



The NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

Government encouraging IT industries by establishing Yadanarpon Techno City to catch up with other countries in IT

Senior General Than Shwe inspects Yadanarpon Town Project



Senior General Than Shwe inspects Yadanarpon Fiber Optical Factory of Yadanarpon Fiber Company Limited.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Dec—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe inspected Yadanarpon Town Project in PyinOoLwin on 10 December.

Senior General Than Shwe, accompanied by SPDC Member General Thura Shwe Mann, SPDC Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, SPDC Member Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, military commanders, ministers and officials of the SPDC Office, arrived at Yadanarpon Town Project site near Mile Post No 27/0 on Mandalay-PyinOoLwin Road in PyinOoLwin Township at 10:30 am.

On arrival at Yadanarpon Fiber Optical Factory of Yadanarpon Fiber Co Ltd in Soft Based Factory Area Zone, the Senior General inspected the production process of fiber cables manufactured in accordance with set standard of Electronic Industries Association (EIA). Personnel of the factory conducted the Senior General round the factory.

The Senior General proceeded to the factory jointly run by Elite Tech Manufacturing Co Ltd and Huawei Co Ltd, and inspected production of mobile communication equipment including CDMA 450 MHz BTS, CDMA 800 MHz BTS and fixed wireless terminal.

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Senior General Than Shwe converses with members of Yadanarpon Town Project Committee, personnel of Myanmar Computer Federation and Yadanarpon Teleport Co Ltd, and local and foreign entrepreneurs.—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

Sunday, 13 December, 2009

Collectively safeguard national sovereignty with Union Spirit

The graduation ceremony of the 52nd Intake of Defence Services Academy was held at the parade ground of the DSA in PyinOoLwin on 11 December with an address by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe.

The Tatmadaw is the People's Tatmadaw which was born of the people with patriotic spirit since its inception. There are several historical milestones throughout the history of the Tatmadaw which stood firm for the State.

The Tatmadaw always uphold as the national concept Our Three Main National Causes, namely Non-Disintegration of the Union, Non-Disintegration of National Solidarity and Perpetuation of Sovereignty in line with its fine traditions.

Myanmar is a nation where national brethren have been living together in weal or woe since time immemorial. The country faced several situations in which the national brethren were facing the danger of disintegration of the Union and loss of the State's sovereignty as national unity was disintegrated due to the divide and rule policy of the colonialists. Drawing from the historical lessons, the national politics and genuine patriotism, in other words, the Union Spirit is of vital importance. And the basic foundation for the perpetuation of the State's sovereignty is the national unity.

The Union can endure and the sovereignty perpetuates only when there is unity among the national brethren.

With peace and stability in the nation, the government has laid down and is implementing the 12 objectives in all seriousness for all-round development and steadfastly implement the seven-step Road Map for the emergence of a democratic nation the entire people long for.

At such a time, it is incumbent upon the State, the people and the Tatmadaw to forge the national unity and actively engage in nation-building endeavours with Union Spirit.

Tip Top launches sales promotion

YANGON, 12 Dec—Lucky Choice Co., Ltd is the sole distributor of UAE—made Tip Top brand engine oil, grease and lubricants in Myanmar. The company recently has launched over K 150 million worth lucky draw programme.

A total of 55 television winners and 250 EVD winners came out in October. The promotion period is set till the end of December.

Lucky Choice Co Ltd distributes engine oil, gear oil, brake oil, grease and hydraulic oil in 0.7-liter, 1-liter, 4-liter, 5-liter and 25-liter in addition to 200-liter barrel.

The contact address is No. (31/B) on Naungyoe Street, Tatlan Housing, Bayintnaung, Mayangon Township in Yangon, Ph:01-686066, 686064, 09-5083122, 09-8620142, 09-8620133 and No. F/37 on Kywehse 6th Street, Chanmyathaya Ward, Pyigyidagun Township, Ph: 02-70412, 09-6804150 and 09-2055830 in Mandalay.—MNA

People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

The 2nd December Mass Walk held in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Dec—Under the aegis of Ministry of Sports, December Mass Walk 2009 was held at Nay Pyi Taw Myoma Market this morning.

Member of Myanmar Olympic Committee, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, personnel, staff, and their family members from ministries, and locals took part in the activity in happiness. The crowd started walking at 6am from Myoma Market. The crowd



Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin visits booths put on display at World AIDS Day ceremony. (News on reported)—MNA

walked along Pyinmana-Taungnyo road through Thapyaygon roundabout to Yaza Thingaha Street and reached the finishing line at

the front of Gems Museum and did physical exercises there collectively.

A total of 6400 participated in mass walk and Min-

istry of Sports and Shwe Myanmar Hotel served the participants with refreshments..

MNA

Women's Vocational Courses conclude in Lashio

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Dec—The concluding ceremony of Basic Domestic Course No. 52, Advanced Tailoring Course No. 24, Domestic Wickerwoks Course (cane) No. 6 and Domestic Wickerwoks Course

(bamboo) No. 6, conducted by Women's Vocational Training School of Lashio, Shan State (North) of Education and Training Department under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and

Development Affairs, was held at the training school on 4 December.

It was attended by Secretary U Tin Maung Swe of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council, members of State/Dis-

trict/Township PDCs, officials member of social organization.

Secretary U Tin Maung Swe made a speech on the occasion.

A total of 24 trainees had passed the courses.

MNA

Press conference on Electronics and Lifestyle 2009 held

YANGON, 12 Dec— IEMS Company Ltd will hold Electronics and Lifestyle 2009, mainly sponsored by NIBBAN Electric and Electronics, on U-Wisara road here from 24 December to 27 December. Press conference on Electronics and Lifestyle 2009 was held at Western Park Royal restaurant in Myepadethayun here on 10 December.

Managing Director U Thet Lwin Shwe of IEMS Company Ltd explained the purpose of holding Electronics and Lifestyle 2009. Responsible persons answered queries raised by journalists.

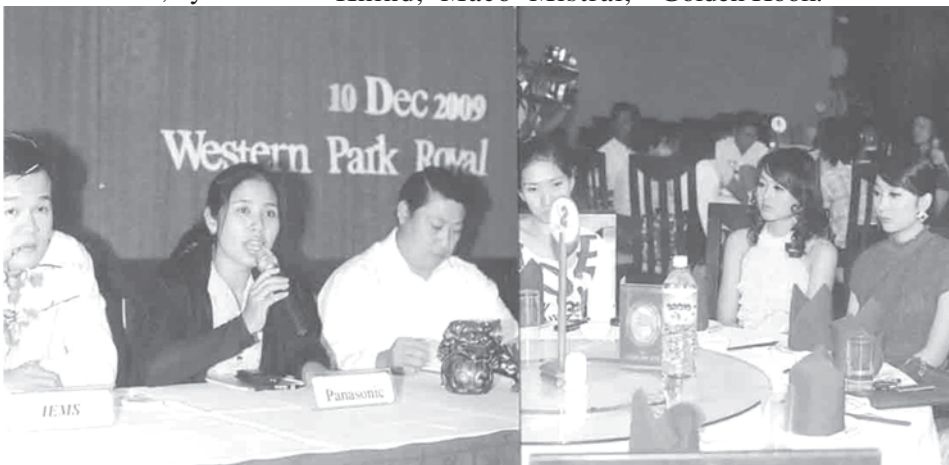
New energy-saving technological materials from Panasonic, ChangHong and Mitsubishi will be put on display.

Latest laptops and Software Systems will be displayed by Acer, Lucky Bird, Blue Ray, KMD, King Empire, CyberCity,

NCTC, Unique, RedLink, P.I.T, Trust Net, Sm3, MBC, Integra, Golden Rain, UbiFind and Micro Peacock; Transformers, by Asia General Electric; Online U.P.S, by Golden

Toshiba Kyaw Win, Three Friends Trading, Setra, Revo, Rinnai, Aung Myanmar, Atlas, Romanson, Rhythm, Moon Fancy, MNZ, Khind, Maco Mistral,

modern home and office use and furniture, by Ocean Glory (Leeco), Universal Furniture and Nat Ray (Golden Coin), Coffe Manufacturing and Golden Hook.



Assistant Manager Daw Thinzar of Panasonic Customer Relation Office (Myanmar) explains the fact about Electronics and Lifestyle 2009 press conference.—MNA

Lion and I.E.M; Induction Cookers by Future Step, Fudak and AEK; printers and copiers by Cannon and Concordia; latest electronic and modern home utensils, by Everseiko, Amtt Company, Smart Electronic Dictionary,

Asahi, Omica, Polytron, Standard, Zulex, Myanma Al-ha and Peninsula Enterprise (Citizen); New technology Mobile Handsets and related materials by New Mobile, Do Co Mo, Great Mobile, Mobile Friend and Hisense; and

The show includes entertainment programme. As a lucky draw programme, IEMS Company will open sales of washing machine or a refrigerator daily. For more information, may phone Ph-09-48809888.—MNA

Five dead, one missing after boat capsizes in Japan's Hokkaido

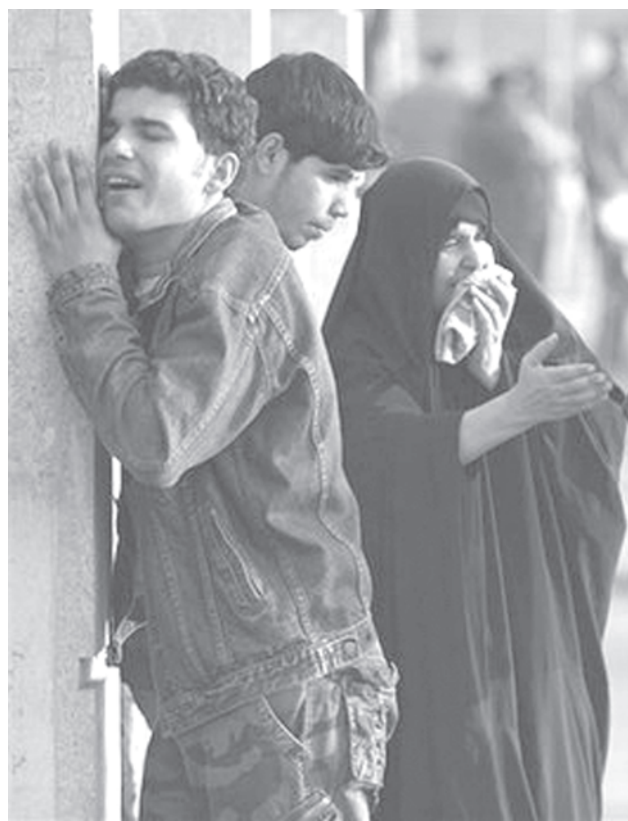
TOKYO, 12 Dec — Five men are dead and another man remains missing after their boat capsized off Tomakomai, Hokkaido, on Friday night, the local coast guard office said on Saturday.

The six men are among seven Self-Defence Forces members who were night fishing on a breakwater some 500 metres off the port of Tomakomai after leaving the port at around 07:30 pm Friday local time, *Kyodo News* reported.

Seeing that the weather was turning bad, the men tried to leave the breakwater in a pleasure boat at about 10:30 pm local time, *Kyodo* said.

"When six of the seven men got on the boat, it suddenly capsized, throwing all of them into the sea," according to the Coast Guard office, adding that one man who was still on the breakwater immediately called the police. He was later safely rescued. Five of the six men thrown into the sea were rescued before dawn but were later confirmed dead.

Xinhua



Family members of Mohammed Jassim, 22, grieve at a hospital in Baghdad, Iraq, on 9 Dec, 2009.

Jassim was killed when series of coordinated attacks struck Baghdad on Tuesday.—INTERNET

A/H1N1 pandemic death toll rises to 9,596, says WHO

GENEVA, 12 Dec — The death toll of A/H1N1 influenza continues to increase worldwide, reaching at least 9,596 by 6 Dec, the World Health Organization (WHO) said in a latest update on Friday.

Of all the deaths, some 6,131 occurred in the Americas, and at least 1,242 occurred in Europe. The other four WHO regions, South-East Asia, West Pacific, East Mediterranean and Africa reported 814, 848, 452 and 109 deaths respectively.

The H1N1 flu virus was first identified in North America in April, and the WHO declared the new influenza as a pandemic in June. So far the virus has caused infections in more than 208 countries and overseas territories or communities.

In the temperate zone of the northern hemisphere pandemic influenza activity has passed its peak in North America and in parts of western, northern, and eastern Europe, but activity continues to increase in parts of central and southeastern Europe, as well as in south and east Asia, according to the latest update.

Influenza transmission remains active in much of western and central Asia and there is evidence of pandemic virus circulation in most regions of Africa, the WHO said.—*Xinhua*

Ministers of UNASUR discuss mechanism for hunger fight

QUITO, 12 Dec — The ministers of social affairs of the member countries of the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR) discussed here on Friday a biannual plan to design a mechanism for fighting hunger and malnutrition.

Ecuador's Foreign Minister Fander Falconi, together with Minister of Social Development Coordination Jeannette Sanchez, inaugurated the one-day meeting of the South American Council of Social Development.

Xinhua

Japan rejects US criticism of "clunkers" programme

CHICAGO, 12 Dec — The Japanese government rejected criticism on Friday that its 3.7 billion "cash for clunkers" programme unfairly excluded US Big Three automakers — GM, Ford and Chrysler, the *Detroit News* reported.

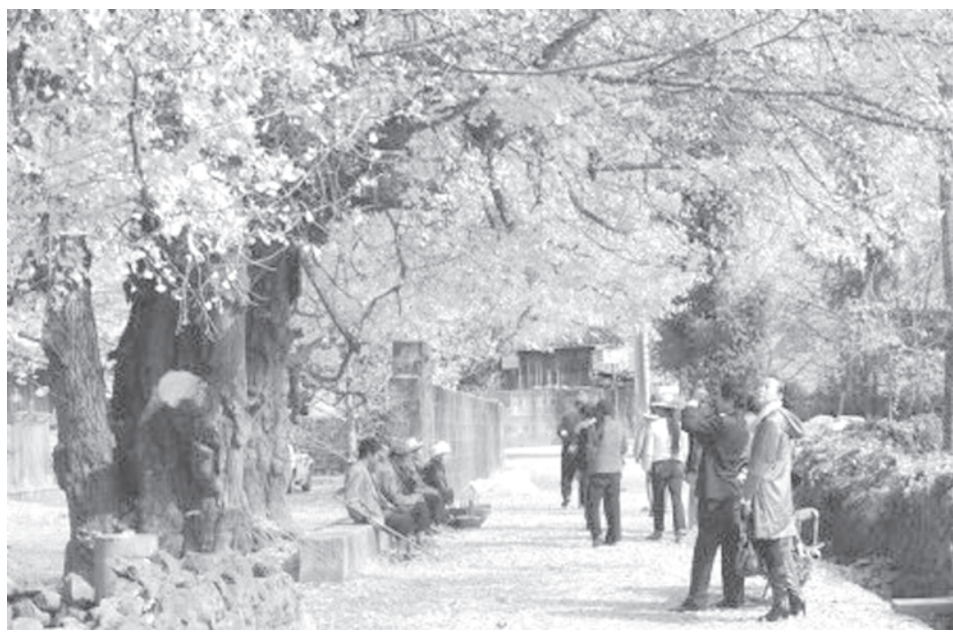
Satoshi Miura, a consular official in the Japanese embassy in Washington who handles auto issues, said US manufacturers could participate if they followed the same import rules as many others. Instead, US companies opt to use a set of rules that do not require the same emissions testing.

"The short answer is Japan believes that our programme is fair," Miura said. "We have our 'cash

for clunkers' programme, but this is not only about stimulus but also for environmental policy."

Detroit's Big Three automakers urged the US government on Thursday to take action over what they labeled Japan's discriminatory "cash for clunkers" programme.

In a letter to the deputy US trade representative, GM, Ford and Chrysler called the programme "another example of Japan continuing efforts to discriminate against imported vehicles."—*Xinhua*



Tourists enjoy beautiful scenery beside ginkgo trees in Gudong Township of Tengchong County, southwest China's Yunnan Province, 8 Dec 2009. Gudong, an ancient town with a history of over 1,000 years, attracts more and more tourists to come and view 30,000 ginkgo trees.—INTERNET

Six killed in bombings near Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 12 Dec — Six people were killed and 21 wounded when two bombs exploded south of Baghdad on Friday, Iraqi police said.

Police said one bomb was planted in a shop in the town of Yusufiya, 20 kilometres (12 miles) south of Baghdad. When police rushed to the scene, a second bomb planted in an car detonated. Two of the dead were police officers.

Located in what used to be one of the most violent areas of Iraq—the so-called "Triangle of Death"—Yusufiya regularly is rocked by bombings.

Friday's bombings occurred as Iraq's Oil Ministry in Baghdad staged its second auction of oilfield contracts since the invasion. Devastating bombings in the capital on Tuesday killed around 112 people.

MNA/Reuters

17 militants killed, 49 suspects arrested in NW Pakistan

ISKANABADM, 12 Dec — Seventeen militants were killed and as many as 49 suspects apprehended in ongoing military operations in Pakistan's northwest during the last 24 hours, military sources said on Friday.

Sources said that six militants were killed and four hideouts were bombed in Orakzai tribal agency near the border with Afghanistan. Meanwhile, seven militants were killed in the adjoining Khyber tribal agency.

The Pakistan army continued the search and clearance operation in South Waziristan tribal area. During the operation 36 suspects were arrested and caches of weapons and ammunition were recovered while two soldiers were injured, the Inter Service Public Relations said in the daily Press release.

In Swat and Malakand districts of North West Frontier Province, the Pakistan army exchanged fire with Taliban militants in Khauza Khel area and killed wanted militant commander Baja Ameer urf Hamza and three other militants.

Xinhua



Actresses present a performance of Buyei ethnic group during the closing ceremony of Guizhou Minority Culture and Art Show in Kaili, southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 10 Dec, 2009. The ten-day performance lowered the curtain here on Thursday.—XINHUA

Tobacco Kills



Visitors view an ice sculpture of a polar bear as it melts to reveal a bronze skeleton in Copenhagen on 8 Dec, 2009. The installation is a part of an initiative to put focus on the consequences of global warming.—XINHUA

OECD sees steel market recovering

PARIS, 12 Dec—The global steel market, battered during the economic downturn, has begun to recover but could face excess capacity between now and 2012, the OECD said on Friday.

“The sharp contraction in global demand that began in the second half of 2008 is now tapering off,” the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development said following a meeting here of government officials and industry representatives from steel-producing economies.

It cited demand growth in emerging market powerhouses China and India in particular.

But it cautioned that the rebound could be “slow and long” in some countries, where it could take three to four years for steel consumption to return to pre-crisis levels.

Internet

Sinopec overseas crude output increase after Addax takeover

BEIJING, 12 Dec—Overseas crude oil output for Sinopec, China’s leading onshore oil producer, would top 17 million tonnes in its total output of 60 million tonnes for this year.

The acquisition of Addax Petroleum Corp this year has boosted the company’s overseas oil production to a large extent, company spokesman Huang Wensheng was quoted by Saturday’s *China Daily* as saying.

The company pumped 9.01 million tonnes crude oil last year from its 35 overseas projects in Africa, South America, the Middle East and Russia, according to Huang.—Xinhua

US, Japan reach “open skies” aviation pact

WASHINGTON, 12 Dec—The United States and Japan reached a landmark aviation agreement on Friday, a deal that eases barriers to passenger and cargo services and opens up the possibility for stronger alliances, officials said.

The deal, reached after more than seven months of negotiations, is good news for American Airlines, a unit of AMR Corp (AMR.N), and other US

carriers shut out of directly serving Tokyo.

The accord also could be a boost for financially strapped Japan Airlines Corp (9205.T) (JAL), which is restructuring under Japanese government supervision. Funds looking to invest in the trans-pacific market also could see new opportunities through joint ventures and expanded airline alliances, if US regulators view them favourably.

China’s Telecom company sees Indonesia as one of biggest markets in Asia Pacific

JAKARTA, 12 Dec—China’s Zhongxing Telecommunication Equipment (ZTE) sees Indonesia as one of the biggest markets in Asia Pacific area and will strengthen cooperation with local telecommunication companies in the future, an senior ZTE official said on Friday.

Cui Yi, president of Asia Pacific Region of ZTE Corporation, made the statement at a Press conference held here to start a 10-day celebration for ZTE’s 10th Anniversary of operations in Indonesia. ZTE is a leading global provider of telecommunications equipment and network solu-

tions from China.

In the past 10 years, ZTE Indonesia has supported Indonesia with implementation capabilities (for mobile and fixed networks), service solutions, applications, sustainable R&D capability and services for customers.

Xinhua

Venezuela and Cuba forge 3.2 billion dollar alliance

HAVANA, 12 Dec—President Hugo Chavez was to arrive in Havana on Friday and sign 3.2 billion dollars’ worth of deals tightening economic links between the two leftist governments, a top Venezuelan official said.

Ministers from both countries have finalized details of some 285 agreements that Cuban President Raul Castro and

Chavez will sign on Saturday, Venezuelan Oil and Energy Minister Rafael Rodriguez told reporters.

Rodriguez said relations between the two countries have evolved from 17 agreements worth 30.5 million dollars in 2000 — two years after Chavez was first elected — to 3.2 billion dollars in accords that will go into effect in 2010.

In the nine intervening

years, Ramirez added, “we’ve reached a cumulative goal of 8.7 billion dollars,” chiefly benefiting the health, education, farming and energy sectors. Chavez and Castro will on Sunday attend in Havana an ALBA summit, a leftist bloc Chavez founded in 2004 as a counterweight to the US-sponsored Free Trade Area of the Americas.

Internet



Shell opens one of its largest MEG plants in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 12 Dec—Global energy and petrochemicals group Shell on Friday opened its Mono-Ethylene Glycol (MEG) plant on Singapore’s Jurong Island, the city state’s refinery and petrochemical centre.

Officiating at the plant’s opening, Singa-

pore’s Minister for Trade and Industry Lim Hng Kiang said that the current economic crisis has affected the world, including Asia but business sentiment has since improved with Asia recovering faster than other regions.

This recovery is largely driven by the strong growth engines of Asian economies, particularly China, India, and the ASEAN, he said, adding that with this continued growth momentum in Asia, Singapore is seeing more companies that are keen to grow their presence here to serve as their strategic base to expand and grow in Asia and beyond. Singapore, located right in the heart of Asia, is well-positioned to play a critical role in partnering with the energy and chemical industry to seize the opportunities presented by the region’s growing energy and chemical needs.—Xinhua

A construction worker walks past steel rods at a building site in Shanghai in August 2009.—INTERNET



A Japan Airlines aircraft flies near a factory in Kawasaki, south of Tokyo on 14 Sept, 2009.—INTERNET



An interior view of the under-construction Wuhan Railway Station is seen in this photo taken on 10 Dec, 2009 in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province.—XINHUA

Mexico launches plan to use energy-saving bulbs

MEXICO CITY, 12 Dec — Mexican President Felipe Calderon launched a plan on Friday to introduce energy-saving light bulbs across the nation as part of an extended campaign against climate change.

"The goal is to create a great movement calling on all Mexican families to use energy-

saving bulbs to replace ordinary lights," President Calderon told a Press conference.

He said this will help the families save money, reduce government subsidies to electricity companies, and cut greenhouse gas emissions.

Compared with ordinary lights, the energy-

saving bulbs will use only a quarter of energy to produce the same light and their lifespan will be 10 times longer.

When put into operation, said Calderon, the project will save 47 megawatts of power, representing a reduction of 24,000 tons of carbon dioxide emissions a year.

Xinhua

Majority of countries want continuation of Kyoto Protocol

COPENHAGEN, 12 Dec—An overwhelming majority of countries at the UN climate conference in Copenhagen want the continuation of the Kyoto Protocol, the head of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change said on Friday.

"Quite honestly, I think overwhelming majority representatives of countries in this conference want two tracks, and want to see the continuation of Kyoto Protocol," Ivo de Boer said.

The ongoing UN climate conference in Copenhagen is proceeding on two tracks. One is under the Kyoto Protocol while the other focuses on longer-term and broader issues.

Some developed countries have long hoped to converge the two tracks so as to evade their binding responsibilities under the Kyoto Protocol, which was adopted in 1997.—Xinhua

All Items from Xinhua News Agency

Heavy rain causes huge rice production losses in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 12 Dec—Heavy rain in Brazil's key rice-producing state has caused losses of 700 million reais (about 400 million US dollars) to local rice farmers, it is said.

Over half of the 240,000 hectares of flooded rice farms in the southern state of Rio Grande do Sul had not

been planted yet, Rio Grande do Sul Rice Institute (Irga) said on Friday.

The state produces nearly two thirds of the total rice output in Brazil.

The planting season, which was due to be over by 10 Dec, has been extended until 20 Dec. However, the planting may not be finished by that date because strong

storms will continue in the region in the next few days, accompanied by wind and hail, according to weather forecasts.

In 2009, the Rio Grande do Sul state was expected to produce 8 million tons of rice, but the rain may have caused losses of up to 1 million tons.

Xinhua

No need to worry on solar storm in 2012

JAKARTA, 12 Dec—People should not worry about solar storm that is expected to peak in 2012 because the incident would not be extreme, detikcom online news quoted an official at Indonesian space agency on Friday.

Head of Science Utilization Centre of Atmosphere and Climate at the National Flight and Space Agency Thomas Djamiludin told reporters in

Bandung of West Java Province that solar storm is an activity that keeps continuing at the sun. However, when the activity reaches its peak, storm could emerge several times in one day.

He also said that scientists are not sure that solar storm in 2012 would direct to the Earth whose distance about 150 million kilometres from the sun.

"Solar revolving move-

ment could twist the storm direction," Thomas said.

He took example of solar massive explosion in 2003.

"The incident did not cause mass devastation as pictured by motion picture of '2012'. That time, the most effect was felt by man-made satellites orbiting above the Earth," he said. According to him, there were many satellites whose operating was disrupted.—Xinhua



Some students draw tiger paintings in a studio in Wanggongzhuang Village of Minquan County, central China's Henan Province, on 10 Dec, 2009.—XINHUA

Timber mill building destroyed by fire in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 12 Dec—New Zealand firefighters on Saturday brought a blaze at a timber mill in New Zealand North Island's Waikato region under control.

The fire started at about 4:15 am local time in one of the buildings at the timber mill in Ohinewai, north of Huntly, and has destroyed the structure. None of the other buildings have been damaged.

Fourteen fire appliances are still at the scene.

No one was believed to have been in the building and no injuries have been reported.—Xinhua



Firemen try to put out fire in the heart of Metro Manila, capital of the Philippines, on 10 Dec, 2009. Local reports said that at least two people were killed in the fire.—XINHUA

Indonesia to fulfill weapon needs from domestic defence industry

JAKARTA, 12 Dec—The Indonesian government is committed to fulfill demand of weapon for military and police by ordering it to the domestic defence industry, Kompas daily quoted a minister as saying on Saturday. The Defence Minister Purnomo Yusgiantoro on Friday said that the commitment will still be fulfilled even though he admitted that domestic producers still have many limitations related to price, quality and product technical specification as well as after-sales service.

"We are fully aware of superiority and limitation of our domestic producers. However, we are still committed to order because it could trigger economy activities to move as well as to provide added value for the domestic defence industry," said Purnomo.—Xinhua

Broadband subscribers in developed countries reach 217 million

PARIS, 12 Dec — The number of broadband subscribers in developed countries has reached 217 million by June 2009, a 10-percent year-on-year increase, according to statistics released on Friday by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

Among the 30 OECD members, the United States took first place with 81 million broadband sub-

scribers. Japan took second place with 30 million subscribers, followed by Germany and France.

Regarding the rate of individuals utilizing broadband services, the Netherlands ranked first with a broadband penetration rate of 38.1 percent, while the United States had the most subscribers but the lowest penetration rate of only 26.7 percent.

Fiber-optic networks are regarded as the biggest

propeller for high-speed broadband Internet, as nearly one in 10 OECD subscribers currently access the Internet over fiber.

South Korea and Japan are leading in the use of fiber access, with rates of individuals utilizing fiber access of 51 percent and 46 percent, respectively. The OECD regards broadband services as part of economic infrastructure. —Xinhua

US newspaper industry sees slump in advertising revenue, circulation

WASHINGTON, 12 Dec — US newspaper advertising revenue decreased by almost 28 percent from a year earlier in the third quarter this year, highlighting the financial problems of the newspaper industry.

Print and online advertising revenue fell to 6.4 billion US dollars from

8.9 billion US dollars a year earlier, the Newspaper Association of America said on Friday.

Meanwhile, average daily circulation of 379 US daily newspapers dropped by 10.62 percent from a year earlier in the third quarter.

The association said the decline is attributed to

the economic downturn and rising competition from the Internet and free online classified sites such as Craigslist.

“There may not be great visibility into 2010 and beyond, but the broad consensus is that the worst has passed,” the association said in a statement.

Xinhua



A motorist is pushed back onto an Albany, NY, street, as the area gets its first winter storm of the season on 9 Dec, 2009.

INTERNET

Moderate quake shakes Indonesia's Papua

JAKARTA, 12 Dec — A moderate earthquake measuring 5.0 on the Richter Scale hit Indonesian easternmost part of West Papua Province on Saturday at 08:00 Jakarta Time (0100 GMT), the Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics Agency said.

The epicentre was at around 146 km of north-eastern Sorong and 179 km of northeastern Manokwari at depth of 10 km under the seabed.

Earlier in the day, another moderate quake measuring 5.2 on the Richter Scale hit Tual in Maluku Province at 04:54 Jakarta Time (2154 GMT on Friday).

Xinhua

Clean energy technology to become third largest industrial sector

GENEVA, 12 Dec—The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) predicted on Friday that clean energy technology would become third largest industrial sector worldwide.

A report released on Friday at the UN climate summit in Copenhagen anticipated that the industry would be worth more than 2.3 trillion US dollars in 2020, ranking behind automobiles and electronics. In 2007, clean energy technology had a sales volume of almost 930 billion US dollars.

Kim Carstensen, leader of the WWF's global climate initiative, said these gains had been made despite “a partial Kyoto Protocol international framework supporting clean energy development, patchy national support for green energy and huge subsidies to fossil fuel use.”—Xinhua



A Belarussian woman plays with dogs under light snowfall in a central Minsk park.

Fitter boys linked to richer adults

Boys who are fit as teens grow up to be smarter men — with higher IQs — Swedish and US researchers say.

The study, published in *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, correlates better cardiovascular scores for males as teenagers to greater education and income later in life.

The study sample of 1.2 million Swedish men born between 1950-1976 included 260,000 full-sibling pairs, 3,000 sets of twins and more than 1,400 sets of identical twins. The results for twins supported a link between cardiovascular health and intelligence rather than a reflection of genetic influences on cardiovascular health and intelligence.

NEWS ALBUM

Venomous fish species outnumber all others

A US biologist estimates as many as 1,600 catfish species might be venomous, and venomous fish far outnumber all other venomous vertebrates.

Graduate student Jeremy Wright of the University of Michigan said he employed “histological and toxicological techniques” in his examination of 158 catfish species. He then used the resulting data to estimate the total number of venomous catfish species.

“Based upon the generic identity of the venomous species identified, the

number of species contained within those genera and the number of remaining unexamined species in those families shown to contain venomous representatives, an estimate of 1,234-1,625 venomous catfish species was developed.

“The number of venomous catfishes estimated by this study (when combined with estimates of venomous spiny-rayed and cartilaginous fishes) supports previous claims that venomous fishes far outnumber all other venomous vertebrates, and also demonstrates that venomous catfish diversity likely equals or exceeds that of all other venomous vertebrates (including other fishes) combined,” he said.

Hubble spies never-before-seen galaxies

The refurbished Hubble Space Telescope has spotted the oldest galaxies yet, scientists reported on Tuesday.

A newly installed wide field camera on Hubble this summer captured several thousand never-before-seen galaxies, which were formed 600 million years after the Big Bang. Scientists believe that massive explosion led to the creation of the universe.

The galaxies are about 13 billion light years away. Each light year is about 6 trillion miles. The image was taken in a region of space that Hubble scanned in 2004. Since the new camera has a near-infrared channel, it allows the orbiting telescope to peer deeper into the universe and spot distant galaxies.



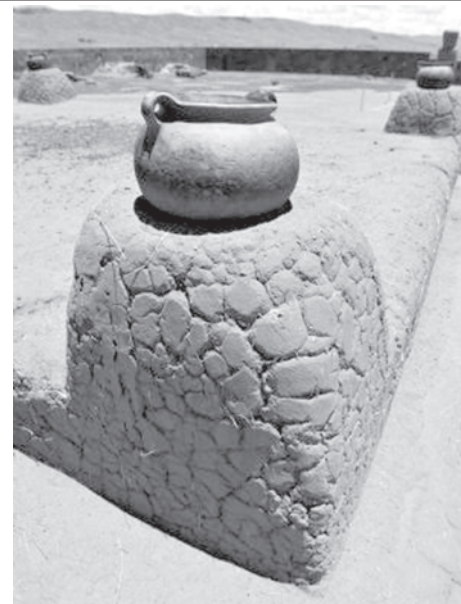
Oriental small-clawed otters (or Asian small-clawed otter) Clyde (L) and Bonnie look up at the Sea Life Centre at Timmendorfer Strand, northern Germany.

Man makes infant sleep on street “to punish wife”

A resident of Ningjin county in Shijiazhuang, Hebei Province, slept on the streets with his 1-year-old son in the biting cold after a quarrel with his wife last on Tuesday.

The man, surnamed Zhu, 40, said he deliberately took his son with him to make his wife “feel guilty about the harsh things she says without thinking”.

Photo taken shows a pottery jar for sacrifice ceremony at the Tiwanaku ruins some 70 km (43 miles) north of La Paz, Bolivia. Tiwanaku ruins was listed into the World Heritage site by UNESCO in 2000.



Special Refresher Course No. 70 for basic education teachers concludes

YANGON, 12 Dec—The concluding ceremony of Special Refresher Course No. 70 for basic education teachers was held at Nawarat hall of Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township here at 9 a.m. today. On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein attended and delivered a concluding speech on the occasion.

It was also attended by Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Kyaw Thu, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, deputy ministers, members of CSSTB, departmental heads and rector, pro-rector, heads of department and deans of CICS and trainees.

In his address, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein said that he believed that at a time when efforts are being made for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation, the teachers who have completed this special refresher course for basic education teachers will strive to produce capable

human resources through the education sector and to become qualified ones with conviction, national outlook and nationalistic spirit.

The State is endeavouring to develop in all aspects making use of advancing technologies. Since its assumption of State duties, the government has been building infrastructures for a future nation by laying down development infrastructures and political, economic and social objectives.

All the development infrastructures covering the whole Union contribute to the improvement of socio-economy of the people in all regions and have existed as milestones of the nation. In making efforts for national development, the nation has confronted various difficulties and hardships coming from inside and outside. But it has been able to overcome them thanks to the cooperation of the State, the people and the Tatmadaw.

Nationalistic spirit that all the national people have to uphold and hand down to future generations is Union Spirit. It is necessary for teachers to train the youths to be equipped with the sacrificing spirit for national interests, the spirit of safeguarding national

prestige and integrity and the noble spirit based on Union Spirit. It is also necessary to nurture the youths who are innocent and curious about everything to be mentally strong. At the same time, they need to follow good discipline. Only then, can good citizens emerge.

Moreover, the youths are to be trained to cultivate such good habits as discipline for individuals, school discipline, community discipline and organizational discipline based on the fine traditions of the State, religious teachings and social ethics. Thus, law-abiding citizens will emerge and a discipline-flourishing democracy can be shaped.

In shaping a new nation, it is necessary to uplift the morale and morality of the entire nation in accord with the characteristics of a good citizen of an independent, sovereign nation. Besides, national education promotion, conducive to national development, is a historical requirement of the State.

With advancing science and technology and information and communication technology, the economy of the whole human society is turning to knowledge based economy. As such, producing human resources



Minister Dr Chan Nyein awards Junior Assistant Teacher U Win Tun Naing of No.1 BEHS in Kawthoung Township who won best trainee award.—MNA

such as intellectuals and intelligentsia in related fields is indispensable to nation-building endeavours.

Global nations are making great investment in education sector for long-term development. Likewise, Myanmar is carrying out national education promotion plans and building educational institutions across the Union by including one objective 'Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation' in the social objectives.

Holding the belief that the Union can be safeguarded forever only with national unity and strong Union Spirit, teachers are to try to motivate their students and the people to have correct outlook, conviction and confidence.

The process of transforming the nation into a peaceful, modern and developed one as desired by the entire national people must be carried out based on Union Spirit, flourishing discipline and high national education.

All in all, basic education teachers who play a leading role in promoting national strengths are to be proud of being noble education staff and strive to promote national education with strong belief and conviction.

Afterwards, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein presented best trainee award to Junior Assistant Teacher U Win Tun Naing (No. 1 Basic Education High School in Kawthoung township, Taninthayi Division) and Senior assistant teacher Daw Ni Ni Tun (No. 5

BEHS in Kyimyindine Township, Yangon Division); award for outstanding performance in diligence to headmaster U Win Myint (post-primary school (Wahaw) Kyunsu Township, Taninthayi Division, Junior assistant teacher Daw Aye Aye Kyu (No.20 post-primary school in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon Division) and headmaster Daw Kyi San (post-primary school (Hsintoegy) Palaw Township, Taninthayi Division); model hostel awards to leaders of men's company No.5, hostel No. 5 and women's company No.8, hostel No. 8 and certificates to company leaders. A total of 1,499 teachers from basic education schools (lower Myanmar) attended the five-week course.—MNA

Nikon to hold product training seminar



General Manager Daw Ohnma of Special Style Photo & Electronics explains facts about Product Training Seminar.—MNA

YANGON, 11 Dec—Nikon Singapore Pte Ltd and Special Style Photo & Electronics introduced product training seminar for Nikon DSLR D3000 and Nikon DSLR D90 cameras to journalists at Mr Brown Cafe on Maha Bandoola Street here this morning.

General Manager Daw Ohnma of Special Style Photo & Electronics introduced product training seminar.

Professional Photographer U Zaw Myint explained facts about Nikon D3000 and Nikon D90 cameras. It is learnt that D3000

camera production training seminar will be held at Nikon Fans Myanmar, No 388-398, Golden Team Mansion on Strand Road, Ahlon Township here on 23 December.

Those fond of photography wishing to attend the product training seminar may book a seat at Special Style Photo & Electronics, No. 184-192, Room B.1, Hninsi Condo, Botahtaung Pagoda Road, Pazundaung Township, here, Ph: 01-200138, 01-397617, 09-5007540.

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Senior General Than Shwe visits workshop of Elite Tech Manufacturing Co Ltd.—MNA

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The chairman of the company and officials conducted the Senior General round the factory.

Next, the Senior General and party viewed Solar House being run with Nanowin CIGS technology.

He also inspected production of advanced communication devices such as digital TV Set-top box, KT-WLL, and ME Will at FISCA Yadanarpon Parmyanmar Co Ltd.

On arrival at Yadanarpon Cyber Hall, the Senior General cordially greeted and encouraged members of Yadanarpon Town Project Committee, personnel of the Myanmar Computer Federation and Yadanarpon Teleport Co Ltd, and local and foreign entrepreneurs and IT technicians.

At Cyber Hall, Chairman of Mandalay Division PDC Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe reported on reclaimed area out of 10,000-acre land of Yadanarpon Town Project, the area of factories and buildings, the area of private housing project, and ongoing tasks for supply of water and electric power, and construction of roads.

Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han reported on work progress in implementing the private housing project in the northern part of Yadanarpon which is the first phase of establishing Yadanarpon



Senior General Than Shwe views products displayed at Yadanarpon Cyber Hall.—MNA

Techno City, electricity and water supply programmes, road construction, laying of concrete, and progress in establishing housing estates in cooperation with private companies.

In response to the reports, the Senior General gave guidance on expediting tasks for establishment of factories and workshops for rapid development of Yadanarpon Myothit.

Chairman of Myanmar e-National Task Force

Chairman of Supervisory Committee for Yadanarpon Town Project Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw elaborated on progress in constructing Teleport building and seven incubation buildings on a 2200-acre land as the first phase, installation of communication equipment, supply of electric power and water, production of advanced communication devices and accessories by 19 companies in the 27 plots and seven incubation buildings, their proposals to keep on producing devices, establishment of Yadanarpon Teleport Co Ltd, and conducting courses and doing researches in cooperation with technicians from home and abroad.

The Minister also reported on progress in computerized Myanmar translation system being developed by Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Education, Myanmar Language Commission, and foreign and local IT experts with an interested in the system with the aim of applying computer application system in Myanmar language in various fields and use of current software.

Managing Director U Tin Win Aung of MCC Co Ltd reported on progress in establishing international level ICT training centre in Yadanarpon Teleport Co Ltd jointly by Yadanarpon Teleport and Co Ltd MCC Group, International Software Development Center jointly founded by Servey Co of the Netherlands, and Data Center Research & Development Center by Multinet Group of Russia, the number of the trainees, and conducting courses for internationally recognized level degrees and diplomas.

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Senior General Than Shwe views products displayed at Yadanarpon Cyber Hall.—MNA

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Managing Director U Ne Aung of IGE Co reported on establishment of Yadanarpon Web Portals designed to present fact files in Myanmar of government departments, economic enterprises, organizations, and individuals, and international news, like developed countries and neighbouring countries, trial run, and the process to upgrade Web Portal.

In response, the Senior General gave guidance, saying that the government is encouraging IT industries by establishing Yadanarpon Techno City to be able to catch up with other countries in IT Age, and called for scaling up the development of IT industries.

Chairman of the State Peace and Development

Council Senior General Than Shwe views products put on display at Yadanarpon Cyber Hall.

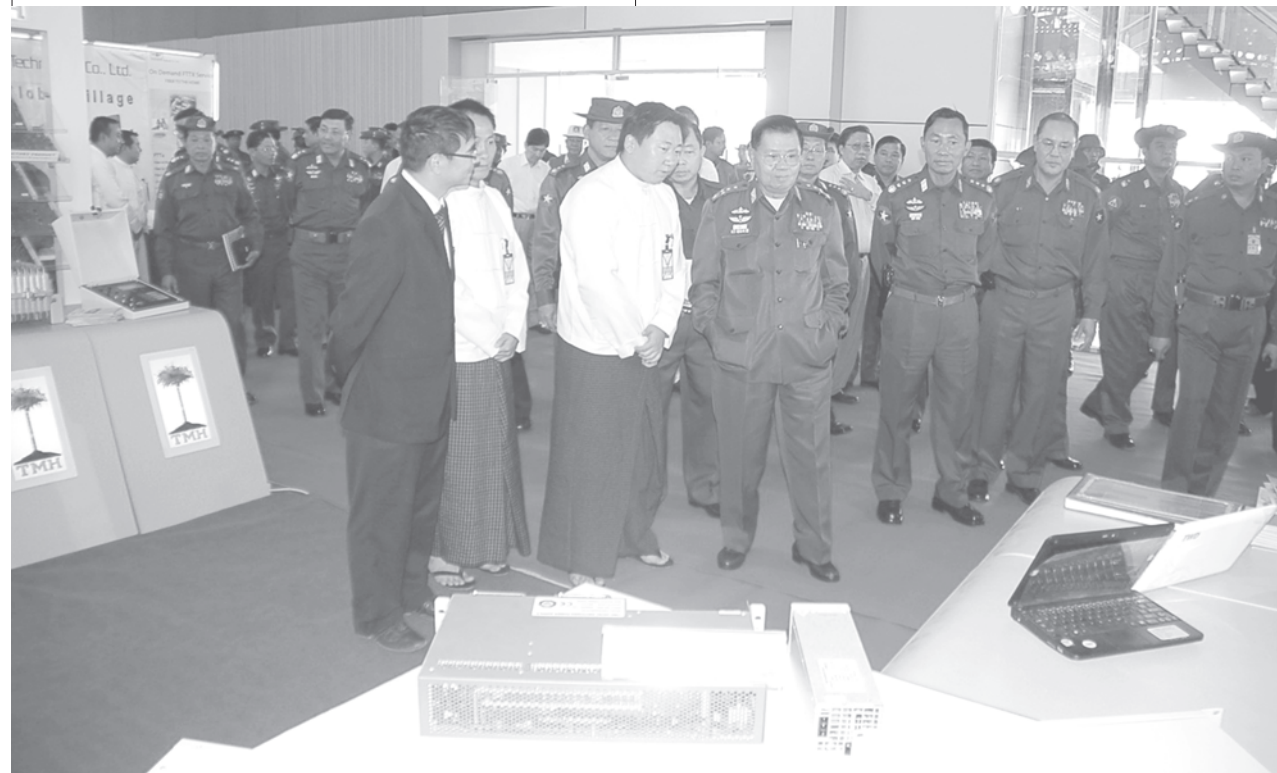
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Chairman of the State Peace and Development

Council Senior General Than Shwe inspects advanced communication equipment produced by FISCA Yadanarpon Parmyanmar Co Ltd.

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The government and entrepreneurs should work closely for investments in establishment of IT factories and workshops, nurturing international level human resources in technology, and getting sophisticated IT machines, he noted adding only then will it be possible to achieve development in IT industries.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe and entourage observed blueprints for Yadanarpon Housing Project, and advanced machines and communication equipment to be displayed by local and foreign companies at the 8th Myanmar ICT Week Exhibition and cordially greeted the local and foreign entrepreneurs.—MNA

China-Myanmar Border Trade Fair 2009 held in Yunnan, China

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Dec—The China-Myanmar Border Trade Fair 2009 was held at Jiegao International Trade Fair Centre in Ruili, Yunnan Province, the People's Republic of China from 2 to 6 December.

The opening of the trade fair was attended by the Vice-Governor of Yunnan Province, Deputy Minister for Commerce Birg-Gen Aung Tun of the

Union of Myanmar, officials from China and Myanmar, businessmen and peoples from the two countries.

The Chinese vice-governor, the deputy minister and responsible person made speeches on the occasion and they viewed the booths opened at the hall.

The officials of the two countries met at Jing Cheng Hotel and director-general level meeting of Joint Bor-

der Trade Cooperation and Coordination Committee (JBTC) was held at the same venue.

An average of 500 booths of which 50 from Myanmar and 400 from China participated in the trade fair.

On 3 December, the Business Matching between buyers and sellers of the two countries was held in conjunction with the ceremony to sign trading contract.—MNA



Opening of China-Myanmar Border Trade Fair 2009 in progress.

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Yangon Division Industrial Zones Management Committee meets

YANGON, 12 Dec— The Yangon Division Industrial Zones Management Committee held a coordination meeting at the hall of Yangon Command Headquarters on Konmyinthta, here,



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence addresses the coordination meeting of Yangon Division Industrial Zones Management Committee.—MNA

yesterday morning. Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence urged officials to make concerted efforts for gaining greater development of the

industrial zones and for manufacturing import-substitute quality products. Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon

Command Maj-Gen Win Myint and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin reported on progress of works. Departmental officials, chairmen, vice-chairmen and responsible persons of Yangon Division Industrial Zones Management Committee submitted the reports on accomplishment of the minutes from the previous meeting.

Officials presented plastic garbage bins to schools in Yangon through the commander.

After attending to the needs, Lt-Gen Myint Swe gave the concluding remarks.—MNA

Myanmar shooters set new records with two gold

VIENTIANE, 12 Dec— The shooting contest of the XXV SEA Games commenced at the Shooting Range of National Sports Complex in Vientiane of Laos on 10 December.

Today, the Myanmar shooting team comprising Lin Aung, Aung Nyein Ni and Aung Thura stood first with

1774 points in the 50-m rifle prone 60 shots event by breaking the old record of 1766 points, followed by Vietnam second with 1755 points and Singapore third with 1751 points.

In the 50-m rifle prone 60 shots (singles) event, Lin Aung of Myanmar won the first prize with 594 points,

Aung Nyein Ni (Myanmar) second with 593 points and Thanh Pham Ngoc of Vietnam third with 589 points.

Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint awarded the winners in the singles and team event of the shooting contest.—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint awards gold medal to Myanmar shooter Lin Aung.—MNA

Myanmar secure two gold, two silver and nine bronze on 12 Dec



Myanmar shooters Lin Aung, Aung Nyein Ni and Aung Thura.

SPED

YANGON, 12 Dec— Selected Myanmar shooter Lin Aung bagged one gold in the 50-m rifle prone event and one more gold in the 50-m men's team rifle prone event in the XXV SEA Games in Vientiane of Laos today.

Likewise, selected Myanmar shooter Aung Nyein Ni secured one

silver in the 50-m prone rifle event, while Ni Ni Cho The won one silver in the under-68 kilo Kumite event of the Karatedo Contest.

One bronze medal each went to selected Myanmar Taekwondo athlete Thiri Tint Lwin in the Pinweight 46-kilo event, Karatedo athlete

Aung Pyae in the under-60 kilos Kumite event, weightlifter Thaw Yai Phaw in the 63-kilo weightlifting event, Pyae Phy Swe in the 77-kilo weightlifting event, Yar Thet Pan in the 69-kilo weightlifting event, Soe Maung Maung in the 50-54-kilo Bantamweight Mway (Traditional

Boxing) event, Win Tun in the 57-60-kilo Lightweight Mway (Traditional Boxing) event, Aye Ko Ko in the Lightflyweight 45-48-

kilo Mway (Traditional Boxing) event and Kyu Kyu Thin in the Pinweight 46-kilo Mway (Traditional Boxing) event.

Today, Myanmar athletes bagged two gold, two silver and nine bronze medals.—MNA



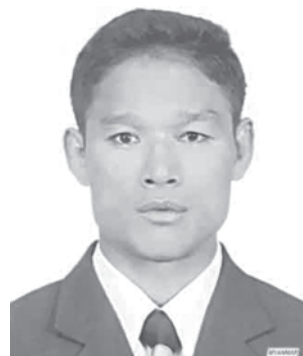
Karatedo player Aung Pyae.—SPED



Boxer Kyu Kyu Thin.—SPED



Karatedo player Ni Ni Cho The.—SPED



Boxer Win Tun. SPED

Medal Standing in XXV SEA Games

Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Vietnam	20	17	19	56
Thailand	18	24	29	71
Singapore	18	8	16	42
Malaysia	15	16	24	55
Indonesia	13	13	20	46
Philippines	8	14	15	37
Laos	8	4	16	28
Myanmar	4	6	16	26
Cambodia	2	4	5	11
Brunei	0	0	4	4
Timorlese	0	0	2	2

World Diabetes Day 2009 observed

YANGON, 12 Dec— World Diabetes Day was observed at Nursing University (Yangon) here this morning, with an address by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint.

Next, a responsible person gave talks on

prevention against medicines displayed there diabetes. The commander and he himself had a medical check-up for and party then viewed posters, photographs and diabetes.—MNA

Commander Maj-Gen Win Myint viewing posters, photos and booths displayed at World Diabetes Day commemorative ceremony.

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A visit to Okshitpin in Padaung Township

Byline: Myint Maung Soe; Photos: Myo Min Thein (Mayangon)



The entrance road to Okshitpin in Padaung Township is kept clean with rows of trees along it.

Okshitpin in Padaung Township has now been transformed from a rural into urban area in a short period, benefited from smooth transport due to a growing number of new roads and railroads in the region.

Okshitpin is about seven miles to west of Padaung. Along the way to Okshitpin are a row of

villages.

Chairman of Padaung Township Peace and Development Council U Kyaw Tint said that Okshitpin had enjoyed remarkable development due to its location at the junction of the railroad and the motorway.

Just as we arrived at the entrance to Okshitpin, I was taken aback by the signboard

saying “Welcome to Okshitpin”, because in reality, Okshitpin is still a large village only. It has not been designated as a town yet, but it has seen a sign of urbanization.

Okshitpin has developed a lot in various sectors such as health care, communication, education, and transport. It has got a fine communication system, and a long building of basic education high school.

Pathein-Monywa Road and Padaung-Taungup Road meet near Okshitpin.

U Saw Aung, a local, told the Myanma Alin, “Due to such fine roads, our village has developed into a town with many shops. Then,

prices between here and there.”

Okshitpin is easily accessible both by car and by train, as a result of Okshitpin-Kyangin Railroad and Okshitpin-Kanma Railroad that were put into commission in 2009.

With emergence of



U Saw Aung, a local of Okshitpin.

Okshitpin-Kyangin Railroad and Okshitpin-Kanma Railroad, local people can travel by train

to Hinthada and Kyangin townships in Ayeyawady Division, and Kanma in Magway Division. Moreover, local people of the regions on the west bank of the Ayeyawady River have enjoyed smooth transport and swift commodity flow.

Development of Okshitpin may be an endless story. I was taken by U Saw Aung, a town elder, to Okshitpin Power Station under construction. Upon completion, the power station will be able to add electric power to Nyauungchedauk, Myanaung, Pyay and Hsinde.

In a word, Okshitpin Village has been an urbanized region with all-round development.

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Some passengers awaiting their trains.



Pathein-Monywa Road near Okshitpin.

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV DIBENA HAPPY VOYNO (115)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DIBENA HAPPY NO (115) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 13.12.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W 3 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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E China heavy truck maker claims world's 2nd largest output

JINAN, 12 Dec — China's largest heavy truck maker claimed on Friday that its output had become the second largest in the world at its headquarters in Ji'nan City, capital of eastern Shandong Province.

"China National Heavy Duty Truck Group Corp. (CNHTC)'s output reached 120,000 on Friday, which is second only to Germany auto maker Mercedes-Benz in world heavy truck industry," said Ni Guixiang, head of the company's publicity department.

Cai Dong, president of CNHTC, drove the 120,000th truck the company manufactured this year off the production line. He said the truck marked a 11.2 percent year-on-year output growth, which was a remarkable achievement, considering the world economic downturn.—*Xinhua*

China-Singapore deal on tax cooperation takes effect

SINGAPORE, 12 Dec — The 2nd protocol to a standing agreement between China and Singapore to avoid double taxation and prevent fiscal evasion of income taxes took effect on Friday.

According to Singapore's Ministry of Finance, the 2nd protocol which entered into force on 11 Dec was signed on 24 Aug. Its provisions shall go into force as of 1 Jan 2010.

China and Singapore first signed an agreement in this regard on 18 April, 1986.

The 2nd protocol was signed by Wang Li, deputy commissioner of State Administration of Taxation for China and Mosses Lee, Commissioner of Inland Revenue for Singapore.

Xinhua

Japan firms owed \$7.5 bln by Dubai

TOKYO, 12 Dec — Japan's non-financial firms had some 7.5 billion dollars in uncollected bills from the Dubai government and its affiliated firms as of the end of October, the *Nikkei* business daily reported on Saturday.

The data, excluding bank loans, was derived from a total of 18 projects worth about 15 billion dollars and involving Japanese general contractors, trading houses and electric machinery manufacturers, the daily said.

The figures include public works projects commissioned by the Dubai government, such as subway and road construction, it added.

About one billion dollars of the accounts receivable have gone unpaid past their due dates, with some of them more than a year overdue, the newspaper said, quoting Japanese government officials.—*Internet*

Italians living longer, have better health

ROME, 12 Dec — Italians are feeling better and living up to four years longer than they did two decades ago, health officials say.

A report issued in Rome by senior health officials says the average life expectancy for women is 84 years for women and 78.4 for men, ANSA reported.

Those living in the Campania region around Naples have the country's

shortest lifespan and residents of the central section of Italy's east coast appear to live the longest, the news agency said on Thursday.

Cancer kills 35 percent of Italian men, followed by heart disease at 34.9 percent and respiratory diseases a distant third at 7.4 percent.

Heart conditions are the leading killer among Italian women at 43.8 percent, followed by cancer

at 25.6 percent, the report said. Southern Italy leads the country in dental problems except in the north where cancer of the mouth is prevalent.

The report was presented by Welfare Minister Maurizio Sacconi, who said he would "soon be passing the baton" to Junior Health Minister Ferruccio Fazio, who is expected to be appointed to the full post next week.

Internet

75 Jailed for gang crimes in S China

GUANGZHOU, 12 Dec — Seventy-five people of two criminal gangs got jail terms up to life in two separate trials in a court in Guangzhou, south China's Guangdong Province on Friday.

The International People's Court of Guangzhou handed down the sentences at the first instance to 34 people on charges of 11 crimes including organizing, leading and participation mafia-style organizations,

intentional injury, vandalism and illegal possession of drugs and guns. Li Guiting and Li Haotan, leaders of the gang, were sentenced to life in prison. Another four principal members got jail terms ranging from 15 to 20 years. Others were sentenced to less than 15 years in prison, according to a first-instance verdict. The gang killed one person and injured six others, the verdict said.

The organization monopolized barrel water wholesales and parking lot businesses by forcing out

competitors with violence in Baiyuan District of Guangzhou City. It also ran underground casinos and interfered in village affairs to monopolized local construction projects, according to the verdict.

In a separate trial, the same court sentenced 41 people of another gang, convicted of 12 crimes including organizing, leading and participating mafia-style organization, kidnaping robbery and blackmail to jail terms ranging from life to 45 months.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Mass woman, 98, accused of killing roommate, 100

NEW BEDFORD, 12 Dec — A 98-year-old woman was indicted on Friday on a second-degree murder charge that alleges she strangled her 100-year-old nursing home roommate after making the victim's life "a living hell" because she thought the woman was "taking over the room."

Laura Lundquist was sent to a state mental hospital for a competency evaluation before her arraignment. Her defence attorney, Carl Levin, said she has a "long-standing diagnosis of dementia, as well as issues of cognitive impairment."

She is believed to be the oldest murder defendant in state history, but might never go to trial because of her mental health issues.

Her roommate at the Brandon Woods nursing home in Dartmouth, Elizabeth Barrow, was found dead in her bed 24 Sept with a plastic bag tied around her head. Police initially speculated it was a suicide, but a medical examiner ruled it a homicide after an autopsy indicated strangulation.

Barrow's son, Scott Barrow, has said Lundquist complained to nursing home officials about the number of visitors his mother received. He also has said Lundquist had made "threatening" and "harassing" remarks to her. He declined to comment on the indictment, which



This undated photo provided by Scott Barrow, his mother Elizabeth Barrow celebrates her 100th birthday at his home in Dartmouth, Mass. Elizabeth Barrow was found on 24 Sept strangled in her Dartmouth nursing home bed with a plastic bag over her head. The Bristol County district attorney announced on 11 Dec, 2009, that a grand jury had indicted Laura Lundquist, 98, with second degree murder in Barrow's death.—INTERNET

was handed up on Friday by a Bristol grand jury.

Bristol District Attorney Sam Sutter said Lundquist suffered from paranoia and "harboured hostility toward the victim" and thought Barrow "was taking over the room they shared."—*Internet*

Dinosaur provides evolutionary insight

SALT LAKE CITY, 12 Dec — The fossilized bones of a dinosaur found in New Mexico provide insight into the evolution of the bird-like meat-eating theropods, scientists said.

"This new dinosaur *Tawa hallae* changes our understanding of the relationships of early dinosaurs and provides fantastic insight into the evolution of the skeleton of the first carnivorous dinosaurs," said Randall Irmis of the Utah Museum of Natural History.

T. hallae, about the size of a large dog but with a much longer tail, roamed about 213 million years ago, Irmis said. The bones of five to seven *T. hallae* skeletons were found in recent years in a quarry in Ghost Ranch, NM.—*Internet*

Parents help grown children a lot

WEST LAFAYETTE, 12 Dec — US parents are helping each grown child with significant forms of support every few weeks, Purdue University researchers found.

"We found that middle-aged parents help each of their grown children with many types of support at least every few weeks," study leader Karen Fingerma said in a statement. "This is a dramatic increase from 20 years ago, when young adults received much less support from their parents."

Fingerma and her team evaluated 600 parents, ages 40-60, on how they supported their children and for what reasons. The support included financial, helping with tasks, giving advice, emotional support, listening and participating in social activities.—*Internet*



An ice carver makes a statue of Maasai warrior outside the UN Conference Centre in Denmark's capital Copenhagen as the first week of negotiations comes to a close, on 10 Dec, 2009. The original shape of the ice carvings are the Maasai people in Kenya, whose livings are suffering from the climate change. Two three-metre-high warriors of ice carvings, a man and a woman holding a baby, are sculpted with chainsaws and chisels from 4 tonnes of ice. Oxfam installs the ice warriors as a powerful reminder of the human cost of climate change. —XINHUA

Flu pandemic could disrupt blood supply

LANGEN, 12 Dec—A severe influenza pandemic could quickly lead to a deficit of up to 96,000 red blood cell transfusion units in Germany alone, medical researchers said.

“The pandemic model showed that after five to six weeks of a severe pandemic, there would be 220,000 fewer units than the normal supply, a reduction of 40 percent to 50 percent,” lead researcher Dr Christel Kamp, of the Paul-Ehrlich Institute in Germany said in a statement.

“If we assume that 70 percent of required transfusion units are urgent and cannot wait, this could lead to approximately 100,000 units being denied to people who need them.” Red blood cells need to be applied in life-threatening situations, but can neither be synthe-

cally produced nor be kept in stock for more than six weeks. This makes them an especially precious resource in situations of crisis such as an influenza pandemic because availability is dependent on the health of donors, Kamp said.

“Although current interventions to limit the spread of influenza might reduce the scale of a pandemic to that experienced during seasonal influenza epidemics, continued alertness should be mandatory and should be implemented within the regulatory framework,” Kamp said. —Internet

Students painting in colour celebrate at the street in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on 11 Dec, 2009. The students from a middle school in Buenos Aires celebrated their coming vacation on Friday. —XINHUA



Stem cells used to treat blindness

NEWCASTLE, 12 Dec — Cultured stem cells from eyes helped improve the sight of eight patients with Limbal Stem Cell Deficiency, a painful, blinding disease, British doctors said.

The patients' own corneal cells were cultured and used to reduce corneal cloudiness from the disease, The North East England Stem Cell Institute, Newcastle, England, reported in a release Thursday.

Limbal Stem Cell De-

ficiency, LSCD, requires long-term, costly treatment with frequent hospital admissions. The advance of corneal stem cells may alleviate much of that and aid people with other cornea problems, said Dr. Francisco Figueiredo, a researcher at the institute.

“Corneal cloudiness has been estimated to cause blindness in 8 mil-

lion people worldwide each year,” he said. “A large number of ocular surface diseases, both acquired and congenital, share features of partial or complete LSCD.”

Future research will test whether the stem cell therapy could be used to treat conditions such as age-related macular degeneration, he said.

Internet

New heart attack biomarker found

LONDON, 12 Dec—A binding protein released within minutes of a heart attack could help rapidly diagnose a problem even in weak attacks, British scientists said.

Cardiac myosin-binding protein C, or cMyBP-C, may be of particular value in diagnosing mild attacks in which traditional diagnostic proteins may not be abundant enough, researchers at Kings College, London, said in a release on Thursday.

Of 320 proteins not released by normal hearts, cMyBP-C became 20 times more abundant within five minutes of a heart attack, proving itself to a promising diagnostic aid, the researchers said.

To determine the protein's potential value, more research with mice needs to be done on exactly how much cMyBP-C is released during given periods of time following an attack, the researchers said in the December issue of *Molecular and Cellular Proteomics*.—Internet

Alcohol ups breast cancer recurrence risk

OAKLAND, 12 Dec—Women who have at least three to four alcoholic drinks per week have a 1.3-fold greater chance of breast cancer recurrence, US researchers found. Marilyn L Kwan of Kaiser Permanente in Oakland, Calif., said women who are post-menopausal or overweight may be most susceptible to the effects of alcohol on recurrence.

Drinking fewer than three drinks per week was not associated with an increased risk, Kwan said. Kwan and col-

leagues examined the effects of alcohol on cancer recurrence and mortality in the Life After Cancer Epidemiology Study — 1,897 early-stage breast cancer survivors diagnosed with early-stage invasive breast cancer from 1997-2000. After eight years of follow-up, Kwan and colleagues found 349 breast cancer recurrences and 332 deaths. Increased risk of the cancer coming back was most predominant among those who consumed two or more glasses of wine per day.—Internet



Vases with images linking to female toiletry or used in nuptial rites from mid-5th century BC onwards, are on display at Cycladic Art Museum as part of “Eros: From Hesiod's Theogony to late antiquity” exhibition, in Athens, Greece, on 10 Dec, 2009. —XINHUA

Obesity hurts breast cancer chances

ODENSE, 12 Dec—Obesity is linked with poorer breast cancer outcomes, Danish researchers found.

Dr Marianne Ewertz of the Odense University Hospital in Denmark said breast cancer patients with a high body mass index — a BMI of 25 or higher — had an increased risk of dying of breast cancer.

Using the Danish Breast Cancer Cooperative Group database, the researchers evaluated tumor size, malignancy grade, number of lymph nodes removed, estrogen receptor status and treatment regimen of almost 54,000 women. Ewertz and colleagues calculated BMI for 35 percent of the women, whose information about height and weight was available.—Internet

SPORTS

Liverpool in search of Arsenal revival

LONDON, 12 Dec—Liverpool started this season with hopes of winning their first English title since 1990; they face Arsenal on Sunday desperate to maintain their bid for a top four finish. Ending the season among the English Premier League's leading quartet will guarantee Liverpool Champions League football next season.

This term's Champions League efforts have been dismal by the five-times European Cup winners' own standards. Liverpool had already seen their hopes of advancing to the knockout stages disappear before Wednesday's dispiriting 2-1 loss to Fiorentina.

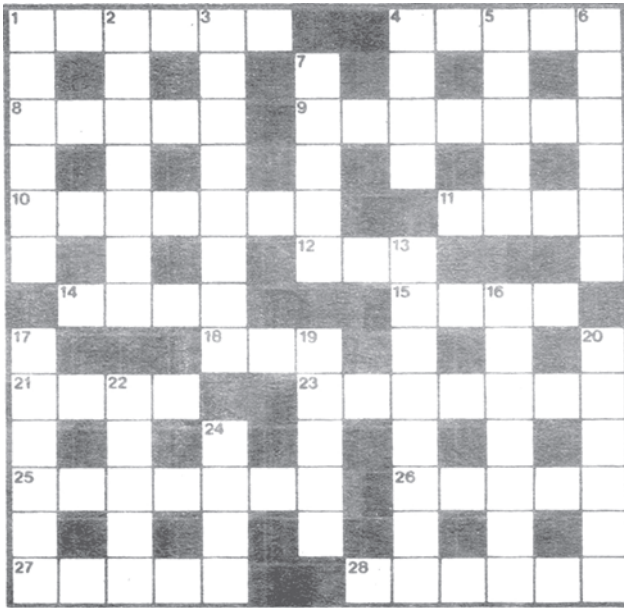
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Toronto to welcome Olympic flame with various celebration activities

TORONTO, 12 Dec—The programme for Toronto's welcoming the 2010 Vancouver Olympic torch relay was announced on Friday here, and the city will host the Olympic flame from 17 to 19 December. Toronto's community celebration on welcoming the flame will be held on 17 December.

"The night promises to be memorable, showcasing performances by local, national and international dancers, musicians and acrobats," said Patricia Trott, media officer of the city government. She said that the night will conclude with an amazing fireworks display. The community celebration is not the only event to welcome the flame. The city will offer entertainment and interactive sporting activities, including buskers, musicians, and a sledge hockey demonstration on 17 December.—Xinhua

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



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Davis Cup team wins best Czech tennis player 2009 award

PRAGUE, 12 Dec—The Davis Cup team won the best Czech tennis player of 2009 award, presented by President Vaclav Klaus at a ceremony in Prerov on Friday.

Radek Stepanek and Lucie Safarova were awarded the best male and female tennis players of the year.

The Czech Davis Cup team has advanced to the tournament's finals for the first time in 29 years.

A team, not an individual player, has won the trophy for the first time in the poll's 17-year history.

Xinhua

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Hughes believes the forward will be true to his word and said: "I know Robi's feelings. He is very happy around the place and with life in Manchester. He always has a smile on his face.—Internet



A general view of the Olimpiyskiy (Olympic) stadium in Kiev, taken in April 2007. —INTERNET

Ukraine gets Euro 2012 green light, final in Kiev

FUNCHAL, 12 Dec—UEFA on Friday ratified the four Ukrainian cities chosen to host the 2012 European championships with the final to take place in Kiev. The four cities — Kiev, Donetsk, Karkov and Lviv — will host games with the final taking place in the capital on 1 July, 2012. Ukraine is co-hosting the competition with Poland where games will be held in four venues at Warsaw, Wroclaw, Poznan and Gdansk.

UEFA president Michel Platini, giving Ukraine the green light, said: "Around three years ago we entrusted the organization of the Euro to Poland and Ukraine. "This wasn't merely a whim but a strategic plan to open up our flagship competition to Eastern Europe. "We knew it was going to be a difficult undertaking, that there would have to be investment in infrastructure, in the stadiums, in transport and hotels. "Poland and Ukraine have done all that despite the global economic crisis which has hit them hard."—Internet

Hertha throw spoke in Leverkusen wheel

BERLIN, 12 Dec—German league leaders Bayer Leverkusen just preserved their unbeaten league record this season with a 2-2 draw on Friday at tailenders Hertha Berlin. Jupp Heynckes' side managed to extend their lead to a provisional four points but Hertha, winless since the opening day of the season, gave them a run for their money with Colombian Adrian Ramos putting the hosts in front in the eighth minute.

Eren Derdiyok almost headed the visitors level inside five minutes but Jaroslav Drobný just denied him. Leverkusen upped the pace after the interval against a side which last season came fourth before its recent fall from grace.—Internet



Leverkusen's midfielder Arturo Vidal (L) and Hertha Berlin's striker Adrian Ramos fight for the ball during the German first division Bundesliga football match in Berlin.

INTERNET

Wenger leaves door open for Campbell deal

LONDON, 12 Dec—Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger won't rule out signing Sol Campbell on a free transfer after Manchester United played down talk of an Old Trafford switch for the former Gunners defender. Campbell has been training with Arsenal since walking out on Notts County earlier this season after making just one appearance of the League Two club.

The 35-year-old is now able to resume his career following a contract wrangle with County, but a mooted move to the Premier League champions won't happen, according to United boss Sir Alex Ferguson. Campbell has also been linked with Newcastle but there is also a slim chance of an emotional return to Arsenal, where he spent five years before joining Portsmouth in 2006.—Internet

Kim leads by 3 shots, Wie in 4th place at Dubai

DUBAI, 12 Dec—In-Kyung Kim shot a 5-under 67 on Friday to take a three-stroke lead, while Michelle Wie dropped into a tie for fourth after three



USA's Michelle Wie tees off at the second hole during the third round of the Dubai Ladies Masters Golf tournament, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on 11 Dec, 2009.

INTERNET

rounds of the Dubai Ladies Masters. Kim, who stands at 202 overall, leads Anna Nordqvist (65) by three shots and Maria Hjorth (67) by four at the Emirates Golf Club. Michelle Wie, who was in second place after Thursday's round, had a 71 and is six shots behind the leader.

Wie three-putted the par-5 10th hole for her only bogey. "I did not get any putts in," Wie said. "Hopefully, they will all go in tomorrow." Kim made her only bogey of the day at No. 8. "Even though I am ahead, I have got to play my game," Kim said. "I have to play what the golf course gives me and go out there and have some fun. Nothing is easy, so I better go and have a good sleep."

Internet

Indonesia's space agency prepares educational satellite

JAKARTA, 12 Dec— Indonesia's National Flight and Space Agency (LAPAN) will help launching program of communication satellite to support long distance education held by the Ministry for the National Education, Kompas daily quoted an official as saying on Saturday.

The satellite named after the country's prominent education hero Ki Hajar Dewantara will be connected to 50,000 points (schools).

The agency's head Adi Sadewo Salatun said on Friday that "tele-education satellite" will refer to concept implemented by many countries like India, China and Nigeria. The Ki Hajar Dewantara Satellite Program will be prepared in three years, starting from system engineering, tele-education infrastructure preparation to the satellite launch and operation.

Currently, the program is still in feasible study phase, which is expected to take six months.

The satellite operation is expected to help solving problem of the lack of skilled educators and experts in remote areas, Adi said. The infrastructure could provide knowledge dissemination to villages about health, cleanliness and personal development as well as to help professionals in increasing their knowledge.—Internet



A worker feeds baby green turtles (*Chelonia mydas*) at a turtle conservation centre in Serangan on Bali island on 11 December 2009.

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MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (13-12-2009) (Sunday)

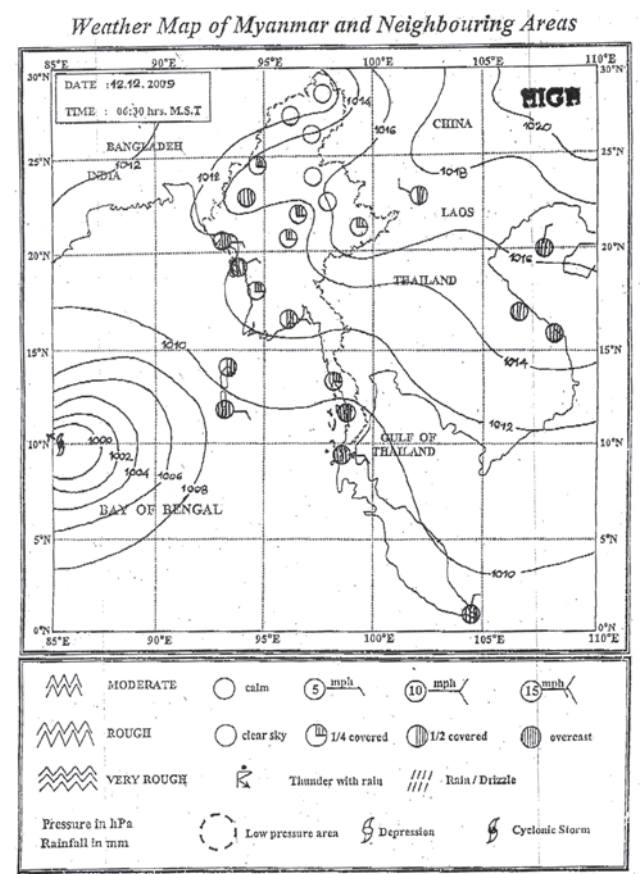
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Local	- (09:00am ~ 10:00am)MST
Europe	- (15:30pm ~ 23:30pm)MST
North America	- (23:30pm ~ 07:30am)MST

Local Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * At prosperous and pleasant Myawady
- * Ancient Mural Paintings of Poe Win Hill
- * Myanma Paintings: The Icons of Myanma Sentiment (Part-I)
- * Culture Stage
- * Lte's Sing Together
- * The Heritage of Kyin (or) Wrestling
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
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 - * Culture Stage
 - * Ecstasy of Life
 - * Lte's Sing Together
 - * The heritage of Kyin (or) Wrestling
 - * Survey of Hu Koung Valley Tiger (Part-I)
 - * Marine Business in Sittway Township
 - * A Visit to Inlay Region
 - * Thiri Zeya Buhmi Bagan Golden Palace and Museum of King Anawrahta
 - * Myanmar Modern Song
 - * Myanma Roasted Bean
 - * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm



WEATHER

Saturday, 12th 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, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below December average temperatures in Chin State, Lower Sagaing, Magway, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) below December average temperatures in Shan and Rakhine States, Upper Sagaing Division and about December average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Haka and Pinlaung (0°C) each, Heho (3°C), Namsham (4°C), Lashio (5°C), Mindat, Katha and Mogok (6°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 11-12-2009 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 12-12-2009 was 57°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 12-12-2009 was 82%. Total sun shine hours on 11-12-2009 was (8.8) hours approx.

Rainfall on 12-12-2009 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 (5) mph from Southeast at (12:30) hours MST on 11-12-2009.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (12:30) hrs M.S.T today, the cyclonic storm "Ward" over the Southwest Bay has moved Northwest wards and is centered at about (370) miles Southeast of Chennai (India). It is forecast to move Northwest wards. Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 13th December 2009: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Chin and Rakhine States, Lower Sagaing, Magway, Mandalay, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated light rain in the Lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 13-12-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 13-12-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 13-12-2009: Partly cloudy.



Sunday, 13 December View on today

- 7:00 am**
 1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:15 am**
 2. အင်္ဂုဇယမင်္ဂလံ (ယဉ်ဝေယံထွန်းမိတေးရေး-ဝိတစာဆိုမျိုးနွယ်ဆွေ)
- 7:25 am**
 3. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am**
 4. Morning News
- 7:40 am**

- 8:20 am**
 5. "စတုတ္ထအကြိမ်မြောက်အာဆီယံ ညာဏ်စမ်းပေးပွဲပြိုင်ပွဲ"
 6. "ယဉ်ပြိုင်ဆွဲနွဲ့ 4th ASEAN Qurz ပြိုင်ပွဲ"
- 8:35 am**
 7. Crossroads Cafe (Episode-14) (Life Goes On)
- 11:00 am**
 1. Martial Song
- 11:15 am**
 2. Musical Programme
- 11:25 am**
 3. Round Up Of The Week International News
- 11:40 am**
 4. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟာသကမ္ဘာ" (အပိုင်း-၅၄)
- 12:30 pm**
 5. Golf Magazine(TV)
- 12:40 pm**
 6. မြန်မာ့ရုပ်ရှင် "နွေး" (ဇော်လင်း၊လင်းထင်၊ချိုမြိန်၊ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်မြင်မြတ်)

- 2:40 pm**
 7. Dance Of National Races
- 2:50 pm**
 8. International News
- 4:00 pm**
 1. Martial Song
 2. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 4:10 pm**
 3. Musical Programme
- 4:25 pm**
 4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာ ရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ် (စိတ်ပညာအထူးပြု) (စိတ်ပညာ)
- 4:40 pm**
 5. Songs For Uphold National Spirit
- 5:10 pm**
 6. "စိတ်လက်ပန်းဖြေနေပြည်တော် ရေပန်းဥယျာဉ်မှာလေ"
- 5:20 pm**
 7. Musical Programme
- 5:30 pm**
 8. (၂၅)ကြိမ်မြောက်အရှေ့တောင်

- 7:15 pm**
 9. တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်ကွက်စာ "အတ္တရောင်ပြန်" (ဝါဝါအောင်၊သူရလင်း၊ မိုးယုစံ၊အေးချမ်းမိုး၊ ဒါရိုက်တာ-မေတင် (MMG))
- 7:35 pm**
 10. Musical Programme
- 8:00 pm**
 11. News
 12. International News
 13. Weather Report
 14. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "ဒိုင်နိုဆောမိသားစုစွန့်စားခန်း" (အပိုင်း-၆၈)
 15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နွေးဦးကဗျာချစ်သံသာ" (အပိုင်း-၂၀)

- ★ 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

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing attend graduation dinner of 52nd Intake of DSA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Dec—The graduation dinner to honour the graduate officers of the 52nd Intake of Defence Services Academy took place at the parade ground of Anawrahta Battalion of DSA in PyinOoLwin, Mandalay Division, at 5.30 pm yesterday.

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing

Kyaing graced the dinner with their presence.

Also present on the occasion were SPDC Member General Thura Shwe Mann, SPDC Secretary-1 Quartermaster-General General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, SPDC Member Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, military

commanders, ministers, senior military officers, the Mandalay mayor, officials of SPDC Office, the commander of PyinOoLwin Station, senior military officers from PyinOoLwin Station, the director (literature), commanding officers of cadet battalions, professors, deans, faculty members, graduate officers and their relatives.

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Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing arrive at the venue to attend graduation dinner to honour the graduate officers of the 52nd Intake of DSA.—MNA