



The NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

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

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—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 had returned from Tokyo of Japan after attending the 1st Mekong-Japan Summit, at Nay Pyi Taw airport this morning.

Together with the Senior General were Vice-Chairman of the SPDC Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the SPDC General Thura Shwe



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Mann, Secretary-1 of the SPDC General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Member of the SPDC Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, 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,

departmental heads, Charge d' affaires ai Mr Kazuyuki Takeuchi of Japanese embassy and officials.

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha and departmental heads also came back on the same flight.—MNA

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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Make every effort with own resources in the fight against drugs

Drug problem is not a concern of a country or a national but a global concern that is to be addressed by every country or the entire human beings.

In Myanmar, the 15-year drug elimination plan from 1999 to 2014 has been laid down and is being implemented. Now, the plan is in its last year of the second five years.

Realizing that the drug elimination tasks cannot be carried out by itself alone but through international cooperation, Myanmar has signed Memorandum of Understanding with neighbouring countries and countries in the region and the sub-region.

Myanmar with its own resources is trying its utmost in the fight against drugs while cooperating with the international community. Meanwhile, it is taking all possible steps for drug addicts so that they cannot be fallen under the influence of drugs again and they can live a drug-free life for ever by widening their scope of knowledge.

Under the drug elimination strategic planning, efforts are being made with added momentum for the development of border areas and national races and putting an end to poppy growing. In that regard, the government spent K 288,753.3 million from 1989 to the end of September 2009 for the development of border areas including Laukkai region.

At a time when the government is making all-out efforts in its fight against drugs, it is incumbent upon the entire national people to extend a helping hand to the government in the drive with national awareness.

All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

Basic Education ISD U-16 Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament opens

YANGON, 9 Nov—The Basic Education ISD U-16 Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament opened in Aung San Gymnasium, here, this morning.

Director-General of No 3 Basic Education Department U Aye Kyu made a speech on the occasion and formally opened the tournament.

After being greeted by the director-general and officials, contending teams recited the sports oaths and then left the sports ground.

With the performance of the vocalists, contending teams played the basketball matches.

The tournament will end on 16 November.

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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

Information Minister attends ceremony to donate cash for respect paying ceremony to doyen literati

YANGON, 9 Nov—Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan attended a ceremony to donate cash for respect paying ceremony to doyen literati in commemoration of Sarsodaw Day of 1371 ME of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association at Central Printing Press of Printing and Publishing Enterprise yesterday morning and accepted the cash donated.

The ceremony was attended by departmental heads, chairman and CEC members of MWJA, chairpersons and responsible persons of Myanma Motion Picture Asiayon and Myanma Music Asiayon, wellwishers and staff of Printing and Publishing Enterprise under the ministry.

First, Chairman U Hla Myaing (Ko Saung) of MWJA extended greetings. Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presented K 3,930,000 donated by the State Peace and Development Council, K 0.5 millions donated by the ministry and 0.1 million donated by himself and his family to Chairman U Hla Myaing (Ko Saung) who then presented certificates of honour to the minister.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan then accepted K 7,215,000 donated by the



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan accepts the cash donated by well-wishers for respect paying ceremony to doyen literati in commemoration of Sarsodaw Day of 1371 ME of MWJA at Central Printing Press of PPE.—MNA

printers, K 2,549,000 by the publishers, K 0.2 millions by Yangon City Development Committee, K 0.5 million by Mandalay City Development Committee, K 0.3 million each by Myanmar Women's Federation, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, and Myanma Music Asiayon, K 0.1 million by Myanma Motion Picture Asiayon, K 1,310,000 by U Maung Maung Aye (Alinka Wittyi—Literature and Arts), K 917,000 by Dr Daw Khin Khin Yi (Shine Hope Co), K 0.7 million by Dr Tin Tun Oo-Dr Khin Moe Moe (Swesone) Col Thet Tun (Retd)-Daw Thi Thi Nwe donated K 0.3 million, U Tin Soe (Thagadue) and family K 0.3 million, Dr Tha Tun Oo K 0.2 million (Today Publishing

House) K 0.2 million, Col Aung Nyein (Retd)-Daw San San Lwin and family K 0.1 million, which were accepted by Director-General U Khin Maung Htay of Myanma Radio and Television. Managing-Director U Aung Nyein accepted K 0.1 million each donated by U Chit Naing [Chit Naing (Psychology)], Lt-Col Ohn Maung (Myinmu-Maung Naing Moe)-Daw Khin Aye Mu and U Kyaw Win (Manutha Kyaw Win). U Khin Maung Than (Zan Zan), Physicain U Aung Zayar Min (Aung Zayar Min), and Dr Yin Min Oo (University of Medicine) of Mieinshin Publishing House donated K 0.1 million each which were accepted by managing-Director U Aung Myo Myint of Myanma Motion Pictures Enterprise. U Khant Sithu

(Actor), Pabedan Township Writers and Journalists' Association, and Mingalar Taungnyunt Township Writers and Journalists' Association presented K 0.1 million each through Director-General U Ye Htut of Informations and Public Relations Department.

Next, wellwishers presented cash, foodstuff, medicines, calendars, and publications. A total of 58 wellwishers donated K 21,808,200 in cash and K 900,000 worth donations totaling K 22,708,200.

Afterwards, Chairman of fund raising work committee for paying respect to doyen literati Vice chairman -1 U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha) expressed gratitude. After the ceremony, the minister greeted officials and wellwishers.—MNA

Director-General U Aye Kyu makes a speech at the opening ceremony of the Basic Education ISD U-16 Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament.—MNA



Bomb attack kills three in Pakistan

PESHAWAR (Pakistan), 9 Nov—A suspected suicide bomb attack at a Pakistan police checkpoint on the ring road of north-west city Peshawar killed three people and wounded another five on Monday, police said.

“It was a suspected suicide attack. Three people were killed, five wounded,” police official Mohammad

Karim said.

Doctor Zafar Iqbal at the city’s main government-run Lady Reading Hospital confirmed that medics received two dead

bodies and six wounded. Monday’s attack came one day after a suicide bomber killed 14 people in a crowded cattle market in Peshawar.—*Internet*

Pakistani security officials inspect the car of Mayor Abdul Malik at the site of a suicide attack on the outskirts of Peshawar. A suicide car bomber struck near a busy livestock market in Pakistan’s Peshawar city on Sunday, killing 12 people including a former Taliban sympathiser turned anti-militant mayor, police said.—INTERNET



Saudi families leave their village in the southern province of Jizan, near the border with Yemen, Saudi Arabia, on 8 Nov, 2009.—INTERNET

Saudis take mountain from Yemen rebels

SAN’A (Yemen), 9 Nov — Saudi Arabian forces seized a strategic mountain straddling the border with Yemen and cleared it of Shiite rebels after five days of fighting that have left three Saudi soldiers dead, a Saudi defence official said on Sunday.

Meanwhile, rebels said they shot down a Yemeni fighter jet. While Yemen acknowledged the crash, it attributed it to a “technical error.”

Saudi forces began shelling and bombing rebel positions last week, dramatically escalating a five-year conflict between Yemen’s weak central government and rebels in the north of the impoverished country.

The Saudi government cooperates with Yemen to fight the Shiite rebels, known as Hawthis, out of fears that extremism and instability in Yemen could spill into its country, the world’s largest oil exporter.—*Internet*

British soldier killed in southern Afghanistan

KABUL, 9 NOV — Britain’s Defence Ministry says a British soldier has been killed in southern Afghanistan.

The ministry said on Sunday that the soldier from the 2nd Battalion, The Rifles, was killed in an explosion on Saturday near Sangin in central Helmand Province. Britain is the largest contributor to NATO forces in Afghanistan after the United States with about 9,000 troops in the country and 500 more committed by the government last month. The latest death brings the total number of British forces who have died in Afghanistan to 231. Last Tuesday, five soldiers were killed by a rogue Afghan policeman who opened fire on them in Helmand’s Nad-e-Ali district. Another soldier was killed in an explosion on Thursday in northern Helmand.—*Internet*

Colombia seeks UN help, Chavez readies for ‘war’

BOGOTA, 9 Nov — Colombia has said it will seek UN help after Venezuela’s President Hugo Chavez instructed his military to ready “for war.”

“Faced with these threats of war by the government of Venezuela, the government of Colombia is weighing heading to the Organization of American States and UN Security

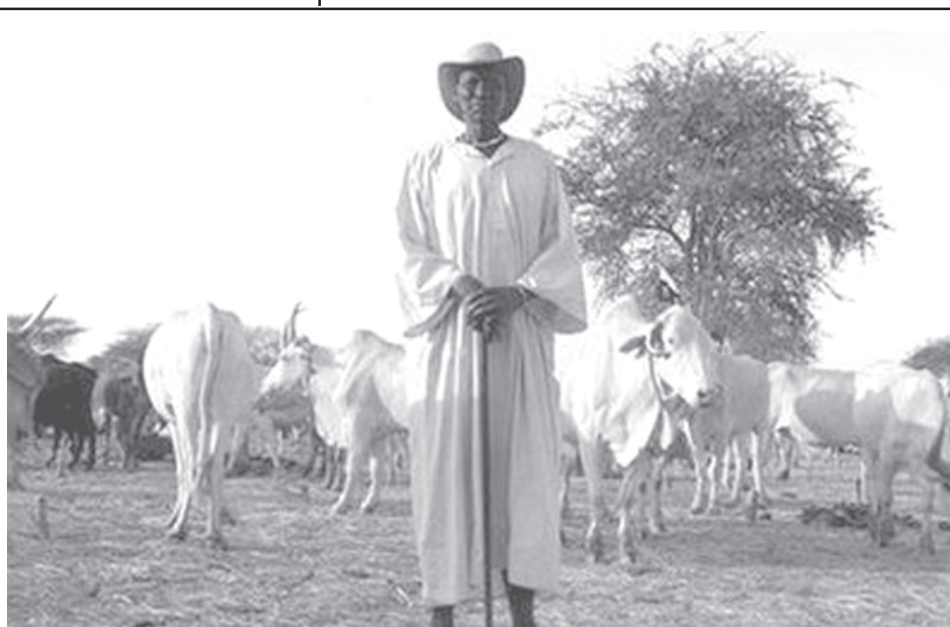
Council,” said a statement from President Alvaro Uribe, read out by his spokesman Cesar Velasquez.

“Colombia has not made nor will it make any bellicose move toward the international community, (and) even less so toward fellow Latin American nations,” the statement said.

“The only thing we are interested in is defeating terrorism related to drug trafficking, which has been so unfair to Colombians for so many years.”

Colombia, the statement added, “remains ready for frank dialogue, achieving greater understanding and to the rules of international law.”

Hours earlier, Chavez urged his military leaders to prepare “for war” and to ready citizens to “defend the homeland,” as tensions continue to mount over fractious ties with neighbouring Colombia.—*Internet*



A Dinka man poses for a photograph as he herds his cattle at a camp in Abyei, southern Sudan, in this picture released by the United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) on 13 March, 2009.—INTERNET

South Sudan faces famine danger after poor rains

BOR (Sudan), 9 Nov — South Sudan could face famine following low rainfall and a surge in tribal conflicts, the *United Nations Children’s Agency UNICEF* said on Sunday.

UN officials earlier this year said at least 1.2 million people in the underdeveloped region could be left without enough food after a poor start to the rainy season.

On Sunday senior UNICEF staff said there were now fears of an even greater emergency after poor rainfall at the end

of the rainy season in October and the beginning of November.

“Here the crisis is going to hit very hard, we’re just seeing the beginning of it at the moment,” UNICEF’s deputy executive director Hilde Johnson told journalists on a visit to the south’s oil-producing Jonglei state.

“If we are not able to handle the situation well ... we can expect very, very significant levels (of hunger) which can border on the red flag emergency which becomes a famine,” she said.—*Internet*

Two American pilots die in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 9 NOV —The US military says two American pilots have died in a helicopter crash in Iraq.

A military statement says the two pilots were killed on Sunday, during a “hard landing” in the Salahuddin province north of Baghdad. There were no further details in the statement, which was released on Monday.

The names of the pilots are being withheld until the military can notify family members. The statement said the incident is under investigation. The deaths raise to at least 4,361 the number of US military personnel who have died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003.

Internet



Employees work at the Nile Textile Group factory in the free zone of Port Said, 220 kms northeast of Cairo. With cheap labour, investment incentives and unrestricted exports, one Chinese textile group has turned to Egypt as an ideal location to produce its ready-made garments, beating stiff competition at home.—INTERNET

‘Made in China’ now made in Egypt

PORT SAID, 9 Nov—With cheap labour, investment incentives and unrestricted exports, one Chinese textile group has turned to Egypt as an ideal location to produce its ready-made garments, beating stiff competition at home.

The Chinese-owned Nile Textile Group has set up shop in the Port Said free zone, overlooking the north entrance of the Suez Canal, and developed an industrial estate now hir-

ing 600 workers, 20 percent of which are Chinese and the rest Egyptian.

Cheap raw materials and favourable export conditions have given the company easy access to foreign markets.

It's a bargain for the Nile Textile Group, which imports 60 percent of its basic products tax free and then sends them outside Egypt, mainly to the United States.

Most of their cut-price clothes are now labelled

“Made in Egypt” rather than “Made in China”.

“Egyptian free zones allow for export all over the world with almost no restrictions,” said Mohammed Abdel Samie, the industrial estate's administrative director.

Local salaries are low enough to compete with those of Chinese workers, even with a system of bonuses offered to the Egyptian workers at the end of each month.

Internet

Vietnam's export of footwear down in value in first ten months

HANOI, 9 Nov—Vietnam earned 3.21 billion US dollars from exporting footwear in the first ten months of this year, down 16 percent year-on-year, according to the information centre of the Ministry of Industry and Trade on Monday.

With this figure, Vietnam is hardly to reach the target of raking in 4.77 billion US dollars from exporting footwear this year, said the centre.

In the first ten months, Vietnam produced 269.1 million pairs of footwear, nearly equal to the number of footwear manufactured during the same period last year.

Xinhua



A dredger flushing water from the River Niger in Lokoja in the Kogi State, to boost navigation and commerce along a 572 kilometres stretch of the river. After decades of delay and wrangling by resisting riverine communities, Nigeria has launched a multi-million-dollar dredging exercise to boost navigation and commerce on the Niger River.

INTERNET

Oil rises above \$78 on US hurricane, weaker dollar

SINGAPORE, 9 Nov—Oil prices broke above \$78 a barrel on Monday in Asia as Hurricane Ida threatened oil installations in the Gulf of Mexico.

Benchmark crude for December delivery was up 94 cents to \$78.37 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Ida, the first Atlantic hurricane to approach the

United States this year, headed toward the Gulf Coast on Monday with 105 mph (169 kph) winds, and could make landfall as early as on Tuesday. Crude was also boosted by a falling US dollar, which has moved inversely to oil for months as investors buy commodities as a hedge against inflation and a weaker US currency.

Oil rose to \$82 last month, its 2009 high, from \$32 in December.

The euro rose to

\$1.4929 in Asian trading on Monday from \$1.4885 on Friday while the dollar was steady near 90 yen.

Crude fell \$2.19 to settle at \$77.43 on Friday after the Labour Department said the unemployment rate jumped more than expected in October to 10.2 percent, the highest since 1983.

The dismal jobless data stirred concerns that US consumer demand will remain sluggish despite an overall economic recovery. —*Internet*

Japan Airlines executives to forgo pay in December

TOKYO, 9 Nov—Japan Airlines (JAL) said on Monday its executives would receive no pay in December as the struggling carrier needs to cut costs in the face of massive losses.

The move will affect JAL president Haruka Nishimatsu and some 70 other company officials, a spokesman for the airline said.

JAL also wants to skip payment of customary

winter bonuses to 17,000 non-executive employees although a formal decision has not been made yet, he said.

“Since we have asked for public money, we must strive to cut costs,” the spokesman said.

Debt-laden JAL, Asia's biggest carrier, is trying to rehabilitate with the support of a state-backed corporate turnaround body. It plans to cut thousands more jobs and

scrap loss-making routes.

Unlike their US peers, Japanese executives have largely avoided a row over excessive corporate pay during the economic downturn by cutting their own pay and making other financial sacrifices.

Nishimatsu is known for taking the bus to work with regular commuters and lining up with other employees for lunch in the company cafeteria.

Internet

Nigeria banks on River Niger to boost commerce, navigation

LOKOJA, 9 Nov—After decades of delay and wrangling by resisting riverine communities, Nigeria has launched a multi-million-dollar dredging exercise to boost navigation and commerce on the Niger River.

Plans are to deepen the river channel and stabilise its banks along a stretch of 572 kilometres (376 miles) as to allow passage of large vessels and open up inland ports.

“The goal is to activate the navigational channels of the river which once served as a bubbling colonial trading route,” project supervisor Joshua Arugege told *AFP*.

But activists are worried about the damage to the ecosystem of the host communities along the stretch where the dredging will take place.

Inaugurating the project in September President Umaru Yar'Adua said that when completed, it would “ensure all-year-round navigability of the River Niger.”

Internet



A jet liner of Asia's largest air carrier Japan Airlines taxis at Tokyo's Haneda airport. Japan Airlines said on Monday its executives would receive no pay in December as the struggling carrier needs to cut costs in the face of massive losses.

INTERNET



Liu Hao, an eight-year-old blind boy of a worker's family, learns playing piano with his teacher Liu Yongxue, in Chifeng City, north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 3 Nov, 2009.—XINHUA

Over 300 orphans, helpless children in west Nepal

KATHMANDU, 9 Nov—More than 300 orphans and helpless children in Nepali west Jajarkot district are left neglected, local media reported on Monday.

The orphans and children there lost their parents due to the cholera and diarrhea epidemic some months ago.

"They didn't have their parents and they had not received appropriate help so far. Their situation is getting worse day by day." Local newspaper *The Rising Nepal* cited Krishnahari Subedi, head of the District Public Health Office (DPHO) of Jajarkot as saying.

Many students had left school and started doing menial works, or doing household chores in their neighbour's houses.

Xinhua

China gives loans to Ethiopia's first expressway

ADDIS ABABA, 9 Nov—China on Sunday signed a 349-million-US dollar loan agreement with Ethiopia to help build the country's first expressway.

The 79-km expressway will link Ethiopia's capital Addis Ababa with the country's second largest city of Nazeret. It will have a 12-meter width and is expected to make easy traffic flow in the area.

Under the agreement, the Export-Import Bank of China will provide loans to the expressway, which will be built by China Road and Bridge Corporation.

Construction of the road will be launched early 2010 and is expected to be completed in 2014.—Xinhua

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File photo of a Chinese energy giant CNOOC plant in Daya Bay, in southern China. China has dangled a near open cheque book to Africa's major oil producers in a bid to guarantee supplies for decades to come.

INTERNET

Major topics at APEC Singapore 2009

SINGAPORE, 9 Nov—The world's business and political leaders currently converge in Singapore for the week-long APEC meetings to explore ways to promote economic growth, cooperation, trade and investment across the Asia-Pacific region.

The main topics for the APEC meetings, themed "Sustaining Growth, Connecting the Region" this year, are as follows.

Key business leaders of the Asia Pacific region have agreed that it is now time for the APEC to take

more decisive actions towards establishing a Free Trade Area of the Asia Pacific (FTAAP) in view of the financial crisis and the stalled Doha Round negotiations.

The business industry expresses caution about signs of the economic recovery and urges political leaders to take steps to ensure that this is sustained.

They believe that this can be done if economies resist protectionism, promote global demand rather than just domestic demand and that they take the opportunity to undertake economic reforms. And that setting a firm time frame

for bringing an FTAAP into reality would send a very strong signal about APEC's commitment to accelerating the integration of their economies.

APEC economies account for approximately 60 percent of world energy consumption.

Climate change impacts both individuals and economies at large, with developing nations experiencing the most adverse effects. In addition, climate change is believed to contribute to the increasing number of natural disasters, about 70 percent of which occur in the Asia-Pacific region.

Xinhua

China, Brazil vow to enhance media cooperation

BEIJING, 9 Nov—China hoped to enhance media exchanges with Brazil in a bid to facilitate strategic partnership between the two developing countries, said a senior official of the Communist Party of China (CPC) on Monday. Liu Yunshan, head of the Publicity Department of the CPC Central Committee, made the remarks when meeting with Brazil's communication minister Franklin Martins in Beijing.

China and Brazil has advanced their cooperation in such areas as trade, culture, education, technology and media in a steady manner, said Liu.

China is willing to further exchanges with Brazil to make new contribution to the prosperity of the two countries and world peace, said Liu.

Martins said he wants to know more about China through the visit that is aimed to promote media exchanges between the two countries.—Xinhua

Tokyo to bid for 2020 Summer Olympics

TOKYO, 9 Nov—Tokyo will bid to host the 2020 Summer Olympic Games, *Kyodo News* reported on Monday, quoting Tokyo Gov Shintaro Ishihara.

The Japanese capital has just lost to Rio de Janeiro to host the 2016 Summer Olympics.

Ishihara's remarks came after the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, hit by atomic bombs during World War II, said last month they will seek to jointly host the 2020 summer games, though the Olympic Charter states only one city can host the Olympics.

Xinhua

Cambodia celebrates 56th anniversary of Independence Day

PHNOM PENH, 9 Nov—Cambodia on Monday kicked off its three-day celebration of the 56th anniversary of Independence Day in capital Phnom Penh with thousands of people attended the ceremony.

King Norodom Sihamoni presided over the ceremony of celebration with lighting the victory flame which will burn for the duration of three days. Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen, the Senate President Chea Sim and other government senior officials, as well as diplomatic corps, students, police and military also attended the ceremony held at the Independence Monument.

This year's celebration was held one day earlier in order to having a time for many people from each ministry to present their memorial wreaths. "We've done this because we don't want to make things too complicated for the King's day. We don't want to bother the King on the day he lights the victory flame," said Chea Kean, deputy secretary general of National Committee for Festivals.

Chea Kean, however, said earlier that this year, there will be no military parade even though the 9 November is also the 56th anniversary of the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces.

Xinhua



A foreign woman and her child take part in the "family run" activity of the 2009 Hangzhou International Marathon in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, on 8 Nov, 2009.—XINHUA

Somalia sees end to Spain hostage crisis in three weeks

MOGADISHU, 9 Nov—Somalia's government expects a settlement in about three weeks with pirates holding hostage 36 crew of a Spanish fishing vessel, a source close to the Somali prime minister said on Sunday.

"The government of Spain is facing mounting pressure from its people

and wants an end to this hostage crisis very quickly," the source told *Reuters*.

"But the situation on the ground is tough. It may take two to three weeks to secure the freedom of its nationals."

The source spoke after a meeting between the Spanish envoy to Kenya

and Somali Prime Minister Omar Abdirashid Sharmarke in the Kenyan capital. A second meeting is to be held on Monday to work out a strategy for freeing the hostages, the source added.

Internet



Marian Jimenez, wife of crew member Gaizka Iturbe, holds a picture of the Alkrana tuna fishing boat in her home in the Basque town of Sestao on 5 November, 2009.

INTERNET

One killed, 35 injured in HK bus crash

HONG KONG, 9 Nov—Hong Kong's Commissioner for Transport Joseph Y T Lai on Monday expressed his concern regarding a fatal traffic accident in Tseung Kwan O early morning on Monday and extended his deepest condolences to the bereaved families and the injured involved.

The accident happened shortly after midnight on Monday, involving a double decker bus heading for Tseung Kwan O, the New Territories from Central, Hong Kong Island.

The bus overturned on a roundabout near Tong Mong Street at Tseung Kwan O, killing a 17-year-old girl and injuring at least 35 passengers. The 36-year-old driver has been arrested. Lai said the Hong Kong government and related departments were very concerned about this serious accident. The Transport Department will urge the bus company to submit an accident report as soon as possible. The Police will also carry out a thorough and in-depth investigation on the cause of the accident.—*Xinhua*

S Korea's producer prices fall for 6th month in Oct

SEOUL, 9 Nov—South Korea saw a fall in producer prices for a sixth straight month in October mainly due to cheaper oil prices and strengthening local currency, the central bank said on Monday.

According to the Bank of Korea (BOK), the producer price index, a barometer of future consumer inflation, marked an on-year decline of 3.1 percent in October, compared with a 2.6 percent on-year fall tallied the previous month.

Meanwhile, the index dropped 0.8 percent in last month compared with September, marking the first monthly decline since June, the BOK said.

The continued on-year fall in October was contributed the lower costs for oil which pulled up last year's producer prices by peaking at 147 US dollars per barrel, and stronger local currency against US dollars, which rose an average of about 13 percent on-year versus the dollar in October, the BOK said.

South Korea, the world's fifth-largest crude buyer, relies entirely on imports for its oil needs. The BOK is expected to freeze the nation's key rate at a record low of 2 percent for the ninth consecutive month during a monthly rate-setting meeting on Thursday.—*Xinhua*

Singapore bottoms out of crisis with minimum damage

SINGAPORE, 9 Nov—Singapore Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew said on Sunday the country's economy has emerged out of the recession with minimum damage.

Speaking at an annual tree planting ceremony, Lee said that Singapore's economy may grow by 3 percent next year, adding that this year's 4th quarter looks healthy after the economy bounced back in the 2nd and 3rd quarters, according to local TV broadcaster Channel News Asia.

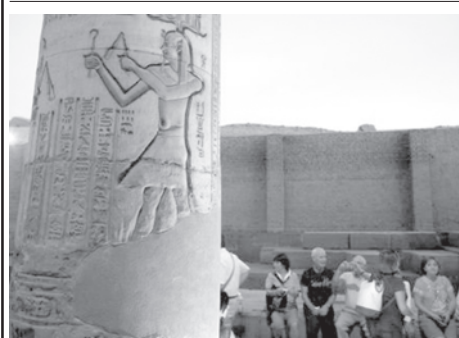
Lee added that Singaporeans must be prepared for slower economic growth, but said that slower growth in the nation and other countries in Asia will still be higher than other regions of the world.

He said that Singapore is placed at the junction of three big economies that are not export-dependent, namely China, India and Indonesia, whose domestic consumption and investments have enabled their economies to continue achieving positive growth despite a slowdown in exports. "The rest of East and Southeast Asia have the benefit of the overflow effect from China, India and, to a lesser extent, Indonesia. Furthermore, we have free trade agreements with China and India that will give us an advantage over other regions." Lee said.—*Xinhua*

Mayor, 92, wins fifth term

A 92-year-old mayor just elected to a fifth term is older than the Pennsylvania town he represents.

James C Kennedy of South Coatesville is not the oldest mayor in the United States, an honor believed to be held by Dorothy Gechen, the 101-year-old mayor of Ocean Breeze, Fla, the *Philadelphia Daily News* reported on Saturday. But he is old enough that he decided to rest instead of attending a victory party.



Tourists take photographs of a column at Kom Ombo Temple, southern Egypt. The temple, which dates from about 180 BC during the Ptolemaic era with additions made during the Roman period, stands right on the bank of the Nile between Edfu and Aswan.

Kennedy, a Democrat, won 85-59. Four years ago, when he sought a fourth term, he was unopposed.

South Coatesville was incorporated in 1921, when Kennedy was 4 years old. The population has risen above 1,000 since the 2000 Census, when it was 997.

Despite its small size, South Coatesville, a suburb of Philadelphia, has its problems. Kennedy said he is on the lookout for grants that will help him avoid raising taxes.

"They had a little celebration down in Thorndale, but I didn't go," he said.

Loch Ness monster hunter Rines dead at 87

Attorney Robert H Rines, known for spending decades chasing the Loch Ness monster, died in Boston at the age of 87, his wife, Joanne Hayes-Rines, said.

The *New York Times* said on Sunday while Rines founded the Franklin Pierce Law Centre and held more than 800 patents, it was his passionate search for the

'Dead' man attends own funeral

Stunned relatives tried to jump out a window when a man presumed dead showed up at his own funeral in southern Brazil, officials said.

"In my 10 years in this business, I have never witnessed a scene like this," said Natanael Honorato, manager of the funeral home in Brazil's Parana state.

Ademir Jorge Goncalves, 59, a bricklayer, was identified as the victim of a car crash and his funeral scheduled for 2 Nov, a religious holiday known as the Day of the Dead, CNN reported.

Goncalves, however, wasn't dead.

He'd spent the night drinking at a bar near the site of the crash, but wasn't the victim.

When he learned of the mix-up, he went to the Funeraria Rainha das Colinas funeral home and walked in on his grieving family, some of whom tried to jump out a window when they saw him.

Photo taken on 3 Nov, 2009 shows a miniature bicycle made by handicraftsman Zhang Tianwei (L) beside a one-jiao coin in Xi'an, northwest China's Shaanxi Province. This bicycle is 20 mm long, 12 mm high and has two wheels, which are 7 mm in diameter.



An Indian Army soldier crashes with his motorcycle through fluorescent tubes during "Army Mela 2009" celebrations at Shalugara army base on the outskirts of the eastern Indian city of Siliguri on 7 November, 2009.

NEWS ALBUM

PMs of Mekong region countries meet Japan's Upper House President



Prime Minister General Thein Sein and Prime Ministers of the Mekong region countries call on Japan's Upper House President Mr. Satsuki Eda.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein and Prime Ministers of the Mekong region countries attending the First Summit Meeting between Japan and the Mekong Region Coun-

tries met with Mr. Satsuki Eda, President of the House of Councillors of Japan, in Tokyo on 6 November.

Present at the meeting were Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen, Laotian Prime Minister

Mr. Bouasone Bouphavanh, Thai Prime Minister Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva and Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung and members of the Japanese Upper House.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends luncheon in Tokyo, Japan

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein attended a luncheon hosted by Japan Business Federation (Keidanren) at IMPERIAL Hotel in Tokyo, Japan on 6 November.

Before the luncheon, Myanmar Prime Minister General Thein Sein had documentary photo taken together with Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, Thai Prime Minister Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva, Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, President of Japan Business Federation Mr Mitarai and Chairman of Japan merchants' association Mr Okamura.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein together with Prime Ministers of the Mekong region countries, President of Japan Business Federation and Chairman of Japan Merchants' Association pose for documentary photo.—MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein extending greetings at luncheon at IMPERIAL Hotel.

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Next, President of Japan Business Federation Mr Mitarai extended greetings.

Afterwards, Cambodian Prime Minister, Laotian Prime Minister, Myanmar Prime Minister, Thai Prime Minister and Vietnamese Prime Minister extended greetings mentioning boosting economic cooperation between their countries and Japan and, Mekong Region Countries and Japan.

Also present at the luncheon were ministers, deputy ministers and senior officers from Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam and representatives of private sectors from Japan and Mekong Region Countries.—MNA

PM General Thein Sein attends dinner hosted by Japanese Prime Minister

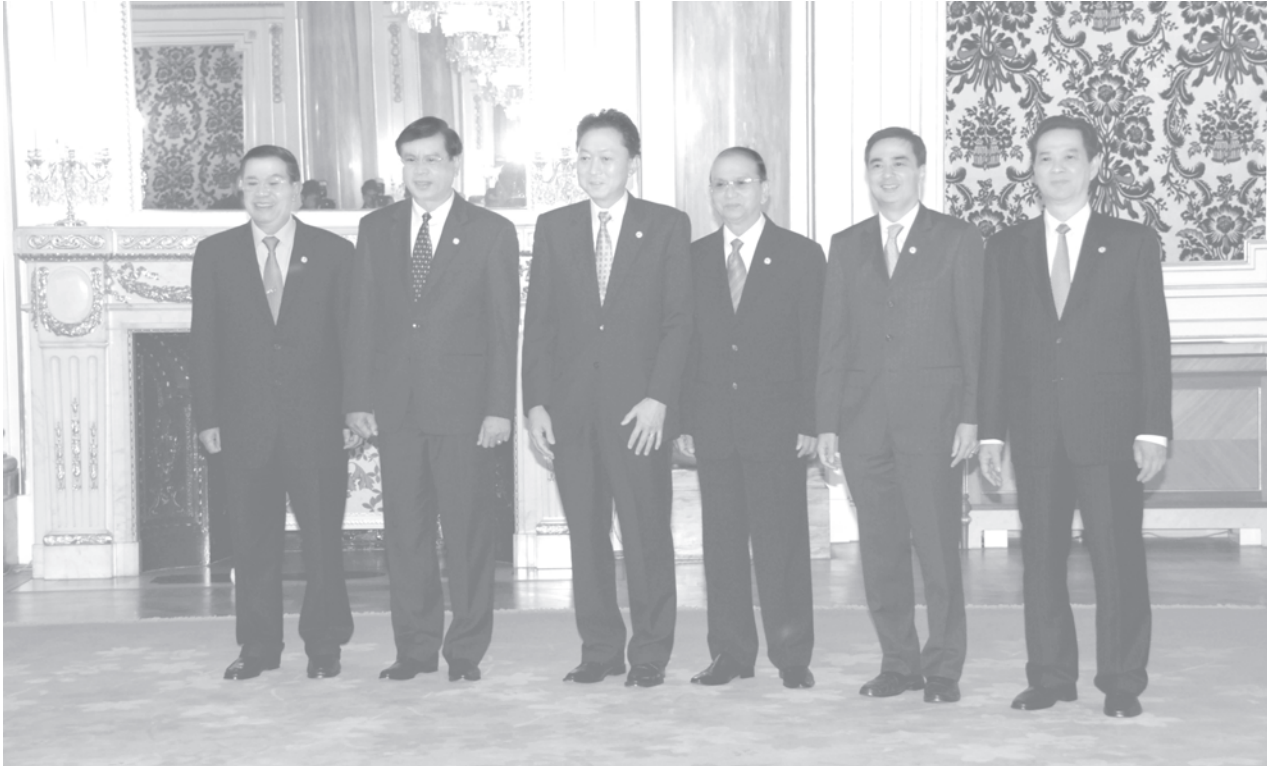
NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov— Prime Minister General Thein Sein of the Union of Myanmar attended dinner hosted by Japanese Prime Minister HE Mr Yukio Hatoyama at the State House, Tokyo, Japan at 7.30 pm on 6 November.

Present at the dinner were Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, Thai Prime Minister Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva and Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, ministers, deputy ministers and high ranking officials of Mekong

Region countries.

The Japanese Prime Minister warmly welcomed heads of Government from Mekong Region countries arriving to attend the dinner.

Before the dinner, the Japanese Prime Minister extended greetings and made a speech, saying that friendship between Japan and Mekong Region countries has existed since 400 years ago. He believes that trust can be built through the friendship. To develop Mekong Basin is greatly important. He considers that friendship will further strengthen by



Prime Minister General Thein Sein has photo taken together with PMs of Mekong region countries and Japanese PM H.E Mr. Yukio Hatoyama.—MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein being welcomed by Japanese PM H.E Mr. Yukio Hatoyama at State guest house.—MNA

sending youth between Japan and Mekong Region countries. He also said that he was very pleased host the summit.

On behalf of Mekong Region countries, Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen expressed thanks. Next, the Japanese Prime Minister hosted dinner to those present.—MNA

Japanese Crown Prince grants audience to PMs of Mekong Region countries

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—Prime Minister General Thein Sein of the Union of Myanmar and Prime Ministers of Mekong regional countries attending the First Mekong-Japan Summit called on Japanese HIH Crown Prince Naruhito at Crown Prince's Palace in Tokyo at 2.30 pm on 6 November.

Present at the call were Cambodian Prime

Minister Samdech Hun Sen, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, Thai Prime Minister Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva and Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung. Next, the Japanese Prince and visiting Prime Ministers posed for a documentary photo.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein together with PMs of Mekong region countries and Japanese HIH Crown Prince Naruhito poses for documentary photo at Crown Prince's Palace.—MNA

Special Appellate Bench sits at Nay Pyi Taw Supreme Court

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—The Special Appellate Bench comprising Deputy Chief Justice U Khin Maung Lat, judges U San Tint Yi and U Sein Hlaing of the Supreme Court (Mandalay) sitting at court room No (1) of the Supreme Court (Nay Pyi Taw) delivered judgments on 10 special criminal cases and heard five special appeal criminal cases under Section 7 of the Judiciary Law, 2000, this morning.

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Those from US and British embassies visited NLD (Headquarters) 27 times in October

YANGON, 9 Nov— The National League for Democracy (Headquarters) has kept in touch with the US and British embassies and is following their instructions. The people are criticizing such act of NLD and keeping a watchful eye on it.

Those from US and British embassies visited the NLD (Headquarters) on West Shwegondine street here 27 times in October 2009. During their visits, they met with CEC members of the party and gave small and large envelopes and parcels to the latter.

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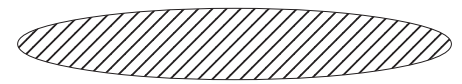
PMs of Mekong region countries meet Speaker of Japanese House of Representatives

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein and prime ministers of the Mekong region countries attending the First Summit Meeting between Japan and the Mekong Region Countries met with the Speaker of the Japanese House of Representatives Mr. Takahiro Yokomichi in Tokyo at 3.30 pm on 6 November.

Present at the meeting were Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen, Laotian Prime Minister Mr. Bouasone Bouphavanh, Thai Prime Minister Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva and Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung and members of the Japanese House of Representatives.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein and prime ministers of the Mekong region countries call on Speaker of the Japanese House of Representatives Mr. Takahiro Yokomichi.—MNA



The 1st Mekong-Japan summit in Tokyo, Japan in progress.
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Prime Minister General Thein Sein holds discussion at 1st Mekong-Japan Summit.
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Software Engineering On-the-Job Training Course to be opened

YANGON, 9 Nov—KMD Computer Centre will conduct Software Engineering On-the-Job Training Course for those who want to become proficient Software Designer and Software Development.

The course intended to teach basic techniques of Software Engineering and to overcome difficulties to be met on actual job by Myanmar youths.

The trainees will be able to study new programming software and technologies themselves after studying how to implement the software through lectures and practical lessons.

They may enjoy the career opportunities as the programmer, system analyst or software engineer.

The 4-month course will open this month and the seat is limited. So, those interested may contact KMD Computer Centre, No (550-552), Merchant Street, Kyauktada Township and dial 249255, 381035, 381776 and 700895.—MNA

Prime Minister arrives Tokyo of Japan

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—At the invitation of the Japanese Government, Prime Minister General Thein Sein together with Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Director-General Col Thant Shin of Government Office, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of Protocol Department of MOFA, and departmental heads left here for Japan by air on 5 November to attend the 1st Mekong-Japan summit to be held in Tokyo of Japan.

The Prime Minister and party arrived at Suvanna Bumi International Airport in Bangkok of Thailand at 9:35 pm local time. They were wel-

comed by Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Aung Thein, Military Attaché Col Win Maung and staff of the embassy.

Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand Mr. Suthep Thuagsuban greeted the Prime Minister and party at the lounge where the Prime Minister and party stopped for a while.

Next, the Prime Minister and party proceeded to Japan by air and arrived at Narita International Airport in Tokyo of

Japan the next morning. They were welcomed there by Ambassador to Mekong-Japan Summit Mr Kiyoshi Araki and Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Yasuaki Nogawa, Myanmar Ambassador to Japan U Hla Myint, Military Attaché Brig-Gen Tun Tun and personnel of the embassy.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party left the airport for New Otani Hotel and they were greeted by family of embassy staff.—MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein being welcomed by Ambassador H.E Mr. Kiyoshi Araki at Narita International Airport in Tokyo, Japan.

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The future of the youth of today rests on the education system Special Refresher Course No (70) for Basic Education Teachers opened

YANGON, 9 Nov—The Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) opened Special Refresher Course No (70) for Basic Education Teachers at its Nawarat Hall in Hlegu Township, here, this morning.

Minister for Science and Technology U Thuang delivered an address on behalf of Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi, Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, deputy ministers, members of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, heads of department, the rector, the pro-rector, deans and trainees.

In his speech, Minister U Thuang said that the government is working hard to proportionately improve basic and higher education sectors in pursuance of the Myanmar education goal of generating an edu-

cation system that guarantees a lifelong learning society capable of facing challenges of the Age of Knowledge.

With the aim of ensuring equitable development of all parts of the Union, the government has improved economic, health and educational infrastructures to a certain degree for economic growth of all regions of the Union, smooth transport between one region and another, and better health care to local people. It is still establishing infrastructural buildings.

As to the basic education sector, the government has equipped the schools in rural areas including border areas with multimedia classrooms. So, those regions have kept abreast of urban areas in terms of e-Education.

The future of the youth of today rests on the education system. So, teachers are responsible for nurturing their students into reliable intellectuals and intelligentsia. Today, the advancement of things is so rapid that teachers should no longer be complacent about their attributes of interest, goodwill and sacri-

ifice. They have to exert the lifelong learning and innovations by improving their professional skills with new ideas in the interests of their students and their own.

The government upgraded teacher training institutes and schools to education colleges in its bid to improve teaching skills. From 1998 to date, the government has appointed those who have completed pre-teachership training courses at the two education universities and 20 education colleges. And it is sharpening the abilities of the appointed teachers. From 2006-2007 academic year to 2007-2008 academic year, refresher courses on subjects at the basic education level were conducted to improve the teaching skills of basic education teachers.

In 2007-2008 academic year, refresher courses on subjects were organized to train senior assistant teachers with a view to systematically teaching basic education high school students subjects in accordance with the newly-upgraded international level syllabuses.

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Minister U Thuang addresses the opening of Special Refresher Course No (70) for Basic Education Teachers.—MNA

The future of the youth...

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In addition, teaching training courses are conducted to train honours degrees and M.A degrees holders, and trainees who have completed the courses are appointed as senior assistant teachers. Of faculty members, qualified ones are appointed as principals of basic education high schools after they have completed refresher courses on school management. That is designed to help improve teaching skills at the high school level, and bring about a growing number of outstanding students subject-wise.

Teachers are to complete all the curricula prescribed by the Ministry of Education in an academic year so as to improve the educational qualifications of the students. Those responsible are to find out whether subjects are taught in accordance with the syllabuses, curricula are completed, and students get on with their studies in basic education schools.

Student will become responsible and reliable citizens with a sense of serving the interests of the country and the people only if teachers are versed in respective subjects, and they inculcate students with a sense of self-discipline, adhering to the rules and regulations of their communities, and the law of the State, nationalistic fervour, and preserving the own lineage.

Today, high education standard is a driving force for development of the nation and the people concerned. And the spirit of national unity and Union Spirit are essential for ensuring perpetual existence of the Union. With this context in view, teachers are to



Prime Minister General Thein Sein has a documentary photo taken together with PMs of the Mekong region countries and Japan's Upper House President Mr Satsuki Eda.—MNA (News on page 7)

shoulder educational responsibilities with a sense of national duty for the brighter future of the nation and the people, and ensuring that the Union exists as long as the world does.

In conclusion, he urged the trainees to study hard with national, social and administrative points of

views in order to gain knowledge of national level projects including the national education plan to achieve the Myanmar education goal.

Altogether 1,500 trainees from basic education schools in lower Myanmar are attending the five-week course.—MNA

Information Minister receives Singaporean guests



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan receives Chief Executive Officer Mr Woon Tai Ho and Director Mr Wong Choo Han of Green Orange Pte Ltd of the Republic of Singapore.—MNA

YANGON, 9 Nov—Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan received Chief Executive Officer Mr Woon Tai Ho and Director Mr Wong Choo Han of Green Orange Pte Ltd of the Republic of Singapore at the meeting hall of Myanmar Radio and Television this morning.

On the occasion, they discussed matters on broadcasting MRTV-3. Also present were Director-General of Myanmar Radio and Television U Khin Maung Htay, Director-General of Information and Public Relations Department U Ye Htut, Managing Director of Printing and Publishing Enterprise U Aung Nyein, Managing Director of Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise U Aung Myo Myint and officials concerned.—MNA

Stake driven for construction of school building of Pyapontaman Village BEHS (Branch) in Pyapon Township

YANGON, 9 Nov—A stake-driving ceremony for construction of a school building of Pyapontaman Village Basic Education High School (Branch) in Pyapon Township, Ayeyawady Divi-

sion, donated by Myanmar Red Cross Society and Japan Red Cross Society took place this morning.

MRCS Chairman Prof Dr Tha Hla Shwe and Director Mr Naoki KAWA of JRCS explained purpose of construction of the school building. The school building is 90 feet long and 30 feet wide and it cost over K 54.5 million.

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of 24 papers will be read out during the conference. —MNA

21st conference of ophthalmologists

YANGON, 9 Nov — An opening ceremony of the 21st conference of ophthalmologists was held at Chatrium Hotel here today.

The ceremony was attended by professors from the medical universities, medical superintendents, invited ophthalmologists at home and

from foreign countries and guests.

Chairman of Myanmar Medical Association Prof Dr Kyaw Myint Naing and Chairman of Myanmar Ophthalmologists Association Prof Dr U Kan Nyunt delivered addresses at the ceremony. Afterwards, guests visited booths of medical compa-

nies.

The conference will last tomorrow and a total



Chairman of MRCS Prof Dr Tha Hla Shwe and officials driving stakes.

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Tobacco kills

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

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AGENT FOR: M/S WONGSAMUT OCEAN
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Freezing rain hits Beijing and neighbouring regions

BEIJING, 9 Nov—Freezing rain and sleet hit Beijing's downtown area on Monday.

Ice droplets about 2 to 5 mm in diameter were reported falling across the city.

The capital's meteorological station said the icy rain would be followed by snow on Monday evening, and the sleet would continue to Thursday.

Zhang Mingying, senior engineer with the station, said sleet in Beijing was rare in November, and the average temperature this week was about six degrees Celsius below average for the time of year.

December was the usual month for icy weather, he said.

Beijing residents are not familiar with frozen rain.

A man surnamed Wei said he thought it was hail.

"The ice battered my car window as I was driving along Chang'an Avenue. I was surprised," he said.

"It hit the windows of my home loudly, and I was surprised it was not rain but ice," said a resident of Wanjing community in eastern Beijing.

Xinhua

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was 20 years
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is now.**

Xinhua

Sony offers free movie to TV, Blu-ray player buyers



A woman walks past a Sony Corp flat TV at the company's headquarters in Tokyo on 22 Jan, 2009.—XINHUA

BEIJING, 9 Nov—Sony Corp is offering a movie called “Cloudy with A Chance of Meatballs” for free to US buyers of its Internet-connected TVs and Blu-ray players from Monday.

People who buy the equipment will be able to watch the movie in any 24-hour window from 8 Dec. until it is released on DVD and Blu-ray disc on 5 Jan. Sony's move highlights the way that movies are increasingly becoming avail-

able on TVs that connect directly to the Internet as the entertainment industry strives to come up with new business models.

“What we're doing is game-changing for TV,” said Robert Jacobs, senior business development manager for Sony Electronics Inc.

Last year, Sony streamed “Hancock” to Bravia TV owners for two weeks before its home video release. The promotion created a “halo effect” helping electronics sales and the movie's DVD purchases and rentals, Jacobs said.

Amazon.com Inc and Blockbuster Inc also offer movies for rental or purchase on certain Internet-connected TVs.

Those services, however, don't provide the early-release jump Sony is trying with “Cloudy with A Chance of Meatballs,” which comes from the Sony Pictures movie studio.

Xinhua

S China Agricultural University celebrates 100th founding anniversary

GUANGZHOU, 9 Nov—Three senior Chinese officials on Sunday sent congratulation letters to South China Agricultural University, a prestigious university in south China's Guangdong Province, for the celebration of its 100th founding anniversary.

Chinese Vice Premier Hui Liangyu said in the letter that the university had worked hard for the promotion of the country's agriculture development over the past 100 years since the university was established.

“Since the founding of New China and launching of the reform and opening-up policy, the university has trained many talents and obtained great progress in science researches, which have made significant contributions to the country's agricultural science and social and economic development,” Hui said.

“The university should make innovations while carrying on its good traditions in building the first-class university, and make further contributions for

the promotion of agricultural modernization with Chinese characteristics,” Hui said. State Councilor Liu Yandong said in the letter that the university has made great progress in fields of education, science researches and social services.—Xinhua

Volunteers make kimchi, traditional pungent vegetable, to donate to needy neighbours for winter preparation in Seoul, South Korea, on 9 Nov, 2009.

INTERNET

What kids drink at five could affect weight at 15

BEIJING, 9 Nov—Parents may be setting their daughters up for weight problems simply by allowing them to drink two or more sweetened drinks daily while young, study findings hint.

Higher sweetened beverage intake, such as sodas and fruit and sport drinks, at age 5 years was linked to more body fat during the following 10 years, Dr Laura Fiorito at The Pennsylvania State University in University Park said. Higher body fat during the teen years has been tied to long-term overweight and other health problems such as diabetes and later heart

disease, Fiorito and colleagues note in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition.

Fiorito's team looked at what 166 non-Hispanic white girls drank between the ages of 5 and 15. They also measured their weight, height, and body fat. Body fat and weight did not vary depending on how much milk or juice made from 100 percent fruit the girls drank.

By contrast, after allowing for other factors tied to weight and body fat levels, girls who drank two or more sweetened drinks daily had higher percentages of body fat, weighed more, and were

more likely to be overweight than girls who drank lesser amounts of such beverages. For example, of the 5 and 15 year old girls drinking less than one drink, the researchers found about 16 and 19 percent overweight, respectively.—Internet

Bangladesh death toll of A/H1N1 flu rises to six

DHAKA, 9 Nov—The Bangladesh Health Ministry said on Sunday that the A/H1N1 flu death toll in the South Asian country so far rose to 6, and that the number of infected patients is 800.

Head of the country's Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR) under the Health Ministry Mahmudur Rahman told Xinhua on Sunday, “Three people died until the first week of October while three others died in the past one month.” Of the six dead, he said most of them live outside capital Dhaka. A laboratory test has confirmed that they were infected with A/H1N1 virus. Rahman, however, said the number of A/H1N1 virus infected cases stood at 800 until Sunday, which was 680 on 11 Oct.

Xinhua



People make their way through a flooded street in Verapaz, some 125 km east from San Salvador, on 8 Nov, 2009.—INTERNET

Two killed by strong central Indonesian quake

JAKARTA, 9 Nov—A strong undersea earthquake killed two people and damaged buildings on the remote island of Sumbawa in central Indonesia, officials said on Monday.

At least 20 people were hospitalized on the island after the 6.7-magnitude temblor, many of them with broken bones, said Rustam Pakaya, the Head of the Health Ministry's crisis centre. He said at least 40 people were injured.

The quake struck at 3:41 am local time (1941 GMT) near a small island chain just east of the Lombok resort island. It had a depth of 11 miles (17.7 kilometers) and the epicentre was about 830 miles (1,335 kilometers) east of the Indonesian capital, Jakarta.

Two people were killed in a part of Sumbawa called Ambalawe, local gov-



A teacher points to a school building damaged by a 6.7-magnitude earthquake in the town of Bima, on Indonesia's Sumbawa island, on 9 Nov, 2009.—INTERNET

ernment spokesman Abdul Wahab Usman said.

“They were hit by a collapsing building,” Usman said. “There are believed to be many injuries, but we are still checking.”—Internet

El Salvador floods, mudslides kill 124, 60 missing

VERAPAZ, 9 Nov—Mud and boulders loosened by heavy rains swept down a volcano and partly buried a small town on Sunday, swallowing up homes as flooding and landslides across El Salvador killed at least 124 people, authorities said. Hundreds of soldiers, police and residents dug through rock and debris in Verapaz looking for another 60 people missing from the mudslide, which struck before dawn on Sunday while residents were still in their beds.

Matias Mendoza, 26, was at home with his wife Claudia and their year-old son, Franklin, when the earth began moving. “It was about two in the morning when the rain started coming down harder, and the earth started shaking,” Mendoza recalled. “I warned my wife and grabbed my son, and all of a sud-



den we heard a sound. The next thing I knew I was lying among parts of the walls of my house.” “A few minutes later, I found my wife and my son in the middle of the rubble, and, thank God, we're alive,” said Mendoza, who suffered cuts on his cheek that emergency workers stitched up.—Internet

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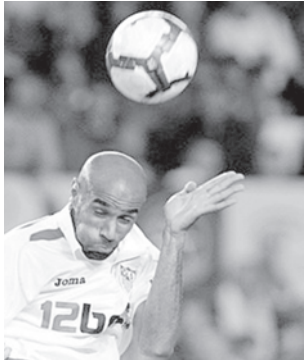
Chelsea's John Terry (4th R) scores against Manchester United in their English Premier League soccer match at Stamford Bridge in London on 8 Nov, 2009.—XINHUA

Terry's header gives Chelsea win over Man United

LONDON, 9 Nov—In a sizzling encounter at the Premier League, Chelsea skipper John Terry headed home the decisive goal to hold off defending champions Manchester United 1-0 at Stamford Bridge on Sunday.

Chelsea now lead the standings with a five points ahead of Arsenal and Man. U, who are second and third respectively with the same points.

Both Chelsea and Man. U played defense game from the start, stifling each other for quite



Sevilla's Malian forward Frederic Kanoute heads the ball during a Spanish league football match against Villarreal at Sanchez Pizjuan stadium in Seville.—INTERNET

Capello avoids Benitez row by resting Gerrard

LONDON, 9 Nov—England coach Fabio Capello avoided a row with Liverpool boss Rafael Benitez as he left Steven Gerrard out of his squad for Saturday's friendly against Brazil in Doha. Benitez had made it clear on Sunday that he didn't think Gerrard should be selected as the Liverpool captain has missed several matches with a groin injury suffered

a while since the start.

Then well-organized Chelsea attacked more in the first half especially when Nicolas Anelka fired unexpectedly from the right flank on 28 minutes. But the Frenchman's effort just was melted down in easy by the 39-year-old Edwin Van der Sar, who made another fantastic one-hand stop to the French striker's curl four minutes later.—Xinhua

Kanoute keeps Sevilla in touch with Barcelona

BARCELONA, 9 Nov—Substitute Frederic Kanoute headed the winner for Sevilla who overcame a resurgent Villarreal 3-2 to keep themselves in touch with Barcelona at the top of the Spanish league on Sunday.

Villarreal proved tough competition though and responded to Luis Fabiano's opener after nine minutes with goals from Robert Pires and David Fuster.

Fabiano equalised almost immediately and then Kanoute, still not fully fit and starting the game on the bench, scored a crucial winner to maintain the four-point distance from the champions.

Sevilla coach Manolo Jimenez felt his team was not as sharp as they should have been after playing in the Champions League in midweek.

"We can have no excuses about playing in three competitions and it is now that we have to show how strong we are. We need to be able to change the chip quickly and be concentrated," he said.

Internet

Owen once again as Capello recalled Darren Bent.

during England's defeat in Ukraine last month.

Gerrard could play some part of Liverpool's Premier League match against Birmingham on Monday, but Capello has placated Benitez by leaving the star out of the trip to Qatar. Despite injuries to Emile Heskey and Carlton Cole, there was still no place for Manchester United striker Michael

Lyon held in goalrush as Bordeaux slip up

PARIS, 9 Nov—French title contenders Lyon and Bordeaux both suffered a bumpy ride on Sunday as reigning champions Bordeaux went down 2-0 at Lille only to stay top as Lyon drew 5-5 with Marseille in an extraordinary game.

After momentous mid-week showings saw both clubs advance to the second phase of the Champions League on Sunday they shredded their own nerves

and those of their fans.

Laurent Blanc's men dislodged Lyon last season after seven championship wins on the bounce, and stayed top with 25 points from 12 matches despite second-half Lille goals from Johan Cabaye and Florent Balmont from the penalty spot handing the Girondins their third reverse of the campaign.

Lyon should have gone two points clear but were left aghast by Stephane

M'Bia's injury-time goal for Marseille, the final action of a rollercoaster of a game.—Internet



Marseille's Brazilian forward Brandao

Subdued Inter held by battling Roma

ROME, 9 Nov—Inter Milan's lead at the top of Serie A was cut to five points after their five-game winning streak



Inter Milan's forward Mario Balotelli makes a bicycle kick against AS Roma during their Serie A football match at San Siro Stadium in Milan. The match ended in a 1-1 draw.—INTERNET

came to an end following a 1-1 draw against Roma on Sunday.

A subdued Inter went behind early on to Mirko Vucinic's header as Roma had the better of the opening period.

Inter coach Jose Mourinho threw caution to the wind at half-time, lining his side with four attackers, but despite Samuel Eto'o's 48th-minute equaliser, there was no grandstand finish for the tired-looking champions.

With Juventus and AC Milan both winning, the race for the scudetto is very much back on, while Roma, on 15 points, moved up a place to 13th. Roma began purposefully and should have taken the lead after two minutes.—Internet

Hamburg go second despite Stajner's late penalty



Hamburg's defender Marcell Jansen (C) celebrates scoring with Hamburg's striker Tunay Torun (R) and Hamburg's defender Jerome Boateng during the German first division Bundesliga football match Hanover 96 vs Hamburg SV in the northern German city of Hanover.—INTERNET

BERLIN, 9 Nov—Hamburg bagged a share of second spot in the Bundesliga on Sunday despite Czech Republic striker Jiri Stajner netting a late penalty for Hanover to share the points in a 2-2 draw.

Hamburg were cruising to a 2-1 win to close the gap behind leaders Leverkusen, who beat Eintracht Frankfurt 4-0 on Friday, before Stajner was hauled down with just five minutes left.

The 33-year-old made no mistake with his shot and drilled it past Hamburg goalkeeper Frank Rost to put his side ninth while Hamburg are now three points behind Leverkusen.

The northerners share second spot with neighbours Werder Bremen, who drew 1-1 at home to Dortmund after Argentine Lukas Barrios equalised Mesut Ozil's opener for Werder.

Internet

Federer upset by Djokovic at Basel ATP final

GENEVA, 9 Nov—World No. 1 Roger Federer suffered upset to No. 3 Novak Djokovic and missed out on a fourth successive Swiss Indoors title in his hometown of Basel on Sunday.

The Serbian won 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 to record his third win over Federer in five meetings this year and notch his fourth ATP title of the season after winning in Beijing, Belgrade and Dubai.

The Swiss just returned from a six-week break following his US Open final defeat to Juan Martin del Potro.

Federer, who had not previously dropped a set or lost a service game in the tournament, had his serve broken four times as he lost a final for the third time this year following defeats at the Australian and US Open.—Xinhua



Serbia's Novak Djokovic (R) celebrates with his trophy after his victory against Switzerland's Roger Federer (L) in their final match at the Swiss Indoors ATP tennis tournament in Basel on 8 Nov, 2009.

XINHUA



In this 1 Aug, 2009 Photo show, a giraffe from Africa's most endangered giraffe subspecies stands in the bush near Koure, Niger. By all accounts, they should be extinct. Instead, their numbers have quadrupled to 200 since 1996, an unlikely boon experts credit to the concurrence of an impoverished government keen for revenue that has enacted laws to protect them, a conservation programme that encourages people to support them, and a rare harmony with humans who have accepted their presence.—INTERNET

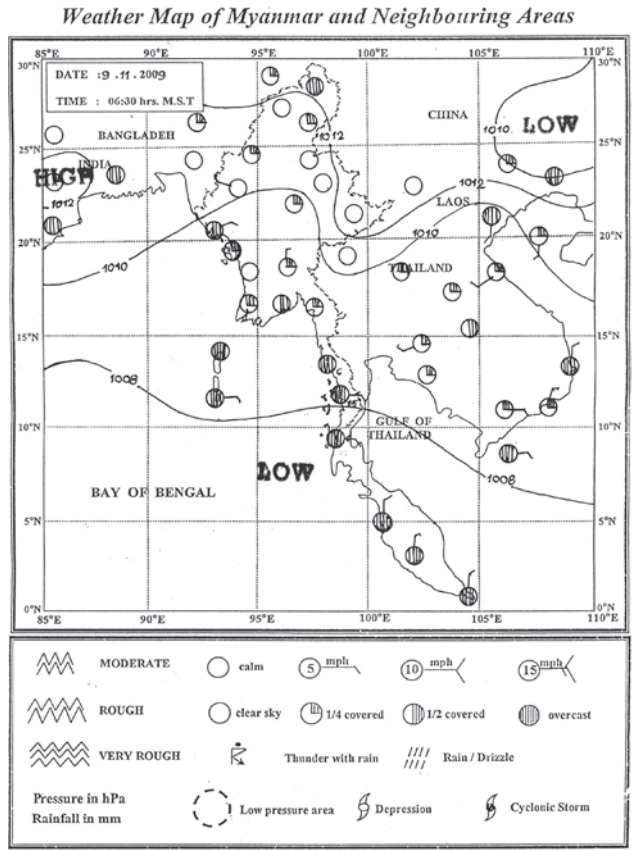
Heavy rains relieve E China province from drought

NANCHANG, 9 Nov—The prolonged drought that has plagued east China's Jiangxi Province for two months is relieved by heavy rains on Monday. A total of 252 townships had over 15 mm rainfalls, among which 82 townships experienced heavy rains and 4 others were hit by rainstorms, said Xu Bin, deputy director of Jiangxi Provincial Meteorological Observatory. The rain will keep falling for the next three days, causing a temperature drop of 8 to 10 degrees Celsius, Xu said. A total of 34 weather rockets were launched for artificial precipitation in 20 counties, enhancing the rainfall over an area of 10.2 thousand square kilometres, according to a statement from the provincial artificial weather modification office. *Xinhua*

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (10-11-2009) (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
 - * The Exotic Land of Myanmar
 - * Unforgettable Trip to Ahka Village
 - * National Dance
 - * Making Myanmar Marionette
 - * Myanmar Modern Song
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 - * Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes
 - * The Longest Beach Resort in Myanmar (Ngwehsaung)
 - * A Peaceful Place of Mind
 - * Culture Stage
 - * Precious Myanmar Lacquerware
 - * Myanmar Modern Song
 - * A Place of Cultural Heritage
 - * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm



WEATHER

Monday, 9th November, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Taninthayi Division, isolated in Chin State and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (6°C) below November average temperatures in upper Sagaing Division, (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperatures in Shan and Chin States, lower Sagaing Division, (3°C) above November average temperatures in Kayah and Mon States, Mandalay and Bago Divisions and about November average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperature were Haka (4°C) and Loilem (5°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Myeik (0.59) inch, Dawei (0.23) inch and Mindat (0.08) inch.

Maximum temperature on 8-11-2009 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 9-11-2009 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 9 -11-2009 was 61%. Total sun shine hours on 8-11-2009 was (9.1) hours approx.

Rainfall on 9-11-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (111.06) inches at Mingaladon, (122.09) inches at Kaba-Aye and (129.41) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southeast at (18:30) hours MST on 8-11-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 10th November 2009: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Shan and Mon States, Taninthayi Division and weather will be generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 10-11-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 10-11-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 10-11-2009: Fair weather.

Tuesday, 10 November
View on today

<p>7:00 am</p> <p>1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား ကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်</p> <p>7:10 am</p> <p>2. အင်္ဂုဇယမင်္ဂလံ (ယဉ်ဝေယံထွန်း၊ တေးရေး-ဝိတစာဆိုမျိုးနွယ်ဆွေ)</p> <p>7:25 am</p> <p>3. To Be Healthy Exercise</p> <p>7:30 am</p> <p>4. Morning News</p>	<p>7:40 am</p> <p>5. Nice & Sweet Song</p> <p>7:55 am</p> <p>6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:05 am</p> <p>7. စေတနာထားကာကုသပေး ပြည်သူများရဲ့ကျန်းမာရေး</p> <p>8:15 am</p> <p>8. Songs of Yester years</p> <p>8:30 am</p> <p>9. “နောက်မကျရအောင်”</p> <p>8:40 am</p> <p>10. International News</p> <p>8:50 am</p> <p>11. Local Talent</p> <p>4:00 pm</p> <p>1. Matrial Song</p> <p>4:10 pm</p> <p>2. Dance of National Races</p> <p>4:20 pm</p> <p>3. The Mirror Images</p>	<p>of The Musical Oldies</p> <p>4:35 pm</p> <p>4. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>4:45 pm</p> <p>5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ် (ရှုပေးအထူးပြု) (ရှုပေး)</p> <p>5:00 pm</p> <p>6. Songs to Uphold National Spirit</p> <p>5:10 pm</p> <p>7. နားဝင်ပီယံသူလက်သံ</p> <p>5:25 pm</p> <p>8. Musical Programme</p> <p>5:35 pm</p> <p>9. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ</p> <p>5:45 pm</p> <p>10. ရင်မှာခွဲထင်တေးလှသံစဉ်</p>	<p>6:00 pm</p> <p>11. Evening News</p> <p>6:15 pm</p> <p>12. Weather Report</p> <p>6:20 pm</p> <p>13. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရန်ခုန်သံ</p> <p>6:40 pm</p> <p>14. ဆိုလိုက်ကြစို့.</p> <p>7:00 pm</p> <p>15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “အဆိပ်သင့်တဲ့အချစ်” (အပိုင်း-၇)</p> <p>8:00 pm</p> <p>16. News</p> <p>17. International News</p> <p>18. Weather Report</p> <p>19. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ်(၁၇)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှုအဆိုအက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ “ဥက္ကဋ္ဌသေန”ဇာတ်တော်ကြီး ပြိုင်ပွဲ (ပထမဆူ) (ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း) (ဒုတိယပိုင်း)</p>
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- ★ 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 1st Mekong-Japan Summit

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein, on 6 November evening, attended the 1st Mekong-Japan Summit at the Japanese Prime Minister's office in Tokyo of Japan.

The summit was attended by Prime Minister of Cambodia Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Japan Mr Yukio Hatoyama, Prime Minister of Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, Prime Minister of Thailand Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva, Prime Minister of Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, ministers, deputy ministers, and senior officials from Cambodia, Japan, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam.

Japanese PM and PMs of Mekong Region

Prime Minister General Thein Sein poses for documentary photo together with Prime Ministers of Mekong region countries at the 1st Mekong-Japan Summit.

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countries had documentary photos taken before the summit.

Japanese Prime Minister gave an opening

address, presiding over the summit. Next, PMs of Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam exchanged views on

development of regional infrastructures and human resources, environmental conservation and climate change, promotion of trade

and investment, disaster management, promotion of tourism industry, further cementing of Mekong-Japan friendship

and mutual cooperation between Mekong countries and Japan. The first day session of the summit came to an end at 7 pm.—MNA