Strict quarantine has been carried out at Cuba's border checkpoints including airports. Suspected patients and their close contacts are subject to a 40-day isolation for

observation.

The Cuban government's achievements in establishing a medical care insurance system also "interest us a lot," Chan said. Xinhua

Pumpkin-shape decorations are seen in the shop window in New York on 25 Oct, 2009, to greet the upcoming Halloween.

XINHUA



More Malaysians suffer heart disease

KUALA LUMPUR, 26 Oct—More Malaysians are suffering from heart disease which has aroused worries of the country's health authorities.

The Malaysian Health Ministry expects the number of new cases of heart disease to reach about 38,000 each year, with a larger proportion of young people, the *New Straits Times* reported on Monday, quoting the country's health minister Liow Tiong Lai.

The number of new heart attacks is much closing to that of cancer, which is about 40,000 every year, said Liow.

He noted that about 16.5 percent of the deaths in government hospitals last year was caused by heart disease.

Xinhua

Bangladesh, Russia sign protocol on peaceful usage of nuclear energy

DHAKA, 26 Oct—Bangladesh signed with Russia a protocol deal on co-operation in the field of peaceful usage of atomic energy, as the South Asian country plans to install a nuclear power plant to tackle crippling electricity shortages. According to a message released on Sunday, the co-operation instrument was signed in the Russian capital Moscow on 21 Oct, during the visit of a nine-member Bangladesh delegation headed by State Minister for Science and Information and Communication Technology Yeafes Osman, private news agency UNB reported.

The Bangladesh delegation visited Russia on 18-22 Oct for spot inspections of Russia's nuclear sites preceding the deal signing, following a series of talks between the two sides.

The delegation sought support from the Russia in establishing nuclear power plant and the Russian side assured of extending possible assistance to Bangladesh in the regard.

According to the protocol, a joint working group between Bangladesh and Russia will be formed and its composition and schedule of work will be defined in the working process, the message said.

Xinhua

Palm trees 'flourished' in Arctic

OSLO, 26 Oct — Palms flourished in the Arctic during a brief sweltering period about 50 million years ago, according to a study that hints at big gaps in scientific understanding of modern climate change. The Arctic "would have looked very similar to the vegetation we now see in Florida," Appy Sluijs of Utrecht University in the Netherlands said. Evidence of palms has never been

found so far north before. The scientists, sampling sediments on a ridge on the seabed that was about 500km from the North Pole 53.5 million years ago, found pollens of ancient palms as well as of conifers, oaks, pecans and other trees." The presence of palm pollen implies that coldest month mean temperatures over the Arctic land masses were no less than 8C, the scientists, based in the

Netherlands and Germany, wrote in the journal *Nature Geoscience*.

That contradicted computer model simulations - also used to predict future temperatures - that suggested winter temperatures were below freezing even in the unexplained hothouse period that lasted between 50,000 and 200,000 years in the Eocene epoch. Palms are quickly killed by frost.

Internet

Pakistan forces bomb Taleban in South Waziristan

PESHAWAR, 26 Oct — Pakistani aircraft attacked Taleban in the South Waziristan region on Sunday a day after the army said it had captured a strategic town on an approach to the militants' main base area. Separately, gunmen on a motorcycle shot dead the minister of education in the provincial government in Baluchistan, a gas-rich southwestern

province where separatist rebels have been waging a low-level insurgency for decades.

A separatist group claimed responsibility.

The army assault in the ethnic Pashtun tribal re-

gion of South Waziristan on the Afghan border is seen as a test of the government's determination to tackle Islamists responsible for a string of attacks against government and other targets.—*Internet*

Poisonous spider demands courting

TORONTO, 26 Oct — Poisonous redback male spiders who perform a courtship of less than 100 minutes risk being killed by the female, Canadian researchers said.

Lactrodectus hasselti, a spider native to Australia, is a member of the black widow family, in which females are larger than males.

Dominant males risked death if they courted the female for less than 100 minutes though weaker males who performed no courtship ritual were able to slip by and mate with the female on the full courtship efforts of the first male, researchers at the University of Toronto found.

"One of the surprising outcomes from the study is that females are unable or unwilling to discriminate the sources of courtship," said Jeffrey Stoltz, a doctoral candidate at the university, said in a release on Friday.

"This has provided the opportunity for intruding males to exploit the reproductive efforts of rivals and thereby circumvent female choice."

Internet

Rio police transfer 'drug barons'

SAO PAULO, 26 Oct — Brazilian police have moved 10 men seen as leading drug traffickers from a jail in Rio de Janeiro to a high security prison in another part of the country. The move comes as Rio police hunt for members of drug gangs who shot down a police helicopter last Saturday, killing three officers.

A week of gang violence in the city's shanty towns has left 40 people dead. The authorities reportedly believe orders for attacks are coming from gang leaders who have already been jailed. It is commonplace for gang leaders in Brazil to continue to direct criminal activity from inside jail using mobile phones.

It seems the authorities hope that by moving the prisoners, it will help to bring the latest outbreak of violence in the city under control. The ten men were moved amid tight security from a jail in the west of Rio de Janeiro to a maximum security prison in the state of Mato Grosso do Sul where, initially at least, they will be held in isolation.—*Internet*

1 in 5 kids get little vitamin D, study says

CHICAGO, 26 Oct — At least one in five US children aged 1 to 11 don't get enough vitamin D and could be at risk for a variety of health problems including weak bones, the most recent national analysis suggests. By a looser measure, almost 90 percent of black children that age and 80 percent of Hispanic kids could be vitamin D deficient — "astounding numbers" that should serve as a call to action, said Dr Jonathan Mansbach, lead author of the new analysis and a researcher at Harvard Medical School and Children's Hospital in Boston.

The findings add to mounting evidence about vitamin D deficiency in children, teens and adults, a concern because of recent studies suggesting the vitamin might help prevent serious diseases, including infections, diabetes and even some cancers.—*Internet*

Australian burglar betrayed by leech

Blood taken from a leech found at an Australian crime scene was used to catch an armed robber eight years after his crime, in what officials claimed to be a forensic world first.

The engorged bloodsucker was found beside a safe at the ransacked home of an elderly woman in Tasmania, Australia's southernmost state, following a 2001 break-in.

"It was the only evidence we found, and as there was no evidence of any leech bites from the victim or the police present we thought it was a good chance to have come from one of the offenders," said Detective Inspector Mick Johnston.

Police took a sample of the blood for DNA profiling, and when the robber was DNA tested over drug offences in late 2008 Johnston said they found a match.

"It is the oddest way of convicting anyone I have ever been involved in," Johnston told the *Hobart*



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Mercury newspaper.

"I have not been able to find any similar cases anywhere in the world — nothing like this at all."

The bitten burglar, Peter Alec Cannon, 54, pleaded guilty to the robbery which netted 550 dollars (510 US). He will be sentenced on Friday in the Launceston Supreme Court.

Air Canada jet diverted over beer theft

There was no fire, engine woe or medical emergency when an Air Canada Jazz flight made an unscheduled stop in western Canada the pilot diverted the jet over a beer theft, police said.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police Constable Steve Holmes told *AFP* that a passenger had stolen beer from a beverage cart and tried to flush the empty cans down the 50-seat jet's toilet to dispose of the evidence.

The flight from Vancouver to Fort McMurray, Alberta was diverted to Kelowna, British Columbia, and police arrested the 23-year-old suds thief.

The man faces charges of causing a disturbance on an aircraft, Holmes said.



Painted faces adorn pumpkins at Smolak Farms in North Andover, Mass.

NEWS ALBUM



DNA trips up thirsty burglar

A thirsty burglar fell victim to his habit of capping successful break-ins with a drink, as police traced him via DNA left on glasses and cans at the crime scenes, according to an official.

The man, identified only by his surname Chen, committed a number of burglaries in residential areas from 2006 to 2008, a spokesman for the capital city's district court said.

On one occasion he drank from a wine glass, and on another from a can, leaving saliva from which his DNA could be extracted, according to the spokesman.

The thefts of items such as laptops and flat-panel TVs led the court to sentence Chen to one year and 10 months in jail, he said.

Train drags German mooner half naked along tracks

A German man mooning at railway staff in a departing train got his trousers caught in a carriage door and ended up being dragged half naked along the platform, out of the station and onto the tracks.

The 22-year-old journalism student shoved his backside against the window

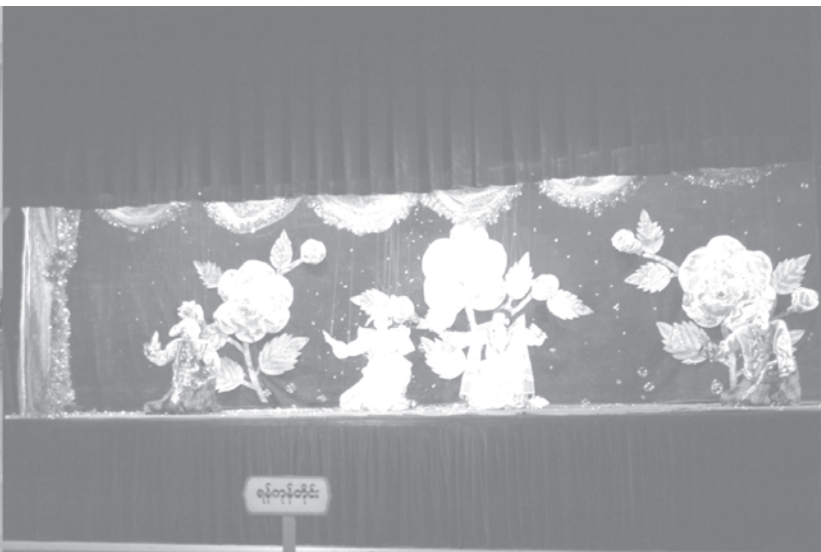
of a low-slung double-decker train when staff forced him off in Lauenbrueck for travelling without a ticket, a spokesman for police in the northern city of Bremen said.

"It's a miracle he wasn't badly hurt," the spokesman said. "This sort of thing can end up killing you."

Yangon Div competes in Illisa Dvicitta marionette contest

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct—The Illisa Dvicitta marionette contest of the 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions commenced at No 7 Transit Centre, here, tonight.

Among the audience were Lt-Gen Ohn Myint of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Nu Nu Swe, Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min, Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi, Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen



Kyaw Myint, heads of department, the secretary of leading committee for organizing the competitions, the secretary of work committee and members, subcommittees, central panel of judges and judges from states and divisions, par-

ticipants and enthusiasts. Yangon Division participated in the Illisa Dvicitta marionette contest.—MNA

Lt-Gen Ohn Myint of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Nu Nu Swe enjoy performance of Yangon Division in Illisa Dvicitta marionette contest.—MNA

Minister meets local people of Kayan

YANGON, 26 Oct — Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein inspected facilities of Shwehlay sluice gate in Kayan Township, here, on

24 October.

The minister met with community elders, and villagers there and attended to the requirements. The minister also visited station hospital of

Kamamat model village and met with community elders, members of board of trustees of basic education schools and locals from villages in Kamamat village-tract.—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein meets local people of Kamamat village-tract, Kayan Township.—MNA

Industry-1 Minister visits MPF (Budalin)



Minister U Aung Thaung inspects Twintaung lake.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct—Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung visited Myanmar Pharmaceuticals Factory (Sagaing) in Twintaung of Budalin Township, Sagaing Division on 23 October.

The minister inspected production of spirulina and called for systematic preservation of Twintaung lake and achievement of production target.

Next, the minister visited Dyeing Factory

(Monywa) of Myanmar Textiles Industry and Myinmu cotton purchase centre. The minister also inspected high yield Ngwechi-6 cotton field in Sagaing cotton farm and ginning mill.—MNA

Talk on pain relief medicine held

YANGON, 26 Oct—Pain Relief Medicine Society of Myanmar Medical Association held talk on “Modern Techniques for Pain Relief Treatment” at the hall (A) of MMA on Thein Phyu Road in Mingala Taungnyunt Township this morning, with an opening speech of Chairman of MMA Pro-

fessor Dr Kyaw Myint Naing.

Chairman of PRMS Professor Dr Tin Myint and Professor Troels S.Jensen of Immediate Past President of IASP extended greetings.

The presenters read out the papers on the development of the pain relief medicine, different

types of pain, and techniques and medicines for each pain and answered the questions raised by the attendees.

Discussions and paper reading sections will be held and medicine companies will stage ten exhibitions along with the talk that last up to 27 Oct.—MNA

MMITEE training programme to open

YANGON, 26 Oct — Myanmar Computer Federation and the Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship (AOTS) will conduct, the training programme on instructors for ITEE in Myanmar (MMITEE)

with 25 trainees for two weeks starting 16 November at the e-learning centre of MCF at Myanmar Info-Tech Building in Hline Township, Yangon.

Those aged between 23 and 50 with at least

three years experience in IT or programming language can apply for the training programme not later than 29 October. For detailed information, contact MCF (Ph: 652307).

MNA

UMFCCI President receives Philippine Ambassador



President of UMFCCI U Win Myint meets Ambassador of the Republic of Philippines Ms. Maria Hellen M. Barber.—MNA

YANGON, 26 Oct—Joint-Secretary Dr Myo Thet met Philippine Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Maria Hellen M.Barber at the head office of the federation this morning. They friendly

discussed promotion of bilateral trade, technology transfer, holding trade fairs, cooperation in commerce and industry sectors and joint venture for foodstuff.—MNA



Prime Minister of Thailand Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva greets Prime Minister General Thein Sein.—MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends 15th ASEAN Summit at Royal Dusit Grand Ballroom.—MNA

Prime Minister...

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Present at the meeting were heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries, ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Surin Pitsuwan, ASEAN MPs, and representatives.

Chairperson of ASEAN MPs and Vice-Chairperson of Vietnamese National Parliament Madame Tong Thi Phong presented work progress of ASEAN Parliament, and follow-up programmes.

The heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries exchanged their views in a cordial way.

Next, the Prime Minister attended the meeting of heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries, and ASEAN youth representatives at Napalai Ballroom (A) of the Dusit Thani Hotel at 11 am.

The ASEAN SG discussed matters on work that ought to be done by ASEAN youth group.

ASEAN youth representatives presented work progress and made suggestions.

The heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries frankly compared their notes.

Fourth year students Maung Kyaw Min Latt and Ma Zin Myat Myat Lwin from Sagaing Education University represented Myanmar at the ASEAN youth get-together.



Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries pose for documentary photo together at the Ceremony to Inaugurate ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights.—MNA

Together with heads of State/Government, the Prime Minister attended the ceremony to approve Cha Am-Hua Hin Declaration on Inauguration of the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights held at the same venue.

Next, the Prime Minister attended the ceremony to inaugurate of ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights.

Thai Foreign Minister H.E. Mr Kasit Piromya

touched on the commission.

ASEAN Alternate Chairman Thai Prime Minister Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva made a speech.

Before the Head of State/Government of ASEAN countries, the Thai Prime Minister presented the document on the declaration to alternate chairman of the commission Thai representative Dr Sriprapha Petcharamesree (Thailand).

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Informal Meeting with Representatives from ASEAN Youths in progress.—MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein together with Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries view display of water colour paintings depicting ASEAN Community at Royal Dusit Grand Hall.—MNA



Prime Minister...

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The Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries posed for documentary photos, which brought the opening ceremony to a close.

The Prime Minister, Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries, and leaders of ASEAN economic consulting council attended the working luncheon at Napalai Ballroom (B) of the Dusit Thani Hotel at 1 pm.

Next, the Prime Minister, together with Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries, observed the works displayed at ASEAN community water-colour painting show at Royal Dusit Grand Hall.

MNA

Fourth Year students of Sagaing Education University Maung Kyaw Min Latt and Ma Zin Myat Myat Lwin seen at informal meeting with representatives from ASEAN

Youths.—MNA

Rail Transportation Minister presents cash to Bago troupe

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct—Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min presented cash assistance to the Bago Division troupe participating in the 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions at the assembly hall of Forest Research Department here this afternoon. Leader of the troupe U Ohn Myint accepted the cash.

MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min presents cash assistance to Bago Division troupe.

MNA

Resident Coordinator of UN Agencies Mr Bishow B. Parajuli greets Foreign Minister U Nyan Win at a reception to mark the 64th Anniversary of founding of the United Nations on 26, October 2009.

MNA



Minister enjoys Myanmar-Thai Traditional Lethway Challenge Fight II

YANGON, 26 Oct—Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint enjoyed Myanmar-Thai Traditional Lethway Challenge Fight II held at the National Indoor Stadium-1 (Thuwunna) yesterday.

After the boxing matches, Vice-President Dr Khin Maung Tun of Myanmar Traditional Sports Federation awarded prizes to boxers.—MNA

Prime Minister attends working dinner of ASEAN leaders in Hua Hin

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein attended a working dinner of leaders of ASEAN nations at Dusit Thani Hotel in Hua Hin, Thailand, on 23 October.

It was attended by King of Brunei Darussalam Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah, Prime Minister of Cambodia Samdech Hun Sen, Lao-tian Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh,

Singaporean Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of Thailand Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva, Prime Minister of Vietnam Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung and leaders, heads and officials from governments of ASEAN nations, ASEAN Secretary-General Dr. Surin Pitsuwan and high ranking officials.

During the dinner, the ASEAN Secretary-General exchanged views on

tasks of the ASEAN Secretariat and appointment of employees and presented his annual report with the leaders of ASEAN nations.

Afterwards, leaders and heads of governments of ASEAN nations discussed matters related to encouraging information and communication through water, land and air route, effective preparedness for disasters, prevention and combating terrorism and inclusiveness of private sectors.—MNA

PM arrives Hua Hin to attend 15th ASEAN Summit and related summits

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct—At the invitation of Prime Minister of Thailand Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein, accompanied by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Deputy Chief Justice U Tun Tun Oo, Director-General of the Government Office Col Thant Shin, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department of the MOFA and departmental heads, left Nay Pyi Taw for Thailand to attend 15th

ASEAN Summit, 12th ASEAN-China Summit, 12th ASEAN-Japan Summit, 12th ASEAN-Korea Summit, 12th ASEAN+3 Summit, 7th ASEAN-India Summit and 4th East Asia Summit to be held in Hua Hin of Thailand, on 22 October morning and arrived at Hua Hin Airport in Hua Hin of Thailand at 1:20 pm local time.

First, Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Aung Thein greeted the Prime Minister.

Next, Minister for Interior Mr Chawarat

Charnveerakul welcomed the Prime Minister and presented a flower garland.

Governor of Prachinburi Province Mr Veera Sriwatanatrakul and wife, officials, Military Attache' Col Win Maung and staff of Myanmar embassy and the office of military attache' greeted the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister and party then left the airport for Springfield @ Sea Hotel in Hua Hin.

MNA

Taunggyi Tazaungdine Festival opens

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct —Taunggyi Tazaungdine Festival for 1371 ME was opened in the hot-air balloon releasing field in Taunggyi yesterday. The opening ceremony was attended by Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Yar Pyae.

After traditional cultural dances were performed, the commander formally opened the Tazaungdine Festival.

Next, Seinnaban hot-air balloons were released as a gesture of hailing the festival and the opening ceremony ended.

The commander and officials attended the opening of Tazaungdine Festival commemorative booths. The commander and the secretary of Shan State PDC opened the booths by cutting a ribbon. Later, the commander viewed the hot-air balloon releasing competition.

MNA

Commander Maj-Gen Yar Pyae opens Tazaungdine Festival of Taunggyi.—MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein being welcomed at Hua Hin Airport of Hua Hin by Thai Minister for Interior Mr Chawarat Charnveerakul.—MNA

Industry-2 Minister visits No.2 Tyre and Rubber Products Factory Project (Bilin)

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct—Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein visited Mayangon rubber plantation in Bilin of Mon State on 24 October.

The minister then inspected No.2 Tyre and Rubber Products Factory Project (Bilin) and urged those attending courses for production of the factory to learn diligently from foreign technicians.

The minister then inspected installation of factory equipment.—MNA



17th Performing Arts Competitions continue for ninth day

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct—The 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued for ninth day on a grand scale at designated places, here, today.

Among the audience were Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Deputy Attorney-Generals U Myint

Naing, U Tun Tun Oo, member of Civil Service and Selection and Training Board U Soe Oo, officials of the organization committee and sub-committees, members of panel of judges (central) and those from states and divisions, participants and supervisors, and those who cherish the Myanmar traditional cul-

tural arts.

At the assembly hall of University of Agriculture, nine participants competed in basic education level (aged between 5 and 10) boys' Maha Gita contest and eight participants in amateur level (first class) women's Maha Gita contest.

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U Kaung Thant's troupe participate in men's orchestra contest at amateur level (First Class).—MNA

17th Performing Arts Competitions...

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A total of six contestants took part in narration contest (Kwetseik) under the title of Temiya Drama at the convocation hall of University of Veterinary Science.

At the lecture hall of University of Agriculture, altogether eight persons participated in basic education level (aged between 5 and 10)

girls' harp contest and four persons in men's harp contest at basic education level (aged between 15 and 20). Three contestants also competed in amateur level (first class) men's harp contest and four persons in amateur level (first class) women's harp contest.

Leader of the panel of judges U Myint Sein (dala) and members supervised the competition

of two contestants in the basic education level (aged 5-10) boy's donmin contest, two contestants in the basic education level (aged 5-10) girl's donmin contest and three contestants in the amateur level (first class) women's donmin contest at the assembly hall of Agricultural Research Department. In the afternoon, four contestants competed in the higher education level men's donmin contest, three contestants in the



Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min enjoys performance of contestants in 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.—MNA



U Chan Tha of Mon State participating in harp contest of amateur level (First Class).

MNA



Ma Myat Pwint Phyu of Mandalay Division competes in women's donmin contest (Higher Education Level).—MNA

higher education level women's donmin contest and two contestants in the amateur level (second) women's donmin contest.

At the assembly hall of Forest Research Department, Leader of the panel of judges U Maung Hmi and member judged the participation of four contestants in the basic education level (aged 5-10) boy's mandolin contest, six contestants in the basic education level (aged 5-

10) girl's mandolin contest and three contestants in the higher education level men's mandolin contest.

Leader of the panel of judges U Sein Sa Tin and members supervised the competition of three troupes in the higher education level (aged 15-20) Myanmar orchestra troupe contest and seven troupes in the amateur level (first class) Myanmar orchestral troupe contest.

MNA

China to improve int'l co-op on tax policies: finance minister

BEIJING, 26 Oct—China would strengthen international coordination on tax policies, said Chinese Finance Minister Xie Xuren at the Third International Tax Dialogue (ITD) Global Conference which opened in Beijing on Monday.

Xie said the Chinese government would "actively engage in tax policy dialogues and practical coordination with relevant countries, regions and international organizations."

He said China understood the importance of tax as a key macroeconomic instrument. "Over the past year of global financial recession, China has launched structural tax reductions which helped

the economy to recover," he said.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) deputy managing director Takatoshi Kato said it was time to consider what role should tax policies play in financial improvement.

"International cooperation and coordination will be critical," he said.

Secretary General of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Angel Gurría said tax played a crucial role in aligning financial regulations and incentives across the financial sector to ensure appropriate supervision and risk management.

Xinhua

Internet set for change with non-English addresses

SEOUL, 26 Oct—The Internet is set to undergo one of the biggest changes in its four-decade history with the expected approval this week of international domain names — or addresses — that can be written in languages other than English, an official said on Monday.

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, or ICANN — the non-profit group that oversees domain names — is holding a meeting this week in Seoul. Domain names are the monikers behind every Web site, e-mail address and

Twitter post, such as ".com" and other suffixes.

One of the key issues to be taken up by ICANN's board at this week's gathering is whether to allow for the first time entire Internet addresses to be in scripts that are not based on Latin letters. That could potentially open up the Web to more people around the world as addresses could be in characters as diverse as Arabic, Korean, Japanese, Greek, Hindi and Cyrillic — in which Russian is written.

Internet

HHS' Sebelius: Ample flu vaccine will be available

WASHINGTON, 26 Oct—Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said on Monday the swine flu vaccine "is coming out the door as fast as it comes off the production line."

But at the same time,

she acknowledged delays in getting a sufficient supply for all those demanding it.

"We were relying on the manufacturers to give us their numbers and as soon as we got numbers we put them out to the public. It does appear

now that those numbers were overly rosy," Sebelius said in one interview. "We do have a vaccine that works," she said. Sebelius said the immune response is working faster than officials anticipated.

Internet



Tourists view a 2.3-meter-high sculpture, consisted of 1,300 apples, in Beijing, capital of China, on 25 Oct, 2009. An apple show activity of the 6th Beijing Changping Apple Cultural Festival was held in Beijing on Sunday.—INTERNET

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV MCP VILLACH VOYNO (006)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV MCP VILLACH VOYNO (006) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 27.10.2009 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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H1N1 likely behind rising hand gel sales

NEW YORK, 26 Oct—Rising sales of hand sanitizer in the United States likely stem from people's concerns about the H1N1 virus, an official with a market research firm says. Panjiva Chief Executive Officer Josh Green said with nearly 6,614,000 pounds of hand sanitizer being shipped in the third quarter alone this year, the most likely explanation for the increase is fear about H1N1, commonly known as swine flu, *CNN* reported on Friday.

The third-quarter total estimated by the research firm marks a drastic increase from the nearly 2,205,000 pounds shipped in 2008's third quarter. A spokesman for Johnson & Johnson, which makes the hand sanitizer Purell, supported Green's theory. "Due to the influenza A (H1N1) virus outbreak this past spring and resurgence this fall, Johnson & Johnson Consumer Companies Inc. has experienced heavy demand on supplies of Purell," spokesman Marc Boston said in a statement.—*Internet*

INVITATION

The Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia invites all qualified contractors to submit their best proposal for electrical work at the Indonesian Embassy Office and send it to the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia.

For further information, please contact Mr. Gopokson T. Situmorang and Mr. Irwan Djauhari at Indonesian Embassy Office (telp. nos.:01-254465, 254469 or facs. no. : 01-254468).

Interested contractors may come to the Embassy during office hours (09.00am-04.00pm) from 27 October to 2 November 2009.

The proposals are to be submitted by 5 November 2009. Late bids will not be accepted.

Yangon, 26 October 2009

Governor escapes attack in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 26 Oct—Gul Aga Sherzai, governor of Nangarhar Province in east Afghanistan escaped unhurt on Monday morning as two suicide bombers attempted to kill him, his spokesman Ahmad Zia Abdulzai said. "Two suicide bombers entered a hotel in

provincial capital Jalalabad where governor Sherzai was inside and one of them opened fire but security personnel returned fire and killed the attacker and arrested his accomplice," Abdulzai told *Xinhua*. He did not provide more information. Among efficient government functionaries, Sherzai has considerably ensured security and brought poppy cultivation to zero in the province under his control.—*Xinhua*



A sales promoter dressed as the cartoon character from the famous cartoon series "Pleasant Goat and Big Big Wolf" receives candies from a staff member of an exhibitor during the Sweets China 2009 and China Confectionery Culture Festival in Shanghai, east China, on 23 Oct, 2009.

XINHUA

An electric socket for charging the battery of a myCar, the first Hong Kong Kong-made electric vehicle, is seen at its side during its official launch ceremony in Hong Kong on 23 Oct, 2009.—INTERNET

Kidnapper shot dead after wounding a mother and taking her daughter hostage

CHONGQING, 26 Oct — A man who wounded a mother with a knife and abducted her daughter on Monday morning was shot dead by the police in Chongqing Municipality, said the local police.

Both the mother and the daughter had been hospitalized. The mother suffered multiple wounds and is in a critical condition; the daughter was in a state of near collapse after being taken hostage for more than two hours, said sources with the Chongqing Municipal Public Security Bureau.

The young man wounded the woman with a knife at around 8 am and kidnapped her daughter to Jingkou Town, Shapingba District.

Police shot the guy after over two-hour negotiation failed, and freed the hostage at around 10: 45 am, police said.

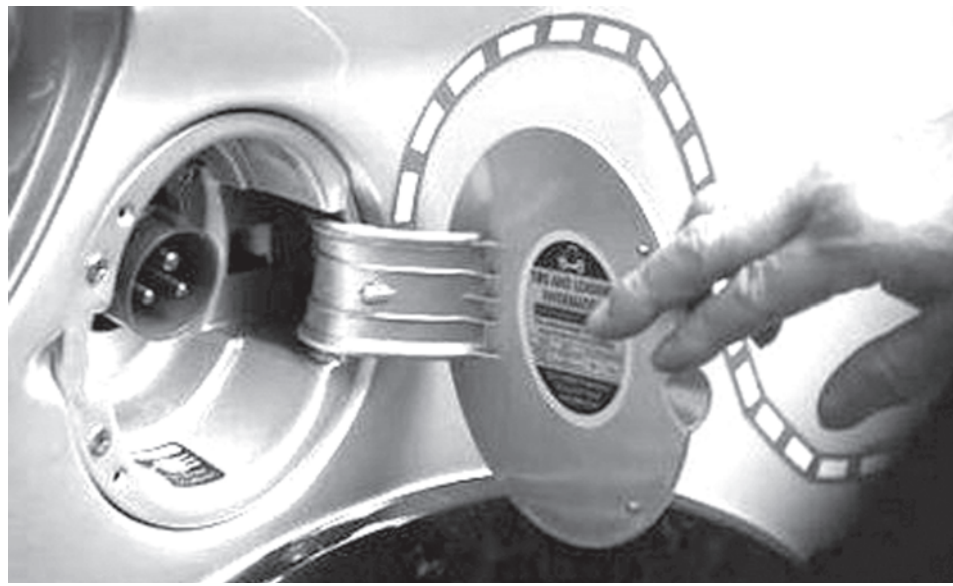
Police is investigating the identity of the kidnapper and the motive of the crime.—*Xinhua*

Couple marry, then run endurance race

CLERMONT, 26 Oct—A 38-year-old woman say she married her fiance in Clermont, Fla., moments before they started their new life together by running a triathlon. Danelle Weidman said during her relationship with Kent Fawcett, 43, the couple have taken part in 50 long-distance races, but none more important than Saturday's Great Floridian Triathlon, the Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel reported on Sunday.

"We think it's a great way to start our life together," the flight attendant said. "Do what you love, love what you do and do it with who you love." After saying "I do" to one another Saturday, Weidman and Fawcett tried to swim 2.4 miles, bicycle 112 miles and run a 26-mile marathon. Pain forced Fawcett to withdraw nearly eight miles before the end of his run, but his wife completed the endurance race.

"You really find out who someone is after you spend seven hours together biking or running 50 miles," Weidman told the Sentinel of the experience of participating alongside a loved one. "We've seen the good, the bad, the ugly and sweaty reality of each other. I couldn't love him more."—*Internet*



RI city 'Bead It' to Guinness Record

EAST PROVIDENCE, 26 Oct—A Rhode Island education group beat the Guinness world record for making the longest strand of beads, the effort's organizer said. The strand of red and white beads measuring 1,349.9 feet was displayed at the East Providence, RI, annual Townie Pride Parade, *The Providence Journal* reported on Saturday.

When the news was announced at the parade the record had been broken, Michael Jackson's song, "Beat It," was playing in the background, the newspaper reported. The effort to break the

record was sponsored by the East Providence Education Foundation, which raises money to benefit city school programs that are typically not financed in school budgets, the newspaper said.

Patti Streit, a board member of the East Providence Education Foundation and the event's organizer, said the city has had problems with police and firefighter layoffs, teacher disputes and budget issue, and the beading was "a fun, positive (moment) in the midst of all the negativity."

Internet



Local trainees from Sino-Austrian martial art association perform during the Chinese Cultural Festival in Vienna, Austria, on 23 Oct, 2009. The 3-day festival opened here on Friday.—XINHUA

Pot, schizophrenia only slightly linked

BRISTOL, 26 Oct — British researchers say focusing on a relationship between marijuana use and risk of schizophrenia may be misguided. The study, published in the journal *Addiction*, calls into question last year's reclassifying of marijuana from a class C to a class B drug by British officials, concerned, in part, about marijuana raising schizophrenia risk in young people.

Researchers at the University of Bristol and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine analyzed numbers of users, the risk of developing schizophrenia and the risk of marijuana use causing schizophrenia and found it would be necessary to stop 2,800 young men who are heavy marijuana users or in young women, 5,000 heavy users, to prevent a single case of schizophrenia.

Among light marijuana users, those numbers rise to more than 10,000 young men and nearly 30,000 young women to prevent one case of schizophrenia." Our research cannot resolve the question whether marijuana causes schizophrenia, but does show that many people need to give up marijuana in order to have an impact on the number of people with schizophrenia," Matt Hickman of Bristol says in a statement. "The likely impact of re-classifying cannabis in the UK on schizophrenia or psychosis incidence is very uncertain."—*Internet*

Don't throw out pumpkin goodness

DALLAS, 26 Oct — A US dietitian advises eating, rather than throwing out, the meat and seeds of a carved pumpkin. Lona Sandon, a registered dietitian at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Centre in Dallas, said the pumpkin is a great source of vitamins A and C as well as potassium.

The seeds, Sandon says, are high in fiber, vitamin B-12 and polyunsaturated fatty acids — the so-called good fats.

Oven roasted, the seeds are ideal as snacks or as a topping for salads."

The flesh of pumpkin and the seeds are abundant in many essential nutrients," Sandon says in a statement. "Pumpkins are low in fat, calories and are loaded with vitamins."

Sandon recommends using fresh pumpkin for baking. Pick the smaller, blemish—and bruise-free pumpkins — the smaller pumpkins have softer and tastier meat.

Internet



International performers dance during a parade at the Olympic Park in Beijing, capital of China, on 23 Oct, 2009. The 11th Beijing International Tourism Festival opening here on Friday brought together about 3000 performers from 71 countries and regions, as well as 18 districts and counties of Beijing.— XINHUA

Scientists struggle for mercury answers

ORLANDO, 26 Oct — Scientists studying how mercury pollution affects Florida's environ-

ment say mercury levels in many rivers and lakes have yet to be measured.

With extensive wetlands, waterways and more than 7,000 lakes, Florida remains a vulnerable target of the poisonous metal, experts say. How mercury is absorbed into the tissue or flesh of living things in these watery environments in well-documented but concrete details still elude the researchers, the Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel reported on Sunday. Researchers

are trying to determine exactly where the mercury comes from and why the state's environments, particularly the Everglades, respond the way they do to the metal, the newspaper said.

"Each water body has its own characteristics," Ted Lange, a longtime mercury researcher at the state Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission laboratory, said.

Health warnings based on precise mercury levels can be made only for a small number of Florida's rivers and lakes, researchers caution. For locations that haven't been examined, mercury levels could be anything from almost zero to off the scale, they said.

Internet



People lay Pumpkin lanterns, or Jack-o'-lanterns, on the water in Central Park of New York, US, on 25 Oct, 2009. People took part in the annual Pumpkin Sail on Sunday.

INTERNET

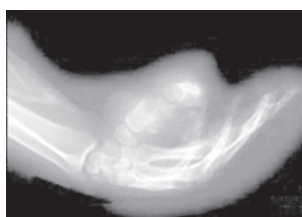
Antibody 'fixes internal bleeds'

OKLAHOMA, 26 Oct — Scientists say they have discovered an antibody that could minimise the major internal bleeding seen in traumas like bullet wounds and car crashes.

The team at Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation (OMRF) has discovered that a protein called histone is responsible for much of the damage.

They say they have found a specific type of antibody that can block the ability of histone to cause damage.

They say it could lead to new ways to treat diseases and serious injuries. Writing in the journal, *Nature Medicine*, the OMRF researchers found that when mice had a bad blood stream infection (sepsis), their blood



Bullet wounds often lead to severe internal bleeding.—*INTERNET*

contained high levels of histones.

They checked this in primates and humans and found the same result. The histone protein normally sits in the nucleus of a cell, packed around the strands of DNA. It regulates the DNA, causing it to fold and form the characteristic double helix.

When the cell is damaged by injury or disease, the histone is released into the blood system where it begins to kill the lining of blood vessels, causing

damage, the OMRF researchers said.

This, they believe, results in uncontrolled internal bleeding and fluid build-up in the tissues, which are life threatening.—*Internet*

Vietnam confirms four more deaths of A/H1N1 influenza

HANOI, 26 Oct — Vietnam confirmed four more deaths of A/H1N1 influenza, bringing the country's total number of flu deaths to 31, said a report on the website of the Ministry of Health on Monday.

The first case is a 25-year-old woman from the central province of Phu Yen, said the ministry. She was four months pregnant.

The patient was admitted to the provincial general hospital on 19 Oct with fever, coughing and difficulty in breathing. She was treated with Tamiflu drug but her health conditions kept deteriorating.

The woman died on 20 Oct. Her sample was tested positive with the A/H1N1 virus.

The second case was a 48-year-old woman from the highland province of Gia Lai. The patient had a history of blood disease. — *Xinhua*



Hot-air balloons printing with Beijing Opera Facial Masks are seen during the opening ceremony of The China International Air Sports Fiesta held in Xueye Tourist Area in Laiwu City, east China's Shandong Province, on 24 Oct, 2009. — XINHUA

SPORTS

Ferguson expects United to bounce back

LIVERPOOL, 26 Oct — Sir Alex Ferguson warned Manchester United's Premier League rivals that his side's 2-0 defeat at Liverpool will only strengthen their determination to retain the title. United cut a strangely subdued look as second half goals from Fernando Torres and David Ngog at Anfield on Sunday condemned the champions to their first defeat in 12 matches.

Ferguson was forced to admit United had been outplayed and out-fought. But the United manager believes the frustration of a result which allowed Chelsea to move two points ahead of them at the top of the table is certain to prove the catalyst for a powerful winning run.

While any defeat against the team United hate the most will always stick in Ferguson's throat, the Scot knows his side were beaten twice by Rafa Benitez's men last season and still ended the campaign as champions. They bounced back from a 4-1 defeat to the Reds at Old Trafford in March by surging to the finish line in the title race and Ferguson expects more of the same this time. "We will always react. That is the important thing about our club," Ferguson said.

INTERNET



Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson.
INTERNET

Fulham fight delights Hodgson

MANCHESTER, 26 Oct — Fulham manager Roy Hodgson was delighted by his side's resilience after they came from two goals down against Manchester City to draw 2-2 here at Eastlands.

Mark Hughes's side threw away a two-goal advantage, handed to them by Joleon Lescott and Martin Petrov as impressive finishes from Damien Duff and Clint Dempsey helped the visitors gain a remarkable point in an enthralling encounter Premier League on Sunday.

All the action and talking points were condensed into one 20 minute spell after the break when firstly Bobby Zamora missed a staggeringly simple chance before City took their two goal lead - and then immediately squandered it.

Diomany Kamara had worked his way into the box to find Dempsey and although Shay Given did well to save his shot, the ball bobbed free to



Zamora who somehow blasted over when he had the goal at his mercy.

But Hodgson was keener to discuss the positives of the result, despite admitting Zamora's error will grab the headlines.

INTERNET

Fulham's English manager Roy Hodgson.
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Sampras beats Agassi in Macau showdown



Pete Sampras (left) consoles Andre Agassi after the final of the US Open in 2002. Sampras beat long-time rival Agassi at an exhibition match in Macau, the first time that the retired American champions have faced off in seven years.—INTERNET

MACAU, 26 Oct — Former world number one Pete Sampras beat long-time rival Andre Agassi at an exhibition match in Macau Sunday, the first time that the retired American champions have faced off in seven years.

Sampras, 38, lost the first set 3-6 but rallied to take the second 6-3 and then finished off the 39-year-old Agassi in 10-8 tie-breaker at The Venetian hotel in the southern Chinese gambling enclave.

The pair, who played against each other 34 times in their professional careers, last met at the 2002 US Open.

Sampras won the match to grab a record 14 Grand Slam titles — later surpassed by Swiss Roger Federer.

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Matteson wins Frys.com Open in playoff

SCOTTSDALE, 26 Oct — Troy Matteson blew a chance to win the Frys.com Open in regulation by bogeying the 17th and 18th holes.

Playing the same holes in reverse order in a three-way playoff, Matteson recovered from his late collapse.

He birdied the second extra hole to beat Jamie Lovemark and Rickie Fowler on Sunday at Grayhawk Golf Club for his second PGA Tour victory.

"I just can't believe that it's ended up like this," said Matteson, who won \$900,000. "I know I stumbled going down the stretch, but I'm still beside myself."

After all three players parred the first playoff hole, Matteson hit his approach within 3 feet on the 464-yard, par-4 17th hole.

With shadows stretching onto the green, he rolled in the putt to win. That capped an incredible three-day stretch



Troy Matteson.

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for the 29-year-old Matteson.

After shooting a 2-over 72 on Thursday, he thought he might be headed for the airport before the weekend.

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Manchester United triumph our turning point

LIVERPOOL, 26 Oct — Rafa Benitez believes Liverpool's 2-0 victory over Manchester United will provide the impetus to get his side's spluttering title challenge back on track.

Benitez's team ended a run of four successive defeats in emphatic fashion as second half goals from Fernando Torres and David Ngog breathed new life into a campaign that was in danger of spiralling out of control. The Reds are still six points behind Premier League leaders Chelsea but that gap looks far less daunting than the 10-point divide that would have stood between them and United if the champions had won at Anfield on Sunday.

Most importantly, the win over their bitter rivals eases the pressure on Benitez, who, as Liverpool's results went from bad to worse over the last month, had come under greater scrutiny that at any time during his five-year reign. Instead of presiding over Liverpool's worst spell for 56 years - his fate if United had won — Benitez can now justifiably talk of a brighter future.

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FC Barcelona beats Zaragoza 6-1 to move three points clear in Spain



Barcelona's Seydu Keita (15) celebrates a goal with his teammates Zlatan Ibrahimovic (top R), Xavi Hernandez (C) and Andres Iniesta (8) during their Spanish first division soccer match against Zaragoza at Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona on 25 Oct, 2009.
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MADRID, 26 Oct — FC Barcelona beat Zaragoza 6-1 in the Camp Nou stadium to move three points clear of Real Madrid at the top of the Spanish Primera Liga table. Barcelona led 3-0 by half time thanks to two goals from midfielder Seydou Keita and a thumping free kick from striker Zlatan Ibrahimovich.

Ibrahimovich and Leo Messi added further goals and Keita finished off his hat trick in the second half.

Jorge Lopez scored for Zaragoza, but his side had no answer to a Barcelona

11 that looked to be back to its best after a shock midweek Champions League defeat to Rubin Kazan. Valencia won 3-0 away to Almeria to climb into fourth place.

XINHUA

Arsenal's Wenger worried over wasteful draw

LONDON, 26 Oct — Arsene Wenger admitted his Arsenal side cannot afford to continue to let opponents off the hook after conceding a two-goal lead against second-bottom West Ham in a 2-2 draw here at Upton Park. The Gunners were set to close the gap on second-placed English champions Manchester United to just one point after

Robin van Persie and William Gallas fired the visitors into a first-half lead in this all-London clash.

But West Ham rallied to claim a draw thanks to second-half goals from Carlton Cole and Alessandro Diamanti and, having seen his side concede a late equaliser in the Champions League clash with AZ Alkmaar last week, the Frenchman admitted his side have work to do. "We were in control but as long as you don't score the third goal the game is not won," said Arsenal manager Wenger.—INTERNET



Arsenal's manager Arsene Wenger.

World marathon champion Bai Xue breezes to 10,000m victory at National Games



Bai Xue from Locomotive Sports Association kisses her gold medal after the awarding ceremony for the women's 10,000m final of athletics at the 11th Chinese National Games in Jinan, capital of east China's Shandong Province, 26 Oct, 2009. Bai Xue claimed the title with 31:17.62.—INTERNET

INAN, East China, 26 Oct—China's Bai Xue was like a "superwoman" on Monday night. The marathon winner of the Berlin World Championships stormed to win the women's 10,000m with overwhelming advantage at the 11th Chinese National Games. The 20-year-old Bai, who overtook the tiring front-runners halfway, ran alone unchallenged in the last six laps.

She kept the steady and swift pace, made no slow-down, enhanced her leading advantages by even one lap before the second group of runners, crossing the line first in 31 minutes and 17.62 seconds.

Zhou Chunxiu, silver winner in Osaka 2007 and bronze medalist in last year's Olympics, failed to finish in the top 20. Zhu Yingying of Jiangsu finished second in 31:44.28, and Jia Chaofeng of Gansu stood third in 31:45.67. In August's Berlin championships, Bai became the youngest ever women's world champion in marathon. She was the first Chinese to win a marathon race in the world championships. She also put an end to Chinese women's 10-year-old gold drought at the worlds.—Xinhua

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (27-10-2009) (Tuesday)

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

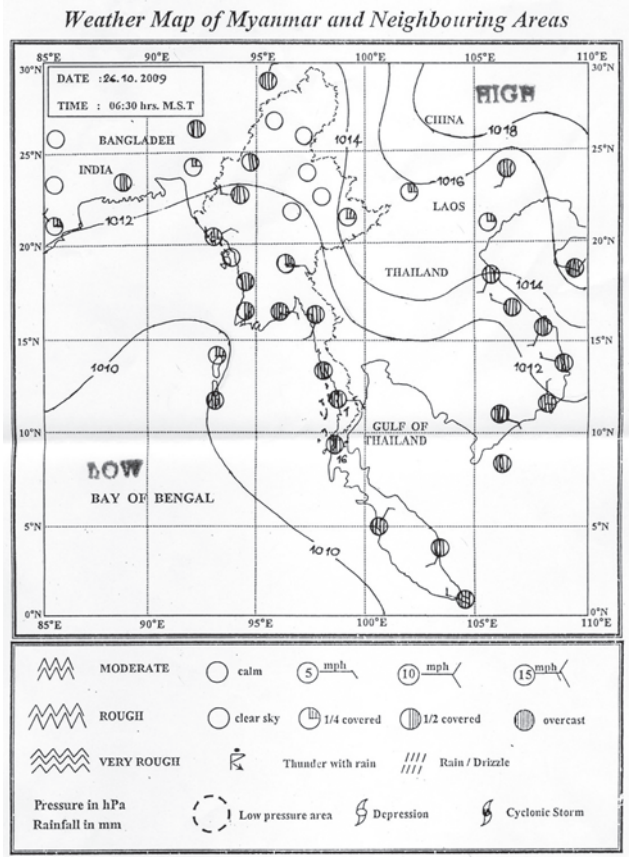
Local Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Taunggyi Tazaungdaing Lighting Festival (Communal Kahtein Robe Offering)
- * The Art of Playing Cane Ball
- * A Mirror reflecting Rakhine Architecture (Shitthaung Stupa)
- * Culture Stage
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Future Stars (Loikaw, Kayah State)
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

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- * A Mirror reflecting Rakhine Architecture (Shitthaung Stupa)
- * Tra ditional Custom of Kadu national Race
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Future Stars (Loikaw, Kayah State)
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * "Poem Garden" Baby Duck
- * Planting of Mulberry tree and Breeding of Silkworms
- * Culture Stage
- * Traditional Folk Weaving Works
- * National Dance
- * Spirulina (or) Blue Green Algae
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Expedition of Rare Crocodile Species Inhabiting In Fresh And Seawaters (Part-3)
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm



WEATHER

Monday, 26th October, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershower have been Scattered in Taninthayi Division, isolated in Kayin And Mon States, Magway, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and partly cloudy in the remaining States and Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Thaton (1.22) inches, Kawthoung (0.63)inch, Central Yangon and Pathein (0.27)inch each.

Maximum temperature on 25-10-2009 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 26-10-2009 was 71°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 26-10-2009 was 92%. Total sun shine hours on 25-10-2009 was (5.6) hours approx.

Rainfall on 26-10-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (0.25) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (110.90) inches at Mingaladon, (122.09) inches at Kaba-Aye and (129.06) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from South at (21:30) hours MST on 25-10-2009.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 27th October 2009: Rain or thundershower will be scattered in Mon State, Ayeyarwady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated in Kayin State, Bago Division 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 in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 27-10-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 27-10-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 27-10-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Tuesday, 27 October View on today

- 7:00 am**
 1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:10 am**
 2. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်၊ စိုင်းညိုမင်း၊ တေးရေး-ဗိုလ်ကလေးတင့်အောင်)
- 7:25 am**
 3. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am**
 4. Morning News
- 7:40 am**
 5. Nice & Sweet Song

- 7:55 am**
 6. Dance of National Races
- 8:05 am**
 7. "သူငယ်ချင်းမရှိတဲ့ဥပဒေ"
- 8:10 am**
 8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am**
 9. လင်ပန်းရေလှောင်တံ
- 8:30 am**
 10. Song of Yester Years
- 8:40 am**
 11. International News
- 8:45 am**
 12. Connect with English (Episode-27) (Bad News)
- 4:00 pm**
 1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm**
 2. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 4:25 pm**
 3. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies
- 4:35 pm**
 4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး

- ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ် (သပိုင်းအထူးပြု) (သပိုင်း)
- 4:50 pm**
 5. Song for Uphold National Spirit
- 5:00 pm**
 6. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ
- 5:10 pm**
 7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:20 pm**
 8. "နောင်နောင်တ" (ထက်ထက် ဆောင်းအိမ်ကြွေထွန်း၊ တင်တင်လှ) [ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်မိုး(ပဲရစ်)]
- 5:35 pm**
 9. "တောင်ပိုင်းရှမ်းမှသူတ ဘက်တိုက် တောင်ကြီး ကိုယ်ပွားသတင်းစာတိုက်"
- 5:45 pm**
 10. ရင်မှာခွဲထင်တေးအလှသံစဉ်
- 6:00 pm**
 11. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
 12. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
 13. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခွန်သံ

- 6:35 pm**
 14. ဆိုလိုက်ကြစို့.
- 7:15 pm**
 15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အဆိပ်သင့်တဲ့အချစ်" (အပိုင်း-၃)
- 8:00 pm**
 16. News
 17. International News
 18. Weather Report
 19. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ်(၁၇) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
 20. မြန်မာနိုင်ငံအမျိုးသမီးရေးရာ အဖွဲ့ချုပ်၏ ကြီးကြပ်မှုဖြင့် ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းအမျိုးသမီးရေးရာ အဖွဲ့ကစီစဉ်တင်ဆက်သော ၂၀၀၉ ခုနှစ်ဇူလိုင်လ (၃)ရက် မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများ နေ့အထိမ်းအမှတ်ဝတ်စားဆင်ယင်ထုံးပွဲပြိုင်ပွဲ "အရွယ်သုံးပါးမိန်းမသား အလှဝေဖြာမမြန်မာ" (အပိုင်း-၂)

- ★ 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

Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends opening of 15th ASEAN Summit, related meetings



Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends meeting of heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries, ASEAN MPs, and representatives at Napalai Ballroom (A) Main Building of the Dusit Thani Hotel in Hua Hin .—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein attended the opening of the 15th ASEAN Summit and related meetings at the Royal Dusit Grand Ballroom in Hua Hin, Thailand, on 23 October.

It was attended by Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, Singaporean Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong, Thai Prime Minister Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva, Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries, ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Surin Pitsuwan, high-ranking officials, ASEAN MPs, representatives to the conference, ASEAN youth representatives, representatives of ASEAN social organizations, mem-

bers of ASEAN Economic Consulting Council, and distinguished guests.

On arrival at Royal Dusit Grand Ballroom, where the summit would be held, the heads of State/Government including the Myanmar Prime Minister received a warm welcome from the Prime Minister of the host country.

The ASEAN Anthem was played with the accompaniment of an orchestra.

Next, the heads of State/Government, the ASEAN SG, and guests enjoyed Thai traditional Rama Drama presented by the Thai Fine Arts Department, and the video of ASEAN historical background.

ASEAN alternate chairman Thai Prime Minis-

ter Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva in his introductory speech dealt with progress of ASEAN, arrangements to address global financial crisis, preventive measures against A (H1N1) flu, preparedness against climate changes, preliminary project for Asian food reserve for food security, and need of founding a free trade area that covers the whole east Asia, and an ASEAN community.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein attended the meeting of heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries, ASEAN MPs, and representatives at Napalai Ballroom (A) Main Building of the Dusit Thani Hotel at 10:30 am.

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