



# The NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

## International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2009 observed

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Dec—Organized by Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2009 was observed at the hall of the ministry here this morning. Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe delivered an address at the ceremony.

Also present at the ceremony were Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, Deputy Minister for Labour Brig-Gen Tin Tun Aung,

departmental officials, Resident Coordinator Mr Bishow B. Parajuli of UN Agencies, The Leprosy Mission International Country Director Dr Aung Naing, resident representatives and responsible persons from UN agencies, members of social organizations, officials, prize winners and guests.

In his address, the minister said the United Nations designated the 3<sup>rd</sup> December as International Day of Persons with Disabilities. As the Union of Myanmar is a member of the United Nations, Myanmar celebrates the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on

3<sup>rd</sup> December annually with the aim of promoting the dignity and morale of persons with disabilities, access to get equality and opportunities as able persons. This year, today is the 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

The United Nations laid down the themes for International Day of Persons with Disabilities every year. The theme of this year is "Making the MDGs inclusive: Empowerment of persons with disabilities and their communities around the world".

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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

## Wegyi Dam of Paungde Township benefits local farmers

Article: Myint Maung Soe, Photos: Myo Min Thein (Mayangon)

Wegyi Dam situated in Paungde Township, Bago Division plays a major role in growing paddy for local farmers. A large number of village-tracts are growing summer paddy annually with the use of irrigation water from the Wegyi Dam. Moreover, sown acreage of paddy has

also increased due to completion of the Wegyi Dam.

Chairman of Paungde Township Peace and Development Council U Ko Ko Lwin explained to us, of Myanmar Alin Daily, "This year, we will grow 38,709 acres of summer paddy in Paungde Town-

ship by consuming irrigation water from Wegyi Dam which can supply most irrigation water in the west part of Bago Division."

The right canal of Wegyi Dam from which the irrigation water is flowing will be able to supply it to more than 20 village-tracts, namely Kheman,

Hmattaing, Myaukkongyi, Phayangasu, Ywarthitkyi, Kange, Taungbohla, Byetkyi, Kyutawkan, Paukainggyi and so on.

The estimated village-tracts which will take delivery of irrigation water from the left canal of Wegyi Dam are Nwarchangon, Magyigon,

Ywapale, Thapygyihtu, Kyoepintha, Bothaaunggon.

Our news crew had a chance to interview some local farmers.

A farmer told us, "I am U Ohn Maung and live in Myaukkongyi Village.

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Wegyi Dam situated in Paungde Township, Bago Division.



## PERSPECTIVES

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### Safeguard independence with a strong sense of patriotism

The Central Committee for Organizing the 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Independence Day (2010) held a coordination meeting at the meeting hall of the Government Office in Nay Pyi Taw on 1 December and it was addressed by Chairman of the Central Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo.

The 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Independence Day ceremonies are to be observed with full political essence in accordance with the following objectives.

- All the national people to constantly join hands for ensuring perpetuity of independence and sovereignty of the State
- All the national people to collectively strive for non-disintegration of the Union and non-disintegration of national solidarity
- All the national people to harmoniously make all-out efforts to build up a modern developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation in accordance with the new State Constitution, which has been approved with the great majority of national people
- All the national people to cooperate in realizing the State's seven-step Road Map with a strong sense of Union Spirit and patriotism

The Independence Day ceremonies are going to be held on a grand scale with the participation of government departments and social organizations in townships, districts, states and divisions, including municipal areas of Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon City and Mandalay City.

Independence Day is celebrated every year for the national people, especially new generations, to be able to realize the value of independence regained with national unity and at the cost of many lives and to possess the spirit to constantly safeguard it.

We would like to call on the entire national people to value, protect and perpetuate independence with a strong sense of patriotism.

## Peoples' 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

### Myanmar delegation arrives back from ROK

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Dec—The Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe attended Regular Meeting and Informal Meeting of ASEAN + 3 Deputy Finance Ministers and Deputy Central Bank Governors held in Busan, the Republic of Korea on 26 and 27 November.

On 26 November, Regular Meeting of ASEAN + 3 Deputy Finance Ministers and Deputy Central Bank Governors was held at Westin Chosun Hotel Grand Ballroom in Busan. In the morning session,

the attendees exchanged views on progress regarding legal procedures stated in the agreement for participation of multi-national delegates in Chiang Mai programme, and formation of ASEAN + 3 Macroeconomic Research Office (AMRO).

At the evening session, the deputy governors of Central Banks discussed matters on tasks and progress, and exchanged views on work progress and its follow-up works of technical work groups.

The Regular Meeting of ASEAN + 3 Deputy

## MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Dec—The State Peace and Development Council has appointed Professor/Dean Daw Tint Hsan of Yangon Cooperative Degree College (Thanlyin) under the Ministry of Cooperatives as Principal of Sagaing Cooperative College under the same ministry from the date she assumes charge of her duties.

The State Peace and Development Council has appointed Deputy Director-General (Engineer) U Soe Ko Ko of Development Affairs Department under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs as Director-General of Education and Training Department under the same ministry on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.—MNA

Finance Ministers and Deputy Central Bank Governors held on 27 November focused on latest developments on regional economic and financial affairs. Deputy

Minister Col Hla Thein Swe clarified the economic development of Myanmar.

The Myanmar delegation arrived back here on 28 November.

MNA



Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe attends Regular Meeting and Informal Meeting of ASEAN+3 Deputy Finance Ministers and Deputy Central Bank Governors.

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### Resident Representative Office of K.T. Marine Co Ltd opened in Myanmar

YANGON, 3 Dec—K.T. Marine Co Ltd of the Republic of Korea opened its resident representative office at Room No. 201 2nd Floor, Olympic Tower, at the corner of Maha Bandoohla Street

and Bo Aung Kyaw Street, here this morning.

Director U Thaung Kyaing of Seafarering

Supervision Division of the Marine Administration Department under the Ministry of Transport and Chairman Mr Lee Young II of the company opened the office.

Mr Lee Young II made an introductory speech and Agent for Myanmar U Kyaw Nyunt extended greetings.

The office is the sole resident representative office of K.T. Marine Co Ltd in Myanmar. The office will focus on creation of more job opportunities for Myanmar sailors, improvement of their standard of living, and earning of foreign

### MTEA officials leave for Singapore

YANGON, 3 Dec—Secretary General U Nay Tun Min of Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs' Association and Joint

exchange for the nation.

The company had recently sent 51 Myanmar sailors, from officers to general workers, to two foreign ships.

The resident representative office will make sure that Myanmar sailors get what they deserve. The office has also arranged essential courses for sailors such as life safety course, work proficiency course and so on.—MNA

General Secretary (1) Dr Myo Thet left here yesterday morning for Singapore by air to attend 19<sup>th</sup> work committee meeting of ASEAN Furniture Industries Council (AFIC) and conference to be held in Singapore on 4 and 5 December. They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Joint General Secretary (3) U Aung Naing Oo and officials.

While in Singapore, they will hold discussion with Singapore Timber Association in Singapore about international timber market.—MNA



Director U Thaung Kyaing and Mr Lee Young II open resident representative office of K.T. Marine Co Ltd.—MNA



## Afghans, Pakistanis voice doubts about US strategy

KABUL, 3 Dec — Afghans and Pakistanis on Wednesday greeted President Barack Obama's plan to send 30,000-35,000 additional troops to Afghanistan with limited enthusiasm, skepticism that the US has enough staying power to defeat the Taleban-led insurgency and even suspicion that the rapid surge will be followed by a speedy exit.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai, ostensibly

the main beneficiary of Obama's plan, promised Wednesday that he'd "spare no effort" to help Obama repel the militants, but it's unclear whether he'll mount an equally strenuous campaign to root out corruption, as Obama demanded in his Tuesday evening speech at West Point.

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs made that demand more explicit on Wednesday, saying that Karzai and his government must "change their behaviour."

"If President Karzai is

unable or unwilling to make changes in corruption or governance," Gibbs said, "we will identify people at a subcabinet level, at a district level that can implement the types of services and basic governance without corruption that Afghans need."

Obama warned Pakistan, which provides sanctuary to Taleban and other militants who are attempting to overthrow Karzai's government, that: "We cannot tolerate a safe haven for terrorists whose location is known."

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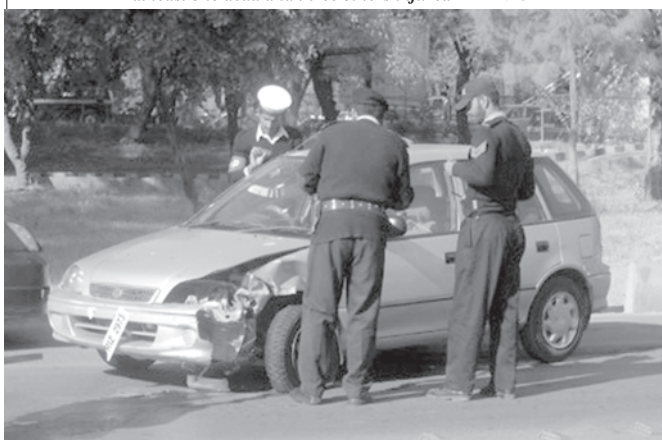
A shopper looks at Japanese electronics maker Sharp Corp's popular Aquos liquid crystal display televisions at a retail shop in Tokyo, Japan. Sharp's futuristic-looking plant doesn't have a single worker on the floor. Huge sheets of glass are guided by robotic arms, sliding and turning in a towering germ-free plant, the world's first making giant '10th generation' panels for flat screen TVs.—INTERNET

## Medvedev to discuss Russia-NATO ties, European security during Italy tour

MOSCOW, 3 Dec — President Dmitry Medvedev would discuss Russia-NATO relations and new European security mechanisms with Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi during his upcoming visit to Italy, a Kremlin aide said on Wednesday.

"The agenda of the talks in Rome includes the discussion of key international issues," presidential aide Sergei Prikhodko said ahead of Medvedev's visit to Italy on Thursday. In particular, they would talk about creating a new European security architecture in accordance with the Russian president's proposal to sign a new European security treaty, Prikhodko said, adding that Russia had recently sent a draft treaty on European security to its partners.—Xinhua

Security forces check a damaged car after a blast at Pakistan's Navy headquarters in Islamabad, capital of Pakistan, on 2 Dec, 2009. The suicide bombing resulted in at least one dead and three others injured.—XINHUA



## Lebanese Cabinet lets Hezbollah keep its weapons

BEIRUT, 3 Dec — Lebanon's new government on Wednesday endorsed Hezbollah's right to keep its weapons, the latest sign that the group has no intention of meeting a UN resolution calling for it to disarm.

Lebanon's government is a shaky coalition of Western-backed factions and the militant group Hezbollah, which has virtual veto power over the government. The group is believed to have thousands of rockets and missiles hidden in basements and bunkers throughout Shiite Muslim areas of the tiny country.

Hezbollah's refusal to give up its weapons has generated division within the country as well as concern in Israel, which says it is preparing to deploy a defence system to shoot down rockets from Lebanon.—Internet

## Reaching for higher heights in the name of clean water

UNITED NATIONS, 3 Dec — Step-by-step all the way up Africa's Mount Kilimanjaro, a handful of popular celebrities and influential educators will climb one of the highest mountains in the world next month to raise awareness about the lack of access to clean and safe water.

The campaign, known as "Summit on the Summit," will raise funds through the United Nations Foundation and kickstart a series of public service announcements that will capture the hearts and minds of those fortunate enough to never think twice about where they get their water from.—Xinhua

## French National Assembly evacuated on bomb alert

PARIS, 3 Dec — French assemblymen at the debating chamber of the national assembly house were urgently evacuated on bomb alert on Wednesday afternoon.

A parliament source said an anonymous call reported a bomb planted in the semicircular debating chamber around 5:00 pm local time, as a result, police immediately searched the region but found no suspicious packages.

As some of the environmental campaigners protesting outside the building climbed onto the roof and one lowered himself on a rope into the debating chamber, the ongoing session was already temporarily disrupted before the bomb alert.

Local media said it was unclear yet whether the alert was linked to the protest by the Greenpeace campaign group that was dispersed after a while.—Xinhua

## Climate fears over India's car boom

MUMBAI, 3 Dec — New car buyers like Puneet Masih are not hard to find in India, where the country's fast-expanding vehicle fleet reflects the increasing appetite for private transport among the emerging middle classes.

Across Asia, millions of people each year are progressing from pushbikes to motorbikes and onto cars, as the region develops economically. But there are fears that the transition will have an environmental cost. Masih is part of a trend that could see an explosion in carbon emissions from developing countries, as consumers look to emulate the lifestyle of their affluent counterparts in the West.

The education worker, 22, is undeterred by Mumbai's congested roads, which can turn even the shortest journey into a lengthy, frustrating crawl, and believes he is doing his bit by looking at fuel-efficient models.—Internet



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## Greece, Russia sign joint action plan on economic cooperation

ATHENS, 3 Dec — Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou and Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov signed on Wednesday a joint action plan on cooperation between the two countries, mainly in the economic field.

On the sidelines of the 17th OSCE ministerial meeting held in Athens, the two sides agreed to boost bilateral economic cooperation with the action plan covering the next two years. They expressed a common will to continue

the project of Burgas-Alexandroupolis oil pipeline, which will transport Russian and Caspian oil from the Bulgarian Black Sea port of Burgas to the Greek Aegean port of Alexandroupolis. It would be an alternative route for Russian oil to bypass the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles.

In statements to the press, Papandreou and Lavrov confirmed the excellent level of Greek-Russian relations and the determination to advance the strategic cooperation between

the two countries, ranging from economy, energy, trade to technology and culture, as well as in the EU and NATO frameworks.

Papandreou accepted a formal invitation to visit Moscow in early 2010.

In a separate meeting earlier on Wednesday with U.S. Deputy Secretary of State James Steinberg, the Greek leader discussed bilateral and international topics, as well as the prospect of paying an official visit to Washington also in 2010. —Xinhua



Children make art works under the teacher's guide at Donggang Experimental kindergarten in Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province, Dec. 2, 2009. Creative drawing class was set up here for children to improve hands-on ability and imagination. —XINHUA

## Singapore's manufacturing output up for seventh straight month

SINGAPORE, 3 Dec — Singapore's manufacturing sector appears to have shrugged off a temporary blip posting instead a positive turnaround, local media reported on Thursday.

A forward-looking indicator of factory output, the Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) posted a seventh straight month of expansion in November, according to local newspaper *The Straits Times*.

The overall PMI rose 1.8 points from October to 52. A reading above 50 indicates expansion while a reading below 50 reflects a contraction.

The earlier worries of a possible contraction had stemmed from earlier official data showing that manufacturing output in October fell 6.7 percent over September, its third straight monthly decline.

Xinhua

*In this Wednesday, 4 Nov, 2009 photo, job seekers attend a job fair in Livonia, Mich. Unemployment worsened or stayed the same in most metro areas in October, the Labor Department said on Wednesday, 2 Dec, 2009, as jobs remained scarce nationwide.—INTERNET*



## American Airlines, partners offer 1.1 b dlrs to JAL

TOKYO, 3 Dec — American Airlines, the oneworld alliance and private equity firm TPG on Thursday offered to invest 1.1 billion dollars in struggling Japan Airlines (JAL).

The US carrier said at a Tokyo press conference that their total financial assistance, including the revenues the investment would generate, would be worth more than 1.8 billion dollars.

In a statement, they said that "the total incremental financial support from American, oneworld and TPG is in excess of 1.8 billion dollars and far exceeds any other available proposition."

JAL, Asia's biggest carrier, has been hovering on the brink of bankruptcy in a crisis blamed on its huge pension costs, mismanagement and the wider aviation industry downturn caused by the worldwide economic slump.

American Airlines and its rival Delta Air Lines have both sought to buy stakes in JAL, which is seeking to restructure under the supervision of the state-backed Enterprise Turn around Initiative Corp. of Japan.—Internet

## Unemployment rises in almost half of metro areas

WASHINGTON, 3 Dec — Unemployment worsened or stayed the same in most metro areas in October, the Labor Department said Wednesday, as jobs remained scarce nationwide.

The report comes a day before the Obama administration is to hold a "jobs summit" at the White House that will gather economists, academics and corporate executives to consider how the government can spur job creation. The jobless rate rose in 162 of the 372 metro areas tracked by the Labor Department. The rate was unchanged in 42 areas. It dropped in 168 areas.

In September, unemployment had improved in 223 areas and worsened in only 123. The deteriorating trend mirrors the US unemployment rate, which jumped to 10.2 percent in October from 9.8 percent in September.—Internet

## Peugeot to buy stake in Mitsubishi

TOKYO, 3 Dec — Shares in Mitsubishi Motors Corp jumped 18 percent Thursday following a report that French carmaker PSA Peugeot Citroen will buy a 30 to 50 percent stake in Japan's No. 4 automaker.

The Nikkei business daily said Peugeot Citroen will spend up to 300 billion yen (\$3.4 billion) to acquire the stake in Mitsubishi. Investors took heart from the report, lifting shares in Mitsubishi by 17.6 percent to 140 yen in the morning session.

Mitsubishi declined to confirm the report, which gave no sources. But the Japanese company issued a statement saying: "There are no facts to be announced."—Internet

## Airbus job cuts nearly complete under restructuring

TOULOUSE, (France), 3 Dec — Airbus has nearly finished cutting 4,400 jobs as set out in a major restructuring plan, union leaders and management said after a meeting between them on Wednesday.

At the meeting, the company also stuck to its aim of delivering 480 planes for the year — a number a union source said would be difficult to reach.

By the end of November, the company had delivered 437 planes. Last year, Airbus delivered 483.

The company recently said one or two of the 13 A380 superjumbo deliveries planned for this year could be delayed to early 2010. Seven have been delivered so far this year. Airbus hopes to increase its production rate for the A380 next year.

Company chief Tom Enders has however not announced changes in production rates for other models, though he has said Airbus was attentive to difficulties customers may face in 2010 and 2011 due to the economic crisis.—Internet



An Airbus A380-842 flies over the exhibition grounds of the International Aerospace Exhibition (ILA) at the Schoenefeld airport near Berlin in 2008. Airbus has nearly finished cutting 4,400 jobs as set out in a major restructuring plan, union leaders and management said after a meeting between them on Wednesday.—INTERNET





Shoppers look through the aisles during a sales event at a "Toys R Us" store in Falls Church, Virginia on 27 Nov, 2009.—XINHUA

## One third of toys contain toxic chemicals in US

BEIJING, 3 Dec—This might be astonishing news: a third of the most popular children's toys in US this year were tested containing harmful chemicals such as lead, cadmium, arsenic and mercury, a US consumer group said as quoted by media reports on Thursday.

Investigators of the Ecology Centre, a US consumer group, made a sampling survey on nearly 700 toys ahead of the Christmas shopping season and found that 32 percent of

them contained one or more toxic chemical. The number of products exceeding current federal limits for lead in toys had dropped by 67 percent since 2007, though the chemical, which can affect the nervous system, was still present in 18 percent of toys, according to the centre.

Lead levels in toys varied, with 7 percent containing more than 40 parts per million (ppm), the highest level recommended by the American

Academy of Pediatrics in 2007.

Another 3 percent of the products tested had levels exceeding 300 ppm, the federally-mandated limit, the survey said.

The survey, which used a portable X-ray fluorescence analyzer, also found cadmium levels greater than 100 ppm in 3.3 percent — or 22 — of the products tested and arsenic levels over 100 ppm in 1.3 percent — or nine — of the toys.—Xinhua

### All Items from Xinhua News Agency

## Brazil, Ukraine to launch rocket together in 2010

BRASILIA, 3 Dec—By the end of 2010, Brazil and Ukraine, plan to launch the *Cyclone 4* rocket, a satellite launcher produced in Ukraine, from the Alcantara Centre, in the Brazilian Northeastern State of Maranhao. The commitment is contained in the joint declaration by Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko and his Brazilian counterpart Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva who was making a visit to Ukraine on 1 and 2 December.

At a news conference Lula admitted, however, that several environmental and social problems, such as the presence of maroon communities in the region have delayed the schedule for implementing the project. The Ukrainian President reaffirmed the importance for the European country that the schedule is met.

"When two presidents meet, complications end. We will make the first launch in 2010 and take a practical step," said Yushchenko.

Brazil and Ukraine have started on Tuesday a dialogue for a partnership aimed at nuclear energy generating and military technology development.

Xinhua

*Women are making potteries in the shape of tiger for sale in Huairou District of Beijing, capital of China, on 2 Dec, 2009, to greet the coming year of the Tiger of 2010. —XINHUA*



*Workers employ the heavy derricks to remove the columns of ethnic unity from the Tian'anmen Square, in Beijing, on 2 Dec, 2009. As this year's National Day celebrations are over, the 56 columns of ethnic unity are removed from Tian'anmen Square.*

XINHUA



## Singapore to cut emissions growth by 16% below projected 2020 level

SINGAPORE, 3 Dec—Singapore will undertake voluntary actions to reduce carbon emissions growth by 16 percent below the projected 2020 level, Singapore's Senior Minister S Jayakumar said on Wednesday.

Speaking at an Inter-Ministerial Committee on Climate Change, he said that climate change is a long-term issue that the world will have to grapple with for many decades to come. He said that Singapore has no historical responsibility for climate

change and it contributes less than 0.2 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions, adding that Singapore will play its part and continue to contribute to the global effort in reducing emissions. He also stressed that whatever enhanced measures Singapore will undertake has to be contingent on a global agreement being reached, on other countries also adopting significant targets and implementing their commitments in good faith.—Xinhua

## Earthquake shakes Samar, Philippines

HONG KONG, 3 Dec—An earthquake measuring 5.7 on the Richter Scale hit Samar, the Philippines at 4:31 am local time (2031 GMT), according to a bulletin released by the Hong Kong Observatory on Thursday.

The epicentre was initially determined to be at 12.3 degrees north Latitude and 125.6 east Longitude, about 130 kilometres north-north-east of Tacloban, the Philippines.

Xinhua

## 800,000 disabled people live in Afghanistan

KABUL, 3 Dec—Some 800,000 disabled people, many of whom lost their limbs during the protracted war and civil strife, have been living in the war-ravaged Afghanistan, a local newspaper reported on Thursday.

The Ministry for Work, Social Affairs and Man Power says there are around 800,000 disabled people in Afghanistan, according to daily *Rah-e-*

*Nejat's* report.

The report coincided with International Day of Disabled Persons on 3 Dec, Afghanistan, like other countries, observes the day by organizing seminars and meetings to raise awareness of the right of disabled persons and provide job opportunities to this segment.

Afghans have enormously suffered from the

over-three-decade wars and civil strife.

In many cases mine explosions have disabled people in the militancy-plagued Afghanistan.

Since early this year, according to reports over 1,500 civilians have been killed during military operations either by militants or air raids carried out against them and hundreds of others sustained injuries.—Xinhua

## First 13 human embryonic stem cell lines approved for use in US

WASHINGTON, 3 Dec — The US National Institute of Health (NIH) on Wednesday announced the approval of the first 13 human embryonic stem cell lines for use in NIH-funded research under the NIH Guidelines for Human Stem Cell Research adopted in July 2009.

Children's Hospital Boston developed 11 of the approved lines and Rockefeller University in New York City developed two of them. An additional 96 lines have been submitted to NIH for either internal administrative review or consideration.—*Internet*



Thousands of white-cheeked starlings gather at Nanguo Ecological park in Yuncheng, north China's Shanxi Province, on 2 Dec, 2009.

XINHUA

## Global financial crisis hits families in emerging Europe and Central Asia

WASHINGTON, 3 Dec—The global financial crisis is having a devastating impact on families in emerging Europe and Central Asia, with the risk of the region giving back a fifth of the poverty reduction gains of the past decade, according to a new World Bank report released on Wednesday. By 2010, there could

be over 10 million more poor people in the region, and close to an additional 25 million more who were almost middle class but now just above the poverty line (relative to pre-crisis projections) with the potential of losing their homes, jobs, and basic services, said the World Bank.

Xinhua

## Heavy fog fades, traffic restored in part in China

BEIJING, 3 Dec — Heavy fog faded in most Chinese provinces after a cold front from Siberia moving south cleared up the sky on Wednesday.

As a result, road, river and air traffic was finally restored after days of disruption in many parts of China.

Traffic on the Beijing-Hangzhou Grand Canal resumed at noon after 11 hours of closure, said an official from Yangzhou City of east China's

Jiangsu Province on Wednesday.

Nearly 100 vessels stranded in Yangzhou have entered the Yangtze River.

But sea areas off Shanghai were still shrouded by heavy fog. In the first three quarters of this year, Shanghai Maritime Safety Administration reported 32 accidents in its administrative area, in which 13 vessels were wrecked and 20 people went missing.

Direct economic loss was estimated at 39 million yuan (about five million US dollars).

The administration reminded passing vessels to be ready for emergencies because of the bad weather.

Visibility in east China's Shandong Province rose to more than 1,000 metres. Delayed flights and closed highways had been resumed, said the provincial meteorological bureau.—*Xinhua*

## Study finds hospitals speeding heart attack care

WASHINGTON, 3 Dec—Hospitals are giving faster care to lots more heart attack patients, a speed-up sure to be saving lives.

More than three-quarters of people suffering major heart attacks are getting their blocked arteries reopened within 90 minutes of arriving in the emergency room, says a Yale University study of 831 hospitals that participated in a major campaign to accelerate that care.

In 2005, half of patients were getting treated

that fast, says on Wednesday's study in the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*. Cardiac guidelines have long warned that delaying even half an hour longer increases the risk of death.

So the following year, the cardiologist group began an ambitious project to reduce what doctors call "door to balloon time," the time from hospital arrival to getting an angioplasty or similar procedure. Hundreds of hospitals — about 70 per-

cent of those able to perform emergency angioplasties — signed up to share speedy strategies.

It worked, the study found: By spring of 2008, 76 percent of patients who qualified for that kind of care received it in time.

More recent data shows continued improvement. Nearly 82 percent of eligible patients had a 90-minute or less door-to-balloon time in those hospitals by last summer.

Internet

## Man controlled robotic hand with thoughts

An Italian who lost his left forearm in a car crash was successfully linked to a robotic hand, allowing him to feel sensations in the artificial limb and control it with his thoughts, scientists said on Wednesday.

During a one-month experiment conducted last year, 26-year-old Pierpaolo Petruzzello felt like his lost arm had grown back again, although he was only controlling a robotic hand that was not even attached to his body. "It's a matter of mind, of concentration," Petruzzello said. "When you think of it as your hand and forearm, it all becomes easier."

Though similar experiments have

been successful before, the European scientists who led the project say this was the first time a patient has been able to make such complex movements using his mind to control a biomechanic hand connected to his nervous system. The challenge for scientists now will be to create a system that can connect a patient's nervous system and a prosthetic limb for years, not just a month.

The Italy-based team said at a news conference in Rome on Wednesday that in 2008 it implanted electrodes into the nerves located in what remained of Petruzzello's left arm, which was cut off in a crash some three years ago.

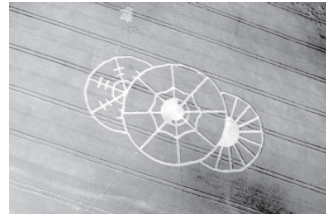
## Looted artifacts being returned to Italy from NYC

Two stolen ancient artifacts are being returned to Italy from New York City. An Italian government representative is taking possession of them at a ceremony on Wednesday.

The artifacts are a Pompeii plaster wall painting and a Corinthian vase for mixing water and wine.

They were recovered by immigration and Customs officials in June.

Both items had been scheduled for auction in New York before they were discovered to have been stolen.



An aerial view shows circles created in a grain field near the north Czech town of Liberec, 110km (70 miles) north of Prague, in this picture taken from a remote helicopter on 30 June, 2008. The origin of the circles remains unknown.

## Baby born pioneer-style in woods

Firefighters say a woman and her new baby are doing fine after she gave birth in a tent along a forest trail near Vancouver, Wash.

The Vancouver Fire Dept said they were summoned to the woods on Wednesday morning as the woman went into labour but arrived about 15 minutes too late. The responders cut the umbilical cord on the newborn and bundled both patients off to Southwest Washington Medical Centre in stable condition.

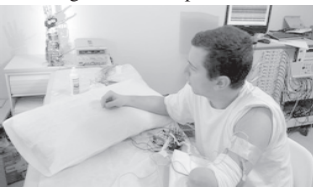
## NEWS ALBUM

### Traffic and dust = More babies wheezing

Combined exposure to traffic outside and dust indoors may greatly increase the harm to children's lungs, US researchers said. Researchers at the University of Cincinnati said exposure to high levels of air pollution from traffic and of indoor dust — in particular endotoxin released by bacteria found in dust — caused 36 percent of the children to demonstrate persistent wheezing at age 3.



George Washington's signature marks a letter to his nephew dated 1787, which will be auctioned on Friday for an expected \$1.5-million to \$2.5-million by Christie's in New York, on 1 December, 2009.



This undated photo made available from the Bio-Medical Campus University of Rome on 2 Dec, 2009 shows Pierpaolo Petruzzello's amputated hand linked with electrodes to a robotic hand, seen at top left, as part of an experiment, called LifeHand, to control the prosthetic with his thoughts.



## Information Minister visits Government Press (Mandalay)

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Dec—Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, on 1 December, visited Upper Myanmar Government Press (Mandalay) of the Printing and Publishing Enterprise under the ministry in Aungpinle Ward, Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay Division.

The minister inspected growing of shade trees and vegetables, livestock

breeding, fire preventive measures and maintenance of the press.

The minister then inspected quality of textbooks printed there, storage of raw materials, binding of textbooks, maintenance of binding machines, paper cutters, plate treating machine, and machines used in photolitho and printing process.

The minister gave instructions on extended

growing of shade trees, windbreakers, perennial plants and vegetables, systematic measures for fire prevention and cleanliness of the compound, regular maintenance of the press, more systematic storage of raw materials and finished products, close supervision on quality control measures, coordination and cooperation, waste reduction and welfare of staff.—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan inspecting printed textbooks and storage of raw materials in Upper Myanmar Government Press (Mandalay) of the Printing and Publishing Enterprise.—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan inspects operation and maintenance of machines in Upper Myanmar Government Press (Mandalay) of the Printing and Publishing Enterprise.—MNA

## IBTC OPEN Golf Championships commences

YANGON, 3 Dec—The fifth leg of Myanmar Golf Tour (2009-2010) IBTC OPEN Golf Championships was opened at Yangon Golf Club (Danyingon) here on 1 December.

Patron of Myanmar Golf Federation Maj-Gen Win Hlaing, (Retired), Vice-President of MGFU Zaw Min and U Min Thein, Executive of MGF and Yangon Golf Club U Khaing Soe Tha,

Executive of Yangon Golf Club U Shwe Tun Hlaing, Executive of MGF and Executive Director of International Beverages Trading Co Ltd U Tin Oo opened the first day event. Naing Naing Lin

(Srixon) stood first with 66 strokes, Zaw Zaw Latt (Srixon), second with 69 strokes and Myint Thauang (Srixon), third with 70 strokes in Professionals Division. In the amateur event, Bo Bo led with 71 strokes. The championship was mainly sponsored by International Beverages Trading Co Ltd (IBTC) together with co-sponsors Air Bagan Ltd, KBZ Bank Ltd, Hotel Yangon, KM Golf Centre, HAN Golf Masters Pte Ltd, Myanmar Thiha Trading Co Ltd, Bay of Bengal Resort (BOB), (INAX, T-Home), CEPESA Lubricants, ACCEL International Co Ltd (Canon), Imperial Jade Purified Drinking Water, Lifeline Co Ltd, GP Watch and Yangon Golf course (Danyingon).—MGF



**Executive Director U Tin Oo tees off to open Myanmar Golf Tour (2009-2010) IBTC Golf Championships.**  
MGF

## TV Guide in circulation

YANGON, 3 Dec—TV Guide Volume 1, No. 22 will be published on 4 December.

The guide carries programmes of Beyonce's Video Phone Music Video through Channel V, New Moon Special programme through MTV channel, The Dark Side of Chimps programme through Nat Geo Wild channel, Extreme Ice programme through NGC channel, football matches of EPL through ESPN and STAR Sports, seven wonderful places of Rome through Discovery, programmes of MRTV-4 and others.

TV Guide is available—K 500 per copy—at the City Marts, Sein Gay Har centres, shopping centers, book shops, and door-to-door sales of the TV Guide commence in Yangon and Mandalay.

Novel Light Express (Tel: 391186 and 243893) publishes TV Guide on every Friday.—MNA

## All this needs to be known

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



Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe addresses ceremony to mark International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2009.—MNA

## International Day of Persons...

(from page 1)

The United Nations and international community has been focusing on rights of persons with disabilities since the late 20<sup>th</sup> Century. The United Nations General Assembly issued the Declaration on the rights of mentally retarded in 1971 and the Declaration on the rights of persons with disabilities in 1975.

Noticing that there were about 500 million people with physical and mental illness round the world at that time, United Nations General Assembly which was held on 16 December 1979, designated that the year 1981 was the International Year of Persons with Disabilities. As the international community participated in celebrating the International Year of Persons with Disabilities according to the resolution of the United Nations, we became to know that 10% of the world population are persons with disabilities. As a result, the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1982. That world Programme of Action was able to accelerate the development of disability-area.

As Myanmar is a UN member and also a nation in

Asia and Pacific Region, Myanmar is making more efforts to achieve the social objective; "Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation". In doing so, Myanmar is emphasizing on development of vulnerable groups such as children, youth, women, elderly and PWDs in collaboration with UN Agencies, INGOs and Local NGOs. As a result, successes are being achieved.

The United Nations adopted the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) on 8 September 2000 with the aim of developing the safer, more pleasant and more prosperous world in 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The UN member countries are making efforts with might and main to achieve the MDGs which has 18 targets. At the same time, measures are being taken to overcome dangerous climate change and crisis such as food security, fuel, finance and flu.

Myanmar believes in the role of the United Nations which uplifts the living standards of the people in the world, accompanied with social justice and economic growth. Myanmar will collaborate and cooperate with the international community to achieve the MDGs in building the pleasant, peaceful and better world.

In order that the UN member nations can effectively make PWDs enjoy their rights fully, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CPRD) was adopted by the 61<sup>st</sup> UN Gen-

eral Assembly which was held in December 2006. This Convention consists of 50 Articles covering civil, political, social, economic and cultural rights of PWDs.

Under the teachings of Buddha, Myanmar people do not look down on PWDs. The time tradition of giving sympathy to PWDs has been thriving since time immemorial. The new constitution of the Union of Myanmar was approved on 29 May 2008 with the aim of enhancing the eternal principles of Justice, Liberty and Equality in the Union. The Section 32 of the new constitution states that the Union shall care for the disabled.

In carrying out the affairs of PWDs, it is very important that Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) is to be implemented widely and appropriately. CBR is a part of the general community- development strategy based on rehabilitation of PWDs, ensuring their equal rights and active participation in social society.

Therefore, CBR is implemented through the combined efforts of PWDs, their families, organizations and communities and relevant government and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) working in the development sector.

In Myanmar, more CBR programmes are needed. Because interested persons and Organizations are (See page 9)

## Wegyi Dam of Paungde Township benefits local farmers

Article: Myint Maung Soe, Photos: Myo Min Thein (Mayangon)

(from page 1)

I grew green gram after planting monsoon paddy by using the Wegyi Dam's irrigation water. Then I am preparing to grow six acres of summer paddy for the

sake of profit by growing three crops a year. The earnings from cropping are net profit and the rest is investment for coming year".

Afterwards, U Than Win, a farmer, who lives



Farmer U Than Win from Myaukkongyi Village.



U Ko Ko Lwin, Chairman of Paungde Township PDC.

in Myaukkongyi Village told us, "Thanks to the Wegyi Dam's irrigation water, monsoon paddy, summer paddy and green gram can be cultivated in our

Myaukkongyi Village. I have four irrigated acres. There are over



Farmer U Ohn Maung from Myaukkongyi Village.

30 villagers who own powers tillers. And they also have harrowers and harvesters."

The Wegyi Dam is located one mile from Phaungai Village,

catchment area. The embankment of the dam is of earthen type and is 115 feet high and 4170 feet long.

The dam can supply water to 41,069 acres of farmlands. The dam project began in 1998-1999 and completed in 2000-2001.

Due to the Wegyi Dam constructed by the government, the local farmers of Paungde Township of Bago Division are enjoying their higher socio-economic status.

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# International Day of Persons...

(from page 8)

increasing, the CBR programmes at present, are gradually and widely advanced. I am confident that CBR Programme will be an effective and fruitful task in future for the entire community including PWDs.



Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe presents prize to an outstanding disabled person.—MNA

Hence, Department of Social Welfare hand in hand with the Leprosy Mission International (TLMI) is making efforts to develop Myanmar National Plan of Action on PWDs. I would like to inform that disability-survey has been conducted at 108,000 households in 120 townships of seven states and divisions. I would like to express that the National Plan of Action on PWDs which will be developed based on the disability-survey is surely helpful and fruitful in the implementation of CBR Programmes and the MDGs.

It is satisfactory that disable organizations are

emerging one after another during this century. In line with the motto "Nothing about us without us", PWDs themselves are taking leading role in these organizations to implement measures for the interest of PWDs. It is the best way that PWDs themselves, should handle the affairs of PWDs. There is a need to conduct systematically.

It is found that Myanmar Physically Handicapped Association is producing wheel chairs and supportive equipment for PWDs as well as Shweminthar Foundation in collaboration with Latter Day Saint Charities (LDSC) is doing. In addition, giving loans for PWDs to run their own business and training on agriculture, livestock-breaking and domestic-science are in line with the motto, "Decent Work for PWDs".

Their kind contributions help not only PWDs but also elderly monks and older people. It is a good deed we have to give applause.

With the concerted efforts of the deaf person from Mandalay deaf school, Yangon Mary Chapman deaf school, Mandalay deaf club and Yangon deaf club, Myanmar Sign Language Dictionary was developed in December 2007 and then Myanmar Sign language Basic Conversation Book was also developed on 6<sup>th</sup> September last.

It is a Standardized Sign Language book which is compiled in line with Myanmar culture and tradition. Therefore, it is a mile-stone of enhancing the life of Myanmar deaf persons.

Thanks to the implementation of inclusive Education and the efforts of students from the various disabled schools, 13 students passed the 2005 matriculation exam, 7 students passed the 2007 exam, 5 passed the 2008 exam and 3 passed the 2009 exam. Those students have been awarded and provided help for their higher education.

Myanmar Disabled Sports Federation is a member of International Disabled Sports Federation and it is nurturing PWDs to take part in not only local and regional sport and games but also international sports and games. As all of you know, every year the Federation holds the national sports and games for PWDs and makes more efforts to turn out outstanding disabled athletes.

On behalf of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and on my own as well, I would like

to express our sincere thanks to UN Agencies, International Organizations, local and International well-wishers for willingly providing necessary assistance in the implementation of rehabilitation of PWDs and their development.

In conclusion, I would like to urge that-

- To fulfill to develop Community-Based Rehabilitation by realizing that disability issue is concerned with the entire society with the concept of social development.
- To build barrier-free facilities for PWDs to actively participate in the nation-building tasks.
- Let us go together hand in hand, towards the MDGs by providing empowerment of PWDs in line with the theme "Making the MDGs Inclusive; Empowerment of persons with disabilities and their communities round the world".

Resident Coordinator Mr Bishow B. Parajuli of UN Agencies read out the United Nations Secretary-General's message on International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2009.

Resident Coordinator Mr Bishow B. Parajuli of UN Agencies reads out UNSG's message. MNA



Next, the minister awarded the outstanding persons with disabilities from departments and organizations.

The deputy ministers and resident coordinator presented prizes to the outstanding persons with disabilities from the training centres for disabled persons.

After the ceremony, the ministers and guests viewed the documentary photos of the International Day for Persons with Disabilities activities and of the activities of training centres for disabled persons.—MNA

## Sedona Hotel Yangon named Myanmar's Leading Hotel for second straight time

YANGON, 2 Dec—The Sedona Hotel Yangon was awarded the prestigious Myanmar's Leading Hotel for 2009, one of the World Travel Awards.

The World Travel Awards have been presented since 1993 to acknowledge and recognize excellence in the world's travel and tourism industry. The awards are regarded as the very highest achievement that a travel product could ever hope to receive. Thousands of votes are cast by travel professionals from

183,000 travel agencies, tour and transport companies and tourism organizations in over 160 countries across the globe. Votes are cast globally by fellow industry professionals in 919 different categories. "World Travel Awards is a unique benchmark for industry quality and business excellence in every region and sector," said Graham E. Cooke, founder and President.

At the 16<sup>th</sup> World Travel Awards ceremony held at the five-star Grosvenor House, a JW

Hotel in London on 7 November, General Manager Mr Saman Sarathchandra of Sedona Hotel Yangon received the award.

He said that he is extremely proud to have received this award for the second year in a row and that this award indicates dedication, courage and care shown by his team members. He said, "Even though we operate under extremely difficult conditions we have been able to offer a service that is not second to any great hotel elsewhere in the



General Manager Mr Saman Sarathchandra of Sedona Hotel (Yangon) receives Myanmar's Leading Hotel prize.—MNA

world. It is truly an inspiration for all of my staff. It gives us great pride to know our staff is capable of performing their job so well that we receive international recognition as appreciation. This is not only

showcasing our standard of service in the International Arena, but it contributes to increase the awareness of Myanmar as a destination," he said in a breaking travel news interview in London. H

## Roadwork in Yangon Division inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Dec—Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe inspected roadwork of the road running from No. 5 Road to Dalla-Twantay Road in Hlaingthaya Industrial Zone and repairing of Htantapin-Thidaaye Road in Yangon North District this morning.—MNA

## Tobacco Kills



Managing Director U Than Shwe and Deputy General Manager Mr Sun Quing of Shandong Machinery & Equipment Imp & Exp Group Corporation exchanging document.—INDUSTRY-1

## Industry-1 Ministry, Shandong Machinery & Equipment Imp & Exp Group Corporation sign contract

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Dec—Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industries and Myanmar General and Maintenance Industries and Shandong Machinery & Equipment Imp & Exp Group Corporation of the People's Republic of China signed a contract at the Ministry of Industry-1 here yesterday.

The contract is designed to supply machines to the Pharmaceutical Factory (Yangon) and the Myanmar Pharmaceutical

Factory (Sagaing) under Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industries, and to supply machines to the Enamelware and Steelware Factory (Minsu) under Myanmar General and Maintenance Industries for production of hospital equipment. The contract signing ceremony was attended by Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang, directors-general, managing directors and general managers from the

departments and enterprises under the ministry, and representatives from the Chinese company. Managing Director U Than Shwe of Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industries, Managing Director U Maung Maung Toe of Myanmar General and Maintenance Industries, and Deputy General Manager Mr Sun Quing of the Chinese company signed the agreement and exchanged the documents.—MNA

# Mandalay FM Radio

Byline & Photos: Maung Maung Htwe (MNA)



Executive (Management) U Myint Zaw of Mandalay FM Radio.

(from page 16) goods; and for customers to know advertised goods and services in detail.

He added that in airing broadcasts, they give priority to entertainment; that they received radio commercials of two types: a commercial with a song in the background, and commercials for goods or services with narrative demonstration; that in order for listeners to enjoy the programmes

without any annoyance, the period for radio commercials was fixed at eight minutes an hour in maximum, a commercial shall not exceed three minutes, and commercials of similar types were not broadcast in the same period of three minutes; that they are trying to win the satisfaction of both listeners and entrepreneurs; and that those wishing to get further information might contact No (C) (3/4) between 77<sup>th</sup> and 78<sup>th</sup>

Streets in Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay (Ph: 02-24401, 02-24402, 02-24403) or Nos 1402 and 1403 Olympic Tower in Kyauktada Township, Yangon (01-204013, 01-256726).

Programme Director U Kyaw Win said that he

Radio undertook Shwe Mandalay Night music show of classical vocalists at the National Theatre in Mandalay on 10 May 2009.

It is noticed that Mandalay FM Radio has earned a good reputation among the people, old and young,



Grade-8 student Ma Hnin Aye Wai from BEHS (Thuwunna) in Yangon.

was pleased because they achieved the goal of entertaining the public; that the performances they carried out with a sense of family spirit were satisfactory; that they would try more than ever; and he welcome new FM radios.

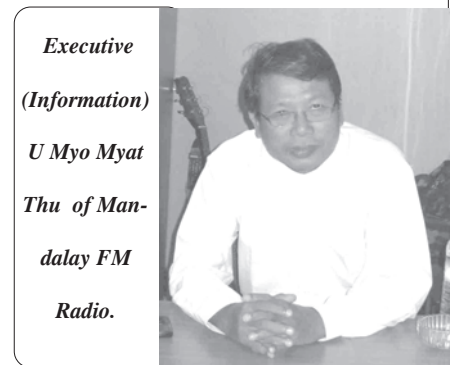
Now, Mandalay FM Radio has made a good headway while there is a boom in FM radio industry in Myanmar.

Mandalay FM Radio aired live broadcasts of opening ceremony and closing ceremony of Mandalay Mayor Maha Thingyan Festival.

In honour of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mandalay royal city, Mandalay FM

in such a period.

Grade-8 student Ma Hnin Aye Wai from Basic Education High School (Thuwunna) in Yangon



Executive (Information) U Myo Myat Thu of Mandalay FM Radio.

said, "In my spare time, I like listening to Mandalay FM Radio programmes. I like all the songs the radio broadcasts. I also like Yangonthe Nei Mandalaythu programme in which differences between the natives of Yangon and Mandalay are presented in a humorous way. Now, I have asked

my mother to buy me a radio because I want to listen to Mandalay FM Radio."

Now, I have an insatiable appetite for Mandalay FM Radio. Every day, just as I get up, and before going to bed, I enjoy programmes broadcast by Mandalay FM Radio.

Translation: MS



Two staff members broadcasting programmes.



An interview with vocalist Shi.



## Vietnamese goodwill delegation concludes visit

YANGON, 2 Dec—A Vietnamese goodwill delegation led by Vice-Minister of National Defence Lieutenant General Nguyen Chi Vinh on 30 November arrived at Yangon International Airport where they were welcomed by senior military officers of Ministry of Defence, Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chu Chong Phung, Military Attaché Snr Colonel Nguyen Van Vui and officials. The Vietnamese goodwill delegation arrived at Nay Pyi Taw Airport at 9 am on 1 December, and they were welcomed by senior military officers.

The goodwill delegation called on Deputy Minister for Defence Maj-Gen Aye Myint at Paunglaung Yeiktha at 10.30 am

on the same day. In the afternoon, the goodwill delegation also met Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Col Thurein Zaw at the ministry. The Deputy Minister for Defence hosted dinner to the delegation. This morning, the senior military officers saw off the Vietnamese goodwill delegation that left for Yangon at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

The Vietnamese goodwill delegation headed by Vice-Minister of National Defence Lieutenant General Nguyen Chi Vinh departed from Yangon by air. They were seen off by Vietnamese Ambassador Mr Chu Chong Phung, Military Attaché Snr Colonel Nguyen Van Vui and officials at Yangon International Airport.—MNA



Hong Kong actor Jackie Chan (L) and actress Karen Mok wave to the audience as they arrive for the 2009 MTV Style Gala in Shanghai, east China, on 2 Dec, 2009. XINHUA

## Google offers publishers more control over online content

SAN FRANCISCO, 3 Dec—Google Inc has introduced new measures to allow news publishers to have more control over how their content can be indexed and displayed by the Internet giant's powerful search engine.

Google on Wednesday launched a "web crawler" specifically for Google News, which the company said will help publishers manage their content in Google News in an even more automated way. With the new tool, it will be easier for publishers to keep their content out of Google News and still remain in Google Search, Google said.

"While this means even more control for publishers, the effect of opting out of (Google) News is the same as it's always been. It means that content won't be in Google News or in the parts of Google that are powered by the News index," Josh Cohen, Google's senior business product manager, wrote in a blog posting.

The company on Tuesday also announced that it is upgrading a programme called First Click Free so that publishers can limit users to no more than five pages per day without registering or subscribing. Previously, each click from a user would be treated as free under the programme.

Xinhua

## Report says Canada needs more family doctors

OTTAWA, 3 Dec—Canada has a severe shortage of family doctors and urgent actions are needed to increase the number of those doctors to ensure 95 percent of people have a family doctor by 2012, two medical professional groups urged on Wednesday.

While Canada has made solid efforts in improving specialty care for its citizens, attention also needs to be paid to the ongoing problem of shortage of family doctors and increasing the capacity of existing family physicians, the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) and the College of Family Physicians of Canada said in their report. A recent public opinion research showed that 17 percent of respondents do not have a family doctor. That works out to about 4.1 million Canadians aged 12 or older, the report said. The survey also found 84 percent were either very or somewhat concerned about the number of people lacking a family doctor. —Xinhua

## "Boomerang kids" return to mom and dad to weather hard times

BEIJING, 3 Dec—Young adults feel the brunt of the US downturn. Some are moving back home — there's less social stigma to living with parents these days. They're also getting roommates, postponing marriage and putting off having babies.

Hope Yen reports. Faced with limited job options, many young adults in the United States are turning to an old standby to weather the recession: moving back in with mom and dad.

Xinhua



File photo, shows the Burj Dubai, or 'Dubai Tower,' the world's tallest building, pictured at dusk, illuminated by a decorative fountain show at its base, in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The exterior of the over 2600 foot structure is largely finished, and the tower is expected to be completed and read.—INTERNET

## Chinese official warns of overcapacity amid industry recovery

BEIJING, 3 Dec—A senior Chinese official on Thursday warned of increasing industrial overcapacity, saying that expansion of some industries has outrun growth of market demand.

Boosted by government policies, domestic market demand increased fast, but industrial capacity expanded even faster, Jia Yinsong, an official of the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, told a Press conference.

The situation made industrial overcapacity more serious and caused price fluctuations, he said.

Xinhua

## Fort Hood shooting suspect faces 32 additional counts of attempted premeditated murder

HOUSTON, 3 Dec—The suspect in the deadly shooting attack at the Fort Hood US Army base was charged Wednesday with 32 specifications of attempted premeditated murder, military officials said.

The charges are added to the 13 premeditated murder charges filed against Army psychiatrist Nidal Malik Hasan for the 13 people who were fatally shot on Nov 5 at Fort Hood in central Texas. The 32 specifications of attempted premeditated murder are related to 30 soldiers and two civilians injured in the shooting, a Fort Hood news release said, adding that more charges are possible.

The latest charges come less than 24 hours after Hasan's civilian attorney was notified that the Army wants a formal psychiatric review to determine whether Hasan can stand trial on murder charges as well as his mental state at the time of the shooting.—Xinhua



Seven babies sit in tummy tubs filled with water to cool down after a baby massage class held for young mothers in Ijmuiden. The "cooling down" segment is to simulate a womb-like environment for the infants to experience the warmth and comfort.—INTERNET

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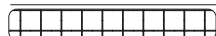


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**Washington Times, Miami Herald announce job cuts**

WASHINGTON, 3 Dec— *The Washington Times* will lay off at least 40 percent of its 370 employees, as part of a major overhaul that will also see the paper distributed for free in some places. In a statement, the *Times*' president and publisher, Jonathan Slevin, said the cuts were part of a strategy to transform the paper into a 21<sup>st</sup> century media company. "We have developed plans to secure our position and advance our vital role in an evolving media marketplace and through challenging economic times," he said.

Acknowledging the tough times being experienced in the media industry and economy as a whole, Slevin said future plans had to be constrained by "current marketplace realities." "In this regard, the company is aggressively working to achieve efficiencies of scale that must include significant staff reduction of its 370 personnel." *Politico* newspaper reported that the figure represents around 40 percent of the *Washington Times* workforce. The announcement also included a new circulation model, under which the paper will be distributed for free to "targeted audiences in the branches of the federal government as well as at other key institutions."

Home or office delivery will be available at a "premium price" while single-copy sales at newspaper boxes and retailers will continue unchanged. Also Wednesday, The *Miami Herald* said it was eliminating 24 posts worldwide and reducing some newspaper production working hours in a bid to survive the economic crisis. *Internet*

**Fears mount over giant carp reaching Great Lakes**

CHICAGO, 3 Dec—Fears that giant, voracious species of carp will get into the Great Lakes and wipe out other fish have led to rising demands that the government close the waterway connecting the lakes to the Mississippi River—an unprecedented step that could disrupt the movement of millions of tons of iron ore, coal, grain and other goods.

The dispute could become an epic clash of competing interests: commerce, environmentalists and fishermen. Michigan Gov Jennifer Granholm and five environmental groups threatened on Wednesday to sue the US Army Corps of Engineers to force it to temporarily shut three ship-

ping locks near Chicago because of evidence that Asian carp may have breached the electrical barrier that is supposed to hold them back from the lakes. The environmental groups went further than the governor and said the Great Lakes and the Mississippi should be permanently separated to avert what Granholm called "ecological disaster." Col Vincent Quarles, commander of the Corps' Chicago District, said the agency is considering all options but would not close the locks without first studying the possible effects.—*Internet*



**Brazil's industrial production up 2.2% in October**

RIO DE JANEIRO, 3 Dec— Brazil's industrial production grew for the 10th consecutive month in October, up 2.2 percent from September, according to a study released on Wednesday by the national statistics body IBGE.

However, the monthly-released study showed that the industrial production in October registered a year-on-year decrease of 3.2 percent.

In the first 10 months of 2009, Brazil's industrial production was down 10.7 percent from the same period in 2008, due to the impact of the international financial crisis on the Brazilian economy.

In the period from November 2008 to October 2009, the industrial production was down 10.6 percent from the previous 12-month period as a result of the crisis.

According to the IBGE, in October, industrial production in 21 out of 27 sectors registered growth. The most significant growths were registered in the automotive sector by 11.2 percent, food products by 3 percent, beverages by 4 percent, basic metallurgy by 2.6 percent, pharmaceuticals by 3.1 percent, durable goods by 5.9 percent, non-durable goods by 1.3 percent and intermediate goods by 1.2 percent.

The largest falls were registered in the chemicals sector by 1.9 percent, hospital equipment by 7.2 percent, and office supplies and computer equipment by 3.8 percent.

Xinhua

*In this 5 Jan, 2006 file photo, a bighead carp, front, a species of the Asian carp, swims in a new exhibit that highlights plants and animals that eat or compete with Great Lakes native species, at Chicago's Shedd Aquarium.*  
**INTERNET**



## Toddler early intervention aids in autism

SACRAMENTO, 3 Dec — Early behavioral intervention for toddlers with autism is highly effective, US researchers have found. The study, published in the journal *Pediatrics*, found a novel early intervention for very young children between 12 and 18 months helped improve IQ, language ability and social interaction.

The intervention — called the Early Start Denver Model — combined applied

behavioral analysis teaching methods with play-based developmental 'relationship-based' approaches.

"Infant brains are quite malleable so with this therapy we're trying to capitalize on the potential of learning that an infant brain has in order to limit autism's deleterious effects, to help children lead better lives," study co-leader Sally Rogers of the University of California,

Davis, MIND Institute in Sacramento, Calif, said in a statement.

Study leader Geraldine Dawson, formally at the University of Washington in Seattle, said the study involved 48 diverse, 18- to 30-month-old children with autism. One group got the intervention developed by Dawson and Rogers while the second group was referred to community-based programmes for therapy. —Internet



People ride bicycles on a bicycle path in Copenhagen, capital of Denmark, on 23 Nov, 2009. Copenhagen is known as one of the most bicycle-friendly cities in the world. 36% of all citizens commute to work or school by bicycle. Also, the city's bicycle paths are extensive and well used. —XINHUA

## Training parents cuts kid asthma ER needs

DALLAS, 3 Dec — Hospital emergency room visits decreased after child asthma caregivers and parents were mentored, US researchers said.

The Parents Mentor programme — an asthma nurse specialist trains peers who help parents learn how to care for asthmatic children — also reduced wheezing, asthma attacks and missed adult workdays.

The randomized study, published in the journal *Pediatrics*, also concluded parent mentors were relatively inexpensive — costing an average per patient of \$60.42 and saving \$361.84 for hospitalizations and \$50.33 for emergency department visits.

Internet



Li Bingbing (C, front), an ambassador of Earth Hour campaign in China, poses for a photo with volunteers dress in the polar bear costumes during an activity held by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) to welcome the UN climate change conference in Copenhagen, in Beijing, capital of China, on 2 Dec, 2009. —XINHUA

## Exercise slows 'biological clock'

HOMBURG, 3 Dec — Long-term physical activity has an anti-aging effect on the body at the cellular level, German researchers say.

The study, published in *Circulation: Journal of the American Heart Association*, finds intensive exercise helps prevent the shortening of telomeres — DNA that protects chromosomes from damage.

The shortening of telomeres, say the researchers, limits the number of

divisions cells can make and speeds up the "biological clock." Longer telomeres slow the aging of the cardiovascular system.

The researchers measured the length of telomeres in blood samples from two groups of professional athletes — professional runners with an average age of 20 and middle-aged athletes with a history of continuous endurance exercise since their youth whose average age was 51. —Internet



Students are taking wushu class at Nanjing No. 1 School of Shenyang, capital of northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 2 Dec, 2009. Drama, paper-cutting and wushu classes were offered for students in the school to enrich students' knowledge and interests. —XINHUA

## Brothers living in cave inherit fortune

BUDAPEST, 3 Dec — Two brothers living in a cave in Hungary said their fortunes have dramatically reversed with a \$7 billion inheritance from a long-lost grandmother.

Brothers Zsolt and Geza Peladi, who live in a cave outside Budapest and make money selling junk found in the street, said charity workers contacted them to inform them that they and a sister who lives in the United States are inheriting a \$7 billion fortune from a grandmother who recently died in Baden-Wurttemberg, Germany. *The Daily Telegraph* (Britain) reported on Wednesday.

"We knew our mother came from a wealthy family but she was a difficult person and severed ties with them, and then later abandoned us and we lost touch with her and our father until she eventually died," Geza Peladi, 43, said. —Internet

## Israel reports 66th A/H1N1-related death

JERUSALEM, 3 Dec — An elderly Israeli patient of the influenza A/H1N1 died on Wednesday, marking the 66th fatal case in the country related to the global epidemic, local news service *Ynet* reported.

The latest victim, a 77-year-old woman, also suffered from other diseases, while the flu cannot be ruled out as the cause of the death, the Health Ministry was quoted as saying.

The death case came a day after local media revealed that Israelis seemed uninterested in receiving vaccines against the virus, with statistics from health authorities showing that only 1.3 percent of Israeli residents have been vaccinated despite that a much larger number of doses were available.

Earlier this year, local health experts warned that about one quarter of the total Israeli population would contract the virus during a possible outbreak this winter, among whom around 700 would die.

Xinhua

## Three new cases of fatal influenza A/H1N1

ALGIERS, 3 Dec — The Algerian Ministry of Health in a statement confirmed on Wednesday that three more death cases of fatal influenza A/H1N1, bringing the total number of deaths caused by A/H1N1 to seven people in Algeria.

The first case concerns a young woman aged 21, hospitalized in a referral service in Biskra in a state of severe respiratory distress, while the other two cases involved two pregnant women, aged 33 and 43, hospitalized in institutions of Algiers for a severe flu symptoms.

In the case of women aged 33, the statement said she was pregnant at term to 34 weeks and had a high risk pregnancy. She was hospitalized in an institution of Algiers for a severe flu symptoms.

For women aged 43, she was 24 weeks pregnant and also had a high risk pregnancy. The three deceased were under antiviral treatment, according to the statement.

The Algerian official said that pregnant women are "particularly" vulnerable because of their weakened immune system induced by pregnancy.

Prophylactic measures foreseen in the national plan against pandemic A/H1N1 flu have been initiated and epidemiological investigations around these cases are continuing, the source added.

Xinhua

# SPORTS

## FIFA rules out ref aids for World Cup

CAPE TOWN, 3 Dec — World governing body FIFA on Wednesday ruled out the introduction of both video technology and goal-line assistant referees at next summer's World Cup in South Africa.

FIFA chief Sepp Blatter said that the question of adding two officials to keep an eye on action in and around the critical penalty box area had been discussed at an extraordinary meeting of the FIFA executive committee, but it had been decided to stick with the existing system.—*Internet*

## France makes World Cup despite Henry controversy

SAINT-DENIS, 3 Dec — France qualified for its fourth consecutive World Cup when officials missed an obvious hand ball by Thierry Henry that led to William Gallas' overtime goal in a 1-1 tie against Ireland on Wednesday night.—*Internet*

## Roberto Carlos to play with Ronaldo in 2010

SAO PAULO, 3 Dec — World Cup veteran defenceman Roberto Carlos says he has reached a deal to play for Brazilian club Corinthians in 2010, joining former Brazil teammate Ronaldo. Roberto Carlos told Record radio on Wednesday that he will leave Turkey's Fenerbahce to play at least two seasons with Corinthians.—*Internet*

## Everton, Benfica through as Lazio and Celtic crash in Europa League

PARIS, 3 Dec — Everton, Benfica, Hamburg, Fenerbahce and Red Bull Salzburg confirmed their places in the knockout phase of the Europa League on Wednesday, but Lazio and Celtic crashed out of European competition.

Hamburg made sure of their spot in the last 32 with a 2-0 victory at home to Rapid Vienna, thereby rendering Celtic's 2-0 win against Hapoel Tel-Aviv at Celtic Park immaterial and also securing the progress of the Israeli side.—*Internet*



*Salzburg's Rabiou Afolabi (R) challenges Lazio's Mauro Zarate during their Europa League Group G football match in Salzburg.*



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## France and Portugal miss out on World Cup

CAPE TOWN, 3 Dec — The Netherlands were among the eight seeded teams announced here Wednesday for the 2010 World Cup at the expense of France and Portugal, whose tournament just got a lot harder. World football's governing body said the seeds were selected according to the FIFA rankings as of October, so Brazil, Spain, the Netherlands, defending champions Italy, Germany, Argentina, and England made the grade.

South Africa were also seeded in Pot 1 as the host nation and will play the opening game of the tournament on 11 June at Soccer City in Johannesburg. The 63 matches that follow will span South Africa, from Polokwane in the northeast to Cape Town in the southwest, culminating in the final in the capital on July 11.—*Internet*

## World Cup win would be icing on Dunga's cake

RIO DE JANEIRO, 3 Dec — A World Cup win in South Africa would put the icing on the cake for coach Dunga, under whose stewardship Brazil have been looking a strong bet for a sixth title. As a player Dunga already has a winners medal from 1994 when he lifted the trophy as skipper.

But now he is gradually homing in on the remaining ambition he harbours in the game - to win the biggest prize in sport as coach and emulate



*Brazilian football team coach Dunga.*

Franz Beckenbauer, who performed the feat in both roles for Germany.

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## Spain's Garrigues top seed for WTA Hobart

SYDNEY, 3 Dec — Spain's Anabel Medina Garrigues will be the top seed for next month's Hobart WTA International, according to organisers. Garrigues, ranked 28, will be joined by fellow Spaniard Carla Suarez Navarro, Israel's Shahar Peer and the Bondarenko sisters, Kateryna and Alona, among the tournament seedings.

Canada's Aleksandra Wozniak, China's 2005 Hobart champion Zheng Jie and Argentina's Gisela Dulko round out the seeded players for the event, which includes 17



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INTERNET

of the world's top 50 ranked women.

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## Hopkins beats Ornelas by unanimous decision

PHILADELPHIA, 3 Dec — At 44, Bernard Hopkins dominated enough to prove he has a few fights left in his celebrated career. A rematch with Roy Jones Jr probably isn't one of them. Hopkins defeated Enrique Ornelas by unanimous decision in a light heavyweight bout, sweeping the scorecards to the delight of his hometown fans in his homecoming fight Wednesday night.

"This is what happens when you take care of your body when you're young in the brutal sport," Hopkins said. "I invested in myself like you invest in money in the bank." Hopkins, one of the sport's all-time great middleweights, counted on

depositing some major bucks in the bank after a proposed rematch with Jones in March in Las Vegas. But the long-awaited bout is unlikely to happen after Jones was stopped by Australian Danny Green in the first round on Wednesday.

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*Bernard Hopkins, of Philadelphia, gesture to the crowd after winning a non-title light heavyweight boxing match against Enrique Ornelas, of Mexico, on 2 Dec, 2009, in Philadelphia.*—INTERNET

## WADA seek tougher penalties against Belgian duo

STOCKHOLM, 3 Dec — The World Anti-doping Agency (WADA) are to appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) to demand tougher penalties against suspended Belgian tennis players Yanina Wickmayer and Xavier Malisse, WADA's legal director told AFP on Wednesday.

Malisse and Wickmayer, the US Open semi-finalist, were last month both suspended by the Flemish Doping Tribunal (VDT) for one year for failing to comply with the "whereabouts" rule, which ensures that they are available for out-of-competition testing.

INTERNET



*The World Anti-doping Agency (WADA) are to appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) to demand tougher penalties against suspended Belgian tennis players Yanina Wickmayer, seen here in October 2009, and Xavier Malisse.*

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## Ancelotti backs Kakuta after League Cup exit

BLACKBURN, 3 Dec — Chelsea manager Carlo Ancelotti has insisted Gael Kakuta will recover from a penalty shoot-out miss that condemned his side to a shock English League Cup exit against Blackburn Rovers.

Blackburn will now play Aston Villa in next month's semi-finals after a thrilling encounter at Ewood Park here on Wednesday finished 3-3 at the end of extra-time and forced the match into the ordeal of penalties.

In the tensest of finishes, Chelsea's shoot-out opener from Michael Ballack was saved by



*Blackburn Rovers' goalkeeper Paul Robinson (right) celebrates after saving Chelsea's Gael Kakuta's final shot of a penalty shoot-out during their English League Cup match at Ewood Park in Blackburn.*—INTERNET

Rovers goalkeeper Paul Robinson before the Blues' Henrique Hilario blocked Nikola Kalinic's effort.—*Internet*

## Hughes relishing United semi-final

MANCHESTER, 3 Dec — Manchester City manager Mark Hughes insists his team have nothing to fear ahead of their English League Cup semi-final with Manchester United. City booked a place in the last four with a 3-0 victory over Arsenal in the quarter-finals at Eastlands here on Wednesday.

The significance of City's achievement is that next month's two-legged tie against United will be their first major domestic semi-final since 1981. And it is more than three decades since City last won a ma-



*Manchester City's Vincent Kompany (right) heads clear from Arsenal's Tomas Rosicky during their Carling Cup quarter final match at The City of Manchester stadium. Manchester City won 3-0.*—INTERNET

for trophy, the 1976 League Cup.

INTERNET





FILE - In this 1 Feb 2003 file photo, debris from the space shuttle Columbia streaks across the sky over Tyler, Texas. —INTERNET

## University turns iPhones into musical instruments

NEW YORK, 3 Dec— Welcome to an orchestra of the 21st century. iPhones are being used as musical instruments in a new course at an American university. Students at the University of Michigan are learning to design, build and play instruments on their Apple Inc. smartphones, with a public performance planned for December 9.

The university said it believed the course, called Building a Mobile Phone Ensemble, is a world first. It is taught by Georg Essl, a computer scientist and musician who has worked on developing mobile phones and musical instruments.

Essl and his colleagues began using the microphone as a

wind sensor a few years ago, which enabled iPhone apps such as the Ocarina that essentially turns the phone into an ancient flute-like wind instrument. "The mobile phone is a very nice platform for exploring new forms of musical performance," Essl said in a statement.

"We're not tethered to the physics of traditional instruments. We can do interesting, weird, unusual things. This kind of technology is in its infancy, but it's a hot and growing area to use iPhones for artistic expression."

Essl said that to build an instrument on an iPhone, students program the device to play back information it receives from one of its multitude of sensors as sound.—Internet

### MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (4-12-2009) (Friday)

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

#### Local Transmission

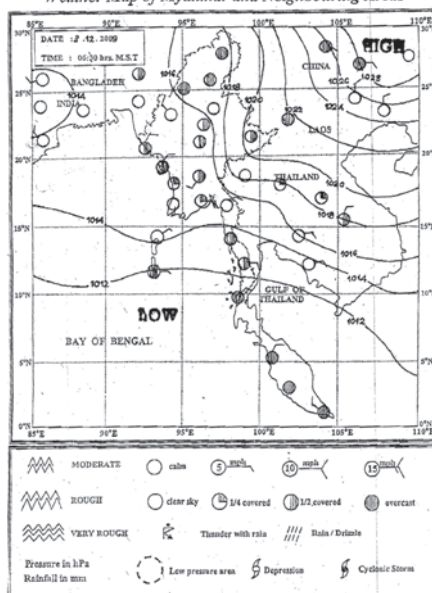
- \* Signature Tune
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- \* Bottled Buddha Image
- \* Marketable Fruits
- \* Culture Stage
- \* Honeymoon Trip
- \* Let's Sing Together
- \* Expedition of Rare Crocodile Species Inhabiting in Fresh And Seawaters (Part-4)
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

#### Europe/ North America Transmission

- \* Signature Tune
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- \* Bottled Buddha Image
- \* Marketable Fruits
- \* Oxen Brothers
- \* Culture Stage
- \* Honeymoon Trip
- \* Let's Sing Together
- \* Expedition of Rare Crocodile Species Inhabiting in Fresh And Seawaters (Part-4)
- \* Myanmar Modern Song
- \* Dried banded Snakehead
- \* Knowledge Bank: Library
- \* A Day in Yangon (Zoological Garden)
- \* Development of Rural Areas... Benefits of Milch Cow Breeding
- \* Going Together
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



## WEATHER

Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2009

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (5°C) to (6°C) below December average temperatures in upper Sagaing and Yangon Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) below December average temperatures in Chin and Rakhine States, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) above December average temperatures in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division and about December average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperatures were Haka (0°C), Loilem (2°C), Namsan (5°C), Pinlaung and Heho (6°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 2-12-2009 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 3-12-2009 was 58°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 3-12-2009 was 68%. Total sun shine hours on 2-12-2009 was (8.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 3-12-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, at Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (111.69) inches at Mingaladon, (122.09) inches at Kaba-Aye and (129.41) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from Northeast at (15:30) hours MST on 2-12-2009.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 4<sup>th</sup> December 2009:** Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine States and upper Sagaing Division and generally fair in the remaining areas.

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of continuation of decrease of night temperatures in the Western Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 4-12-2009:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 4-12-2009:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 4-12-2009:** Partly cloudy.



Friday, 4 December View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်ယောဆရာတော် ဟောကြားတော် မူသော ဥပ္ပါတသဒ္ဓါဝိဇ္ဇာတော်

7:30 am

2. Morning News

7:40 am

3. အဝံ့ဇယမင်္ဂလံ

(ယဉ်ငယ်ထွန်းတေးရေး-ဝီတောဆိုဖျိုးနွယ်ဆွေ)

7:50 am

4. Nice & Sweet Song

8:05 am

5. လျှပ်စုးပုံပြင်စိတ်ပျော်ရွှင်

8:15 am

6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

7. လင်ပန်းရေလှောင်တံ

8:30 am

8. The Mirror Image Of The Musical Oldies

8:40 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. "ကျော်သွားမှာလား၊ ဖော်စားမှာလား"

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Song Of National Races

4:15 pm

3. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

4. နိုင်ငံ့စီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ

4:30 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာ ရေးရွှင်မြင်သကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ခုတ်ယူနစ် (အိမ်တွင်းစီးပွား) (ပြည်သူ့ရေးရာအထူးပြု) (စီးပွားရေးပညာ)

4:45 pm

6. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

4:50 pm

7. မြန်မာစာမြန်မာစာတား

5:15 pm

8. "တက္ကစီမံတာသလို့ရာ"

5:20 pm

9. Song Of Yester Years

5:30 pm

10. ပုလဲကကျောင်းတော်

6:00 pm

11. Evening News

6:15 pm

12. Weather Report

6:20 pm

13. ချင်းပြည်နယ်သို့ခရီးတစ်ခေါက်

6:30 pm

14. ဝီတသ်ဇဉ်အလှဆင်

7:00 pm

15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာလောင်းခိုင်" (အပိုင်း-၀၈)

8:00 pm

16. News

17. International News

18. Weather Report

19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာလောင်းဆုံ" (အပိုင်း-၈၀)

20. သီချင်းချစ်သူ (ခင်မောင်ထွေ)

- ★ 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

## Mandalay FM Radio

Byline & Photos: *Maung Maung Htwe (MNA)*

The tea shop in my ward in Thuwunna Township, Yangon Division, I patronize every morning is always teeming with customers, from elderly persons down to youngsters. However, unlike other tea shops, it has no satellite dish, TV antenna, or cassette, but just a radio and a sound box.

Whenever I get to the shop, I am greeted by broadcasts aired by Mandalay FM on 87.9 MHz.

Gradually, I have become a regular listener of Mandalay FM Radio, and so did many people in Yangon and Mandalay. According to my experiences, Mandalay FM Radio may be received from everywhere; in houses, private cars and hands with portable radios.

I noticed one of my sisters who is crazy about Korean TV series recently bought a radio to listen to Mandalay FM Radio programmes. So, I have recognized the influence of Mandalay FM Radio on the people.

Mandalay FM Radio began airing programmes on 3 April 2008. At that time, it aired programmes including repeats from 7 am to noon, and from noon to 5 pm.

Then, it extended its broadcasting hours inclusive of repeats to 15: from 5.30 am to 10.30 am; from 10.30 am to 3.30 pm; and from 3.30 pm to 8.30 pm from 17 April until 17 November 2008.

Again, it extended its daily broadcasting hours to 18 without any repeats: from 5 am to 11 pm beginning

18 November 2008.

The programmes can be received over a radius of 30 miles in Yangon, 30 miles in Toungoo, and 80 miles in Mandalay. Its frequency is 87.9 MHz.

With a workforce of 108, Mandalay FM Radio is trying to become a channel with a wide variety of programmes to win the satisfaction of the listeners.

Its programmes include historical backgrounds of pagodas, morning Myanmar songs, Myanmar songs, songs of remembrance, Dhammapada, Myanmar's songs, books available on airwaves, guide to Website, opinions of presenters, film and music stars, collection of personal feelings, words of good volition, references to VCD, programme for daughters, auspicious prayers, titles of songs, FM music show, Premier League fever, radio talk, a Yangon man meets a Mandalay woman, evening news, foreign songs, foreign news, music album, variations on a song, today's science and technology, today's delicacies, classical songs, radio songs by different vocalists, series of classical songs, and sweet dreams. In addition, since 1 October 2009, it has been airing evening news broadcast at 11 am, at 1 pm, and at 8 pm by Nay Pyi Taw Myanma Radio daily.

Executive (Management) U Myint Zaw of Mandalay FM Radio in an interview said that they pay honorarium to the Myanma Music Association for the songs aired in the Mandalay FM Radio programmes; periods for radio commercials would be limited in order to avoid annoying listeners, and to expand the scope of listeners, to benefit advertisers, and to bring greater attention from the customers to the advertised

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Staff members of Mandalay FM Radio.