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6th State Central Working Committee of Sangha of All Orders holds fifth meeting

YANGON, 13 March—The fifth meeting of the 6th State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Orders commenced at Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill, here, this morning.

Chairman Sayadaw of the Working Committee Abbot of Bhamo Monastery in Mandalay Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Dr Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa presided over the meeting, and Joint Secretary Sayadaw of the Committee Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Manitasirbhivamsa acted as MC.

The Chairman Sayadaw delivered a Saraniya

Ovadakatha.

Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung supplicated on religious affairs.

The meeting discussed decease of State Ovadaçariya Sayadaws and member Sayadaws of SSMNC and State Central Working Committee of the Sasana of All Orders. The Secretary Sayadaw sought the approval from the meeting for substitution of late State Ovadaçariya Sayadaws and member Sayadaws of SSMNC and State Central Working Committee of the Sasana of All Orders with new ones.

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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

Prime Minister attends inauguration of Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanbya (Magway) Asphalt Road

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March—A ceremony to inaugurate Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanbya (Magway) Asphalt Road built by Public Works of the Ministry of Construction was held near Pantin Junction on Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo Road Section in Ottarathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw District this morning, attended by Prime Minister U Thein Sein.

In his address, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye said that utmost efforts are being made for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation facilitated with better transport. While carrying out tasks for smooth transport, the government is giving priority to land reclamation and construction of dams and reservoirs for social and economic development of the nation.

The 250 feet long Yin Creek Concrete Bridge will also be commissioned into service between mile



Prime Minister U Thein Sein unveils stone inscription of Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanbya (Magway) Asphalt Road.—MNA



posts 51/5 and 51/6 of Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanbya (Magway) Asphalt Road near Myothit Township. He urged local people to maintain the road for its durability.

Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint delivered an address. He said that Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanbya (Magway) Asphalt Road is one of three motor roads linking Nay Pyi Taw and Magway. The alignment of the road was designated in 2007-2008. The facility was upgraded to asphalt one beginning 3-5-2010 and opened today.

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Prime Minister U Thein Sein cordially greets attendees at opening ceremony of Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanbya (Magway) Asphalt Road.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Myanmar, land of large reserves of natural resources

Myanmar is blessed with natural resources including rich deposits of quality gems.

The 48th Myanmar Gems Emporium runs at Mani Yadana Jade Hall near the Myanmar Gems Museum in Nay Pyi Taw from 10 to 22 March.

The 152 feet by 620 feet Mani Yadana Jade Hall has an area of 21.42 acres. The main three-storey building is of reinforced concrete steel structure. It is 550 feet long, 460 feet wide and 110 feet high. The total area of the basement, ground floor and the first floor is 239,425 square feet.

Myanmar Gems Emporium has been held since 1964. On display at the 48th emporium are raw jade lots, cut jade lots, gems lots, cut gems lots, pearls, jewellery made of jade, gems and pearls, statues, crystals, mosaic paintings and silverwares.

Over 5000 local companies stage their gems pavilions, attracting attention from about 4000 gems merchants from 20 countries and over 3000 local gems merchants.

Not only does gems emporiums fetch foreign exchanges but also inform the international community about prosperity, peace, stability and rich natural resources of Myanmar through gems merchants.

Strong winds damage some houses in Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions

Officials provided necessary assistance for victims

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March—Some loss and damage occurred in Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions due to strong winds on 11 March.

A total of 16 houses were destroyed in Aye Village of Kayan Township, Yangon Region, 94 houses in Dagon Myothit (North) Township and 38 huts in Dagon Myothit (South) Township.

About 20 houses collapsed in the strong winds in Tayokchaung Village of Bogale Township, Ayeyawady Region.

Officials provided necessary assistance for strong wind-hit families.—MNA

One injured in mine blast

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March — A villager was injured when a mine exploded after he stepped on it in Yaksawk, Shan State (South), on 11 March. U Aung Ni Nge of Hway Village-tract, Yaksawk, stepped on the mine planted by SSA (Ywet Sit) insurgent group on the way to a jungle about 2 miles north-east of his village. He sustained injuries on his right three toes and was moved from a local health centre to Sao San Tun Hospital in Taunggyi the next day. Officials concerned have provided necessary assistance to the victim.—MNA

People's Voice

- * 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

Appointment of Cambodian Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March — The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr Sieng Bunvuth as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the Union of Myanmar in succession to His Excellency Mr Chhong Toeun.

Mr Sieng Bunvuth was born on 1 January 1959 in Cambodia. He obtained Integrated Master of German Language at Humboldt University in Berlin, Germany.

He joined the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cambodia in 1979 and had served in various capacities at the Cambodian Embassies in the Republic of India, the Republic of Singapore, and

U Myint Naung accredited to South Africa

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March — The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Myint Naung as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of South Africa.—MNA

the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Cambodia. He is currently serving as Director of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia since 2007.

Mr Sieng Bunvuth is married with two children.—MNA

Capital Hypermarket (Nay Pyi Taw) opened

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March— Together with Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye, ministers, departmental heads and invited persons, Chairman of Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Limited Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo attended the opening ceremony of Capital Hypermarket (Nay Pyi Taw), established by Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Limited and Pac Link Trading Limited, held at Yazathingaha Street in Zabuthiri Township, here this morning.

Commander Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Mayor of Nay Pyi

Taw U Thein Nyunt, Managing Director of Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Limited Maj-Gen Win Than, Brig-Gen Zarni Win from the Ministry of Defence and Director of Pac Link Trading Limited U Tin Maung cut the ribbon to open the Hypermarket.

Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo had unveiled the signboard of the Hypermarket.

There are restaurants and shops on the first floor, furniture and mattress shops, camera mobile accessories shop and a playground on the second floor.

It has a wide car parking and is also equipped with four elevators and two escalators.

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Progress of Nay Pyi Taw-Hsinthe (Tatkon)-Pinlaung railroad project inspected



Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min inspects Nay Pyi Taw-Hsinthe (Tatkon)-Pinlaung Railroad construction.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March—Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min together with Deputy Minister U Pe Than yesterday morning looked into preparation for extending Hsinthe station yard in Tatkon Township of Nay Pyi Taw District for implementation of Nay Pyi Taw-Hsinthe (Tatkon)-Pinlaung railroad construction project.

They inspected the site for construction of Nawin Creek Bridge between Byaing-in and Hsinthe stations. At the Nay Pyi Taw-Hsinthe (Tatkon)-Pinlaung railroad construction project near Byaing-in Station, the minister heard reports on progress of

project presented by Project Engineer U Zaw Min Oo. The deputy minister gave a supplementary report.

The minister and party inspected construction of Byaing-in, Paydawgon and YeU stations.

The railroad project will start from Hsinthe Station between Nay Pyi Taw and Tatkon Stations and will enter Pinlaung via Thitpingyi station on Aungban-Pinlaung railroad. The facility will link Nay Pyi Taw, Pinlaung and Loikaw. Myanmar Railways is making efforts for opening the section-wise of the project.—MNA

Four killed in US drone strike in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 13 March—At least four people were killed in a US drone strike launched Sunday morning in Pakistan's northwest tribal area of South Waziristan, reported local Urdu TV channel DAWN.

According to the report, the strike took place at about 10:00 am (local time) when a US drone fired two missiles at a vehicle suspected of carrying militants in the Azam Warsak area of South Waziristan, one of the militants' strongholds in Pakistan, which borders Afghanistan.

Sunday's strike is the 19th of its kind since this year. To date, a total of 92 people have reportedly been killed in such strikes.

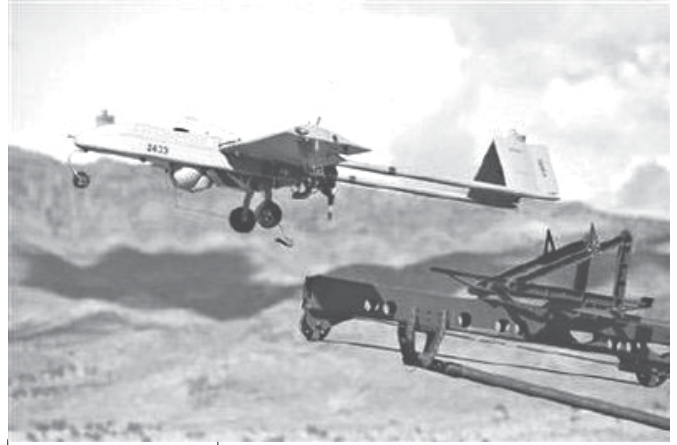
The frequency of the US drone strikes in Pakistan has apparently abated following the January 27 incident in which an American named Raymond Davis killed two Pakistanis in the country's eastern city of Lahore in a bid to avoid further fueling the anti-American sentiment in the country.

However, since a local court in Pakistan

has refused the request by the US side to release Raymond Davis under the name of diplomatic immunity, the US side has resumed its drone strikes in Pakistan's northwest tribal areas which border Afghanistan as militants hiding in the areas often launch attacks at the US-led NATO troops in Afghanistan across the Pakistani side.

Despite the violation of its territorial rights, the Pakistani government has turned a closed eye on the US drone strikes.

Xinhua



An unarmed US "Shadow" drone is launched in this undated photograph. XINHUA

Insurgent bomb kills four Afghan civilians

KABUL, 13 March—A roadside bomb killed four Afghan civilians in a car in the country's south, the government said Sunday. The victims were driving in Kandahar Province's Shorabak District when their vehicle struck the bomb Saturday, the Interior Ministry said in a statement. The incident is being investigated, the ministry said. Civilians have increasingly become the victims of insurgent attacks as Taliban militants wage a violent campaign against international and Afghan forces in the south. A UN report issued last week said that civilian deaths jumped 15 percent in 2010 to 2,770. The report blamed insurgents for 75 percent of the

combat-related killings — saying they were responsible for 2,080 deaths. Deaths attributed to US-led forces dropped by 26 percent to 440 people despite a large increase in fighting.

Two NATO service members have also been killed this weekend. One died in an insurgent attack in the east and another in a bomb attack in the south, the international military coalition said. NATO did not provide further details or identify the nationalities of the dead. The coalition typically waits for individual nations to identify their casualties. The latest deaths make 13 NATO service members killed so far this month.

Xinhua

US spy suspect sentenced to 15-year imprisonment in Cuba

HAVANA, 13 March—A Cuban court on Saturday sentenced US contractor Alan Gross to 15 years in prison for "acts against the independence or territorial integrity of the state." According to an official statement, Gross may appeal against the verdict, which reduced five years the prison term requested by prosecutors.

Gross was arrested on 3 Dec, 2009, at an Havana airport on charges of providing satellite communication equipments to anti-government groups, but Washington said Gross is an employee of the "Development Alternatives company" and was helping Cuban Jews to communicate with Jews abroad.

But Adela Dworin, leader of the Cuban Jewish Community, said she had never met with Gross. Cuban leader Raul Castro cited Gross case at the parliament as an "example of the US continuous aggressive policy against the island nation." —Xinhua



Afghan police officer inspects a damaged police vehicle after an explosion in Herat, Afghanistan recently. A roadside bomb that appeared to be targeting a passing police vehicle killed a 10-year-old boy, said provincial spokesman Shafiq Ahmad Behrood. No police officers were killed, he said.

INTERNET

One civilian killed, six wounded in Baghdad bombing

BAGHDAD, 13 March—A civilian was killed and six were wounded in a roadside bomb explosion in southern Baghdad on Saturday, an Interior Ministry source said.

The attack occurred in the morning when a roadside bomb struck a police patrol in Baghdad southern district of Doura, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Two policemen were among the wounded by the blast which damaged a police vehicle and several nearby civilian cars, the source said.

Violence and sporadic high-profile bomb attacks continue in the Iraqi cities despite the dramatic decrease of violence over the past few years.

Xinhua

Afghan men help carry a wounded man on a stretcher at a local hospital in Herat, west of Kabul, Afghanistan recently. A bomb exploded near the market in Shindand District of Herat killing three people including a police man and injuring two others, according to Lal Mohammad Omarzai, District governor of Shindand.

INTERNET



Residents and policemen inspect the site of a bomb attack in Muqaddiya, 80 km (50 miles) northeast of Baghdad recently.—INTERNET

Seven soldiers killed in northern Iraq

MOSUL, 13 March—Gunmen shot dead seven Iraqi soldiers in an ambush near the city of Mosul, the capital of Nineveh Province, on Saturday, a provincial police source said.

The incident took place in Badoush area, some 15 km west of Mosul, when unidentified gunmen attacked two cars carrying the soldiers who were wearing civilian clothes, the source from Nineveh's operations command told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The soldiers were just left their militant base in al-Kuchuk area, some 30 km west of Mosul, to go home on vacation when the attack occurred, the source said.

Nineveh Province has long been a stronghold for insurgent groups, including al-Qaeda militants. Its capita Mosul, some 400 km north of Baghdad, is one of the country's most restive cities.—Xinhua



Japan faces escalating nuke threat, meltdowns may occur

TOKYO, 13 March—Japan is facing an escalating nuclear threat on Sunday as the country's top government spokesman warned that radioactive meltdowns may have occurred in two reactors of the Fukushima nuclear power plant.

"We are acting on the assumption that there is a high possibility that one has occurred" in the No 1 reactor of the quake-hit plant, Chief Cabinet Secretary Yukio Edano told a Press conference on Sunday while being asked whether or not meltdowns had occurred. "As for the No 3 reactor, we are acting on the assumption that it is possible," he said. The latest reports of Japan's *Sankei Shimbun* said that pressure has been successfully released at the No 3 reactor of the Fukushima No 1 nuclear plant following the injection of fresh water.

Tokyo Electric Power Co (TEPCO), operator and owner of Fukushima nuclear plants, said early on Sunday that a sixth reactor at the nuclear power plants has lost its ability to cool the reactor core since Friday's quake.

The No 3 reactor at Fukushima No 1 nuclear power plant lost the cooling function after No 1 and No 2 reactors at the No 1 plant and No 1, No 2 and No 4 at the No 2 plant had suffered the same trouble. At an emergency Press conference early Sunday, Edano said the reactor is releasing radioactive steam after the malfunction occurred.

An explosion occurred at the Fukushima No 1 nuclear power plant Saturday, destroying the roof and the walls of the building of the No 1 reactor's outer container.

Internet



The No 3 reactor at the Fukushima No 1 nuclear power plant is seen in this still image taken from NHK news programme on 13 March, 2011. Tokyo Electric Power Co, the utility supplier, notified the government early Sunday morning that the No 3 reactor at the No 1 Fukushima plant had lost the ability to cool the reactor core. The reactor is now in the process of releasing radioactive steam, according to top government spokesman Yukio Edano —XINHUA

Quake causes Japan to move 2.4 meters

BEIJING, 13 March—The 8.8 magnitude earthquake ranks as the fifth strongest in the world since records began. It's caused the entire island of Japan to move a distance of 2.4 meters. It's also created a shift in the earth's axis of 25 centimeters, shortening each day from now on by 1.26 microseconds.

The energy of the quake is 180 times greater than the 7.3 magnitude quake that struck Hanshin, Japan, in 1995.—Internet



Victims rest at a temporary shelter provided by local government in Morioka of Iwata, Japan, on 13 March, 2011. Some part of the city is facing blackout and water shortage due to the earthquake on Friday. Local government has provided 57 temporary shelters for about 3200 victims in Morioka.—XINHUA

Japan quake-tsunami death toll likely over 10,000

TAGAJUO, 13 March—The death toll in Japan's earthquake and tsunami will likely exceed 10,000 in one state alone, an official said Sunday, as millions of survivors were left without drinking water, electricity and proper food along the pulverized northeastern coast. Although the government doubled the number of soldiers deployed in the aid effort to 100,000, it seemed overwhelmed by what's turning out to be a triple disaster: Friday's quake and tsunami damaged two nuclear reactors at a power plant on the coast, and at least one of them appeared to be going through a partial meltdown, raising fears of a radiation leak.

The police chief of Miyagi prefecture, or state, told a gathering of disaster relief officials that his estimate for deaths was more than 10,000, police spokesman Go Sugawara told The Associated Press. Miyagi has a population

of 2.3 million and is one of the three prefectures hardest hit in Friday's disaster. Only 379 people have officially been confirmed as dead in Miyagi. The nuclear crisis posed fresh concerns for those who survived the earthquake and tsunami, which hit with breathtaking force and speed, breaking or sweeping away everything in its path.

"First I was worried about the quake, now I'm worried about radiation. I live near the plants, so I came here to find out if I'm OK. I tested negative, but I don't know what to do next," Kenji Koshiba, a construction worker, said at an emergency center in Koriyama town near the power plant in Fukushima.

According to officials, at least 1,200 people were killed — including 200 people whose bodies were found Sunday along the coast — and 739 were missing in the disasters. XINHUA



Wreckage of aircraft and cars are seen after being swept by tsunami following an earthquake near Sendai airport in northern Japan on 13 March, 2011.—INTERNET

6.0-magnitude earthquake hits off Japan's Honshu

BEIJING, 13 March—An earthquake measuring 6.0 on the Richter scale jolted off the east coast of Honshu, Japan at 3:56 pm Sunday, according to the China Earthquake Network Centre.

The epicenter, with a depth of 20 km, was monitored at 39.7 degrees north latitude and 143.2 degrees east longitude, the centre said in a statement.—Xinhua



Officials in protective gear check for signs of radiation on children who are from the evacuation area near the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant in Koriyama, on 13 March, 2011. XINHUA

Japan's volcano erupts again with massive blast of gas, ash

TOKYO, 13 March—A volcano located on a mountain range on the island of Kyushu, southwest Japan, erupted again, shooting gas and ash to as high as 4,000 meters, said the Japan Meteorological Agency Sunday.

XINHUA



Local residents are evacuated to a shelter in Fukushima Prefecture, Japan, on 12 March, 2011. XINHUA

XINHUA

Health



Michael Grabinski, two weeks old held by his mother Calee, waits to be measured by Dr David Brumbaugh at The Children's Hospital in Aurora, Colorado on 23 August, 2010 during a research study on obesity in infants.

INTERNET

Cheery, optimists die younger
RIVERSIDE, 13 March— Personality can affect longevity — those with the most optimism and cheerfulness die younger than their less positive counterparts, US researchers found.

Study leader Howard S Friedman, distinguished professor of psychology at the University of California, Riverside; Leslie R Martin, a psychology professor at La Sierra University in Riverside; and staff researchers — over a 20-year period — analyzed data from a study of 1,500 bright children who were about 10 years old when

the study began in 1921. “Longevity Project participants who were the most cheerful and had the best sense of humor as kids lived shorter lives, on average, than those who were less cheerful and joking,” Martin said in a statement. “It was the most prudent and persistent individuals who stayed healthiest and lived the longest.”—*Internet*

Dog owners more physically active

EAST LANSING, 13 March — Dog owners who walk their dogs are 34 percent more likely than others to meet federal physical activity benchmarks, US researchers suggest. Epidemiologist Mathew Reeves of Michigan State University in East Lansing analyzed the amount of leisure-time physical activity a person gets including sports, exercise conditioning and recreational activities such as walking, dancing and gardening.

Public health benchmarks call for at least 150 minutes of such physical activity a week. “Obviously you would expect dog walkers to walk more, but we found people who walked their dog also had higher overall levels of both moderate and vigorous physical activities. There appears to be a strong link between owning and walking a dog and achieving higher levels of physical activity, even after accounting for the actual dog walking,” Reeves said in a statement.

Internet

Diabetics do better with empathetic doctors

PHILADELPHIA, 13 March—A doctor’s empathy can improve the care of diabetes patients and should be considered an important part of being a good doctor, according to a new study.

The study included 891 diabetes patients treated between July 2006 and June 2009 by 29 doctors at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia. The researchers assessed the doctors’ level of empathy for patients, while the quality of patient care was determined by an LDL (“bad”) cholesterol test and a hemoglobin A1C test for blood glucose levels.

Patients whose doctors had high empathy scores were more likely to have good control of their blood sugar and low LDL cholesterol levels than patients whose doctors had low empathy scores.

The results indicate that empathy on the part of doctors can contribute to patient satisfaction, trust and compliance with therapy.

“Our results show that physicians with high empathy scores had better clinical outcomes than other physicians with lower scores,” study author Mohammadreza Hojat, research professor of psychiatry and human behaviour at Jefferson Medical College, said in a university news release.

Internet



A nurse stands next to a chart shows treatments for patients suffering from HIV/AIDS at a government hospital in Jakarta on 30 November, 2010.—INTERNET



Business



China Everbright names ten banks for HK float

HONG KONG, 13 March—China Everbright Bank (601818.SS) has mandated 10 banks for its planned about \$6 billion Hong Kong listing, IFR reported late on Saturday.

The underwriters for the offer are: Bank of America Merrill Lynch (BACN), BOC International (3988HK), BNP Paribas (BNPPPA), CICC, China Everbright Securities, Goldman Sachs (GSN), Guotai Junan Securities, JP Morgan (JPMN), Morgan

Stanley (MSN) and UBS (UBSNVX), IFR, a Thomson Reuters publication said.

The lender aims to wrap up the deal by end July, it said.

Last month, the Shanghai-listed mid-sized Chinese bank said it plans to issue up to 12 billion Hong Kong-listed shares, including an over allotment option, to boost its capital adequacy ratio.

Reuters

Ford, DTE Energy team up for solar project

DEARBORN, 13 March—US automaker Ford Motor Co said it would team up with DTE Energy to install solar panels at a factory in Wayne, Mich.

The Michigan Assembly Plant, where the Ford Focus is made, will have the capacity to generate 500 kilowatts of power with its solar panels, *The Detroit News* reported Saturday.

The plant is expected to produce greener vehicles on the assembly line, as well. The Focus Electric, Ford C-Max Hybrid and C-Max Energi plug-in hybrid are all slated for production at the plant.

Ford said it considers the project a pilot programme and could later outfit other facilities with renewable power panels, the newspaper said.

Internet



A Virgin Atlantic Airways 747-400 aircraft taxis at McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas, Nevada, in 2010. British airline Virgin Atlantic has announced the creation of 450 jobs, including 50 new pilots, as the aviation industry steps up its recovery.

INTERNET

Rocky mountain bicycles recalled

WASHINGTON, 13 March—Rocky Mountain Bicycles of Canada is recalling 325 bicycles due to a steering tube that reportedly has broken while in use, a product regulator said.

The US Consumer Product Safety Commission said Rocky Mountain Bicycles had received four reports of front fork steering tubes breaking, posing an injury risk to the rider.

The bicycles were sold nationwide from June 2007 through November 2010 for between \$1,300 and \$1,700.

The bicycles involved in the recall include “only bicycles with certain serial numbers, located on the bottom side of the bicycle,” the commission said.

That includes Solo CX bicycles from model year 2008-2010, Solo CXD from model year 2008-2009, Solo CXR from 2009 and Metropolis SEA from 2010.

Consumers were advised to stop using the bicycles and contact Procycle Group Inc, the manufacturer, to determine if the serial number of a specific bicycle is included in the recall.

Internet



Bank employees count local currency at their office in Phnom Penh in 2010. Cambodia will use the local currency for trading on its soon-to-be-launched stock exchange, officials said Saturday, in a bid to boost the use of the riel in the heavily dollarised country.

INTERNET

15 people hurt in Okla wildfires

HARRAH, 13 March—Wildfires that raced across central Oklahoma left 15 people injured, dozens of homes destroyed and thousands of acres burned, officials said.

The *Oklahoman* reported on Saturday the injuries appeared to be minor and no dollar estimate was available for the damage caused by the blazes. The destruction included at least 34 homes, the newspaper said. *CNN* reported more than 40 homes had been destroyed statewide.

Despite the toll, Michelann Ooten of the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management, said after touring the affected areas that "it could have been much, much worse."

"However, if you are one of those looking at your home that has been reduced to rubble, it probably doesn't feel that way," she said.

Fire officials said there were at least 42 fires reported in the state Friday but most were contained by Saturday. Calmer winds and higher humidity helped firefighters control the blazes, the newspaper said. The largest was in Hughes County where more than 3,500 acres had been blackened.

A state of emergency remained in effect for all 77 counties a day after the declaration was issued by Gov Mary Fallin.

Internet



People queue up to buy food, drinks and daily necessities outside a supermarket in Shiogama, Miyagi prefecture.—INTERNET



File photo shows, Chinese business administration officers cut fake luxury branded handbags during a mass elimination of counterfeit products in southwest China's Chongqing City. Chinese authorities have arrested 3,001 people in their latest crackdown on rampant product piracy and seized fake or counterfeit medicines, liquor, mobile phones and other goods, officials said on 13 March, 2011.

INTERNET

Chinese farmers go online to sell produce

BEIJING, 13 March—For years, Wang Yulan and her husband drove their three-wheeled vehicle to an outdoor market near Beijing to sell broccoli, peppers, eggplants and tomatoes grown on their small plot of land.

Now, thanks to the web, they don't even have to leave their living room.

Two years ago the couple bought a computer and joined a growing number of Chinese farmers selling their produce online, giving them access to customers around the

country and boosting their meagre income.

"A broad market is opened once you get on the computer," Wang, 55, told *AFP* as she logged on to agricultural trading website *aptc.cn* with the help of her niece.

"The Internet is convenient.

The customers first place an order, we prepare the items, and they then send a van to pick them up."

Since Wang and her husband Liu Shujin, 66, started trading their vegetables online, the couple's income has more than doubled to

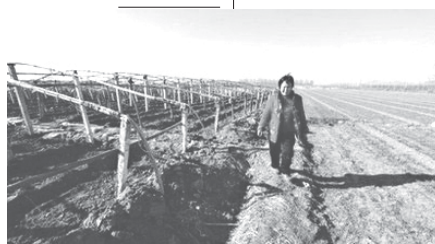
between 20,000 and 30,000 yuan (\$3,000-4,500) a year and life has become easier.

"We've stopped going out to sell vegetables and just stay at home," said Wang, who has suffered from a debilitating knee problem for 30 years.

Internet

Farmer Wang Yulan walks across her arid plot of land as the end of winter approaches before farmers start planting their crops near Beijing. For years, Wang and her husband had to drive their three-wheeled vehicle to an outdoor market near Beijing to sell their produce.

INTERNET



Doctors recommend and take supplements

WASHINGTON, 13 March—Not only do many physicians recommend supplements to their patients, many take them themselves, US researchers say.

The study, published in *Nutrition Journal*, found 75 percent of dermatologists say they use dietary supplements and 66 percent recommend them to their patients; 57 percent of cardiologists use sup-

plements and 72 percent recommend them to their patients; and 73 percent of orthopedic specialists use supplements and 91 percent recommend them.

"Health professionals, including physicians, have an interest in healthy lifestyles and in habits that may contribute to wellness, which may include the use of dietary supplements," Annette Dickinson, consultant to

and past president of the Council for Responsible Nutrition, said in a statement.

The multivitamin is most of often taken by the specialists — 44 percent of all cardiologists, 61 percent of all dermatologists and 57 percent of all orthopedists say they had taken a multivitamin within the past year.

Internet

Malaysia-based AirAsia, which launched in 2001, was one of the first airlines to rip open Asia's skies to the general public. The airline continues to expand with the opening of three hubs in Kuching in the east Malaysian state of Sarawak, Chiang Mai in northern Thailand and Medan in Indonesia.

INTERNET



Officer dies after shooting in suburb east of NYC

MASSAPEQUA PARK, 13 March—A police officer was apparently shot accidentally and died following a confrontation Saturday night between officers and a knife-wielding man inside a home in a New York City suburb where he lived with his parents, police said. The suspect was also killed.

The Nassau County officer died at Nassau University Medical Centre following the struggle with a 27-year-old man armed with "big Rambo type knives," said Detective Lt Kevin Smith, the Long Island police department's chief spokesman.

"It appears that it might have been an accidental shooting," Smith told *Newsday*. Smith did not immediately return a telephone call to *The Associated Press* seeking comment Saturday.

Police did not release the names of the officer or the suspect, but said no other officers were injured.

Police responded to a 911 call at around 8:20 pm in Massapequa Park, nearly 40 miles east of Manhattan.

Theresa Kelly, who lives nearby, told *Newsday* she was backing out of her driveway when the suspect, wearing dark clothing and a hockey mask, jumped on the hood of her car.

"He got a good laugh out of scaring me," said Kelly, 71. "I thought he wanted to get into my car, so I called 911."

Kelly said she followed the man in her car as he ran away and told police where he was, then watched an officer with a gun go inside the house.

"A minute later, I heard three shots," she said.

As police arrived, the man barricaded himself inside and hid in a bedroom, Smith said. Soon after the home was evacuated, the suspect burst out of the bedroom holding the knives and was shot as he charged at the officers, he said.

It was the second line-of-duty death of a Nassau County officer so far this year.

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6th State Central Working Committee ...

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On behalf of the Secretary Sayadaw, Joint Secretary Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Dvipitakadhara Bhaddanta Nimala submitted the yearly report of the SSMNA in brief. The Sayadaws



read out the yearly report of the committee in their respective sector.

Maung)-Daw Pa Pa (Sandi Traditional Medicine Family) of 240 on Konzaydan Street in

Pabedan Township offered meals to the Sayadaws.

MNA

Fifth meeting of Sixth State Central Working Committee of Sangha of All Orders in progress.—MNA

Prime Minister attends inauguration of...

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In the past, the local people used the 172 miles and two furlongs long Nay Pyi Taw-Pyawbwe-Ywam on-Natmauk-Kanbya-Magway Road and the 117 miles and two furlongs long Nay Pyi Taw-Chaungnet-Taungdwin-gyi-Magway Road. The newly-opened road is the shortest facility with least curves and gradient, saving the travelling time.

mountain range crossing roads built by Ministry of Construction. Yin Creek Concrete Bridge is also the 261st facility of over 180 feet long.

The minister urged the local people to maintain the road and the bridge for their durability.

A local spoke words of thanks.

The Prime Minister cordially greeted members of social organizations and local people.

At present, vehicles can run from Nay Pyi Taw to Magway in three hours. The road is the sixth facility of seven

The commander, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and



Prime Minister U Thein Sein walks on Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanbya (Magway) tarred road.—MNA



Commander Brig-Gen Maung Aye addressing opening ceremony of Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanbya (Magway) tarred road.

MNA

Development Affairs Mayor of Nay Pyi Taw U Thein Nyunt, Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint and Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun formally opened the new road.

The Prime Minister sprinkled scented water on the stone plaque. After the ceremony, the Prime Minister looked into the road in a motorcade.

Similarly, the opening of Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanbya (Magway) Asphalt

Road was held at Kanbya Junction of Magway Region this morning.

Chairman of Mandalay Region PDC Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Ye

Aung, Chairman of Magway Region PDC U Phone Maw Shwe and Deputy Minister for Construction U Myint Thein made speeches.

The commander,

the deputy minister, the chairman of Magway Region PDC and Brig-Gen Zaw Tun of Magway Station formally opened the road.

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Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanbya (Magway) Asphalt Road passing through Tatkon Township of Nay Pyi Taw District, Magway and Myothit townships of Magway Region is 106 miles and two furlongs long with 40 feet wide earthen embankment and 12 feet wide motor road. The facility can withstand 40-ton loads.



Prime Minister attends inauguration of...

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A ceremony to put Yin Creek Bridge into service was held at the bridge this morning.

Deputy Minister U Myint Thein, the chairman of Magway Region PDC and Brig-Gen Tun Tun Naung of local station formally opened the bridge. After that, Commander Brig-Gen Ye Aung unveiled stone plaque of the bridge.

Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanbya (Magway) Asphalt Road passing

through Tatkon Township of Nay Pyi Taw District, Magway and Myothit townships of Magway Region is 106 miles and two furlongs long with 40 feet wide earthen embankment and 12 feet wide motor road. The facility can withstand 40-ton loads.

A total of 13 groups of Public Works and 14 companies participated in the construction of the road. The 250 feet long Yin Creek Bridge is of bored pile and reinforced concrete type. The facility has 24 feet wide mo-



Commander Brig-Gen Ye Aung unveils stone inscription of Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanbya (Magway) Asphalt Road.—MNA

torway and can withstand 60-ton loads.

The construction of the bridge started on 9 September 2010 and lasted six months and construction period four days.—MNA

48th Myanmar Gems Emporium continues Mines Minister visits fourth-day Myanma Gems Emporium



Mines Minister U Ohn Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw representatives and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives observe gems and jewellery shops at Myanma Gems Museum.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March — The 48th Myanmar Gems Emporium continued at Mani Yadana Jade Hall near Myanmar Gems Museum here this morning with a visit by Patron of the 48th Myanmar Gems Emporium Organizing Committee Minister for Mines U Ohn Myint.

Pyithu Hluttaw representatives and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives arrived at the emporium at 9 am. They observed Jade Garden near Mani Yadana Jade Hall and high-quality jade lots being displayed in the Mani Yadana Jade Hall, and watched documentary video covering

construction of the hall and previous gems emporiums.

Minister U Ohn Myint together with the Pyithu Hluttaw representatives and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives viewed the display of gems shops and selling and buying of jade lots by gems merchants at home and abroad.

Starting this morning, gem lots were sold out through tender system bidding system. Eight gem lots were sold out through tender system and 22 gem lots through competitive bidding system, totaling 30 gem lots.

Secretary of the central holding commit-

tee Managing Director of Myanmar Gems Enterprise U Thein Swe and central committee members helped local and foreign gems merchants put the proposals to buy jade lots in tender system at noon.

The officials counted the proposals made by local and foreign merchants in the evening.

The gems shops at the emporium were teeming with their customers while enthusiastic gems merchants were setting sights on buying jade lots. Tomorrow, the jade lots will also be sold out through tender system at the emporium which will soon till 22 March.



Traffic signboard of Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanbya (Magway) Asphalt Road.—MNA



Local and foreign gem merchants observing gem lots.—MNA

A total 8626 gems merchants — 3935 local gems merchants and 1496 international counterparts — visited the emporium.

The merchants are satisfying their accommodation status in 24 hotels during emporium period with the arrangement of

the accommodation sub-committee.

Bandoola Transportation Limited plied 150 Parami Taxis for easy travel of the merchants under the arrangement of reception and transportation sub-committee.

The Myanmar Posts and Telecommuni-

cations of the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs is selling 20-FEC and 50-FEC phone cards which can be used in GSM and CDMA handsets and providing free Wi-Fi Internet access in the hall during the emporium period.

MNA



Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence, Commander Brig-Gen Tun Than, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint, Yangon Mayor U Aung Thein Lin and Max Myanmar Group of Companies Chairman U Zaw Zaw formally open new Yankin Children's Hospital (550-bed).—MNA

Emergence of health care facilities...

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Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe and the commander accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to the donors.

U Zaw Zaw handed over the documents related to the hospital to Director-General of the Department of Health Dr Win Myint.

Speaking words of thanks, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint said that the company used huge funds, labour and machinery to complete the rebuilding of the modern hospital in one year; that the fund-raising programmes implemented in cooperation with the public not only help improve the nation's health standard and reflect the fine tradition of Myanmar people; that now Yangon gets two pediatric hospitals, and the new one will be also used as an academic hospital of Yangon University of Medicine-2; that from 1988-89 to 2009-2010, the government's expenditure on

health care surged from 464.1 million to 64,001.2 million kyats; that now, the number of hospitals in Yangon Region is 81, compared with only 53 in 1988-89; and that he called on all medical staff of the hospital to show kindness to patients and work more closely in order to win trust and reliance of the people.

In his speech, the commander said that health care to mothers and children that constitute over 60% of the nation's population is crucial part of the national health plan; that Head of State Senior General Than Shwe in his guidance highlighted the vital importance of better health care to children, new generations; that to improve the health infrastructure for children is a huge part in bringing about healthy and fit younger generations; that in times of seasonal epidemics like flu, the 550-bed children hospital in Dagon Township, Yangon Region, had to receive about 800 child inpatients; that the two hospitals benefit children in eastern Bago Region, Mon State, eastern Yangon Region and western Ayeyawady Region; that emergence of health care facilities one after another also symbolizes cooperation of national forces; that health education is to be improved in laying down disease control and prevention tactics; and that public participation is indispensable for improving the health care standard of the nation.

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Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence accepts cash donation to new Yankin Children's Hospital (550-bed) by a wellwisher.—MNA



Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence accepts cash donation to new Yankin Children's Hospital (550-bed) by a wellwisher.—MNA

Commander Brig-Gen Tun Than accepts cash donation to new Yankin Children's Hospital (550-bed) by a wellwisher.



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Photo shows Yankin Children's Hospital (550-bed) renovated by Max Myanmar Group of Companies.

MNA




Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo looking round newly-opened Yankin Children's Hospital (550-bed).
 MNA


Emergence of health care facilities...

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In conclusion, he called for hard work to win public trust and reliance, greater use of modern therapies and methods, and participation of more

social organizations, well-wishers and the people in disease prevention and control measures to be able to cope with worldwide health challenges.

The new hospital is made up of three buildings along with a mortuary, the residence of the medical superintendent, wards, kitchen, gate, transformer, pump station, 20,000-gallon water tank, lifts and

garage.

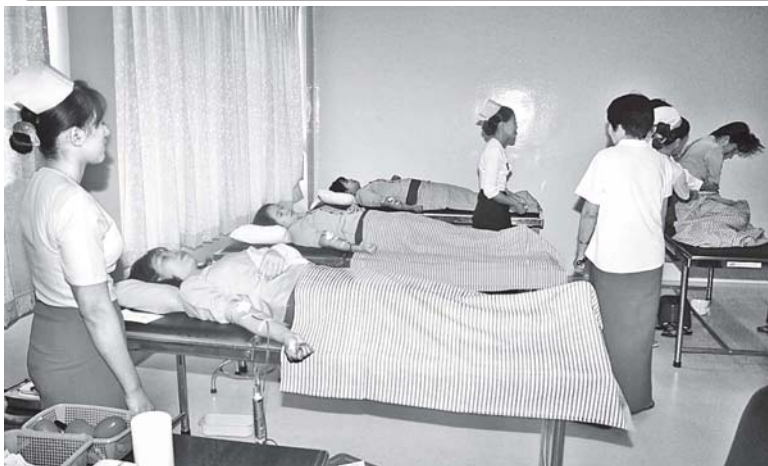
Max Myanmar Co family also donated hospital and medical equipment, staff quarters, a prayer hall, library and shops.

The international level children hospital lies in a 9.5-acre land at No. 90 on Thitsar Street in Yankin Township.—MNA



Health Minister Dr Kyaw Myint speaking words of thanks at the ceremony.—MNA

Secretary-1 visits blood donation of Ayeyawady Bank employees



Staff and their families of Ayeyawady Bank making blood donation as a result of opening of Yankin Children's Hospital (550-bed).
 MNA



NAY PYI TAW, 13 March — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and party viewed blood donation of the employees of Ayeyawady Bank to

mark the inauguration of 550-bed Yankin Children's Hospital today. A total of 75 employees of the bank donated blood during the ceremony to donate blood.

MNA

Media corners to satisfy thirst for knowledge

YANGON, 13 March — Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association (MWJA) will open 38 media corners in Pabedan, Kyauktada, Pazundaung, Botahtaung, Lanmadaw and Latha townships in Yangon Region in accord with regulations of Yangon City Development Committee, with a

view to whetting the public's appetite for knowledge and promoting publishing industry.

For details, contact MWJA, at No. 529, Second Floor, Sarpay Beikman, Merchant Street, here, Ph:252417 and 385273.

MNA

Max Myanmar Group of Companies Chairman U Zaw Zaw hands over documents related to Yankin Children Hospital to Director-General Dr Win Myint.—MNA

Secretary-1 inspects progress of Yangon Port region, extension project of Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna) football stand



Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo inspects extended construction of football stand at Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 March—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, accompanied by Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than and departmental officials, inspected development tasks of Yangon Port region and extension project of Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna) football stand this morning.

On arrival at Asia World Ahlon Port at 10:15 am, the Secretary-1 was welcomed by Minister for Transport U Thein Swe, Yangon Mayor U Aung Thein Lin, Chairman of Asia World Co U Tun Myint Naing and officials.

At the meeting hall of Admin Office of Ahlon Port of Asia World, the Secretary-1 heard the reports presented by Minister U Thein Swe on progress in construction of new alignment from Htedan Kyatsharzon to the top of Botahtaung

Market road between Strand Road and Yangon River, earth and concrete roads and four creek-crossing bridges on the new road.

After that, the Mayor reported to the Secretary-1 on extension of

concrete one, Shukhintha Street (Shukhintha Park to Thanlyin approach road) to six lane tarred Street, Yadana Street (between Thanlyin approach Street and Bago River Street) to four lane concrete street, Bago

foot-wide motor road and six-foot-wide shoulders each, from Kyimyindine Htedan Kyatsharzon to the top of Botahtaung market street and foundation layer along the road.

Then, the Secretary-

in a motor cade.

The new Strand road from Htedan Kyatsharzon to the top of Botahtaung Market is 4.69 miles long. Road section from Thittaw street to Botahtaung market street is 48 feet wide

Yadana Street, Bago River Street, Ayarwun street, Maungmagankantha Street and No.2 Road.

The Secretary-1 and party then proceeded to extension project of Youth Training Centre



Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo inspects construction of jetty at Asia World Port.—MNA



Botahtaung Market Street (between Strand Road and Maha Bandoola Street) to four lane tarred one, Maha Bandoola Street (between Botahtaung market street and Bandoola Bridge) to six lane asphalt concrete one, Yamonnar street (from Bandoola Bridge to Shukhintha Park) to six lane asphalt

River Street (Yadana Street and Ayarwun street) to four lane concrete Street, Ayarwun Street (Bago River Street and Maungmagankantha street) to two lane tarred Street and No.2 Road.

Afterwards, Managing Director U Tun Myint Naing of Asia World Co., Ltd also explained progress in building 4.69 miles long new concrete Strand Road with 48-

1 raised the questions. And he gave instruction on construction of new roads before the rainy season, arrangement for temporary car parking not to cause traffic jam due to trucks and removal of lamp posts and telephone posts.

Afterwards, the Secretary-1 and party inspected construction of jetty in Asia World Port and the new Strand Road

four lane road and includes two six-foot-wide platforms. In addition, it includes railroad.

The new Strand Road is being upgraded to six lane concrete road that links between Botahtaung Market Street, Maha Bandoola Street, Maha Bandoola Street (Botahtaung), Bandoola Bridge, Yamonnar street, Shukhintha Park Street,

(Thuwunna) football stand, and were welcomed by Director-General U Thaug Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department under the Ministry of Sports, Chairman of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw and Chairman of ACE Construction Co U Tint Hsan and officials.

There, the Secretary-1 and party looked into the construction project. At the briefing hall of the project, U Tint Hsan reported to the Secretary-1 on completion of pile and pile cap and earth work and plans that will be completed during December.

After that, the Secretary-1 urged the officials to build it systematically in line with international standards.

MNA

MDevS alumni meet first time

YANGON, 13 March — Master of Development Studies (MDevS) graduates held their first get-together at Park Royal Hotel here yesterday evening.

Rector of the Institute of Economics Dr Kan Zaw delivered address and Prof of the MDevS Daw Yi Aye extended greetings.

During the meeting, alumni of MDevS contributed cash to the fund of the course. The course started in 2002, and has produced 247 graduates so far.

A total of 168 trainees are attending the course of this academic year. —MNA

Kaung Myat Myanmar Amateur Open (2011) Golf Tournament on 22 March

YANGON, 13 March—Kaung Myat Myanmar Amateur Open 2011 Golf Tournament, organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and mainly sponsored by Kaung Myat Co Ltd, will be held at Yangon Golf

Course (Danyingon) from 22 to 25 March on a grand scale.

Only amateur golf players (Handicap-0-12) level may partake in the tournament in which handsome prize will go

to Hole-In-One prize winner.

Participants may enroll Yangon Golf Course (Danyingon), Ph: 09-2037671 or 01-651374, not later than 2 pm on 20 March.—MNA

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China inspects nuclear plants, reports no problems

BEIJING, 13 March—This week's devastating earthquake in Japan has had no impact at all on Chinese nuclear plants, but the government has demanded they step up inspections anyway, the Environment Ministry said.

"Our ministry is paying a great deal of attention to this huge earthquake in Japan, and has already confirmed that it has had no impact at all on our nuclear plants' safety," the ministry said in a statement late on Saturday.

Radiation checks have been performed up and down the country and "at present we have not discovered any abnormal radiation", it added in a statement on its website (www.mep.gov.cn).

Environmental protection departments have also stepped up monitoring, and are required to report any unusual readings as soon as possible, the ministry

added. "The ministry will continue to follow this accident closely," it said of events in Japan. Thousands of Japanese have fled the vicinity of an earthquake-crippled nuclear plant after a radiation leak.

China has 13 working reactors with 10.8 gigawatts of total generating capacity. China's official nuclear capacity target for 2020 remains 40 gigawatt, less than 5 percent of its current total installed capacity, or enough to power Spain. However, officials have said China was considering raising the goal to 80 gigawatts or more for 2020.

China has never had a major nuclear disaster, though some of its plants have had occasional leaks. A nuclear plant in the southern Chinese city of Shenzhen had a small radiation leak last year, but it was contained and isolated.

MNA/Reuters

Quake accelerates Earth's rotation

NEW YORK, 13 March — Friday was just a tiny bit shorter because of the giant earthquake off the coast of Japan. NASA geophysicist

Richard Gross calculated that Earth's rotation sped up by 1.6 microseconds. That is because of the shift in Earth's mass caused by the 8.9-magnitude earthquake. A microsecond is one-millionth of a second.

That change in rotation speed is slightly more than the one caused by last year's larger Chile earthquake. But 2004's bigger Sumatra earthquake caused a 6.8-microsecond shortening of the day. The Japan quake is the fifth strongest since 1900.

Internet



Cars and debris litter a runway at Sendai Airport in northern Japan.— INTERNET

Bronx tour bus crash kills 14

NEW YORK, 13 March — Fourteen people have been killed and 10 injured in a tour bus accident in New York City, officials say. The bus overturned on the New England Thruway in the Bronx at about 0530 (1030 GMT) on Saturday, a spokesman for the city's fire department said.

It slid on its side and then hit a light pole which sheared off the top of the bus, the spokesman said. Six of the injured were

said to be in a critical condition. The bus was carrying at least 31 passengers. The light pole "went through the whole bus

from front to rear", a fire department spokesman told the New York Times newspaper.

Internet



Aerial footage of the overturned bus.

INTERNET

State of emergency extended in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 13 March—New Zealand's national state of emergency imposed after last month's devastating Christchurch earthquake has been extended for another seven days.

Civil Defence initially declared the status on 23 February, the day after the 6.3-magnitude quake struck. The status has to be reaffirmed every seven days and Civil Defence Minister John Carter said on Sunday "The declaration of the state of national emergency ensures the maximum possible co-ordination and co-operation between central and local resources in response to this disaster," Cartre said.

"It has been nearly three weeks since the earthquake and I am constantly impressed by the willingness of everyone involved in putting Christchurch back together to pull out all stops to ensure people's most urgent needs are met as quickly as they can be," he added. —MNA/Xinhua



A youth tends to tomatoes in a greenhouse in Kibera, the largest slum in Kenya. The gang of ex-criminals, mostly petty offenders, now toil in a greenhouse in one of Kibera's most dangerous districts, producing organic vegetables from a converted dumpsite.

INTERNET

Cholesterol linked to infections

EDINBURGH, 13 March — Lowering cholesterol may help the body's immune system fight viral infections, researchers in Scotland said.

Scientists at the University of Edinburgh say they have discovered a direct link between the immune system and cholesterol levels.

Professor Peter Ghazal and colleagues said the researchers found that when the body succumbs to a viral infection a hormone in the immune system sends signals to blood cells.

The study, published in the journal PLoS Biology, found cholesterol produced by a person's cells is needed for viruses and certain bacteria to grow, and limiting the body's production of cholesterol would curb the opportunity for viruses to thrive.

Currently, antibiotics are used to fight infections by targeting the virus directly, but the researchers said it may be possible to use cholesterol-lowering drugs to boost the immune system.—Internet



Quan Li, founder of "Save China's Tigers", plays with "Miss X tiger" in the Lory Park Zoo, South Africa. Now the little female tiger, born on 31 Jan, 2011, is soliciting name in China.

Ukrainian town puts its children under curfew

The town fathers in a locality near Ukraine's port city of Odessa have imposed a night curfew on children under 16 to keep them out of trouble.

The municipal council in Izmail — citing rising crime, heavy drinking and tobacco addiction among its children — said it wanted them at home and not in clubs, computer cafes or on the streets after dark.

"The children come to school and openly sleep

through the first classes," Tetyana Yenakieva, head of the local children affairs service, told Reuters by telephone. "Parents are complaining. The schools are complaining."

According to Izmail's official website, the town of 77,100 — once the scene of fierce battles between the Russian and the Ottoman empires — has five night clubs and a dozen bars and cafes.

Yenakieva said children under 14 were

now barred from being out after 9 pm while under 16s could stay out just one hour longer. Police and other government agencies were in charge of enforcing the rules.

Parents of those who breach the curfew will be fined along with owners of clubs, bars or computer gaming facilities where the children are found, Yenakieva said.



Photo taken on 10 March, 2011 shows the unveiled shoes sculpture in Kiev, Ukraine. This shoes copper sculpture was unveiled on Thursday to commemorate the businessmen for their hard-working.

India catches 57 pilots over alcohol limit, only grounds 11

India's airline authorities caught 57 pilots over the alcohol limit about to take to the cabin of passenger-carrying jets over the past two years, but most were cleared to fly again, media said on Friday.

Only 11 of the pilots found to be under the influence of alcohol in random pre-flight medical tests between January 2009 and November 2010 lost their job, the Times of India newspaper said, citing a statement by Aviation Minister Vayalar Ravi to lawmakers.

The rest were hit with varying punishments determined by their airline, such as warning letters or a fine.

To combat the rising number of inebriated pilots in India's skies, authorities brought in a rule last year grounding first-time offenders for three months and stripping the flying licence from repeat offenders.

Since the rule came into effect in December, a month when cases have traditionally peaked, no cases have yet been reported.



Flamingos ramble in the zoo of Suzhou City, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 11 March, 2011.

Malaysians make off with all including house

A Malaysian landlord was shocked to find his double-storey wooden house missing while making his rent call, local daily *The Star* reported on Friday. Zuria Ali, 30, said he was greeted by the sight of scattered wood, a damaged television set and twenty-four concrete pillar holders when he went to the site of his house in Malaysia's northern Perlis state bordering Thailand. "I had heard that my house had vanished and was curious to find out the truth," Zuria was quoted as saying by the newspaper. He lost his furniture, cutlery, cupboards, a dining table and a refrigerator and estimated his losses to be about 30,000 ringgit (6,200 pounds).

Zuria's neighbour, Ah Kiung, said he saw three men and a trailer arriving at the house last month. "I thought the three were carrying out the dismantling work on instructions from the landlord," Ah Kiung said. "I did not suspect anything until he (Zuria) asked me about it. Police confirmed receiving a report about the "missing" house, the newspaper said.

News Album

Justin Timberlake, Jessica Biel 'call it quits'



Justin Timberlake, Jessica Biel.—INTERNET

longtime lover Jessica Biel have parted ways, according to sources. The couple decided to end their four-year relationship recently and 'there are no hard feelings.'

"It was completely mutual and they both decided it was time to move on," Radar Online quoted a source as telling People. Biel, 29, is reportedly holding onto the couple's Los Angeles home as part of the split. Timberlake, 30, was last spotted with Biel at the Vanity Fair post-Oscars party on 27 February.—*Internet*

WASHINGTON, 13 March— 'The Social Network' star Justin Timberlake and his



A model presents a creation by Portuguese designer Ricardo Preto during the first day of Lisbon Fashion Week on 10 March, 2011.

XINHUA

Neil Gaiman to help Monkey King speak English in 3D trilogy

BEIJING, 13 March—Hollywood writer Neil Gaiman has joined the production team of a 3D trilogy about Monkey King, a classic Chinese fiction figure, the films' chief producer and director Zhang Jizhong announced here on Thursday.

Gaiman is an award-winning author and Hollywood screenwriter with abounding experiences in screenplay adaptations, including Robert Zemeckis's "Beowulf" in 2007 and "Coraline," the stop-motion production of Gaiman's novel of the same name, in 2009.

Gaiman is a long-time fan of the Monkey King story and has travelled to China several times to experience that journey, Zhang said at a press conference.

Gaiman's understanding of the story, awareness of Chinese culture, and passion for the subject made him "very suitable" for this job, said Zhang.—*Xinhua*

'Merry Little Christmas' songwriter Martin dies

LOS ANGELES, 13 March— Hugh Martin, the composer-songwriter whose works included "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" and "The Trolley Song," died Friday. He was 96.

He died from natural causes at his home in Encinitas, Calif, said Martin's niece Suzanne Hanners. Martin and songwriting partner Ralph Blane co-wrote such catchy tunes as "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," "The Trolley Song" and "The Boy Next Door" from the musical "Meet Me in St Louis."



Hugh Martin.—XINHUA

Martin, who hailed from Birmingham, Ala, also crafted songs for several other film and Broadway musicals, including "Best Foot Forward," "Make a Wish," "High Spirits" and "Hooray for What!"

He was nominated for best original song Academy Awards for "The Trolley Song" in 1944 and "Pass the Peace Pipe" from "Good News" in 1947. He wrote about his exploits in show business in his 2010 autobiography, "Hugh Martin: The Boy Next Door."—*Internet*

Singer Miriam Yeung sings during a press conference of her new album "Ready or not" in Beijing, capital of China, on 8 March, 2011.

XINHUA



Director Li Yu (C), actor Chen Po Lin (L) and producer Fang Li attend the premiere of Chinese movie "Buddha Mountain" during the 13th Deauville Asian Film Festival in Deauville, north France, on 12 March, 2011.—XINHUA

Coyle dreams of Wembley glory with Bolton

BIRMINGHAM, 13 March— Bolton manager Owen Coyle is dreaming of more Wembley glory after seeing his side book a date there next month with a dramatic 3-2 win over Birmingham in Saturday's FA Cup quarter-final at St Andrew's. Coyle tasted success at the English national stadium as a Bolton player when he won promotion to the Premier League via the play-offs in 1995, scoring in the 4-3 extra-time win over Reading, and he triumphed there too as manager of Burnley when he led them from the Championship to the top flight the same route in 2009.

Now he will return to the famous arena for the Cup semi-finals hoping for more success after South Korean substitute Lee Chung-Yong's 90th-minute goal

saw off League Cup winners Birmingham. "It's always been kind to me as a player," Coyle said. — *Internet*



Bolton Wanderers' Kevin Davies (R) vies with Birmingham City's Liam Ridgwell during their FA Cup quarter-final match at St Andrews in Birmingham, West Midlands.—INTERNET

Stoke beat Hammers to reach FA Cup semi-finals

LONDON, 13 March—Stoke City secured their first FA Cup semi-final appearance since 1972 with a 2-1 win against West Ham in the quarter-finals at the Britannia Stadium on Sunday.

Tony Pulis's side were beaten 3-0 by the Hammers in the Premier League last weekend, but they got their revenge, and earned a trip to Wembley in the process, thanks to Danny Higginbotham's second half winner.

Stoke took the lead in the 12th minute with yet another goal from one of Rory Delap's trademark long throws.



Stoke City's manager Tony Pulis is seen before a team game. Stoke City secured their first FA Cup semi-final appearance since 1972 with a 2-1 win against West Ham in the quarter-finals at the Britannia Stadium.—INTERNET

Internet

Top seeds advance at ATP/WTA Indian Wells

INDIAN WELLS, 13 March — Top ranked Rafael Nadal and Caroline Wozniacki triumphed on the centre court stage but it was a bruising day for a number of other top seeds in the California desert. Nadal and Wozniacki on Saturday both easily advanced with Nadal defeating South African Rik de Voest 6-0, 6-2 and Wozniacki rolling over American wildcard Sloane Stephens 6-3, 6-2 at the Indian Wells WTA

and ATP Masters 1000 event.

But the fifth and sixth men's seeds, Andy Murray and David Ferrer, weren't so fortunate, losing their opening matches on the fourth day of the event.

Internet



Rafael Nadal of Spain

10 man Juve end losing streak in Cesena

ROME, 13 March — Juventus ended a three-match losing streak despite playing more than half the game with 10 men as they were held 2-2 at lowly Cesena on Saturday. A brace from Alessandro Matri had given the Turin giants a two-goal lead but their hosts hit back through a Luis Jimenez penalty and Marco Parolo after Marco Motta was sent off.

The point did nothing to help Juve's hopes of securing European football next season as they remain seventh, while Cesena are still hovering just above the drop zone. — *Internet*

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle

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Spurs star Palacios sidelined after surgery

LONDON, 13 March — Tottenham midfielder Wilson Palacios will be sidelined for three weeks after surgery on a knee injury suffered in training. The 26-year-old alerted Tottenham's medical staff to the problem following Wednesday's 0-0 draw with AC Milan in the Champions League and the Honduras international underwent a minor operation on Saturday. "Wilson Palacios has undergone an arthroscopy on his right knee today (Saturday)," a statement on Spurs' website confirmed.



Tottenham midfielder Wilson Palacios

"The Honduras international midfielder is expected to be sidelined for up to three weeks." Palacios has played 30 times this season, his most recent appearance being Tottenham's 3-1 defeat at Blackpool two and a half weeks ago.

Internet

Ravens safety Zbikowski wins second pro fight

LAS VEGAS, 13 March — Baltimore Ravens safety Tommy Zbikowski didn't let the NFL lockout stop him from making a nice payday — and delivering some hard hits. Fighting for the second time as a pro, Zbikowski barely broke a sweat Saturday night in stopping Richard Bryant at 1:45 of the first round of a scheduled four-round fight on the undercard of the Miguel Cotto-Ricardo Mayorga 154-pound title fight.

Zbikowski, who last fought while still attending Notre Dame, earned \$50,000. He dropped Bryant with a left hook to the body and referee Russell Mora waved the fight to a close after Bryant got up at the count of seven. — *Internet*



Tommy Zbikowski, left, knocks down Richard Bryant

Robben hat-trick as Bayern smash losing streak

BERLIN, 13 March — Dutch winger Arjen Robben netted a hat-trick as Bayern Munich smashed their losing streak with a 6-0 rout of Hamburg on Saturday, while leaders Borussia Dortmund were beaten 1-0 at Hoffenheim. After Bayern boss Louis van Gaal was told last Mon-

day that his contract will be terminated at the end of the season — a year earlier than planned — Bayern secured their biggest win of the season following three straight defeats.

"Who would have thought this, eh? Certainly not my friends from the media," gloated van Gaal, whose side host holders Inter Milan in the Champions League on Tuesday. "But that is football. In the beginning, we played well and we could have gone into the half-time break behind. Fortunately, that didn't happen and I am very glad we put in a good performance.



Bayern Munich's Dutch midfielder Arjen Robben

Internet

Price takes 2-stroke lead in Toshiba Classic

NEWPORT BEACH, 13 March — Nick Price followed his record-tying first round with a 3-under 68 on Saturday at Newport Beach Country Club to take a two-stroke lead in the Toshiba Classic. The 54-year-old Price had four birdies and a bogey a day after matching the Champions Tour record with a career-best 11-under 60. Seeking his fourth victory on the 50-and-over tour, Price had a tournament-record 14-under 128 total.

"I think after a good round you tend to play a little cautiously," Price

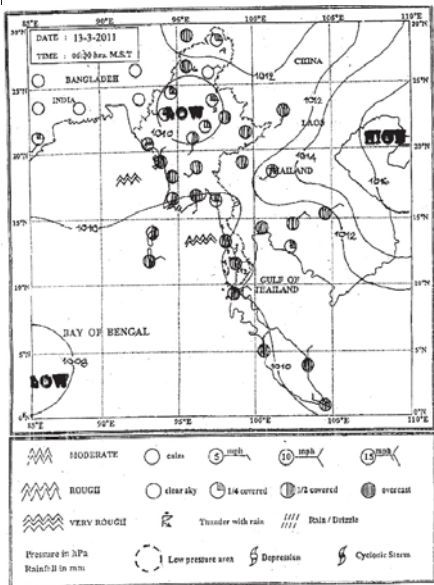
said. "I felt like I played two shots better than I did." Mark Wiebe was second after his second straight 65. — *Internet*



Nick Price lines up a putt on the sixth hole during the second round of the Toshiba Classic Championship golf tournament in Newport Beach, Calif, on Saturday.—INTERNET

S P O R T S

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 13th March, 2011

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

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been fairly widespread in Taninthayi Region, scattered in Bago and Yangon Regions, isolated in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Ayeyawady Region, Kachin, Shan and Kayah States and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above March average temperatures in Upper Sagaing Region, Kachin and Mon States, (3°C) below March average temperatures in Eastern Shan State, (6°C) below March average temperatures in Rakhine State, (8°C) to (9°C) below March average temperatures in Magway and Bago Regions and about March average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Kalaywa, Kantbalu, Monywa, Hpa-an and Theinzayat (38°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Longlone (1.02) inches, Kawkareik (0.79) inch, Myeik (0.47) inch and Yangon (Central) (0.39) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 12-3-2011 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 13-3-2011 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 13-3-2011 was (69%). Rainfall on 13-3-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 12-3-2011 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 13-3-2011 was 74°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 13-3-2011 was (68%). Total sunshine hours on 12-3-2011 was (8.3) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 11-3-2011 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, (Nil) at

Kaba-Aye and (0.39) inch at Central Yangon each. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (2.44) inches at Mingaladon, (2.52) inches at Kaba-Aye and (4.76) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from Southeast at (18:25) hours MST on 12-3-2011.

Bay Inference: Weather is generally fair in the North Bay and partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 14th March 2011: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Rakhine, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States, isolated in Upper Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, Kachin and Shan States and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 14-3-2011: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 14-3-2011: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 14-3-2011: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

One miner dead, five rescued in Philippine landslide

MANILA, 13 March — Police say a gold miner has been killed and five others dug up alive by fellow miners after their hut got buried by a landslide in a remote mountain town in the southern Philippines.

Compostela Valley provincial police chief Aaron Aquino says days of pounding rain set off the landslide that buried the hut in which the six miners were resting on Friday in Pantukan town.

Aquino said Sunday it was not immediately clear if the victims were among the many illegal miners operating in the vast mountainous region. Police have been trying to enforce a crackdown against illegal mining despite the danger posed by communist guerrillas and difficult terrain.

Compostela Valley lies about 600 miles (900 kilometres) southeast of Manila.

Internet



Frigate Ma'anshan of the 8th escort flotilla sent by the Chinese Navy leaves after the farewell ceremony, in Karachi, Pakistan, on 13 March, 2011. The flotilla left Karachi for the Gulf of Aden on Sunday. Pakistani Navy officials and soldiers, Chinese diplomats and delegates of the overseas Chinese attended the farewell ceremony.—XINHUA

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (14-3-2011) (Monday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am-11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	(14-3-11 09:30 am ~ 15-3-11 09:30 am) MST

- Local Transmission**
- * Opening
 - * News
 - * The Beauty of Zwegabin and Livelihood of Kayin National
 - * Market of Pyay City Development Committee
 - * News
 - * Record Album
 - * Nine solo show of watercolour
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 - * Myanmar Movie Impact "Romantic Shocks"
 - * News
 - * Myanma Jewels In Style
 - * Music Gallery
 - * News
 - * Culture Stage
 - * Beach Resort of Chaung Tha
 - * News
 - * A Mirror reflecting Rakhine Architecture (Shitthaung Stupa)
 - * Myanmar Movie "Misdeed"



Monday, 14 March View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:20 am**
2. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:25 am**
3. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am**
4. Morning News
- 7:40 am**
5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 7:55 am**
6. Health Programme
- 8:00 am**
7. Song Of National Races
- 8:05 am**
8. Cute Little Dancers
- 8:15 am**
9. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 8:25 am**
10. Teleplay (Health)
- 8:30 am**
11. Songs in honour of (66)th Anniversary Armed Forces Day
- 8:40 am**
12. International News
- 8:45 am**
13. Musical Programme

- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial Song
- 4:05 pm**
2. Dance Variety
- 4:10 pm**
3. Musical Programme
- 4:20 pm**
4. Songs in honour of (66)th Anniversary Armed Forces Day
- 4:30 pm**
5. University Of Distance Education (TV Lecuters) -Second Year (Botany)
- 4:45 pm**
6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 4:50 pm**
7. Musical Programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
- 5:00 pm**
8. Myanmar Language
- 5:15 pm**
9. Songs in honour of (66)th Anniversary Armed Forces Day
- 5:30 pm**
10. Myanmar Idol
- 6:00 pm**
11. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
12. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
13. Sing & Enjoy
- 7:00 pm**
14. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**
15. News
 16. International News
 17. Weather Report
 18. World's Stars (Part-15)
 19. TV Drama Series

