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### Four political objectives

- \* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, 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

## Fourth estate to practise checks and balances system on public pillar in addition to legislative, judicial and executive pillars

### Information Ministry already set up Rural Library Foundation to extend public horizons and promote social economy

YANGON, 17 May—The 5th Conference of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association was held at the hall of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Lanmadaw Township yesterday morning, with an address by Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister U Kyaw Hsan said that today's conference was the fifth time of the MWJA and the conferences are held once every four years in line with the procedures. The conference will review the tasks of the MWJA (Central) and Township WJAs to serve the interest of the literary world, the nation and the people, the MWJA and the regions during the period of four years, and will adopt the future tasks for coming four years.

He said he firmly believed that the CECs and delegates to the conference would hold discussions cordially to adopt the tasks for development of MWJA. The fourth conference of the association was attended by the then Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council now Prime Minister U Thein Sein. The Prime Minister laid down 12 work guidelines for those of the literary world. At that time, he said

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Minister U Kyaw Hsan makes speech at the 5th Conference of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association.—MNA

## Formation, registration of political party applied

NAY PYI TAW, 17 May — Those wishing to form political parties are submitting the applications describing the name of their parties to the Union Election Commission. The Khami National Development Party submitted the application today.

Up to date, 28 of 33 groups have been permitted to set up political parties.

Of the 28, the United Democratic Party submitted the application to register as a political party to the UEC today.

Up to date, there were 38 parties that submitted their applications for formation and continued existence as political parties. Five of the 17 parties that submitted the applications for registration as political party have been allowed to register as political parties and the remaining parties are under scrutiny.

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## PERSPECTIVES

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### Uplift prestige and integrity of nation and literary world

The Fifth Conference of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association commenced at the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Yangon on 16 May, with the participation of 206 representatives of States and Divisions.

Speaking on the occasion, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo said that in building a new discipline-flourishing democratic nation, the journalists and literati of the fourth estate are to serve the national interest creating their works in accord with the literary ethics launching educational campaign and highlighting the national cause in line with the fine tradition of Myanmar literary world as part of efforts to conduct the legislature, executive and judicial pillars not to deviate from the national cause.

Writers and journalists are trying their best in serving the interest of the State, the people and the Myanmar literary world. They are standing tall as a national force by taking up the literary tasks.

Intellectuals and intelligentsia in the literary world have been engaged in the literary industry for many years, making self-sacrifices due to their love, goodwill and belief in their art of literary works. They have to constantly discharge bounden duties to uplift national prestige and integrity and to guard against infiltration of alien culture.

In building a modern and developed nation, the literati have to make sustained efforts to raise the standard of Myanmar literature, strengthen the people's conviction of national cause, uplift dynamism of patriotic spirit and flourish the habit of abiding by laws, rules and regulations.

As such, all the writers and journalists are to highlight the national cause by exerting their literary might in line with the fine traditions of nation-building tasks. While organizing the people to take part in nation-building endeavours, they are to constantly uplift prestige and integrity of the nation and the literary world.



**CASH DONATED:** TZK Co Ltd donated cash to the funds of Myanmar Medical Association at the Foremost Medical Seminar jointly organized by Society of Child Health Education and Society of OG on 16 May. MMA Chairman Professor Dr Kyaw Myint Naing accepts K 300,000 from wellwishers.—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

### Information Minister receives President of THAICOM Public Company Limited



Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan receives President of THAICOM Public Company Limited Dr Nong Luck Phinainitisart and party of Thailand.

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YANGON, 17 May—Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan received President of THAICOM Public Company Limited Dr Nong Luck Phinainitisart and party of Thailand at the meeting room of Myanmar Radio and Television here this morning.

Also present at the call were Director-General

of MRTV U Khin Maung Htay, Managing Director of Printing and Publishing Enterprise U Aung Nyein, Managing Director of Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise U Aung Myo Myint and departmental officials.

MNA

### MTF President's Cup Tennis Tournament concludes

YANGON, 17 May—Final matches of the MTF President's Cup Tennis Tournament took place at Theinbyu Tennis Court in Mingala Taungnyunt Township on 14 May.

UZeya Thura Mon of FRESH (Air-conditioning System) (Gunkul Engineering Supply Co Ltd), Mr Alvin Law of Canon (Accel International Co Ltd), U Maung Maung Thet of Max Cement (Max Myanmar Co Ltd), U Phyo Min Naing of 100 Plus (Myanmar Distribution Group Co Ltd), Mr Danny Goh of Calsome (Myanmar Distribution Group) and General Secretary of MTF U Lay Naing awarded winners in the age-wise events.

President of Myanmar Tennis Federation U Aung Maw Thein presented prizes to the winners in the men's doubles open and the men's singles open

events.

General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General U Thuang Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department presented first and second prizes to Excellent Unity and Kanbawza and joint third prize to Defence Ministry and YCDC teams.

The director-general accepted K 3 million donated by Calsome (Myanmar Distribution Group Co Ltd), K 1.5 million each by 100 PLUS (Myanmar Distribution Group Co Ltd), Max Cement (Max Myanmar Co Ltd), Canon (Accel International Co Ltd), FRESH (Air Conditioning System) (Gunkul Engineering Supply Co Ltd) and Ayer Shwe Wah Co Ltd).—MNA

### 374 culprits arrested in 241 drug-related cases in April

NAY PYI TAW, 17 May—The authorities concerned exposed 241 drug-related cases in April 2010.

They seized 110.5792 kilos of opium in 44 cases, 1.7882 kilos of heroin in 80 cases, 2.1015 kilos of opium oil crystal in 11 cases, 6.9137 kilos of low-grade opium in nine cases, 9.7388 kilos of marijuana in 15 cases, 36,522 stimulant tablets in 61 cases, 20.7724 kilos of opium speciosa in seven cases, 0.15 litre of opium liquid in one case, 1,236 litres of chemical liquid in one case, 134.0036 kilos of Ice in three cases, 17 tablets of alprazolam in one case, one case of failure to register and seven other cases.

Action was taken against 374 persons—315 men and 59 women—in 241 cases under the law.

MNA



President of Myanmar Tennis Federation U Aung Maw Thein presents first prize to Nge Hnaung in men's singles open event of MTF President's Cup Tennis Tournament.—MTF

## Two Italian soldiers killed in Afghanistan

ROME, 17 May—Two Italian soldiers were killed and two others were seriously injured on Monday when a bomb hit a NATO military convoy in northwestern Afghanistan, Italy's Foreign Ministry said.

The four were in a vehicle that was struck by a roadside bomb, the weapon of choice of Taliban-led militants fighting the Western-backed Afghan government and around 130,000 US-led foreign troops in the country.

The attack was about 25 kilometres (15.5 miles) south of the town of Bala Murghab on the border with Turkmenistan, a spokesman for the Italian contingent in Afghanistan said in a television interview. Italy has 3,300 troops in Afghanistan as part of NATO's International Security Assistance Force and heads the western regional command headquartered in the city of Herat.—Internet



Security personnel look at the destruction caused after a suicide bomber detonated his cache of explosives late Sunday near the gate of an Afghan Border Police residence in Kandahar, Afghanistan, on 17 May, 2010.

INTERNET

## Mobile phones on rise in Cambodia

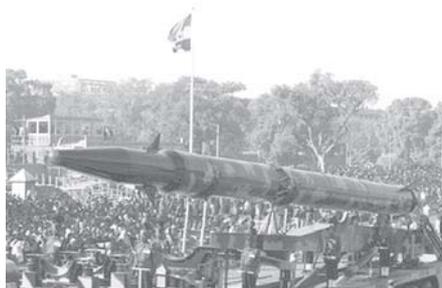
PHNOM PENH, 17 May—The use of mobile phones in Cambodia is remarkably popular and increased year by year, a government data showed on Monday.

The data of the Ministry of Post and Telecommunication showed that the number of mobile phones used by the end of 2009 was 6.3 million, an increase from 3.8 million a year ago. And by the first quarter of 2010, it estimated the mobile phone users at about 7.1 million, or about half of the country's total populations of 14.7 million.

Currently, there are nine mobile phone companies running in the country with Mobitel, owned by local tycoon Kith Meng of Royal Group, known as leading in the sector and followed by the new investment from Vietnam, known as Metfone or Vietell.

Internet

## India successfully testfires Agni II ballistic missile



An Indian army long-range Agni II missile seen at India's Republic Day parade in New Delhi. The Indian military has successfully tested a nuclear-capable, medium-range ballistic missile off its eastern coast, a defence official has said.

INTERNET

NEW DELHI, 17 May—After two successive failures last year, India Monday successfully testfired the nuclear capable intermediate range Agni II missile, with a range of over 2,000 km, from a launch site in the eastern state of Orissa, said Defence Ministry sources.

The surface to air missile was tested by army personnel as part of a training exercise from Wheeler's Island in Bhadrak District, about 200 km from the state capital Bhubaneswar, said the source official.

The launch was very successful and has met all the mission objectives, said the sources.

Xinhua

This photo provided by Jim Dodds shows a train derailment, recently in Thermopolis, Wyo. A locomotive slid into the Wind River after hitting a boulder south of Thermopolis. The crew survived but diesel is leaking into the river.

XINHUA



## Second NATO troop killed in 24 hours in Afghanistan

KABUL, 17 May—A second NATO soldier was killed in southern Afghanistan in 24 hours, the military said on Monday, bringing to 198 the number of foreign troops to have died in the country so far this year.

The soldier died after a makeshift bomb exploded, the weapon of choice favoured by Taliban-led militants fighting against the Western-backed Afghan government and around 130,000 US-led foreign troops.

It was the second killing of a NATO soldier in southern Afghanistan on Sunday. NATO's International Security Assistance Force did not release the nationality of either soldier.

The death brought to 198 the number of foreign troops to die this year during the Afghan war, which is into a ninth year, according to an AFP tally based on that kept by the independent icasualties.org website.

A total of 520 died in 2009.

NATO and the United States are set to boost their overall number of troops in Afghanistan to 150,000 by August.

Most of the new deployments are heading to the volatile south, where an operation against the Taliban in Kandahar Province is building as part of plans to squeeze them out of their heartland.

Internet



Relatives assist a civilian wounded during mortar exchange between African Union Mission to Somalia (AMISOM) troops and militants in the Somalia's capital Mogadishu, on 16 May, 2010.

INTERNET

## Three suicide attackers killed by police in S Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 17 May—Three suicide attackers were killed late on Sunday in southern Afghanistan's restive city of Kandahar, the capital of Kandahar Province, a police spokesman said.

Mohmed Nasir, spokesman for Kandahar's provincial border police, told Xinhua that three suicide attackers riding motorcycles loaded with explosives were in a bid to attack a border police checkpoint in Kandahar city.

The police personnel at the checkpoint opened fire on the attackers and killed them all, said the spokesman, adding that four policemen were injured by the returning fire from the attackers.

Xinhua

## Three Australian soldiers wounded in bomb blast in Afghanistan

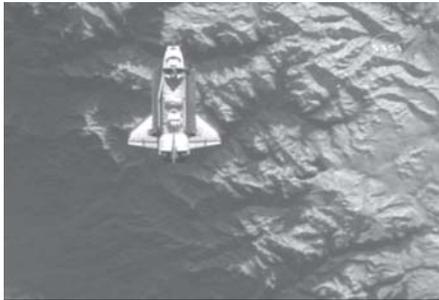
CANBERRA, 17 May—Three Australian special forces soldiers have been wounded in a roadside bomb blast in southern Afghanistan, Australian Defence Force said on Monday.

They have been admitted to hospital in Kandahar, but their condition was described as satisfactory and they were expected to return to duty.

Defence force head Angus Houston said improvised explosive devices (IEDs) remained a persistent threat with 48 such incidents involving Australian troops between November last year and April.

Xinhua

## Shuttle Atlantis arrives at space station



*In this frame grab taken from NASA television, the space shuttle Atlantis flies over a mountainous region of Earth before docking at the International Space Station, on 16 May, 2010.—INTERNET*

CAPE CANAVERAL, 17 May—Atlantis arrived at the International Space Station on Sunday for what could be its last visit, delivering fresh batteries and other equipment to help keep

the outpost running long after the shuttle programme ends.

For now, Atlantis' dance card is empty after this flight, and NASA has just two missions remaining. But there's a

push to keep the space shuttles flying until next June and to give Atlantis one last hurrah.

Shuttle commander Kenneth Ham was visibly moved as he floated into the space station. He grabbed two of the station astronauts in a tight embrace.

"It's bigger than we remember and, speaking for myself, better than I remember," Ham said. "I love this place."

The rendezvous by Atlantis was accompanied by considerably more picture-taking than usual, to make up for a curtailed safety survey the day before.

*Internet*



*Farmer Shu Mansheng poses with his half-finished homemade ultralight aircraft in Wuhan, Hubei Province recently. The 4.5-metre-long (15ft) ultralight, powered by two motor engines, took Shu eight months to build and cost him 5,000 yuan (733 USD), Picture taken on 7 May, 2010.—INTERNET*

## Ivy can protect old walls



*Ivy clinging to an old wall. The received wisdom that ivy destroys buildings has been overturned by a new study by Oxford University.—INTERNET*

protective role. They found that an ivy canopy was like a thermal shield, combating the extremes of temperature which often cause walls to crack.

English Heritage commissioned Professor Heather Viles of Oxford University's School of Geography and the Environment to analyse the effect of common ivy (*Hedera helix*) to guide them in their important role as the steward of hundreds of historical

sites. Professor Viles's research team monitored the effect of ivy on walls situated in different parts of the country with varying climates and challenges.

They found that ivy acted as a thermal blanket, warming up walls by an average of 15 per cent in cold weather and cooling the surface temperature of the wall in hot weather by an average of 36 per cent.

*Internet*

## Laser cooling of solids for sensitive sensors

NEW YORK, 17 May—The sensors that allow satellites to take measurements are happiest when cold. Mechanical pumps onboard keep sensors' semiconductor elements at temperatures hundreds of degrees below zero. But these cryogenic pumps also produce noisy vibrations that interfere with the collection of data by the sensitive sensors.

Mansoor Sheik Bahae of the University

of New Mexico and colleagues are developing a technique to cool semiconductors loads that would use a vibration-free solid-state technology: laser cooling, which has traditionally been used to lower the temperature of dilute gases but can also cool transparent solids doped with rare-earth ions by kicking out energetic photons (or fluorescence up conversion). In January the group set a record by

cooling a crystal down to 155 Kelvin, research published in *Nature Photonics*. At the upcoming CLEO meeting, Denis Seletskiy, the lead author and a senior graduate student from the group, will describe a new experiment in which the temperature of a GaAs semiconductor load was lowered down to 165 Kelvin, a useful temperature for some kinds of detectors.

"This is the only solid-state technology that can reach these temperatures, the coldest that any semiconductor has gotten without the use of cryogenics and/or mechanical coolers," says SheikBahae.

*Internet*

LONDON, 17 May—The received wisdom that ivy destroys buildings has been overturned by a new study by Oxford University.

In a three-year project, Oxford researchers analysed the effects of ivy growing on buildings in five different parts of England and discovered that the plant plays a

## New technique may quickly distinguish between active and latent TB

NEW ORLEANS, 17 May—An emerging technique designed to quickly distinguish between people with active and dormant tuberculosis may help health professionals diagnose the disease sooner, thereby potentially limiting early exposure to the disease, according to a study conducted by researchers at Duke University Medical Center.

Current blood tests for tuberculosis are reasonably good at distinguishing between uninfected and infected persons, but cannot tell the whether an infected person has active, and possibly infectious, tuberculosis or has latent infection," said senior author Jason Stout, MD, M.H.S., assistant professor of medicine at Duke University Medical Centre. "Generally a culture is required to tell the difference between latent infection and active tuberculosis, but a culture usually requires weeks to deliver a result. A rapid test that could tell the difference between latent and active tuberculosis would be a major step forward."

The findings were reported at the ATS 2010 International Conference in New Orleans.

"This pilot study explored whether using patterns in the immune response to tuberculosis could be helpful in improving rapid diagnosis of the disease," Dr. Stout said.

*Internet*

## Mouse cells show promise as ear cells

PALO ALTO, 17 May—Specialized ear cells developed from mice show potential to improve hearing loss in humans, scientists in California said.

Scientists at Stanford used mouse stem cells to develop sensory hair cells like those found in the inner part of the ear. The hairs bend in response to vibrations, changing sound waves into electrical signals that are sent to the brain.

People have about

15,000 such hair cells in each ear. The cells don't regenerate when damaged, which leads to hearing loss and a condition known as tinnitus.

The hair cells developed from mouse stem cells "really looked like they were more or less taken out of an ear, Stefan Heller, a Stanford professor of otolaryngology, wrote in a recent issue of the journal *Cell*. Future tests are to determine whether it's possible to grow thousands of hair cells from human stem cells for use in human ears, Heller said.

*Internet*



*An Apple iPhone is shown at the 2010 International Consumer Electronics Show.*

*INTERNET*

## Sniffing anesthetic may replace injection

ST PAUL, 17 May—A sniff may replace an injection when getting a local anesthetic in the dentist's chair, US researchers say.

William H. Frey II, Leah Hanson and Neil Johnson at Regions Hospital in St. Paul, Minn., found anesthetic administered to the nose — as nasal drops or spray — travels through the nerve in the face and collects in the structures of the jaw, including the teeth.

The study, published in the American Chemical Society's Molecular Pharmaceutics, suggests intra-nasal drug administration may change dentistry and be expanded for use with other conditions such as migraine.

Johnson found the anesthetic lidocaine or Xylocaine, sprayed into the noses of laboratory rats, quickly traveled down the trigeminal nerve and collected in

their teeth, jaws and mouths at levels 20 times higher than in the blood or brain.

The scientists also discovered an improved future location to administer anesthetic — the maxillary sinus. The golf ball-sized space located underneath each cheek may provide the next generation approach to providing rapid and focused drug delivery, the researchers said.

Internet

*A doll is made to use a laptop during the 22<sup>nd</sup> International Exhibition for Telecommunications, Control System, and Communication services in Moscow, capital of Russia recently.—XINHUA*



## Study finds no brain cancer link to mobile phone use

PARIS, 17 May—The largest study to date of the safety of mobile phones has found no clear link to brain cancer, although it said further study is merited given their increasingly intensive use.

"The study doesn't reveal an increased risk, but we can't conclude that there is no risk because there are enough findings that suggest a possible risk," the study's chief author, Elisabeth Cardis said.

The results of the Interphone study, which included 2,708 cases of glioma tumours and 2,409 meningioma tumours in 13 countries over a 10-year period, is due to be published on Tuesday in the *International Journal of Epidemiology*.

It found no increased risk of glioma or meningioma tumours after 10 years of using a mobile phone, although it found "suggestions of higher risk" for the heaviest users.

Internet



*A pedestrian talks on her cellular phone as she walks down the street in San Francisco, California. The largest study to date of the safety of mobile phones has found no clear link to brain cancer.*

INTERNET

## Australian indigenous people face massive eye problems

CANBERRA, 17 May—Cataract problems were hitting Australian indigenous people at nearly double the rate of the wider population, new research showed on Monday.

Just getting indigenous people in front of eye specialists remained a significant problem, the national indigenous eye health survey has discovered.



*A visitor experiences an electronic wheelchair at the Life and Sunshine Pavilion in the World Expo Park in Shanghai, China, on 2 May, 2010.—XINHUA*

"We need to learn more about the cultural barriers that hold back indigenous people from getting the eye care they need," Professor Hugh Taylor from the University of Melbourne said. The research found 94 percent of the vision problems affecting indigenous people were preventable or treatable.

"This work will help pay for more optometrists to travel to communities to do comprehensive eye health checks which lead to the identification and treatment where possible of eye conditions and diseases," Snowdon said in a statement on Monday.

"This will range from identifying problems such as trachoma, which is a contagious bacterial eye infection that can cause blindness, to providing prescriptions for glasses or referring patients to an ophthalmologist for possible surgery.

Internet

## Teen risk-taking linked to hypersensitivity to reward signal

PARIS, 17 May—Unprotected sex, wild rides on a motorbike, smoking, drugs or alcohol — the litany of risk-taking by teenagers is famously long. But what drives it?

The answer could lie with adolescents' hypersensitivity to signals that unleash dopamine, a powerful brain chemical that underpins the pleasure from a reward, US psychologists suggest.

A team led by Jessica Cohen of the University of California, Los Angeles, recruited 45 people from three age groups — children aged eight to 12, teenagers aged 14-19 and adults aged 25-30.

The volunteers were asked to look at pictures on a computer screen and say whether the images matched the pattern on T-shirts sold by either of two fictitious universities.

There was a financial carrot (either 25 US cents or five cents) for each answer that was right. The answer could be either predictable or random.

The task was performed while the volunteers were in a functional magnetic resonance imaging scanner (fMRI), which measures blood flow in the brain in response to neural signals.

Among the teenagers, the striatal area of the brain, which is sensitive to dopamine,

lit up more strongly than among children and adults when receiving the reward.

"Our research shows that when adolescents get a reward that they're not expecting, their brains are more responsive to that reward," Cohen said in a phone interview.

Internet

## Grey Bruce pathology report ID's 12 cases

TORONTO, 17 May—A review of cases handled by a pathologist in southern Ontario has ended with the finding that a dozen patients should have received further investigation or treatment. The review was launched two years ago after two breast cancer diagnoses were missed among the pathology cases interpreted by Dr Barry Sawka at Grey Bruce Health Services. A group from a North Bay hospital reviewed more than 2,000 cases involving 944 patients from 2004 to 2008.

The president and CEO of Grey Bruce Health Services, Maureen Solecki, says during the review, seven patients, including the two initial missed cancers and one additional cancer case, received further investigation or treatment.

She says two patients couldn't be found for follow-up while three patients did not get further treatment because one refused, another had died from unrelated causes and the third was too ill from other causes.—Internet



*A man lights a candle during an International AIDS Candlelight Memorial event in San Salvador, on 16 May, 2010. The International AIDS Candlelight Memorial is a programme for AIDS awareness.—INTERNET*

# Health

## Japan machinery orders rise 5.4 percent in March



File photo of a ship being loaded at a container pier at Tokyo port. Japan's core private-sector machinery orders, a leading indicator of corporate capital spending, jumped 5.4 percent in March from the previous month, official.

INTERNET

TOKYO, 17 May—Japan's machinery orders, a closely watched indicator of future business investment, rose in March for the first time in three months, indicating companies are becoming bullish on spending in line with an economic recovery.

The Cabinet Office said on Monday that Japan's core machinery orders in March increased 5.4 percent from the previous month to 732.9 billion yen (\$7.9 billion). The figure excludes volatile numbers from shipbuilders and electric power companies.

The March result was better than *Kyodo News* agency's average market forecast of a 5.2 percent increase.

"Overall, companies are boosting their investments again on the back of Japan's economic recovery. Among key sectors, the auto and machinery sectors are increasing their spending," said Hiroshi Watanabe, an economist at Daiwa Institute of Research.

The government said it expects core machinery orders in the April-June quarter to grow 1.6 percent from the previous quarter. Japan's machinery orders have been rising on a quarterly basis since the July-September period last year when orders slipped 0.7 percent.—*Internet*

## China's Anshan Steel to invest in US steel mill



A construction worker walks past steel rods at a building site in Shanghai. China's Anshan Iron and Steel Group said Monday it had signed an equity investment agreement with US mill Steel Development Company that includes building five new US plants.—INTERNET

BEIJING, 17 May—China's Anshan Iron and Steel Group (0347.HK), also known as Angang, confirmed on Monday it would invest in a steel mill in the United States.

The state-owned firm will gain a stake in a \$175 million rebar facility now under construction in Amory, Mississippi after signing investment, technology and sales agreements with the Steel Development Company (SDCO) in New York on 13 May.

"This is our first mill in the United States, although we already have a trading company there," a senior planning official with the company said.

The official, who did not want to disclose his name, did not give

any further details on the size of the investment.

The deal will need the approval of the Ministry of Commerce, which said Angang was likely to receive its backing.

"We haven't

received the application but we support Chinese enterprises investing overseas," said Yao Jian, spokesperson with the Ministry of Commerce, at a Press briefing on Monday.

—*Internet*

## Samsung to invest 22.7 billion dollars in 2010



South Koreans walk past Samsung Electronics at the company's headquarters in Seoul.

INTERNET

SEOUL, 17 May—South Korea's Samsung Electronics said Monday it would invest a record 26 trillion won (22.7 billion dollars) this year to cater for a global uptick in demand and to reinforce its market dominance.

It said about 18 trillion won would be spent on new facilities — including 11 trillion for semiconductor plants and five trillion for LCD panel production — while about eight trillion won would be spent on research and development.

The company said in a statement it expects to hire 10,000 new staff in 2010.

While the world economic environment remains uncertain, "if we invest aggressively in expanding facilities and in hiring, then these circumstances also present Samsung with an opportunity for future growth and to stimulate the economy," chairman Lee Kun-Hee said.

He was speaking at a ground-breaking ceremony for a semiconductor plant at Hwaseong 40 kilometres (25 miles) southwest of Seoul.—*Internet*

## 4G wireless technology slowly starts out in Scandinavia

STOCKHOLM, 17 May—Launched in the capitals of tech-savvy Sweden and Norway in December, fourth generation wireless technology is getting off to a slow start in Scandinavia, analysts say.

They think it is still a couple of years away from overcoming the obstacles to it catching on worldwide. "The real kick-start should be around 2012-2013," telecom analyst Greger Johansson of Stockholm firm Redeye said.

The roll-out of 4G networks — up to 10 times faster than today's high-speed third generation technology — is being slowed by the need for compatible hardware and massive investments.

—*Internet*

People attending a 4G telecommunication connection conference at the Telia headquarters on 4 May. Launched in the capitals of tech-savvy Sweden and Norway in December, fourth generation wireless technology is getting off to a slow start in Scandinavia, analysts say.

INTERNET



People view pots of vegetable growing with fishes in Shenyang Science Palace in Shenyang, capital of northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 15 May, 2010.—XINHUA

## Asian stocks fall on worries over Europe debt woes

TOKYO, 17 May—Asian stock markets tumbled in early trading on Monday as fresh worries over debt woes in Europe dampened sentiment across the region.

Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 stock average dropped 207.50 points, or 2.0 percent, to 10,255.01.

South Korea's Kospi lost 2.1 percent to 1,660.85. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 index was also down 2.0 percent at 4,549.60.

Benchmarks in mainland China and Taiwan declined, with Hong Kong's Hang Seng index losing 1.6 percent to 19,832.03.

Asian investors' mood turned downbeat on growing concerns that cost-cutting fiscal measures being taken by Greece, Portugal and Spain could hamper a recovery in the eurozone economy.

—*Internet*

# Business

## Myanmar, China to boost cooperation in hotels and tourism sector

NAY PYI TAW, 17 May—Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing received a delegation led by Governor of Jilin Province Mr Wang Rulin of the People's Republic of China, accompanied by Deputy Managing

Director Lt-Col Than Tun (Retd) of Myanmar Economic Corporation (MEC) and party at the ministry here today. The meeting focused on tourism industry and more cooperation in hotels and tourism sector.—MNA

*Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing extends greeting in meeting with Governor of Jilin Province Mr Wang Rulin of PRC and party.—MNA*



## Adore, preserve Myanmar's natural beauty

*Mi Pyi Chit*

When a year passes by, everyone should make reforms and amendments based on their past performances in order to lay down new work programmes, objectives and aims. In this regard, they have to take into consideration human's natures, attitudes, habits, traditions, and religious faiths on the whole. The process concerns with each individual, human community, ward, village, town, and nation.

Therefore, every person should have a good foundation. Since our school days, we have got accustomed to the fundamental objectives of the school council: we shall try to improve conditions for ourselves, our class, our school, and our country. We must bear in mind that our parents and teachers have relayed lofty aims and good habits to us.

In our school days, as soon as we got to school, we kept the class clean; we erased the words on the blackboard; we rearranged the teacher's table; and we shared daily routines such as filling the pots with drinking water, adjusting the desks and benches, laying our slippers in rows, and extending warm welcome to the teacher. We were trained to know the value of doing even light tasks with goodwill as good as we could. We also had to learn fruitful results of wholesome acts.

For a student, the creator of his fate is none other than he himself. The higher grade he is, the better thoughts, habits, and attitude he will have. A high school student can take care of himself well. Indeed, school curricula are particularly designed to help broaden the horizons of the students. As reminded by ex-headmaster U Than Oo, teachers need to read the school textbooks from start to end. Apparently, every lesson makes the students improve in thinking power and knowledge.

So, everyone should learn at least basic education. Then, a student can pursue tertiary education, and will have more choices for better life.

In addition, they should know at least the ABC of Buddhism, from which they can learn good characters, social obligations, and code of conduct.

Okasa, for instance, comprises many notable facts such as four woeful abodes, three types of catastrophes, eight states unfavourable for the realization of the Dhamma, five sorts of enemies, four laws of destruction, and five forms of ruination. If one knows well the causes of those dire sufferings, one dare not commit sins. The 38 Ways

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to Blessings are dos and don'ts on moral conduct.

If the mountain cannot come to Ahmed, Ahmed has to go to the mountain.

The saying "If you are kind to me, I will not be unkind to you" should be replaced with the one "I will be kind to you, so you shall not be unkind to me".

What we do will be all fruitful only if we exert goodwill, wisdom and diligence proportionately. So, we must decide on things with our own mental calibre, sense and mindfulness in order to generate better living conditions for us.

We must take things seriously if we want to enjoy high living status. There are so many things we have yet to learn in life. Here, we should say less, but be effective. We should choose sweet, pleasing words. We should stay away from the bad habit of being envious, saying in an insinuating way, and conceit, and the bad habit of saying ill of others and self-proclamation; choose beneficial words; study in order to have vast knowledge and good characters.

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We should try our best to achieve great success by exerting the might of morale, self-discipline, good characters and sense of duty of individuals in

harmony. That calls for concerted efforts at class, school, worksite, village and town levels and at the national level.

Every village and town in the states and divisions has their own natural beauty. National races have to collectively maintain and improve the motherland that is rich in natural resources and cultural heritage. It should be convinced that the Myanmar history will remain shining if the people do their bit in nation-building tasks.

Actually, Myanmar is a land that is worth living due to its impressive geographical features, scenic natural beauty, Dhamma, and magnanimity of the people. However, it is very discouraging to note that those who can ruin the Myanmar's natural beauty are Myanmar people themselves. So, every citizen is not to incidentally harm the nation, but to achieve the democratization process.

So, each and every citizen is to be equipped with a strong sense of cherishing the motherland, which is endowed with many good characters. Wherever they live, at home or abroad, national people have to raise the role of the nation.

The people have to collaboratively build the nation into a paradise. We should note that we can shape our country into a better one with the ideas, characters, education, technology, positive attitude, and goodwill of each citizen.

May Myanmar people adore the beauty of the nation, cement amicable relations, and protect and hand down the Myanmar's beauty.

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### Fourth estate to practise checks and balances system...

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that he explained the aims, objectives and tasks of the association, matters of national concern, development of literary world, sector-wise formation and future tasks for strengthening the association, long-term existence and development of rural libraries and raising of funds.

In meeting with CEC members of the MWJA two times in 2006 and 2007, he discussed the extended organizing of the members of the association, raising the funds, holding the knowledge bank paper-reading sessions, conducting the journalism courses, awarding the outstanding students of the MWJA members, providing assistance to the ailing members, conformed help for funeral services, extending the literary market and emphasizing penetration of Myanmar literature and books into other countries.

He added that at the Central Body Meeting for the 4th conference of MWJA held on 28 June 2008, he acknowledged dutiful tasks of those from the literary world in rehabilitation of the storm Nargis-hit people and the participation of the MWJA in holding the Referendum for the approval of the Constitution in the national interest, and he also held discussions on progress of the village libraries and extension of the literary market.

In studying the four-year work report of the CEC submitted to the 5th conference, he witnessed accomplishments in most of the tasks, he added. With regard to organizational tasks of the association, he said that the MWJA has organized 7675 members, 178 township associations and nine organizing committees, so far. After the 4th conference, the association could organize about 1000 more members, he noted.

Regarding the publishing of periodicals and holding discussions, the knowledge bank paper-reading sessions were held five times, he said. The tasks of Digital Library of Saya Tekkatho Htin Gyi could be undertaken to some extent. The MWJA cooperated with World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in organizing the meeting on prospects of cooperation in intellectual property among literary and fine arts organizations. In addition, the national level seminar on the role of intellectual property system in development of literary publication was held in Myanmar with the participation of two representatives from WIPO. At present, drifting of the Intellectual Property Right Law is in progress, he said.

The minister said that welfare tasks were carried out annually to provide assistance for ailing members and for funeral services, render assistance to natural disaster victims, paying respects to doyen



Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan poses for documentary photo with patrons and new CEC members of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association.—MNA

literati and honouring the outstanding students of the members in the matriculation examinations, he said.

With regard to the international relations, he noted that the MWJA invited the Nepalese journalist delegation, the journalist delegation of nine ASEAN countries and the Chinese journalist delegation to further cementing the relations, adding that the association successfully managed the Bodh Gaya pilgrimage tour of India and the package tour of the Republic of Korea.

In reviewing the report, he said that the association could achieve progress and success in all sectors including financial matter, putting on records and sector-wise tasks. Therefore, he said that the MWJA could accomplish its tasks in accordance with the adopted tasks and work guidelines during the period of four years.

in the practice of democracy process by regarding it a national opportunity, he added.

He said that the central executive committee of the association should be formed with experienced literati and new generation youth to be able to conscientiously discharge future duties in line with the rules of the association. He urged the members of the association to unitedly uplift the prestige of the association.

He continued to say that he would like to discuss the development of the literary world and those of the literary world.

It is required to expand the literary market for development of literary world and those of the literary world. For ensuring the expansion of literary market, it is necessary not only to go right down to the villages but also to penetrate international market. Professionals of the literary world need to

## Democracy is one of the practices for serving the interest of the people.

He said that advantages and success could be created due to concerted efforts of the CEC members, however it is nature that disadvantages and requirements remain in implementing the future tasks. He added that the association submitted reviews and suggestions widely at the conference. He expected that the association will be able to achieve success in the future by taking lessons from the past weak points.

He said that the 5th conference will elect new executives and adopt future tasks for next four-year term. It is known to all that this period is coincided with the period of holding free and fair elections for bringing about the democratic system of the nation. Therefore, he noted that the MWJA will have the opportunity to participate in the practice of democracy while serving the interest of the literary world and those of the literary world. Hence, the journalists are to actively participate

try hard in production and distribution as village self-reliant libraries were set up in each and every village.

If every library buys a book each, over 50,000 books would be sold as 55755 rural libraries have been opened so far. It is required for writers and publishers as well as all professionals of the literary world to write the books and journals that can benefit the rural people, meet the educational standard and attract the attention of the rural people and to publish them at a reasonable price so that the literary market will expand and the rural people will acquire knowledge.

He said he would like to urge those of the literary world to strive to publish the fine Myanmar version of books in English version and to create literary works right in English in order to penetrate foreign markets.

The government, on its part, is carrying out to practice International Standard Book Number (ISBN) system in the businesses of ordering and delivering books. So International ISBN Agency granted Myanmar as a member on 8 October, 2009, and matters related to documents and annual fee are being carried out. He said he would like to suggest that translation courses, seminars and talks are required to train and nurture new generation translators. The opening of Journalism Course and Basic Writing Method Course conducted by work committees of writer strata, journalism strata and printer and publisher strata that can assist the MWJA is beneficial to development of journalism world.

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## Fourth estate to practise checks and balances system...

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The free and fair general elections will be held in 2010 in order to practise democracy system aspired by the people. After the elections, Hluttaws, government, executive and judicial bodies will emerge. Those organizations will have to implement the goal of the State in compliance with the Constitution.

In trying to achieve the national goal, it is important to strive for successful realization of democratization process and for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

Democracy is one of the practices for serving the interest of the people. Only if we practice it correctly will we enjoy the fruitful results. During the period from 1948 to 1962, the nation and its people did not fully enjoy the benefits of democracy due to lack of competence in practising democracy.

There are three major forces for realization of democratization process successfully. They are (1) the people, (2) parties and politicians, (3) media men. These three major forces are to implement the democratization process correctly.

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It is required to keep check and balance among

them. So the future responsibility of the media men is very important.

There are four pillars in a democratic nation in practicing democracy for serving the interest of the nation and people.

**Legislative, judicial and executive pillars are the force of political parties and politicians. The fourth estate or the fourth pillar is the strength of literature and media. As the people are the main characters in democracy, they can be regarded as the fifth pillar.**

Legislative, judicial and executive pillars are chosen by the people to serve them and to work on their behalf. Hence, the people should have the ability to check and balance their chosen three pillars. So in democracy the public is the most important pillar. The public has the duty to monitor the legislative, judicial and executive pillars for their correctness and development. Only if the people are highly intelligent and matured will they be able to make right assessment and decisions in connection with the said three pillars.

The fourth estate is required to check and balance the public pillar in addition to the legislative, judicial and executive pillars. It has the duty to give correct thoughts and idea to the public. They should correct and develop the public pillar.

Democratization should be based on national cause and interest. In the past world nations give first priority to ism helping one another of the same ism even at the expense of own interest. Because of the ism rivalry, national cause was put second. But the conviction of the global countries has totally changed during the period from the late 1990s to the 21st Century. Nowadays every country put national interest first and sent other causes

in the back. A country will not help others if it does not serve its interest. So we will have to place national interest in the fore. The most appropriate way is that every work should be based on own interest. All should take the lessons of the past weakness of the fourth estate to shape it in a correct way in the future.

The ministry has already set up the rural library foundation to extend the public horizons and promote social economy. The aim of the foundation is for the self-reliant libraries to be long-lasting in accord with the five-point norms. The foundation's basic policy is based on national cause and interest, and it is to develop the reading habit of rural people. The aim and the policy must be implemented with the strength of the foundation, the IPRD and the literary and journalism world. The foundation will arrange literary education tours, literary talks and fostering programmes on a wider scale in addition to providing necessary material assistance to rural libraries. The minister elaborated on the functions of the foundation, saying that branches will be formed from states and divisions down to the townships.

In conclusion, the minister urged MWJA members to become good advocates of national interest, to effectively realize the aims of the fourth estate in the future democratic state, to educate the people to be able to differentiate between right and wrong in paving the correct way for the public pillar, to actively participate in the functions of the foundation that is striving to produce highly efficient human resources that can shape a modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic state, to strive for success of general elections and to organize the people to be able to form the foundation as a strong and dynamic one.—MNA

## Drinking water supplied to people of Sagaing, ...

(from page 16)

In Yangon Division, Director U Aung Kyaw Nyein of Yangon Division DAC and officials supervised supply of drinking water to villages in Twantay Township on 15 May and Thongwa model village in Kungyangon Township yesterday. Twantay

Township DAC has been distributing water to 11 villages since 12 May.

In Ayeyawady Division, respective Township DACs supplied 4,800 gallons of drinking water to villages in Pyapon Township, 9,500 gallons in Bogale Township, 4800 gallons in Ngapudaw Township,

2,400 gallons in Einme Township and 800 gallons in Pantanaw Township.

Some regions in Myanmar faced shortage of drinking water in late summer due to high temperature. Authority concerned are placing special emphasis on supply of drinking water to regions that are in need of drinking water.

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Director-General U Myo Myint of DAD and officials view supply of drinking water to Htatkanam Village in Thanatpin Township.—DAD

## MraukU: site of cultural...

(from page 16).

At MraukU highway bus terminal, Deputy Staff Officer U Saw Thein of Township General Administration Department welcomed and then accom-

modated me at MraukU Hotel.

MraukU Township is 31 miles long from the north to the south and 15.3 miles wide from the east to the west. It is located on an area

of 490.97 square miles or 314,224 acres. The township shares border with Minbya Township in the east, Ponnagyun and Kyauktaw townships in the west, Paktaw Township in the south and Kyauktaw and Paletwa townships in the north.

The township is constructed with seven wards and 251 villages of 94 village-tracts which is home to over 20,000 people of 3879 households.

Secretary U Kyaw Hlaing explained that vegetable plantations are irrigated with the use of

manual pumps along Laymyo River. Tripple cropping cultivation pattern enhances income of the local farmers. Now, they own TVs, motorbikes and other luxury goods. The region gains access to various regions at home and abroad through telecommunications, he added.

I visited Ahman Library opened by the Ministry of Information in Dhammariz Ward.

MraukU Township is facilitated with one 25-bed township hospital, one 16-bed station hospital, one health education centre, seven rural

health centres and 28 branches, one malaria control unit, one TB control unit, one maternal and child care centre and one traditional medicine clinic.

I saw Shwe Thazin Hotel near Kyetzay Bridge on Sittway-Yangon Road. Some buildings are under construction.

The next day, I visited thriving cold season crop plantation at Ywahaungtaw and Phayango villages. Lush cabbage plantations, thriving cauliflower plantations, colourful aster plantations and cu-

cumber plantation welcomed the visitors.

Along the route from Phayangok Village to Myeteikkyinu Village-tract, I witnessed lush and green plantations and pigeon pea plants.

MraukU region is famous in the world for the ancient pagodas and stupas with valuable artefacts. In fact, the local people are making concerted efforts for uplifting the integrity of MraukU by preserving cultural heritage.

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Thriving crop plantation seen with local farmers.

# 5<sup>th</sup> Conference of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association concludes



**New Chairman of MWJA U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha) extends greetings.**  
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YANGON, 17 May — The fifth conference of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association concluded today at the hall of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Lanmadaw Township here.

During the last day of the conference, the new members of the central executive committee of the association were elected in the presence of Patron of Central Committee for holding the 5<sup>th</sup> conference

Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan.

It was also attended by the Chairman of MWJA and CEC members, literati, guests, and delegates from states/divisions and observers.

Member of the central executive committee of MWJA U Kyaw Win (Manoktha Kyaw Win) acted as alternate chairman, and U Min Shwe (Min Shwe Min-Taungup), U Nay Myo (Maung Nay Myo-Thingangyun), U Tin Htay (Kyonpyaw Tin

Htay), U Sai Htein Lin (Khun Kyar Lin), U Khin Maung Lay (Maung Ye Min) and U Khin Maung Mya (Nyaungshwe Khin Maung Mya) acted as members of the panel of chairmen.

Joint Secretary-1 of MWJA U Than Hlaing (Tekkatho Thinkha) acted as master of ceremonies and announced the start of conference, attended by 200 delegates out of 221 representatives, accounting for 90.4 per cent.

Afterwards, the master of ceremonies sought the approval for four resolutions, three confirmations and putting five matters on record, and the chairman of the conference sought the approval from the delegates. The chairman announced the approvals as all members of the panel of chairmen agreed them unanimously.

At the morning session of the conference, Chairman of MWJA U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) announced the resignation of all members of the central executive committee who were elected during

the fourth conference.

In the afternoon session, new members of the central executive committee of MWJA were elected by vote and the chairman of the conference announced the names of 39 newly elected members of the CEC.

Afterwards, the master of ceremonies announced the duties assigned to the patrons and newly elected members of the central executive committee. The new members took

oaths and the conference adjourned.

When the conference resumed, new members of the central executive committee of MWJA Vice-Chairman-2 U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Saw Chit) presided over the conference and U Tin Kyi (Tin Kyi Aung-Twantay), Dr Tin Aung Shwe (Tin Aung Shwe-Thutaythi), U Ko Latt (Thibaw Ko Latt), U Kyi Han (Thayet Kyi Han), U Htun Hla Aung (Moe Zaw Aung-Mandalay) and U Kyaw Aye (Chan

Myay Si) acted as members of the panel of chairmen.

First, new Chairman of the MWJA U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha) extended greetings.

The conference ended in the evening with concluding remarks by the chairman of the conference.

Minister U Kyaw Hsan posed for documentary photo together with patrons and members of the central executive committee of the MWJA.—MNA



**Vice-Chairman-2 of MWJA U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Saw Chit) gives concluding remarks at 5<sup>th</sup> Conference of MWJA.—MNA**

## Yangon Mayor arranges supply of drinking water

YANGON, 17 May— Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin inspected supply of drinking water from a tube-well that can pump 1,200 gallons of water per hour to local people in 3<sup>rd</sup> Kyatmauk street in South Okkalapa Township, completion of sinking tube-well that can pump 1,200 gallons per hour in Sagaing Street in Ward-5, and sinking of

tube-well in Saga Street in Ward-4 here this morning.

For ensuring sufficiency of drinking water for South Okkalapa Township, three tube-wells are distributing drinking water and arrangement of 18 tube wells is on schedule.

On arrival at the water pumping station of Engineering Department (Water and Sanitation) of YCDC in Dalla Township, the mayor

viewed storage of drinking water in 100,000-gallon-capacity tank and arranged supply of water to local people with the use of tankers.

He encouraged supplying of water to local people with the use of 1600-gallon tankers in Sinphyushin Street, Bayintnaung Ward and Panwa Street, Tapinshwehte Ward in Dalla Township.

The water pumping station is supplying 600,000 gallons of drinking water per day and water bowsers, 40,000 gallons of water.

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## Electoral process course for division/district/township election sub-commissions in Mandalay Division held

NAY PYI TAW, 17 May— The opening ceremony of electoral process course for division/district/township election sub-commissions in Mandalay Division took place at Pyannya Yadana hall of No 16 Basic Education High School in Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay yesterday morning.

Present at the ceremony were member of Union Election Commission Mandalay Division (In-charge) U Myint Naing, Chairman of Mandalay Division

Election Subcommission U Aung Htut and members, the Chairman of Mandalay District Election Sub-commission and members, Chairmen of seven townships Election Sub-commissions of Mandalay District and members and invited persons.

On the occasion, member of UEC U Myint Naing delivered an opening address and Chairman of Mandalay Division Election Sub-commission U Aung Htut explained the

purpose of the course.

Member of UEC U Myint Naing and members of division/district/township election sub-commissions viewed the sample polling station and rehearsing of those who are eligible to cast.

Officials concerned will give lectures on Election law, rules and electoral facts in the two day-course, attended by altogether 101 members of seven townships Election Sub-commissions of Mandalay District.

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**Beware of Fire**

## Vietnam's Agribank to open branch in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 17 May—Major Vietnam-ese lender Agribank is set to open its first branch in Cambodia next month, local media reported on Monday.

The unlisted Hanoi-based lender, which is also known as the Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development of Vietnam, is set open its first branch in

Cambodia in June, according to the *Phnom Penh Post*.

Agribank is Vietnam's largest bank by assets and has registered capital of 21 trillion dong (1.1 billion US dollars) as of March this year. The Phnom Penh branch would build on Agribank's representative office, which has been operating in the Kingdom

for years, according to Le Bien Cuong, commercial counselor at the Vietnamese embassy. "For businesses, it's an opportunity that will motivate them to invest in Cambodia," he was quoted as saying, and added that he does not know the amount of initial investment pledged.

Xinhua



Palestinian women wait to leave Gaza for Egypt through Rafah crossing, on 15 May, 2010. Egypt opened its border Rafah crossing with the Gaza Strip on Saturday for three days.—XINHUA

## Astellas to buy OSI Pharma for \$4 billion in cancer push

TOKYO, 17 May—Astellas Pharma, Japan's No. 2 drugmaker, agreed to buy US biotech OSI Pharmaceuticals for \$4 billion in cash in a sweetened bid that allows it to add OSI's blockbuster cancer drug Tarceva to its line-up.

Astellas, known for its urinary and transplant drugs, wants OSI to boost its US footprint and oncology presence as it faces generic competition for its own drugs.

Astellas said it would pay \$57.50 per OSI share, up from a previously proposed \$52. The new price represents a 55 percent premium to OSI's last closing price before Astellas launched its hostile bid on 1 March. The boards of directors of both companies have unanimously approved the deal, Astellas said in a statement.

Internet

## Bangladesh to send 100,000 women workers abroad within one year

DHAKA, 17 May—The Bangladeshi Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Khondaker Mosharraf Hossain Sunday said the government is planning to send 100,000 women workers abroad within next one year after giving them necessary training.

"We will open separate wings in our some foreign missions to look after the issues of women workers so that they can get promote help if necessary," he was quoted as saying by leading English

newspaper *The Daily Star* on Monday.

At the first stage, the Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training (BMET) would impart training to 1,500 women selected by local government representatives across the country, he said adding that these trained women would be kept ready for sending as soon as the demand comes.

He said the workers would have to pay a nominal amount as training fee after being nominated for a particular job abroad.—Xinhua

## Dutch military seizes 3,000 kg of marijuana from cruise ship

THE HAGUE, 17 May—As much as 3,000 kg of marijuana was seized from a cruise ship sailing in the North Sea near the northern Dutch city of Helder last week, the Dutch military police said on Sunday.

The suspicious ship was spotted by the Dutch Coastal Guard during a routine air patrol on Friday. The Dutch military police then carried out a search on the ship Saturday night and found the large amount of marijuana. Four people on the ship were arrested, including a 60-year-old Dutch citizen, whose false documents showed him as a 50-year-old Belgian.

Xinhua



A 500-year-old female mummy, believed to be the wife of a high-level government official during the Joseon Dynasty, were discovered in South Korea, together with her handbag and finest clothing.

### News Album

## Eyes flashing, robot conducts wedding in Tokyo

Almost everyone stood when the bride walked down the aisle in her white gown, but not the wedding conductor, because she was bolted to her chair.

The nuptials at this ceremony were led by "I-Fairy," a 4-foot (1.5-metre) tall seated robot with flashing eyes and plastic pigtails. Sunday's wedding was the first time a marriage had been led by a robot, according to manufacturer Kokoro Co. "Please lift the bride's veil," the robot said in a tinny voice, waving its arms in the air as the newlyweds kissed in front of about 50 guests. The wedding took place at a restaurant in Hibiya Park in central Tokyo, where the I-Fairy wore a wreath of flowers and directed a rooftop ceremony. Wires led out from beneath it to a black curtain a few feet (metres) away, where a man crouched and clicked commands into a computer.



Bride Satoko Inouye, 36, puts a ring on a finger of her groom Tomohiro Shibata 42, as I-Fairy, a four-foot tall seated robot, wearing a wreath of flowers, directs their wedding ceremony at a Tokyo restaurant Sunday, on 16 May, 2010.

## Grow-your-own rice bra

Female urban farmers keen to keep their agricultural hobby close to their heart can now grow their own rice in a special bra designed by Japanese lingerie maker Triumph.

Triumph, makers of other eccentric, gimmick bras that include one with a sushi set and another that comes with solar panels, said it came up with the "rice bra" because of the growing popularity of farming among city dwellers in Japan.

Growing concerns over food safety and the environment, and the ideal of a laid-back rural lifestyle, are attracting more urbanites to agriculture, once the mainstay of Japan's economy. Rice is also the nation's staple food.

"Over the last year, young Japanese women have taken a tremendous interest in agriculture. We wanted other women to experience farming as



A model wears Triumph International's "Grow-Your-Own-Rice bra" in Tokyo.

well," Triumph spokeswoman Yoshiko Masuda told *Reuters* at a Wednesday event.

"Home kits that allow people to grow their own rice are very popular online.

The staff members of the Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) monitor earthquakes in Tokyo, the capital of Japan, on 11 May, 2010. The Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) provides residents in Japan with earthquake early warnings. The Earthquake Early Warning system issues prompt alerts just as an earthquake starts, providing valuable seconds for people to protect themselves before strong tremors arrive.

The system announces the estimated seismic intensities and expected arrival time of principal motion.



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**Rare mineral found in Australia**

CANBERRA, 17 May—Deposits of the rare element scandium have been discovered in north Queensland of Australia, a discovery that could lead to Australia becoming the world's biggest exporter of the material, official announced on Monday.

Australian Securities Exchange (ASX)-listed Metallica Minerals Ltd said high-grade scandium had been found on the Lucknow Ridge, west of Townsville.—Xinhua



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Sr. No	Description	Qty	Issuing Date	Closing Date
1.	Machinery & Equipment Transportation	436 Ton	17.5.2010	20.5.2010
2.	Air Compressor Spare Parts	1 Lot	17.5.2010	14.6.2010
3.	Steel Lining Plates And Accessories	1 Lot	17.5.2010	14.6.2010
4.	Hydraulic Breaker	1 Ass'y	17.5.2010	14.6.2010
5.	Laboratory Apparatus	3 Items	17.5.2010	14.6.2010
6.	Dump Truck (40) Tons	10 Unit	17.5.2010	14.6.2010
7.	Stationary Compressor With Motor	1 Set	17.5.2010	14.6.2010
8.	Coal Grinding Machine & Coal Firing System	2 Set	17.5.2010	14.6.2010
9.	Spare Parts For Production Machinery	1 Lot	17.5.2010	14.6.2010
10.	Spare Parts For Block Cutting Machine	2 Items	17.5.2010	21.6.2010
11.	Vibrating Screen	1 Set	17.5.2010	21.6.2010
12.	Lathe Machine	1 Set	17.5.2010	21.6.2010
13.	De-Airing Extruder	1 Set	17.5.2010	21.6.2010
14.	Raw Materials For High Tension Insulator Plant	4 Items	17.5.2010	21.6.2010
15.	Heavy Equipment Spare Parts	1 Lot	17.5.2010	21.6.2010
16.	Grinding Media	1 Lot	17.5.2010	21.6.2010

Tender forms and documents are available at the Procurement Department, Myanma Ceramic Enterprise, Ministry of Industry (1), Office No. 41, Nay Pyi Taw, during office hours. **Tender will be accepted only from Bidder who purchased Tender Documents officially.** (For further details, contact telephone number. 067-408298) **Myanma Ceramic Industry**

**MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND REVENUE  
INTERNAL REVENUE DEPARTMENT  
INCOME TAX DIRECTORATE  
NOTICE FOR FILING OF RETURN OF INCOME**

- All Co-operative societies which have been assessed to tax under the Income Tax Law and those Co-operative societies having income amounting above Kyats 30000 during the income year 2009-2010 are also required to file the return of income, duly filled-in and signed by the chairman or the secretary of the society concerned, in the respective Township Revenue Office not later than 30 June 2010. Moreover, Companies, Joint Venture enterprises and other tax-payers who are covered by the Income Tax Law are also required to file the return of income with Annual Financial Statement duly filled-in and properly signed in the respective Township Revenue Office and Companies Circle Tax Office (CCTO) not later than foresaid date.
- Persons having income amounting above Kyats 30000 solely under the head "Salaries" during the income year 2009-2010 are not required to file the return of income in respect of their salary income as the tax had been paid thereon by way of deduction at source. However, the employer is responsible for furnishing the Annual Salary Statement in the respective Township Revenue Office not later than 30 June 2010.
- Prescribed forms of return of income and Annual Salary Statement are available free of charge at the Township Revenue Office. The Return can be filed in the person or sent by registered post. A receipt will be issued by the Township Revenue Office and Companies Circle Tax Office (CCTO) concerned in case the return is filed in person.
- According to the Income Tax Law of section 46, subsection (a), if any person fails to furnish Return of income without reasonable cause, a penalty not exceeding ten percent of the tax shall, in addition to the tax payable, be imposed for default.
- Further information can be obtained from Township Revenue Offices and Companies Circle Tax Office.

Thein Naing  
Director  
Income Tax Directorate

**Take Fire  
Preventive  
Measures**

**28 wedding guests electrocuted in India**

NEW DELHI, 16 May—Twenty-eight wedding guests were electrocuted on Friday as an overhead cable came in contact with their bus in central India, police said. Twenty-three women, three men and two children died. Five passengers jumped to safety and suffered minor injuries. The bus driver was not injured. The high-voltage wire touched an iron wardrobe on the roof of the bus as it stopped at Mandla district of Madhya Pradesh state, said top district administrator K K Khare.—Internet

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE  
MV KOTA RIA VOYNO (213)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA RIA VOYNO (213) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 17.5.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER LINES**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE  
MV DIBENA HAPPY VOYNO (119)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DIBENA HAPPY VOYNO (119) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 18.5.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(5) where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
AGENT FOR: M/S PHULSAWAT SHIPPING CO.LTD**

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

*In this undated photo provided by the Meadows Museum, SMU Dallas, a painting by Bartolome Esteban Murillo titled Saint Rufina, c. 1665, oil on canvas, 36 3/4 x 26 1/8 in. is shown. SMU has learned that three of its well-known paintings were among the millions of artworks Nazis Germany stole from Jewish families more than 65 years ago.—INTERNET*



**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV SEA MIRACLE VOY NO (09)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SEA MIRACLE VOY NO (09) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 17.5.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

**AGENT FOR: SANG THAI SHIPPING CO LTD**

Phone No: 256924/256914

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV SANG THAI RADIUM VOY NO (08)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SANG THAI RADIUM VOY NO (08) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 18.5.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

**AGENT FOR: SANG THAI SHIPPING CO LTD**

Phone No: 256924/256914



*A biologist examines two albino python snakes on exhibit at the Butantan Institute in Sao Paulo in 2008 — INTERNET*

**Huge Brazil collection of snakes, spiders burned**

SAO PAULO, 17 May— A fire in Brazil has destroyed what may be the world's largest scientific collection of dead snakes,

spiders and scorpions. Members of the Instituto Butantan said the collection lost in Saturday's fire included nearly 80,000 specimens that were the main source for research on thousands of species.

"The entire collection was lost, the biggest collection of snakes in the world," curator Francisco Franco told Globo TV and other local media. "It's a loss to humanity." Many of the animals were used in the production of vaccines and other biopharmaceuticals, some derived from venom. Officials said the production of vaccines and other drugs will not be affected.—*Internet*

**Study finds Wine in plastic loses flavour**

LONDON, 17 May—White wine stored in plastic bottles or boxes loses its flavour in six months but remains stable in glass bottles, a study found. The chemical composition that gives white wine its flavour changes within six months of being put in plastic bottles or plastic-lined boxes, Britain's *Daily Mail* reported on Friday.

Researchers at the Institute of Vine and Wine Sciences in Bordeaux, France, discovered alcohol oxidation in that time period if the wine is packed in single and multi-layer polyethylene terephthalate (PET) bottles or a bag-in-box configuration, the newspaper said.

White and red wine was found to be stable in glass bottles, the study said. The wine institute scientists tested red and white Bordeaux wines that were contained in glass, single-layer PET, multi-layer PET and bag-in-box packaging before being stored in laboratory conditions, the *Mail* said.

The level of oxygen, carbon dioxide and sulphur dioxide in the wine was then measured. The scientists also checked for taste and colour intensity at regular intervals over the year. *The Daily Mail* reports the study contradicts claims made by retailers such as Marks & Spencer and Waitrose concerning the long shelf life of wine in plastic packaging.—*Internet*



*File photo of Indian entrepreneurs carrying equipment to set up an Internet cafe, allegedly the world's highest cyber cafe in the world at an altitude of 13600 ft above the sea level, at Sherathang Mart, some 48 kms (30 miles) east of the Sikkim capital Gangtok, on the way to the Nathu La Pass.*

INTERNET

**Woman admits to faking kidnapping**

LOS ANGELES, 17 May—A Glendale, Calif. woman missing and claiming to have been kidnapped turned up on Thursday saying she made up the story because of

school stress, officials say. Nancy Salas, 22, told Sgt. Luis Pasache of the Glendale Police Department she fabricated the story because of the stress she was under due to her family believing she was going to UCLA and would

graduate in June, the *Los Angeles Times* reported.

UCLA said she had not been enrolled since 2008, the newspaper said. Salas said the pressure of that situation made her leave. Salas went missing on Wednesday while on a run, and she turned up at a carpet store in Merced, Calif, around 11 am asking employees to call 911 because she had been kidnapped at knife point, Merced police said.—*Internet*

**Woman set on fire after row in street**

VIENNA, 17 May—Austrian police said a Romanian woman was left with life-threatening burns after she was doused with a flammable liquid and set on fire.

They say the 35-year-old suffered severe burns to her upper body and hands in the attack early yesterday by an assailant she had an argument with on a street in Vienna. *Internet*

**Bus driver killed in Kangaroo Valley crash**

LONDON, 17 May — A police hotline is available for people who are concerned about family members or friends who may have been involved in a fatal bus crash on the New South Wales Southern Highlands. The driver of the bus was killed and 27 of the 30 passengers were injured when the bus crashed 30 metres down an embankment off Moss Vale Road at Kangaroo valley just before 7.30 pm on Friday.

Authorities reopened the road around 7.30 am on Saturday, as investigations into the accident continued. A critically injured 70-year-old man was taken to Liverpool Hospital following the accident. The other injured passengers were taken to St George, Wollongong and Shoalhaven Hospitals.

*Internet*



*'Captain Morgan' throws out a ceremonial first pitch before the Detroit Tigers baseball game against the Boston Red Sox, on 14 May, 2010, in Detroit.—INTERNET*

**Old French gold coin uncovered in Israel**

JERUSALEM, 17 May—Israeli archaeologists are excited by their recent finding: a gold coin from the reign of the French ruler Napoleon III.

Calling this a "greeting from Napoleon III", Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA) said in a statement that its archaeologists uncovered an old French gold coin during an excavation in north Jaffa, an ancient city now part of Tel Aviv. This is the first time that such a coin was found in the city, said Robert Kool, a numismatist with the IAA.—*Xinhua*

**Detroit police shoot and kill seven-year-old girl**

DETROIT, 17 May—A seven-year-old girl named Ayana Jones was accidentally shot and killed on Sunday by a Detroit Police Department (DPD) officer. The shooting happened at 12.40 am on Sunday morning (local time). According to the DPD, officers went to the house with a valid search warrant to arrest a suspect in the Friday murder of a 17-year-old high school student, myFOXdetroit.com said.

Due to the violent nature of the original crime, officers used a stun grenade to enter the home, which likely caused chaos and confusion. There were several people inside, including Ayana Jones, who was sleeping on the couch. There was some sort of confrontation between a woman inside and one of the officers.—*Internet*

### World Cup hosts South Africa thrash Thailand

NELSPRUIT, 17 May — Hosts South Africa launched their 2010 World Cup countdown with a 4-0 thrashing of Thailand Sunday in the opening match at Mbombela Stadium.



*Katlego Mphela (right) of South Africa fights for the ball with Jantakam Chonlatit of Thailand during their international friendly match at the Mbombela Stadium in Nelspruit. Hosts South Africa launched their World Cup countdown with a 4-0 thrashing of Thailand in the opening match at Mbombela Stadium.—INTERNET*

Midfielder Siphwe Tshabalala scored once and striker Katlego Mphela twice in a 12-minute first-half spell before a sell-out 30,000 crowd as one of 10 Cup venues passed its initial test after recent pitch problems.

Substitute Bernard Parker added a fourth goal in the final minute as South Africa matched a record winning margin achieved against Chad in an African Nations Cup qualifier.

But tougher warm-ups lie ahead against Bulgaria, Colombia and Denmark before South Africa face Mexico in the 11 June Cup opener and then former world champions Uruguay and France.

Internet

### Real spending in vain as 'Galacticos' end empty-handed

MADRID, 17 May — Real Madrid spent in excess of 250 million euros on new talent in the summer with the target of dethroning Barcelona in La Liga and re-establishing themselves in Europe by winning the Champions League at their Santiago Bernabeu stadium.

But the Spanish giants failed on both counts with a last 16 exit to Lyon ending their hopes of a dream European final at their Bernabeu stadium as the nine-time champions



*Real Madrid's Portuguese forward Cristiano Ronaldo reacts during a Spanish league football match against Malaga at La Rosaleda's stadium in Malaga.—INTERNET*

have failed to get past the first knockout stage for six successive seasons.

Defeats to Barcelona in both Clasicos — meaning they have lost the last four — were pivotal in the title race as Barcelona notched a record 99 points to retain their crown and Real's own points record of 96 was not enough.

Internet

### Celtics smother Magic 92-88, take 1-0 series lead

ORLANDO, 17 May — The hair is a little grayer. The ankles and knees no longer so sturdy. Even with a roster full of aging superstars, the Boston Celtics are still standing tall.

Too old to chase a title? Not these days. Ray Allen scored 25 points, Paul Pierce had 22 and the Celtics used smothering defence to beat the Orlando Magic 92-88 on Sunday in the Eastern Conference finals opener. Hampered by injuries,

the Celtics literally limped their way through parts of the regular season. All that seems a distant memory now.—Internet



*Boston Celtics guard Ray Allen (20) shoots over Orlando Magic center Dwight Howard (12) during the first half in Game 1 of the NBA Eastern Conference basketball finals in Orlando, Fla, Sunday, 16 May, 2010. INTERNET*

### Khan dominates Malignaggi in 11th round stoppage

NEW YORK, 17 May — It took junior welterweight champion Amir Khan a trip to Canada and nearly two weeks of turmoil just to secure a visa to make his highly anticipated debut in the United States.

It was well worth the wait. The former British Olympian used crisp right hands and incredible speed to stop former titleholder Paulie Malignaggi in the 11th round Saturday night, a brutally efficient display of boxing that is certain to catapult him into the upper echelon of a deep 140-pound division.—Internet



*Amir Khan of Britain celebrates his 11th round TKO over Paulie Malignaggi of the United States.—INTERNET*

### Record-breaking Nadal beats Federer to win Madrid Masters

MADRID, 17 May — Rafael Nadal clinched a record-breaking 18th career Masters title on Sunday when he defeated old rival Roger Federer 6-2, 7-6 (7/5) in the Madrid final, landing a powerful psychological French Open blow in the process.

The Spaniard, who will reclaim the world number two ranking on Monday, became the first man to claim three major clay titles prior to the start of Roland Garros while victory also gave him an 18th Masters trophy, one more than Andre Agassi and two ahead of Federer.

A year ago, Federer defeated Nadal in the Caja Magica final, then carried the victory momentum to Roland Garros where he lifted his first title at the venue with a defeat of Robin Soderling to complete a career Grand Slam.

Internet



*Spain's Rafael Nadal celebrates winning against Roger Federer after their final match of the Madrid Masters at the Caja Magica sports complex in Madrid. Nadal beat Roger Federer 6-4, 7-6 (7/5) to win the Madrid Masters.—INTERNET*

### Barcelona retain La Liga crown

MADRID, 17 May — Barcelona made it four league titles in six seasons as they retained the La Liga crown on the final day of the season with a 4-0 win over Valladolid on Sunday to finish three points ahead of arch-rivals Real Madrid.

Barcelona knew one more win would see them crowned champions and after a nervous start the Catalans coasted to victory with Lionel Messi scoring a brace for his 33rd and 34th goals of a terrific season.

Ballon D'Or winner Messi, 22, wins his first Pichichi trophy for the

league's top-scorer while Barcelona's 99 points is the highest ever in the Spanish league. Internet



*Barcelona players celebrate after winning their Spanish League football match against Valladolid at Camp Barcelona players celebrate after winning their Spanish League football match against Valladolid at Camp.—INTERNET*

### Unbeaten Russia tops Denmark 6-1 at hockey worlds

COLOGNE, 17 May — Pavel Datsyuk of the Detroit Red Wings had a hat-trick, Washington Capitals star Alex Ovechkin added his fifth goal in five games and unbeaten Russia cruised into the ice hockey world championship quarterfinals with a 6-1 victory over Denmark on Sunday.—Internet



*Russia's Pavel Datsyuk, left, scores a penalty against Denmark's goalie Frederik Andersen during the Qualifying Round Group E match between Denmark and Russia at the World Ice Hockey Championships in Cologne, Germany, on 16 May, 2010. INTERNET*

### Mexico beats Chile 1-0 in World Cup warmup

MEXICO CITY, 17 May — Alberto Medina scored



*Mexico's Javier Hernandez, right, controls the ball next to Chile's goalie Luis Marin during a pre-World Cup. INTERNET*

in the first half on Sunday to give Mexico a 1-0 exhibition win over Chile in its last warmup match at home before heading to Europe to prepare for the World Cup.

Mexico coach Javier Aguirre fielded a strong team, spearheaded by new Manchester United signing Javier Hernandez and veteran playmaker Cuauhtemoc Blanco.

Internet



*Ernie Els, left, of South Africa, and Aron Price, right, of Australia, walk up the 18th fairway with umbrellas during the third round of the Texas Open golf tournament, on 16 May, 2010, in San Antonio. INTERNET*

### Scott makes Texas Open first tour win since '08

SAN ANTONIO, 17 May — Australia's Adam Scott made the Texas Open his first PGA Tour victory in two years, shooting a combined 11-under 133 in a 36-hole finale Sunday to edge Fredrik Jacobson by a stroke.

The 2008 Byron Nelson Classic winner, Scott overcame two early bogeys with an eagle on the par-4 17th in his third-round 66, then built his lead with six birdies en route to a closing 67 on the new Oaks Course at TPC San Antonio.

Internet





An 8-year-old lion, Genrikh, lies within its open-air cage at the Royev Ruchey zoo in Russia's Siberian city of Krasnoyarsk on 17 May, 2010.

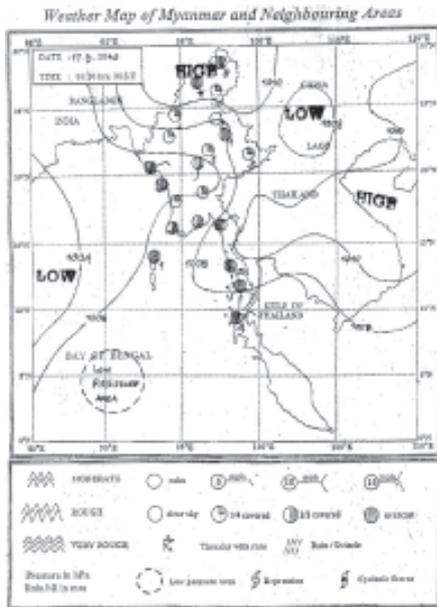
INTERNET

### South African power plant blast kills one, injures 25

JOHANNESBURG, 17 May— One South African worker was killed and 25 others were injured during an explosion on Saturday afternoon at Lethabo power station operated by South Africa's state-owned power utility Eskom near Vereeniging in Guateng Province, Eskom said. Andrew Etzinger, spokesman for Eskom, confirmed the incident to the South African Press Association (SAPA), saying a contractor was killed.

Twenty-five people were injured and nine were hospitalized, but have since been discharged, he said.

Xinhua



### WEATHER

Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2010

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been fairly widespread in Kachin State, lower Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, isolated in Chin State and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (5°C) above May average temperatures in Rakhine State, (6°C) to (8°C) above May average temperatures in Kachin, Shan, Kayah and Mon States, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and about May average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Monywa (45.8°C), Myingyan (45.7°C), Minbu and Magway (45.5°C) each, Chauk (45.3°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawkaik (1.85) inches, Minehsat (1.18) inches, Monywa (1.04) inches, Taunggyi (0.86) inch and Dawei (0.79) inch.

Maximum temperature on 16-5-2010 was 105°F. Minimum temperature on 17-5-2010 was 83°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 17-5-2010 was 57%. Total sun shine hours on 16-5-2010 was (10.3) hours.

Rainfall on 17-4-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (18:30) hours MST on 16-5-2010.

**Bay Inference:** According to the observations at (12:30) hours M.S.T today, a low pressure area has formed over the South Bay. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman sea and South Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2010:** Weather will be partly cloudy in Magway Division and Kayah State, rain or thundershowers are likely to be fairly widespread in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Kachin, Kayin and Mon States, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and isolated in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**State of the sea:** Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic. Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of continuations of thundery activities in the Southern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 18-5-2010:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 18-5-2010:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 18-5-2010:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

#### MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (18-5-2010)(Tuesday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	- (18-5-10 09:30 am ~ 19-5-10 09:30 am) MST

#### Local Transmission

- \* Opening
- \* News
- \* Current Affairs "Living Working (Jade and Gem)"
- \* News
- \* Documentary "The Strokes of Myanmar"
- \* Myanmar Movies Impact "Hundred of Relatives and Ten Siblings"
- \* News
- \* Orchids Research from Mount Popa
- \* News
- \* Music Gallery

#### Oversea Transmission

- \* Opening

- \* News
- \* Current Affairs "Living and Working (Jade and Gem)"
- \* News
- \* Documentary "The Strokes of Myanmar"
- \* Myanmar's Hardy Raftsmen At Work
- \* News
- \* Orchids Research from Mount Popa
- \* News
- \* Milestones of Contemporary Music
- \* News
- \* The Beauty of Zwegabin and Livelihood of Kayin National
- \* News
- \* Current Affairs "Living and Working (Jade and Gem)"
- \* News
- \* Documentary "The Strokes of Myanmar"
- \* Myanmar Movies Impact "Hundred of Relatives and Ten Siblings"
- \* News
- \* National Kandawgyi Garden (Pyin Oo Lwin)
- \* News
- \* Myanma Orchestra
- \* Myanmar Movies "Getting on Six Lives"



Tuesday, 18 May View on today

#### 7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

#### 7:15 am

2. မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင် (သန်းမြတ်စိုးတေးရေး-မောင်မောင်လတ်)

#### 7:25 am

3. To Be Healthy Exercise

#### 7:30 am

4. Morning News

#### 7:40 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

#### 7:50 am

6. Dance Of National Races

#### 8:00 am

7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

#### 8:10 am

8. Song Of Yester Years

#### 8:25 am

9. "ငှက်တစ်သောင်း"

#### 8:40 am

10. International News

#### 8:45 am

11. Musical Programme

#### 3:30 pm

1. Myanmar National

#### League MNL(2010)

- ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲထုတ်လွှင့်မှု အစီအစဉ် ( Southern Myanmar FC အသင်းနှင့် လေယာဓွေမြေ FC အသင်း)

#### 5:00 pm

2. The Mirror Images of the Musical Oldies

#### 5:15 pm

3. အတေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-ပထမနှစ် (မြန်မာစာပြန်မာမှုပညာ၊ ရသစာပေအရေးအသား အထူးပြုများ) (အရှေ့တိုင်းပညာ)

#### 5:30 pm

4. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

#### 5:40 pm

5. ရင်မှာခွဲထင်အေးအလှသံစဉ်

#### 6:00 pm

6. Evening News

#### 6:15 pm

7. Weather Report

#### 6:20 pm

8. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခွန်သံ

#### 6:30 pm

9. ဆိုလိုက်ကြွေခွီ

#### 7:00 pm

10. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တို့အတွဲခွီစဉ်တုန်းက" (အပိုင်း-၂၂)

#### 8:00 pm

11. News
12. International News
13. Weather Report
14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာနွဲ့နွဲ့" (အပိုင်း-၁၆)
15. "ရုပ်ရှင်ပေးစဉ်"

- ★ 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 killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

## Drinking water supplied to people of Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions

NAY PYI TAW, 17 May—Under the arrangement of the State, the local authorities, departments concerned, social organizations and local people collaborate supply of adequate drinking water to the regions facing shortage of drinking water.

In Sagaing Division, Director U Myo Naing Aung of Division Development Affairs Committee and officials distributed 20,000 gallons of drinking water to wards and villages in Monywa, Kanbalu, Myinmu, Myaung, ChaungU, Wetlet, Budalin and

Salingyi townships with the use of 15 water tankers and one fire engine.

Director-General U Myo Myint of Development Affairs Department and officials supervised supply of drinking water to villages in Thanatpin and Kawa Townships of Bago Division yesterday. For ensuring sufficiency of drinking water for local people in Bago Division, 150,000 gallons of drinking water was supplied to 30 villages in Thanatpin Township and 80,000 gallons to 60 villages in Kawa Township. Likewise, authority concerned supplies 49,000 gallons of drinking water to 26 villages in Waw Township daily with the use of 13 tankers.

In Thazi Township of Mandalay Division, drinking water was supplied to 87 wards and village-tracts and 245 villages on 15 May.

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## MraukU: site of cultural heritage and thriving lush and green plantations

During recent trip to Rakhine State, I visited Buthidaung and Maungtown townships of Maungtown District for writing bylines under the arrangements of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council.

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Lush and green cabbage plantation seen in Ywahaungtown Village-tract.

## Moderate storm not approaching Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 17 May—The Meteorology and Hydrology Department today announced that according to the observations conducted at 4 pm today, the low pressure area in the southern part of the Bay of Bengal was intensifying into a moderate storm with its centre in the Sea, about 550 miles southeast of Chennai in India.

At first, it was forecast to be moving northwestwards. Now, it is just at the yellow level and is not moving towards Myanmar.—MNA