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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

First regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw continues for eleventh day

Queries raised and replied, proposals submitted and discussed, approval sought at Pyithu Hluttaw session



First regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw for eleventh day in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March — The first regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw continued for the eleventh day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here this morning, with the attendance of Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

After taking position, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker announced the validity and start of the eleventh-day first regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw as 430 representatives out of 433 attended the session, accounting for 99.41 per cent.

Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint and Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo responded to questions regarding “**plan to upgrade Aungpan-Hanmyintmo road**” made by U Aung Thein of Ywangan Constituency; “**maintaining and upgrading Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina Union Highway**” by U Kyaw Soe Lay of Mohnyin Constituency; “**maintaining and upgrading Mandalay-Bhamo motor road**” by U Tun Tun of Mansi Constituency; “**how has motor road between Sumprabum and Putao been managed to become all-weather road**” by U Yaw Di

Dwe of Putao Constituency; and “**right to freely cultivate and sell seasonal crops**” by Sai Win Khine of Hsenwi Constituency.

Pyithu Hluttaw representatives discussed approved-to-discuss proposals by Pyithu Hluttaw “**to review the pension scheme as there is a wide gap between the pension and current commodity prices and to make pension salary grades depending on two to three agewise groups**” submitted by U Soe Win of Sangyoung Constituency and (See page 6)

PERSPECTIVES

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Health is wealth

While the government is raising health care services being provided to the national people, a ceremony to open Yankin Children's Hospital (550-bed) renovated by Max Myanmar Company family was held in front of the hospital on Kanbe Road in Yankin Township on 13 March.

New generation children are being nurtured in their childhood to become physically and mentally healthy and fit good sons and daughters on whom the State can rely in the new nation. In so doing, full health care infrastructures are needed for the children.

Due to opening of Yankin Children's Hospital which is one more advanced children's hospital for the children of the whole nation, Yangon has two hospitals for the children. Moreover, the health facility was designated as a teaching hospital for the students of Yangon University of Medicine (2). In this way, the post-graduate students of pediatric specialist course and medical graduates will have the greater opportunity to pursue medical education.

Furthermore, health care services can be raised with modern medical technology to new generation children from townships of Bago Region (East), Mon State and Dagon Myothit (South), (North) and (East) townships, Thanlyin and Kyauktan townships of eastern part of Yangon Region thanks to opening the new children's hospital.

As people's hospitals have emerged one after another across the nation, the health staff members are to make energetic efforts to participate in providing health care services to the people.

Talk on post-literacy campaign, reading contest held in Lashio

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March—Lashio District Information and Public Relations Department of Shan State (North) held talk on post-literacy campaign and reading contest for development of rural libraries, at Naungmon village yesterday.

Chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association and members donated books and publications. After that, the chairperson and village chairman awarded winners at reading contest. Similarly, round-table reading session and reading contest were held at Naungmon village tract of Naungkwe village on the same day.—MNA



People's Defence

- * 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

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of Ministry of Defence hosts dinner to Chinese delegation



Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe hosts dinner to delegation led by Deputy Director Lieutenant General Jia Tingan of General Political Department of People's Liberation Army of People's Republic of China.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March — Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence hosted a dinner to delegation led by Deputy Director Lieutenant General Jia Tingan of General Political Department of People's Liberation Army of People's Republic of China at Mya Yeik Nyo Royal Hotel in Yangon yesterday.

Also present at the dinner together with Maj-

Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence were Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than and senior military officers; and together with the visiting side were Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua and Military Attaché Colonel Xiong Shaowei.

MNA

Chinese delegation concludes visit



Deputy Director of General Political Department Lieutenant General Jia Tingan and party of PLA of PRC being seen off at Yangon International Airport.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March — Delegation led by Deputy Director of General Political Department Lieutenant General Jia Tingan of the People's Liberation Army of the People's Republic of China left Yangon for China by air this morning.

The delegates who arrived in Yangon on 12 March visited Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay and PyinOoLwin.

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Press conference on Myanmar Mobile system held

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March—A press conference on Myanmar Mobile system

San Myanmar company holds press conference on use of Myanmar mobile system.

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developed by San Myanmar company was held at D & G Food center in Chanayethazan Township in Mandalay on 13 March.

Managing Director U Tun Myint of San Myanmar Co explained Myanmar Mobile

system. Myanmar Mobile system can be used in SCM 2012 model produced by Standard Mobile Co of Hong Kong. The system makes the phone more than a phone with its added functions.

It will be soon available at reasonable prices at phone accessories shops across the country.—MNA

Car bomb kills two, wounds 35 in Iraq's Kirkuk

KIRKUK, 16 March—A car bomb struck a convoy of a senior government official in Kirkuk City, some 250 km north of Baghdad, on Wednesday, killing up to two people and wounding 35, a local police source said.

The incident took place in al-Jamhouriyah

street in central City when a booby-trapped car detonated near the convoy of Muhammed Qader, the city's director general of water and sewage, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Qader escaped the attack unhurt, but some of his bodyguards were among the wounded, the

source said.

The ethnically mixed Province of Kirkuk and its capital Kirkuk City are part of the disputed areas between the Kurds and both Arabs and Turkmans. The area has long been the hotbed of insurgency since the US-led invasion in 2003.

Xinhua



Security personnel inspect the site of a bomb attack in Kirkuk, some 250 km (155 miles) north of Baghdad, on 16 March, 2011. A car bomb killed two people and wounded 35 in central Kirkuk, police Major-General Torhan Abdul-Rahman said.—INTERNET



The wreckage of a NATO oil tanker is seen after attack near southwest Pakistan's Mastung on 16 March, 2011. XINHUA

Two killed, eight wounded in Iraq's violence

BAGHDAD, 16 March—Two people were killed and eight others wounded in separate gunfire and bomb attacks in Baghdad and Iraq's eastern Province of Diyala, the police said.

In Diyala, unidentified gunmen stormed the house of an anti-Qaeda paramilitant group member, known as Awakening Council group, in a village near the town of Buhruz, south of the provincial capital city of Baquba, a provincial police source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The gunmen shot dead the group member and wounded his wife, the source said.

Iraqi security forces in the area chased the fleeing attackers and traded fire with them, killing one while the

others escaped in the surrounding orchards, the source added.

In Baghdad, a roadside bomb went off near a bank in Karrada District in central the capital, wounded three civilians, an Interior Ministry source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

In a separate incident, a policeman and a civilian were wounded when a roadside bomb exploded near a police patrol on a highway that passes through New Baghdad District, the source said.

Also in the day, a roadside bomb went off in al-Rabie street, a busy thoroughfare in Baghdad's eastern district of Zayounah, wounding two civilians, the source added.

Xinhua

Drone strike kills four in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 16 March—At least four people were killed on Wednesday morning when a US pilotless plane stroke northwestern tribal region of Pakistan, local media reported.

According to private TV channel Express, a US drone fired three missiles at a vehicle running on a road in the Datta Khel area of the North Waziristan, Pakistan's tribal area

bordering Afghanistan.

With the attack the vehicle was totally destroyed and three unknown persons, either militants or common citizens, were killed on the spot.

Pakistan's State television PTV described the killed as militants.

The US drones regularly hit hideouts of the militants in the Pakistani tribal region,

which Washington considers as the center of Taleban and al-Qaeda remnants. More than 80 people have been killed in such strikes since the beginning of this year. Pakistan opposes the US strikes inside the country's tribal regions and seeks the drone technology. But the US does not accept Islamabad's request.

Xinhua

US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 16 March—There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 16 March reached 705256 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1277005, according to the news on the Internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	705256
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1277005

Internet



Soldiers gather at the site of a bomb attack that occurred in the town of Kanan, 70 km (43 miles) northeast of Baghdad on 14 March, 2011. A car bomb attack on an Iraqi army unit killed at least eight soldiers and wounded 12 others in Kanan, officials and security sources said. INTERNET

Afghan officials investigate the scene of a suicide attack in Kunduz, north of Kabul, Afghanistan on 14 March, 2011. A suicide bomber posing as an army volunteer struck an Afghan army recruitment center in the northern Kunduz Province on Monday afternoon, killing at least 33 people, Afghan officials said. INTERNET



Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US

KABUL, 16 March—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 33715 Afghan people were killed and 41072 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 16 March.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Number of Afghan people killed	33715
2.	Seriously injured Afghan people	41072

Internet

Status of quake-stricken reactors at Fukushima nuclear plants

TOKYO, 16 March— A magnitude-9.0 earthquake and the ensuing tsunami have stricken Fukushima No 1 and No 2 nuclear plants, triggering a regional nuclear crisis. The following is the latest known status of all affected reactors, provided by *Kyodo* news agency on Wednesday.

Fukushima No 1 plant

— Reactor No 1 — Cooling failure, partial melting of core, vapor vented, building damaged Saturday by hydrogen explosion, seawater being pumped in.

— Reactor No 2 — Cooling failure, seawater being pumped in, fuel rods fully exposed temporarily, vapor vented, building damaged Monday by blast at Reactor No 3, damage to containment vessel on Tuesday, potential meltdown feared.

— Reactor No 3 — Cooling failure, partial melting of core feared, vapor vented, seawater being pumped

in, building damaged Monday by hydrogen explosion, high-level radiation measured nearby on Tuesday, plume of smoke observed Wednesday, damage to containment vessel likely.

— Reactor No 4 — Under maintenance when quake struck, fire Tuesday possibly caused by hydrogen explosion at pool holding spent fuel rods, pool water level not observed, fire observed Wednesday at building housing reactor, no water poured in to cool pool.

— Reactor No 5, No 6 — Under maintenance when quake struck, temperature slightly rising in spent fuel pool.

Fukushima No 2 plant

— Reactor No 1, No 2, No 4 — Cooling failure, then cold shutdown.

— Reactor No 3 — Cold shutdown.—*Xinhua*



A staff member analyses the collected objects to check the radiation level at an environment supervision station in Shanghai, east China, on 15 March, 2011. China's meteorological authority announced Tuesday the nuclear radiation leakage following explosions at the Fukushima nuclear power plant in Japan would not affect China over the next three days.

XINHUA

Fukushima No 3 reactor's container feared damaged: gov't spokesman



This file photo released by *Kyodo News Agency* on 13 March, 2011 shows the No 3 nuclear reactor of Japan's Fukushima No 1 nuclear power station.—XINHUA

where high amounts of radiation have been detected. According to the plant's officials, the fire was spotted at 05:45 am local time at the northwestern corner of the building that houses the No 4 reactor.

Although half an hour following the first sighting of flames, the blaze could no longer be seen the utility said.

The cause of the fire remains unclear at this point a spokesperson for TEPCO said Wednesday, adding that the fire apparently went out of its own accord.

The No 4 Reactor was undergoing checks at the time of Friday's quake and was not operating, TEPCO said, adding that but they have been having problems cooling down a storage pool for spent nuclear fuel rods inside the building.—*Xinhua*

TOKYO, 16 March— Chief Cabinet Secretary Yukio Edano said Wednesday that the container of the No3 reactor of the troubled Fukushima No1 nuclear power plant might have been damaged and leaked radioactive steam.

According to the Nuclear and Industrial

Safety Agency, hourly radiation near the plant was measured at 6.4 millisievert at 10:45 am local time (0145 GMT).

Earlier in the day Tokyo Electric Power Co (TEPCO) said that a fire had broken out at the No.4 reactor building at the scene of a blaze Tuesday at the plant

Fire breaks out again at Fukushima's No 4 reactor

TOKYO, 16 March— A fire broke out again early Wednesday at the troubled No 4 reactor of the quake-hit Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant, Tokyo Electric Power Co said. Around 5:45 am, new fire was discovered in northeastern corner of reactor 4 building, where an apparent hydrogen explosion caused a fire Tuesday morning following Friday's 9.0-magnitude quake.

Tokyo Electric Power Co spokesman Hajimi Motujuku said the blaze erupted in the outer housing of the reactor's containment vessel. Fire fighters are trying to put out the flames.

At the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant, there have been explosions at two reactor buildings since Friday's disasters.

Radiation levels around the Fukushima plant had "risen considerably", Prime Minister Naoto Kan said Tuesday, and his chief spokesman announced it had reached the point where it endangered human health.

In Tokyo, 170 miles (270 kilometres) to the southwest, authorities reported radiation levels nine times normal.—*Xinhua*



Overseas Chinese Li Fangzhou tells her story at a refuge in the city of Rikuzen-Takata, one of the cities worst hit by Friday's 9 Magnitude quake and ensuing tsunami, Iwate Prefecture, Japan, on 15 March, 2011.—XINHUA

6.0-magnitude aftershock strikes Chiba

TOKYO, 16 March— A strong 6.0-magnitude aftershock struck in the Pacific just off Chiba prefecture, the Japan Meteorological Agency said, with the force strong enough to sway buildings in Tokyo.

The quake struck in the Pacific off Chiba prefecture — 96 kilometres (60 miles) east of the capital — and was felt across large areas of eastern Japan, the USGS said.

There were no reports of injuries or damage following the tremor, which struck at a shallow depth of 25 km at 12:52 pm (0352 GMT), police and local government officials said.

Xinhua

70% of nuclear fuel rods estimated to be damaged at reactor 1

TOKYO, 16 March— An estimated 70 percent of the nuclear fuel rods have been damaged at No 1 reactor of the Fukushima nuclear power plant and 33 percent at the No 2 reactor, *Kyodo* quoted Tokyo Electric Power Co as saying Wednesday.

Xinhua



Rescuers put out fire in the quake-hit area of Kesenuma city, Miyagi Prefecture, Japan, on 15 March, 2011.—XINHUA

3,676 dead, 7,558 missing following Friday's great quake

TOKYO, 16 March— The National Police Agency said that last Friday's catastrophic quake and ensuing tsunami have left 3,676 people dead and 7,558 others unaccounted for in Japan by 08:00 am Wednesday (2300 GMT Tuesday).

According local media reports, around 530,000 evacuees were staying in more than 2,600 shelters in quake-hit areas.

As temperatures dropped sharply to midwinter levels in northeastern Japan, rescue and relief operations continued with 80, 000 Self-Defence Forces personnel and police officers mobilized in the devastated areas, said the reports.—*Xinhua*

HLUTTAW candidates, election agents declared as persons of distorted qualification

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March—The Union Election Commission issued Notification No.8/2011 today. The translation of the notification is as follows:-

The Union of Myanmar Union Election Commission Nay Pyi Taw

Notification No.8/2011

12th Waxing of Tabaung, 1372 ME

(16 March, 2011)

HLUTTAW candidates and their election agents failed to submit election expenses in the prescribed period declared as persons of distorted qualification

1. According to Section 55 of the respective Hluttaw Election Laws and paragraph 77 of Rules, Hluttaw candidates and their election agents who run for Multi-party Democracy General Election held on 7 November, 2010 are to submit election expenses to the respective sub-commissions in line with the laws during 60-day as of the date the name of representatives-elect are announced.

2. To be able to decide whether those who fail to submit election expenses in accord with the law should be designated as persons of distorted qualification or not, the Union Election Commission formed election tribunals and ordered them to check with them.

3. The Election Tribunal found that the following Hluttaw candidates and their election agents failed to submit the election expenses during the prescribed period, and in accord with the respective Hluttaw Election Rules Paragraph 83 (a), designated them as persons of distorted qualification.

Sr	Hluttaw candidate	Election Agent	Constituency
(a)	U Ko Ko Naing	-	Tamway Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Yangon Region
(b)	U Than Tun	U Maung Win	Dagon Myothit (South) Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Yangon Region
(c)	U Kyee Myint	-	Dagon Myothit (East) Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Yangon Region
(d)	Dr Min Myint	-	Kamayut Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Yangon Region
(e)	U Tun Shwe	U Thawtar	Kyauktada Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Yangon Region
(f)	U Lone Sein	U Tun Myint	Mayangon Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Yangon Region
(g)	U Tin Lin	-	Kungyangon Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Yangon Region
(h)	U Aung Kyaw Win	-	Dalla Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Yangon Region
(i)	U Thein Aung	-	Cocogyun Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Yangon Region
(j)	U Nyunt Shwe	U Mg Mg Nyein	Hmawby Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Yangon Region
(k)	U Khin Maung Htwe	U Zaw Min Htwe	Hlinethaya Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Yangon Region
(l)	U Saw Sai Nay Boi	-	Hmawby Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Yangon Region
(m)	U Moe Tun (a) U Moe Myint Aung	-	Insein Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Yangon Region
(n)	U Tun Min Latt	-	Amyotha Hluttaw Constituency No. 1 Yangon Region
(o)	U Kyaw Kyaw Min	-	Amyotha Hluttaw Constituency No. 1 Yangon Region
(p)	U Tint Naing	-	Amyotha Hluttaw

Sr	Hluttaw candidate	Election Agent	Constituency
(q)	U Kyaw Thein	U Kyaw Tint Naing	Constituency No. 4 Yangon Region Amyotha Hluttaw Constituency No. 5 Yangon Region
(r)	U San Myint	-	Amyotha Hluttaw Constituency No. 6 Yangon Region
(s)	U Thein Zaw Nyunt	Daw Shwe Moe Nyunt	Amyotha Hluttaw Constituency No. 7 Yangon Region
(t)	U Tint Swe	U Mya Shwe	Amyotha Hluttaw Constituency No. 11 Yangon Region
(u)	Daw Yin May	Daw Nu Aye Win	Dagon Myothit (South) Township Constituency No. 1, Region Hluttaw Yangon Region
(v)	U Tun Shwe	U Aung Tin	Dagon Myothit (South) Township Constituency No. 2, Region Hluttaw Yangon Region
(w)	U Kyaw Hlaing	Daw Thuza Than	Dagon Myothit (East) Township Constituency No. 1, Region Hluttaw Yangon Region
(x)	U Tin Win	U Myo Myint	Dagon Myothit (East) Township Constituency No. 2, Region Hluttaw Yangon Region
(y)	U Nyunt Tin	U Myint Yi	North Okkalapa Township Constituency No. 1, Region Hluttaw Yangon Region
(z)	U Oo Kyi	-	Kyimyindine Township Constituency No. 2, Region Hluttaw Yangon Region
(aa)	U Than Shwe	U Thant Zin Oo	Seikkan Township Constituency No. 2, Region Hluttaw Yangon Region
(bb)	U Soe Win	U Moe Thu	Mayangon Township Constituency No. 2, Region Hluttaw Yangon Region
(cc)	U Tun Oo	-	Kyauktan Township Constituency No. 2, Region Hluttaw Yangon Region
(dd)	U Tha Noh Aung	U Hla Tin	Htantabin Township Constituency No. 1, Region Hluttaw Yangon Region
(ee)	U Saw Hlaing	-	Htantabin Township Constituency No. 2, Region Hluttaw Yangon Region
(ff)	U Saw Aung Zeya	-	Hmawby Township Constituency No. 2, Region Hluttaw Yangon Region
(gg)	U Saw Maung Toke	-	Hmawby Township Constituency No. 1, Region Hluttaw Yangon Region
(hh)	U Soe Moe Oo	-	Hmawby Township Constituency No. 1, Region Hluttaw Yangon Region
(ii)	U Saw Tar Kapaw	U Saw Kaw Htoo Wah	Kayin national constituency Region Hluttaw Yangon Region

4. The Union Election Commission announced that the above-mentioned Hluttaw candidates and their election agents are persons of distorted qualification according to Paragraph 84 of respective Hluttaw Election Rules after judging the decision of Election Tribunal.

5. It is hereby announced that Hluttaw candidates and election agents who are declared as persons of distorted qualifications, in accord with the Section 88 of the respective Hluttaw Election Law, shall not contest in the election as a Hluttaw candidate, from the date of this declaration, in the existing Hluttaw term and the next Hluttaw term.

Sd/ Thein Soe
Chairman
Union Election Commission

First regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw continues...

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“to draft a bill that would allow farmers to legally store their crops at garages of governmental organizations and private garage at reasonable prices, paving ways for the farmers to earn stable price from crop production” submitted by U Aung Zin of Pazundaung Constituency. Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun and Minister for

Commerce U Tin Naing Thein made clarifications and the Pyithu Hluttaw sought approval.

U Maung Nyo of Sittway Constituency submitted a proposal “to level power charges of Regions and States covered by national grid and other counterparts out it” and U Pwint Hsan of Mayangon Constituency, “to make necessary arrangements for drawing a new

international level Social Security Insurance Law (draft) and to submit it to the second regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw”. Pyithu Hluttaw sought approval to discuss the submitted approvals.

The Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw announced the end of the first regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw for eleventh day and the twelfth-day session will be held at 10 am on 21 March (Monday).

The session came to an end at 1.15 pm.

MNA

Construction Minister replies to question about plans for construction of all-weather motor road between Sumprabum and Putao



Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Yaw D Dwe of Putao Constituency making question.—MNA

contributing to economic growth of the nation. Local residents who have faced difficulties in traveling for ages are overwhelmed with joy as 132 miles long motor road between Myitkyina and Sumprabum will be upgraded to concrete one for hydropower projects.

Residents of Putao have to rely on Myitkyina-Putao motor road and flights to travel and transport commodities to other regions including Myitkyina. But, motor roads are out of commission in monsoon, causing great inconvenience to locals. **The motor road between Myitkyina and Sumprabum is 218 miles long and 132 miles long section will be upgraded for the hydropower project, but 86 miles long road section is still in critical condition. He asked the Construction Ministry how the ministry has planned to upgrade the section to all-weather facility.**

He said that in Kachin State, hydropower projects are under implementation along the waterways of Maykha and Malikha rivers to satisfy the energy demand of the nation. Those projects will not only provide electricity to the nation but also satisfy the energy demand for production industries,

Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint said that the ministry has laid down plans and working road by road, section by section and phase by phase to improve transportation service in Kachin State.

With one state superintendent engineer's office, four district superintendent engineer's offices, 20 township superintendent engineer's offices, and nine sub-township engineer's offices, road works are carried out in Kachin State. Five special road construction groups, and one special bridge construction groups led by deputy superintendent engineers are assigned to improved the condition of roads and bridges in the region.

Myitkyina-Sumprabum-Putao Union Highway which is connected with Sumprabum-Putao Road is 218 miles long and since 1991, maintenance works were carried out with one special road construction group and Putao District Public Works. In 2005-2006 fiscal year, construction groups of Public Works and local entrepreneurs could build the 24-ft wide hardcore road.

The road was then severely damaged due to heavy rainfall and three-axle trucks. So, the Ministry of Construction assigned six special road construction groups and two district Public Works which were fully equipped with manpower and ma-

Construction Minister answers question on upgrading of Aungban-Hanmyintmo road

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March — At today-session of Pyithu Hluttaw, U Aung Thein of Ywangan Constituency put a question on upgrading of Aungban-Hanmyintmo road, a strategic road of Danu Self-Administered Zone with poor development to link Shan State (South) and upper Myanmar, saying that development of a region calls for better transport.

Regarding the question, Minister for



Construction Minister U Khin Maung Myint responds to question.—MNA



Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Aung Thein of Ywangan Constituency raising question.—MNA

Construction U Khin Maung Myint replied that 79-mile and one furlong long Hanmyintmo-Myogyi-Ywangan-Aungban road is a major road for the region to transport products of Aungban and Pindaya to Mandalay

chinery to upgrade Myitkyina-Sumprabum-Putao Road in the 2006-2007 fiscal year. 100 engineers, 33 staff, 35 technicians, 460 drivers, 1600 temporary workers, and 233 units of heavy machines constituted the eight construction groups which have so far 41 miles 4 furlongs long tarred road, 162 miles 4 furlongs long gravel road, and 14 miles long hardcore road, totaling 218 miles and 726 under-50-ft bridges, 26 bridges between 50 ft and

Region. It was upgraded to 12 feet wide tarred road by the Ministry of Construction.

The road surface was damaged by increase in running of machinery and trucks starting from 2004-05. The amounts of damage to road surface are one mile in Mandalay Region and nine miles in Shan State (South) totaling 10 miles.

During the 2010-11 fiscal year, upgrading of three-mile and six-furlong long road section in Shan State (South) was completed and the remaining six-mile and two-furlong will be upgraded in the 2011-12 fiscal year. This year, narrow parts of the road section were widened and road works will be continued in the coming fiscal year. Two reinforced

concrete bridges were built. Bridge No (1/7), Nwartat Bridge, on the road section in Mandalay Region was upgraded. One new bridge was built and six bridges upgraded. The above-mentioned construction and maintenance works were carried out in the 2010-11 fiscal year only. Similar works had already been carried out in previous years.

Now, the three-mile and six-furlong road section with rough surface was upgraded and the upgrading of remaining road sections is underway.

So the Ministry of Construction will carry out road works on priority yearly and upgrading of Hanmyintmo-Myogyi-Ywangan-Aungban road is underway.—MNA

100 ft in length, 10 bridges between 100-ft and 180-ft, and 11 above-180-ft bridges, totaling 773.

The ministry has also planned to upgrade 520 feet long Mulashidi Suspension Bridge which currently can cope with light vehicles to two-way broad crest type facility in coming fiscal year.

Myitkyina-Sumprabum-Putao Union Highway has been upgraded to tarred one phase by phase. Now, China Power Investment (CPI)

which is implementing hydropower project in Myitsonne has proposed to construct a concrete road from Myitkyina to Sumprabum and Ministry of Construction will undertake Sumprabum and Putao sections.

So in the years to come, Myitkyina-Sumprabum-Putao road will be better, said the minister who requested the local residents not to drive three-axle vehicles and over-loaded vehicles on the road.—MNA

Construction Minister responds to question on maintenance of Mandalay-Bhamo road



Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Tun Tun putting question.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March—At today's session of Pyithu Hluttaw, U Tun Tun of Mansi Constituency said that the people are pleased for enjoying fruits of economic, social, education and health sectors as unprecedented smooth transport sector is being undertaken across the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. Local people of Kachin State including those of Mansi Township **thanked the**

government for construction of Mandalay-Bhamo road between Kachin State and Mandalay Region. As some parts of the road are damaged, the travellers face difficulties. In raising the question, he asked how the Mandalay-Bhamo Road will be maintained.

Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, in his reply, said that there are two routes linking

Mandalay and Bhamo—Mandalay-Lashio-Bhamo-Myitkyina Road as original road and Mandalay-Thabeikkyin-Tagaung-Bhamo-Myitkyina Road as the new one.

The 370-mile first one is being constructed by Asia World and Shwe Moe Thun Aung Companies through BOT system.

Asia World Co is constructing 24 feet wide asphalt road from

Mandalay to Namkham and Hanhtet. The facility linking Mandalay and Sagaing Regions and Kachin State was commissioned on 11 May 2010. The road comprises 25 miles and five furlongs asphalt section, 167 miles and seven furlongs long gravel section and 37 miles and four furlongs long hard section. The new facility is 277 miles long Mandalay-Thabeikkyin-Tagaung-Bhamo road on the east bank of Ayeyawady River.

The new road passes through Thabeikkyin, Tagaung, Nga-Oh, Udaungtaung, Sinkhan

and Hanhtet. The facility linking Mandalay and Sagaing Regions and Kachin State was commissioned on 11 May 2010. The road comprises 25 miles and five furlongs asphalt section, 167 miles and seven furlongs long gravel section.

A total of 397 bridges were also built on the road. Of the, 460 feet long Sinkhan Bridge is of two-way RC floor type and 2330 feet long Shweli (Nga-Oh) Bridge, of two-way RC beam and floor type.

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Energy Minister responds to question on distribution of fuel

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March — At the session of Amyotha Hluttaw held today, Amyotha Hluttaw representative Dr Myat Nyana Soe of Yangon Region Constituency No-4 said that **it is found that although fuel stations were privatized in accord with the standards of market economy, only motor vehicles were allowed to buy fuel, and purchase of fuel with the use of containers once was banned. Although the Ministry of Energy issued a set of directives on purchase of fuel with the use of containers, it is found that some fuel stations did not follow the set of directives. Fuel is used in generators, engines used in cottage**

industries and farm machinery.

As fuel needed in cottage industries and farming is to be bought from vehicle owners, the black market has become large, making wide price gap. He asked a question about whether or not a system of direct distribution of fuel to customers can be introduced for ensuring decline in commodity price, swift flow of commodity and development of cottage industries and agriculture sector.

Regarding the question, Minister for Energy U Lun Thi replied that 260 fuel stations in States and Regions were transferred to private sector by National



Minister for Energy U Lun Thi responding to question.—MNA

Privatization Commission, and the opening and sale of fuel at the stations started on 10 June 2010. The private-owned stations distributed fuels to motor vehicles and motorbikes. Now, the

Ministry of Energy ordered the private-owned stations to sell diesel and gasoline to other sectors. Starting from February, the stations are selling fuels to other sectors freely.

He continued that the public can buy fuel which is sold at floating price as they wish. The Ministry of Energy is selling gasoline produced from our own oil refineries to the public at a low price through the stations. About 10 million of gallons can be produced monthly and about one million of gallons went to state-owned sector and nine million of gallons to private-owned sector. It is noticeable that as the government is selling gasoline at a low price, it is cheaper than the street price of gasoline in world market. Nine million of gallons cannot meet fuel consumption in private sector. So the government planned to import needed gasoline. Entrepreneurs were allowed to import 92 Ron

gasoline and to sell it freely. So the public can buy the 92 Ron gasoline as they wish.

However, users preferred to more use home-made gasoline because it is cheap and common. It was found that owners of modern cars bought 92 Ron gasoline. Daily sale of 92 Ron gasoline has risen from 382 gallons in June 2010 to 49582 gallons on 15 March 2011.

Now, the number of stations has increased to 332. The government is encouraging to open more private-owned fuel stations in line with the laws at the necessary places in States and Regions in order to distribute fuels to the public directly across the nation.

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NAY PYI TAW, 16 March—At today's session of the Amyotha Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Sai Mya Maung of Kachin State Constituency-10 said that wrong statement of nationalities were described in some Citizenship Scrutiny Cards issued to ethics of Shan national races. **So, he asked how the wrong statements of nationalities as Bamar or other national races will be re-corrected for offspring of national race parents who are no Bamar national.**

In his response, Minister for Immigration and Population U Maung Oo said that the applicant himself is to submit an

application form and correctly fill in a report to change in a subject included in the personal history form (Naing) 2 of citizen to respective Immigration and National Registration Department, attached to one copy of original CV of applicant, one copy each of original and copied census inclusive of the name of applicant, one copied CSC of applicant, one copy each of identity card form (1) and CSC (Naing) 2, one copy each of CSC of parents and grandparents of both sides, one copy each of form (1) of identity cards and form (1)/(Naing) 2 of CSCs of parents and grandparents of both sides, one original endorsement copy of respective Ward/

I&P Minister replies to question for some wrong descriptions of nationalities for Shan national races in CSC

Village PDC Chairman, one original endorsement copy of respective Township MPF, one original report (form 90/1/NaNgaTha) and its two copies to change a subject included in the personal history form Naing (2).

The staff of respective Township INRD will examine the documents submitted by the applicant with office records. If it is correct, the head of Township Department will sign the documents and submit it to respective Region/State INRD.

The respective Region/State INRD will check the submitted file

with the office records. If it is correct, the file will be signed in the form 90/1/NaNgaTha and then it will be submitted again to the INRD (Head Office).

The above-mentioned file will be checked with office records of National Registration and Citizenship Branch of the head office of the department. If it is correct, the director-general allows the case to change type of nationality. The permission will be replied to respective township through respective Region/State INRD together with the case. After connecting with the

applicant, the respective township department re-compiles necessary forms and amends the old forms under the permission of the department (head office) and then cancels the old CDC of the applicant. New CSC will be issued to the applicant after filling original number and necessities with amendment of nationality. The old CSC will be inserted as a document into the personal history file of applicant.

Those wishing to amend nationalities, date of birth and names of parents and add the name are to contact respective

INRDs for their applications.—MNA



Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Sai Mya Maung

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First regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw...

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Union level organization member Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint responded to the proposals Amyotha Hluttaw has approved for discussion: **to form a board of experienced professionals to lay down the most appropriate ways to improve the health care in the health sector** by U Steven Thabeik from Chin State Constituency (4), and **to grant graduated Chin national doctors Sa Ma (physician licence) as soon as possible and assign more doctors to Chin State** by U Paw Hlyan Lwin from Chin State Constituency (9). The Hluttaw made decisions on the proposals.

U Paw Hlyan Lwin from Chin State Constituency (9) changed his proposal **to upgrade Rezwa Sub-Township in Chin State to a township** to a question.

The session ended at 12 noon. The 12th-day session takes place on 21 March.—MNA



Eleventh-day first regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

U Zon Hlyan Htan of Chin State Constituency (2) asks if government preparing to allow foreigners to enter Myanmar through border-crossing points and stay for at least two weeks

NAY PYI TAW, 18 March—At today's session of Amyotha Hluttaw, U Zon Hlyan Htan of Chin State Constituency (2) put a question **about the length of stay permit for foreigners who come into Myanmar through border gates.**

He said that currently, foreigners are only allowed to enter Myanmar **with permit of respective committees, which causes restriction on number of visitors to Myanmar.** At present in Chin State, foreigners are allowed to enter Myanmar through Reed Gate for a day-period. But, if foreigners are allowed to stay in Myanmar for two weeks, it would contribute business and jobs in hotel industry, transportation service, and tourism industry. He asked whether foreigners are allowed to enter Myanmar through border gates and allowed to stay in Myanmar for at least two weeks.

Minister for Immigration and Population U Maung Oo replied that although Myanmar and India have not reached an agreement on border-crossing, the two nations have understanding that those residing in border regions can cross the each other's border legally. Myanmar-India border gates were commissioned in Tamu of Sagaing Region, and Falam of Chin State in 1989 and entries and departures are permitted through those gates with certain charges for crossing the border. According to direction of Announcement 066/1(2)-1/SLORC dated 7 February, 1995 issued by State Law and Order Restoration Council, foreigners

are allowed to visit Myanmar for a day-period since 22 February 1995 with border-crossing permit. Myanmar has signed agreements with her neighbours such as China, Laos, and Bangladesh for crossing borders.

Entries and departures are permitted in compliance with border regions management and cooperation agreement signed with China on 25, March 1997. Visitors are allowed to make six-night seven-day trips through entrances/exits at Muse, Kyugup, Chinshwehaw, Kanpeikti, Mongla, Lwejel, Yanlonkyang, and Namhkam covered by the agreement to border district, relevant-ministry-permitted citizens of the neighbours and third countries are permitted for 13-night 14-day trips through the border crossing, visa-holders are allowed depart from other exits other than the border-crossing points they have entered with the recommendation of the relevant ministry and the permission of the department concern.

Entries and departures are permitted in compliance with border regions management and cooperation agreement signed with Thailand on 16, May 1997. Visitors are allowed to make six-night seven-day trips through entrances/exits at Tachilek, Myawady, Kawthoung covered by the agreement to border district, relevant-ministry-permitted citizens of the neighbours and third countries are permitted for 13-night 14-day trips through the border cross-

ing, visa-holders are allowed depart from other exits other than the border-crossing points they have entered with the recommendation of the relevant ministry and the permission of the department



Minister for Immigration and Population U Maung Oo responds to question.—MNA

concern.

Entries and departures are permitted in compliance with border regions management and cooperation agreement signed with Laos on 29, March 1997. Visitors are allowed to make five-night six-day trips through entrance/exit at Wanpon covered by the agreement to border district, foreigners holding visas and passports are allowed to enter Myanmar for a day-period.

Entries and departures are permitted in compliance with border regions management and cooperation agreement signed with Bangladesh on 19, December 1980. Visitors are allowed to make six-night seven-day trips through entrances/exits at Maungtaw and Sittway covered by the agreement to Maungtaw, and Bangladeshi traders holding visas along with recommendation of the Bangladeshi Traders Association under the permission of Foreign Policy Committee Meeting No (6/2004) are permitted for 13-night 14-day trips to Sittway.

So, regarding entries and departures through border-crossing points of Myanmar, citizens of neighbours residing at border areas and third countries are permitted to enter and depart according to MOUs between Myanmar and neighbours, and there is no discrimination against regions or states. India and Myanmar are still negotiating in detail to reach agreement on border-crossing and thus the representative's proposal would be considered only after the two nations have reached the agreement.—MNA

Construction Minister responds...

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Five national companies were assigned to upgrade and maintain the road through BOT system beginning 4-11-2009. They were Thanti Thitsa Co (42 miles), Hsu Htoo Pan Co (31/1 miles), Hla Myat Taw Win Co (63 miles), Great Wall Co (56/6 miles) and Shwe Moe Thun Aung Co (63/6 miles).

He further explained about Katha-Sinkhan Road and Sinkhan Bridge. The construction of 4630 feet long and 48 feet wide rail-cum-road Sinkhan Bridge commenced on 7-5-2009. The facility will be major bridge to link Mandalay-Tagaung-Bhamo-Myitkyina Road on the east bank of Ayeyawady River and Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina Road on the west bank. On completion, the bridge will

contribute much to swift flow of commodities and regional development. A total of 13 national companies and Public Works jointly built 65 miles long Katha-Sinkhan Road.

So far, 65 miles long and 40 feet wide earthworks has been carried out and 18 miles and five furlongs long gravel section and four miles and four furlongs long asphalt section built. A total of 186 of 245 concrete culverts have been completed. Ten RC bridges are under construction.

Public Works of the Ministry of Construction has set special plans on upgrading and maintenance of main roads in regions and states. The local people are maintain the road, not to pass overloaded vehicles on it and road users to abide by prescribed traffic rules for their durability.—MNA



Prime Minister U Thein Sein receives FIFA President Mr Joseph S. Blatter and party at Government Office in Nay Pyi Taw.
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Construction Minister replies to question about maintaining and upgrading of Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina Union Highway

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March—At today's session of Pyithu Hluttaw, U Kyaw Soe Lay of Mohnyin Constituency put a question about the Government's plans for maintenance and upgrading of Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina Union Highway.

He said that residents in Mohnyin and



Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Kyaw Soe Lay of Mohnyin Constituency raising question.—MNA

Myitkyina townships have to rely on railways and motorways. Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina motor road, in spite of having provided smooth transport between Mandalay and Myitkyina for a certain period, is now damaged beyond repairs, causing delay in commodity flow and traveling.

In his response, Minister for Construction U

Khin Maung Myint said that Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina Road is 359 miles in length and is the extension of Mandalay-Shwebo Road to Myitkyina from Shwebo.

The road came into existence in 1962 as earthen facility, and then was upgraded to gravel and then finally to 12-ft wide tarred road in December 1996. As soon as the tarred road was in commission, it has become the major road in the region and was recorded standard facility.

Although maintenance works were carried out yearly by superintending engineers of Shwebo, Katha, Mohnyin, and Myitkyina districts and townships under close supervision of the superintending engineers of Sagaing Region and Kachin State, the withstanding power of the road was decreased due to weak earth foundation, heavy rain, transport of heavy machinery to Phakant, and over-loaded trucks carrying timber logs.

To upgrade Shwebo-Myitkyina Road, Ministry of Construction is working in partnership with national private companies under B.O.T (Build, Operate, Transfer) System. Four partner companies—Shwetaung Co, Suhtupan Co, Khaingmathaw

Pandaing Co, and Lido Highway Co are undertaking maintenance and upgrading works under B.O.T System. The first one is undertaking the road section between mile posts No. 27/0 and 77/4, the second one 140/0 and 168/0, the third one 168/0 and 257/0 and the last one 257/0 and 289/0.

Those companies are responsible for maintaining the original 12-ft wide tarred road, widening the road to 24-ft wide one with withstanding power of 60-ton load and constructing retaining walls, small and large bridges, conduits and box culverts.

Nine private national construction companies and two district-level construction groups of Public Works are undertaking the repair of 62 miles and 4 furlongs long Minwuntaung section from mile post Nos 77/4 to 140/0, the worst damaged road section on Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina Road.

In parallel with road works, 428 bridges, large and small, are being upgraded. Zawchaung Bridge was commissioned in January 2011 as 180-ft long two-way broad crest type facility.

Nankwing Bridge is also being upgraded to 350-ft long two-way RC type facility with withstanding

A & I Minister responds to question on selling and growing of seasonal crops freely

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March—At today Pyithu Hluttaw session, U Sai Win Khine of Hsenwi Constituency asked whether or not farmers have rights to grow and sell marketable and desired crops freely and how to tackle the matter if there is not yet.

Regarding the question, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo explained that Ministry of Agriculture and



A&I Minister U Htay Oo responds to question.—MNA



Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Sai Win Khine making question.—MNA

Irrigation has laid down the following policies of agriculture production for the economic development of the State and the people. These policies are as follows:-

- (a) must be crop that could thrive
- (b) must be profitable crop
- (c) must be crop that the country needs

In line with the above-mentioned policies, the Ministry is providing assistances to grow crops that could

benefit the State and farmers. Seasonal crops can be sold freely. Except the fact that encourages are being given to grow industrial crops needed only for industrial regions built for production of value-added products, the rest crops are like above policies. In particular situation, necessary assistances would be provided if farmers inform authorities concerned and staff.

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power of 60-ton load and will be inaugurated soon. In addition, Manyut bailey bridge is being upgraded.

Whether a road can be used up to its full lifespan depends on how much the road users abide by law and have a sense of duty. With over-loaded vehicles

passing everyday, the road whose estimated lifespan is 10 years will be damaged just in two or three years. It is loss not only to the State but also to the locals. The minister asked locals via the representative to maintain the Union Highways in the region for durability.

The minister con-

cluded that the ministry is upgrading Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina Union Highway with added momentum as it is important to the State and the region. He asked the representative to urge locals to maintain already-built infrastructures for their durability.—MNA

Government and Ministry of Finance and Revenue will review and deal with pension rates in line with the constitution, existing laws and procedures Proposal of U Soe Win from Sangyoung Constituency judged

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March —At today's Pyithu Hluttaw session, five representatives discussed the proposal of U Soe Win from Sangyoung Constituency: **to increase previous pensions in proportion to present consumers' prices.**

U Khin Maung Win of Lanmadaw Constituency in his discussion said that despite increases in salaries, pensions of old pensioners have not increased, and in consequence, previous pensions are no longer



Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Tha Sein of Kyauktaw Constituency participating in discussion.—MNA

proportionate to present consumers' prices; that so, old pensioners should be provided with

additional cash in proportion to their salary rates; that in a developed country, the government is responsible for caring for the aged; and that therefore, he is in support of the proposal.

U Kyi Myint of Latha Constituency said that the proposal of U Soe Win is the same as the question asked by Dr Sai Kyaw Ohn of Namkham Constituency on 10 March, and the Union level organization member concerned has answered the question; that what should be done is to boost spirit of workmanship of new generations, technology and capitals; and that if salaries and pensions are increased indiscriminately, the outcome is nothing but inflation.

U Thein Yi of Htantabin Constituency said that Minister for Finance and Revenue responded to the similar proposal at the seventh-day session of Pyithu Hluttaw on 10 March; that according to Article 26 (b) of the constitution, the new government is responsible for such social affairs; that according to Pyithu Hluttaw Rule 28 (j), a case already decided shall not be submitted again; and that U Soe

Win's proposal should not be under further discussion.

U Tha Sein of Kyauktaw Constituency said that today's pensions are of two types: old and new; that some pensions are as low as 200 to 300 kyats, which is not enough for even bus fare; that commodity prices are going up and the government is the only organization that can ease the suffering of old pensioners; and that he is in support of the proposal.

U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of Palaw Constituency said that the minister has already



Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of Palaw Constituency participating in discussion.—MNA

explained the matter; that it is to take into consideration undesirable effects of salary increase; and that so U Soe Win's proposal should not be submitted for discussion yet.

Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun said that from 1948 onwards, the government increased salary rates and pension rates in accordance with the existing laws in 1972, 1989, 2000, 2006 and 2010; that the government granted cost of living allowance and additional cash assistance to pensioners in 1977, increased pensions by 25 percent in 1993, and doubled pensions in 2000; that it implies that with national development, the government adopted plans to improve the living conditions of service personnel; that the government will consider increasing pension rates based on national development, inflation rate, revolving funds, commodity prices and GDP; and that he requested the resource person withdraw this proposal.

The speaker said that the proposal is nearly similar to the previous one, but he allowed



Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun making clarifications.—MNA

discussions about it in the hope of broader views and comments; that he thanked the resource



Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Thein Yi of Htantabin Constituency participating in discussion.—MNA

person and participants; that the government and the ministry will review and deal with matters related to pensions in line with the constitution, existing laws and procedures based on subjective conditions; and that he asked U Soe Win about his stance.

U Soe Win of Sangyoung Constituency said that he is glad to know that pension rates will be under review and discussion in future; and reported that he does not want to carry on his proposal.

The Hluttaw accepted his report, and declared that there is no need to continue the proposal.—MNA

Health Minister responds to U Steven Thabeik's proposal



Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint making clarifications.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March—At today's Amyotha Hluttaw session, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint responded to the proposal **"to form a board with the participation of experts for adopting the best system for health care service as it is weak"** submitted by U Steven Thabeik of Chin State Constituency No.4.

The minister said that Ministry of Health is implementing development of health sector under the leadership

of National Health Committee which is the highest health organization of the country, in line with one of four social objectives; that Secretary-I of the State Peace and Development Council acts as chairman of National Health Committee and the Committee is formed with 15 members including nine ministers and two deputy ministers from ministries related with Ministry of Health and two from other departments that policies and duties

have been drafted; that the Committee is the highest organization relating with health affairs and adopts policy and laws to follow and; that to be able to solve health problems, Myanmar Academy of Medical Sciences is formed with experienced practitioners and gives advice on health problems.

He also said that other medical associations such as Myanmar Medical Association, Myanmar Dental Association and Myanmar Health

Assistants Association are providing public health services in collaboration with Ministry of Health; that to implement tasks for development of health sector, two objectives has been laid down; that to be able to achieve these two objectives, health care services covering urban and rural areas as well as border areas, are being provided based on primary health care and National Health Committee is disseminating knowledge on seasonal diseases.

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Commerce Minister responds to proposal of U Aung Zin of Pazundaung Constituency

NAYPYI TAW, 16 March – Four Hluttaw representatives responded to the proposal approved to be discussed to draft a bill that would allow farmers to keep their crops at government organizations and private warehouses at reasonable prices, paving the way for farmers to earn stable price from crop production, made by U Aung Zin of Pazundaung Constituency at today's session of Pyithu Hluttaw.

First, U Myo Thant of Yedashe Constituency said it is difficult to draft such a bill for various reasons such

as difficulties in dealing with the staff, sorting various strains of a single crop, the weight and quality of crops that can decrease with the passage of time, standardization of them and getting warehouses to stockpile crops from across the country, the possibility of damage to crops due to natural disasters, difficulty in dealing with different kinds of crops despite manageable keeping of them in some regions and other difficulties like services and transportation.

U Kyi Myint of Latha Constituency said other

points should be considered such as purchasing of crops at unreduced price with public budget without interest, bearing some of the warehouse keeping costs and purchasing of crops when prices are going up. This point is not in conformity with Para-35 of the constitution 'The economic system of the Union is market economic system. A small nation like Japan, when engaging in cultivation at a high cost for mass-production, seeks cash assistance. Japan uses such a system for national food security fearing that Japanese

warehouses legally. By doing so, both sides will get benefits and markets can easily be sought. Hence, he seconded the proposal of U Aung Zin, added U Saw Thein Aung.

U Ko Gyi of Aungmyethazan Constituency said although the aim of proposal is visionary, there are some points to be considered. Myanmar is a multi-crop producer and will get regular export earnings when exporting its crops. If stockpiled, the flow of export of those crops will cease. Besides, commodity flow of domestic brokerages will stop. With the passage of time, their quality will wane and they will become old crops. In the global market, prices of old crops are far less than those of new crops. So, the cost of warehouse keeping will increase and there will be more expenses than profits.

Rather than keeping crops in the long term, exportation of finished products with value added is more effective for peasants to earn more. Therefore, the proposal of U Aung Zin is not appropriate to be approved.

Regarding the proposal, Minister for Commerce U Tin Naing Thein said the first point of the proposal is to draft a bill that can guarantee the insurance of annual paddy crop. According to Myanmar Insurance under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, crop insurance is not adopted yet in Myanmar. It cannot be accepted as there are difficulties in assessing value, being vulnerable to damage and assessing the level of damage. So, the proposal is not in conformity with the insurance laws and procedures.

Regarding the second point of the proposal, in accord with Para-35 of the 2008 constitution, the State will practise the market economy system. So, the government will not interfere with private assets and businesses. Only the private sector will trade freely in accordance with the market economy system. At present, regional millers, brokers and peasants are engaging in



Commerce Minister U Tin Naing Thein making clarification.—MNA

keeping, storing and trading in crops and price-accessing. It is hoped that U Aung Zin might have made such a proposal in the interest of peasants because in doing so, they will get no worthy prices due to low prices given by brokers, market monopolization and malpractices.

Section 23 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar says that the Union shall enact necessary laws to protect the rights of the peasants and assist peasants to obtain equitable value of their agricultural produce. The proposal of U Aung Zin is suitable to the rights of the peasants prescribed in the Constitution. But only if there is an agreement between a giver and a receiver in accord with their wish and pledges should the matter of keeping crops of a peasant at the government or organization be carried out. Government's intervention in the matter could lead to malpractices of government's rice purchasing center and warehouses, resentment of peasants, loss and wastage and crimes we experienced in the past. Besides, it would be required to appoint many staff to manage warehouses in order to keep a large amount of crops without having any loss and wastage. As state-owned warehouses have been privatized, there would be difficult for the governmental department. Consideration should be given to the issue of management on arguments, unwanted wastage and malpractice. As efforts are being made to get good prices for crops which took four or five months to grow by as value added products

in international, consideration should be given to the matter of keeping crops for a long time because it could not get good price due to low quality, falling price and loss and wastage. In the market, commodity flow and capital flow are important for economic progress. So the more we facilitate commodity flow and trading, the more benefits we get.

According to the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, it seems that selling rice in good price after keeping them at the government and organization at reasonable price contributes to rural economic growth. But there would be difficulties such as lack of enough warehouses, storage space for various kinds of crops and capital, taking time to earn trust of peasant, uncertainty about crop price and difficulty in keeping crops not to meet loss and wastage.

That's why he discussed the proposal should not be approved because, in practical terms, there would be many difficulties.

The speaker said all have understood well as the four representatives and the minister had made it clear to the proposal. In holding discussions, the constitution must be respected and the public interest must also be considered. So, the stance of U Aung Zin is to be known.

Then, U Aung Zin thanked the participants and the minister for clarification and submitted the withdrawal of the proposal.

The speaker approved the withdrawal with the consent of the Hluttaw.

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Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Myo Thant of Yedashe Constituency.

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Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Saw Thein Aung of Hlaingbwe Constituency.

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Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Ko Gyi of Aungmyethazan Constituency.

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Health Minister responds...

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He explained that in Chin State, two 200-bed hospitals, two 100-bed hospitals, one 50-bed hospital, four 25-bed hospitals, 15 station hospitals, 57 health care centers, 9 maternal and child health care centers, two school health organizations and eight traditional medicine centers are providing health care services. In addition, nursing training school is nurturing the nurses; that five rural development tasks have been laid down and development of health sector in rural areas, which is one of five tasks, is being implemented by forming Rural Areas Development Supporting Committee. The National Health Committee issues laws, bylaws and provisions on

health from time to time. In order to implement the objectives, treatment, public health care, disease prevention and control and prevention and epidemic control are being undertaken.

The minister explained that the representatives would understand his explanation, and so there is no need to continue to discuss the proposal. After that, U Steven Thabeik of Chin State Constituency No.4 said he would like to take decision only by vote so as to withdraw his proposal.

Afterwards, Hluttaw took decision by ballot with 20 favors, 172 against and 19 abstentions, and announced that Hluttaw declined to approve the proposal.

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would no longer engage in paddy growing although importation is double cost-effective. But that system is not suitable for Myanmar. As prescribed in Para-23 of the constitution saying 'The Union shall assist peasants to obtain equitable value of their agricultural produce', the State will employ suitable methods to address the issue.

U Saw Thein Aung of Hlaingbwe Constituency said by nature, farmers are content with their reasonable profits. They lack competitiveness to trade openly in accord with the market economy system. Speculators can only play markets. So, minimum prices for crops are necessary and it is required of farmers to keep their crops to get stable prices. Therefore, it is necessary for peasants to keep their crops at State- or private-owned

Health Minister replies to proposal of U Paul Hlyan Lwin of Chin State Constituency-9

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March — Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint responded to the proposal approved to be discussed ‘to issue Sa Ma to graduated Chin male doctors as soon as possible and assign them to the regions of Chin State which are in need of doctors’ made by U Paul Hlyan Lwin of Chin State Constituency-9 at the Amyotha Hluttaw session today. The minister said that in the past, Universities of Medicine issued registrations of doctors (Sa Ma) to those who graduated with set qualifications only after they had performed their medical duties as service personnel for three years. Since 2009, Sa Ma has been conferred on graduated doctors after they have been trained at refresher courses. Now, a total of 5498 doctors have

obtained Sa Ma and 898 dental surgeons, Tha Kha after taking refresher courses. Arrangements are being made to issue Sa Ma soon to those who graduated after 2010 by conducting refresher courses for them. So, Sa Ma is being issued on a regular basis to all doctors, including Chin male doctors, who have graduated from Universities of Medicines with set qualifications.

At hospitals in Chin State, required specialists and assistant doctors have been appointed depending on the strength of doctors and health staff under the Ministry of Health. Doctors with various branches of medicine are being appointed at two People’s Hospitals (200-bed) and two People’s Hospital (100-bed). Measures are also being taken to appoint more

doctors at other hospitals. Doctors who want to serve in Chin State are sent there only for a certain period and then they are assigned duties in the regions they like. When it comes to promotion, doctors carrying out their duties in Chin State are being promoted as a special right even before a prescribed duration of their service. Plans for overseas study tours and performance of duties in foreign countries under the government-to-government programme are being prioritized for doctors who used to serve in Chin State.

Moreover, assistance is being rendered for entrance exams to take post-graduate courses. These plans are being made by the ministry as a special matter to make doctors willing to go to Chin State. If regional bodies are to

Industry-2 Minister receives Chinese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March—Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein received President Mr Zhao Haigang of Dongfeng Chaoyang Diesel Co Ltd and party from the People’s Republic of China at his office yesterday afternoon.

The minister and the president discussed technical cooperation and technical transfer for advanced diesel engine production project being implemented in Thagara Industrial Region.

President Mr

Zhao Haigang and party in the evening observed production of advanced diesel engines at No. 14 General Heavy Industries in Thagara Industrial Region and held meeting with personnel of the plant.

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arrange meals, accommodation and transportation, health staff will be able to perform their public health duties more happily. Plans are under way to appoint 2014 assistant doctors and 185 dental surgeons soon in the whole nation. When appointments come, required doctors will be appointed in Chin State.

The midwives currently serving in the villages of Chin State have been sent by the ministry. In addition, doctors are assigned duties in their own regions and states. There is no Chin national doctor from Chin State who is assigned duties in other

states or regions. For ensuring the willingness of doctors to be in station hospitals, they are assigned duties in rotation for three months. As the clarification is perfect and complete, the proposal should be withdrawn, requested the minister.

U Paul Hlyan Lwin said he thanked the minister for his clarification. Yet, station hospitals and rural health centres in Chin State are short of doctors and health assistants. Due to climatic and geographical conditions, doctors from other regions find it difficult to live in Chin State. So, it is more suitable to appoint

local doctors. Regarding the proposal, it will take the decision of the Amyotha Hluttaw speaker.

The speaker then declared the withdrawal of the first part of the proposal “to issue Sa Ma to graduated Chin male doctors as soon as possible” as it has been completely clarified by the minister and approval of the second part “to send Chin male doctors to the regions of Chin State which are in need of doctors” as it is in progress and it will continue to be implemented.—MNA

MPs agree to discuss promulgation of new comprehensive Social Security Insurance Law

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March — At today’s Pyithu Hluttaw (People’s Parliament) session MPs discussed whether new proposals were acceptable to the Hluttaw for further discussions.

First, U Maung Nyo of Sittway Constituency submitted a proposal “to

level power charges of Regions and States covered by the national power grid and Regions and States not covered by it yet at equal rate”.

The motion was seconded by Daw Khin Saw Wai of Yathedaung Constituency. The Hluttaw accepted the

proposal.

The proposal will be discussed at the twelfth-day session on 21 March (Monday). MPs wishing to discuss the topic may register themselves at the deputy director-general of the Pyithu Hluttaw this evening.

U Pwint Hsan of Mayangon Constituency tabled a motion “to make necessary arrangements for drawing a new international level Social Security Insurance Law (draft) and to submit it to the second regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw”.

U Pwint Hsan referred to the Section 96 of the constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar which says “The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall have the right to enact laws for the entire or any part of the Union related to matters prescribed in Schedule One of the

Union Legislative List”. He said that subparagraph (q) of the Paragraph (9) ‘Social Sector’ stated the promulgation of a social security insurance law.

The MP cited the Section 24 of the constitution “The Union shall enact necessary laws to protect the rights of workers”; the Section 26 (b) “The Union shall enact necessary laws for Civil Services personnel to have security and sufficiency of food, clothing and shelter, to get maternity benefits for married women in service, and to ease livelihood for welfare of retired Service personnel”; the Section 28 (a) “The Union shall earnestly strive to improve education and health of the people”; Section 31 “The Union shall, to the extent possible, assist to reduce unemployment among the people”; the Section 32 (a) “The Union shall care for mothers and children, orphans, fallen Defence Services personnel’s children, the

aged and the disabled”; and the Section 351 “Mothers, children and expectant women shall enjoy equal rights as prescribed by law”.

He went on to say that the existing Social Security Act, 1954, covered sickness, maternity, employment injury benefit and funeral grant for only the insured workers; and that the financial value of the benefit was small when compared with current commodity prices, adding, they were the two possible reasons behind the failure to win appropriate trust of the majority of employers and employees. Of the worker population of Myanmar only over 500,000 were covered by the Social Security Scheme, he said, calling for the promulgation of a more comprehensive law.

Accordingly, the MP said that he was in favour of enacting a new Social Security Insurance Law covering disability due to sickness, old age pension, lump sum survivor’s benefit, unemployment ben-

efit, skill training and employment schemes, health care inclusive of both the fee-payer employers and employees apart from the existing benefits as in the social security projects of 150 countries including some member states of the ASEAN and neighbouring countries.

The proposal “to make necessary arrangements for drawing a new international level Social Security Insurance Law (draft) and to submit it to the second regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw” was submitted to fulfill the above-mentioned requirements, U Pwint Hsan explained.

The motion was seconded by U Tin Myint of Tazet Constituency. The Hluttaw accepted the proposal.

The proposal will be discussed at the twelfth-day session on 21 March (Monday). Those wishing to discuss the topic may register themselves at the deputy director-general of Pyithu Hluttaw this evening.—MNA



Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Maung Nyo of Sittway Constituency submitting proposal.

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Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Pwint Hsan submitting proposal.

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Proposal of Amyotha Hluttaw representative changed to question

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March—At the today's session of Amyotha Hluttaw, the Hluttaw Representative requested to change his original proposal to be submitted to the Amyotha Hluttaw into the question.

With regard to the proposal "to upgrade Rezwa Sub-Township of Chin State to Township level", U Paul Hlyan Lwin of Chin State Constituency-9 said that Rezwa is at the centre of Chin State and it was designated as a sub-township under the borderregion develop-

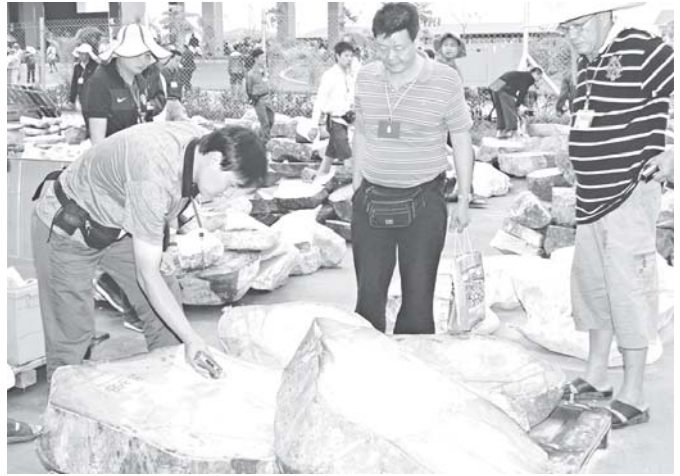
ment plan in 2002. The sub-township which is 105 miles from Gangaw, 45 miles from the Indian border, 105 miles each from Haka and Thantlang and 66 miles from Matupi. The sub-township is located on about 9,000 acres. The successive governments undertook it to be designated as a township. At present, Rezwa, being a sub-township, is facilitated with departmental office, basic education high school and station hospital, and about 2,000 people are residing in the urban areas. So, it would not be

difficult to designate the sub-township as township level.

As the Union Government and the State Government have emerged according to the Constitution, the above-mentioned case must be submitted to the Union Government through the Chief minister. Therefore, he requested to change his proposal to be changed to the question.

Later, the Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw announced the change of proposal submitted by U Paul Hlyan Lwin of Chin State Constituency-9 to the question.—MNA

48th Myanmar Gems Emporium continues



Local and foreign gems merchants observing jade lots.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March — 48th Myanmar

Gems Emporium continued for the seventh day at Mani Yadana Jade Hall here today.

The central committee for holding Myanmar Gems Emporium presented gifts to 27 gems merchants who participated in the sales for 10 consecutive years and to merchants who

attended the emporium for 15,20, 25,30 and 40 consecutive years.

Merchants bought 2932 jade lots through the tender system and the sales will continue tomorrow. Today, altogether 8686 merchants at home and abroad visited the emporium which will last till 22 March.—MNA

Twilight Saga: "Breaking Dawn" stars evacuated due to tsunami warning

BEIJING, 16 March— "Breaking Dawn", the production on "The Twilight" has been postponed due to the tsunami warnings in Canada. The cast and crew including stars

Kristen Stewart and Taylor Lautner were forced to evacuate from the set of the movie.

This film, which is shooting in a Vancouver Island beach area in British

Columbia, has been delayed owing to tsunami advisories following the strong earthquake that struck Japan early on 12 March, according to a statement Summit Entertainment said to MTV News.

Although the cast was not in any danger, the

"Twilight" co-stars along with the rest of the WolfPack were transported out of the region for safety measures, reported US magazine. "All cast and crew were evacuated to base camp. Everyone is safe and sound," writes a Twilight Sage page on Facebook.—Xinhua

Software blamed for Ohioan's \$200m refund promise

Ohio's tax department says a promise that it would send a woman a \$200 million refund check was a mistake due to a software glitch.

The Sandusky Register reports Denise Bossetti was among 9,700 taxpayers statewide who received Ohio Department of Taxation notices about mega-refunds. It's not clear if the other amounts were as big as what Bossetti was told to expect. The woman from Huron in northern Ohio was sent a letter dated 24 Jan saying her \$200 million refund could not be paid by direct deposit so she'd be sent a check.

Bossetti says she and her boyfriend had a "big laugh" over the letter.

Another dated a week later explained there'd been a software error. Tax department spokesman Gary Gudmundson says the problem has been fixed.



Moments of kissing balls



Jet, a Flatcoated Retriever, poses with breeder Jim Irvine after winning best in show on the final day of the Crufts Dog Show in Birmingham, central England.

Snake dies after biting silicone breast

A huge snake died of silicone poisoning after it bit the enhanced breast of a model during a photoshoot.

Israeli Orit Fox was at a photoshoot in Tel Aviv in which she alluringly used the boa constrictor. The snake suddenly lunged at her and bit her breast, the Daily Mail reported Monday.

Fox was initially comfortable with the snake and wrapped it around her legs, waist and neck.

She then licked the snake, loosening the grip on its neck. The snake then sank its fangs into her left breast.

The model screamed for help, and an assistant struggled to pull off the determined snake. After a few seconds, the snake released its grip.

Though Fox needed a tetanus shot in the hospital, it was the snake which came off worse as it died from silicone poisoning.

Twin sisters give birth to daughters 2 hours apart

Twin sisters have given birth to baby girls only two hours apart - and in the same Indianapolis hospital.

WTHR-TV in Indianapolis reports that 22-year-olds Charron (SHA'-ron) and Chardee (SHAR'-day) Hampton welcomed their daughters to the world on Monday at St Vincent Women's Hospital. Charron Hampton was past her due date and went to the hospital to be induced. Shortly after, Chardee Hampton went into labour and rushed to the same hospital. WRTV says both babies were born in an uncommon face-up position and measured 21 inches long.

The sisters are both engaged - and are deciding if they should share the same wedding day too. Charron Hampton named her daughter Chanise (SHA'-niece) Amari Monroe, and Chardee Hampton named her daughter Trinity Dominick (DOM-eh-nique) Brown.



Creativity on finger heads.

News Album

Arizona man gets probation in bloodsucking case

An Arizona man has been sentenced to three years of probation for stabbing a man who refused to let him suck his blood.

Maricopa County Superior Court says 24-year-old Aaron Homer, of Chandler, pleaded guilty to aggravated assault and was sentenced Monday.

The Arizona Republic reports 25-year-old Robert Maley once let his roommates suck his blood. But when Maley refused a second time on 4 Oct, he was stabbed. Chandler police said Maley lived with Homer and his girlfriend.

Maley said the two men were into "vampire stuff."

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV SINAR BIMA VOY NO (086) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 17.3.2011 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 Claims Day.

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Japan shares surge; central bank adds further \$43b

Tokyo, 16 March — Japanese stocks rebounded on Wednesday, recovering some of the massive losses sustained the last two days following a devastating earthquake and tsunami. Other Asian indexes also bounced back despite the still unknown impact of the disaster that engulfed Japan's northeastern coast on Friday.

The benchmark Nikkei 225 index temporarily surged above 6 percent but then softened after Japan

suspended operations to prevent a stricken nuclear plant from melting down after a surge in radiation made it too dangerous for workers to remain at the facility. The index ended its morning session up 4.4 percent to 8,981.14.

On Tuesday, the Nikkei closed at its lowest level in almost two years after shedding more than 1,600 points, or 16 percent, in two days.

The plunge prompted Tokyo Stock Exchange President Atsushi Saito to release a statement late Tuesday calling for calm. He noted that the foreign media remained impressed by the potential power of the Japanese economy, and that foreign investors were net buyers the last two days.

"I also believe that Japan's experience, knowledge and technologies in the area of recovering from earthquakes should not be underestimated and that the stock market will calm down soon," Saito said.

Internet



A man looks at the stock price board on a street Wednesday, 16 March, 2011 in Tokyo, Japan.—INTERNET

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Australia mulls lifting ban on hemp foods

SYDNEY, 16 March — Australia's food watchdog said on Wednesday it may lift its ban on food derived from hemp, with the man pushing for change promising cannabis ice-cream if successful.

Hemp foods are widely available in many overseas markets, including Europe, Canada and the United States, and deregistered Sydney doctor Andrew Katelaris has applied for the rules to be overturned in Australia.

Katelaris, who was struck off for supplying medical marijuana to patients, said the seeds of industrial hemp contained more Omega 3 acids than



Australia's food watchdog has said that it may lift its ban on food derived from hemp.—INTERNET

seafood.
"We're looking at making ice cream and health food bars," he told *The Australian newspaper*.
"Our vision is that anything you can do with soy beans or dairy you

can do better with hemp seed."
Food Standards Australia New Zealand has conducted a safety assessment to determine if there were any risks associated with eating hemp foods, and found none.



A researcher inserts a sample into a receptacle inside the "DNA Lab" at the Beijing Genomics Institute in Shenzhen, southern China.—INTERNET

Genetics is "Top of the Pops" in science research

LONDON, 16 March — Genetics is still the hottest area of scientific research, a decade on from the mapping of the human genome, despite slow progress in translating discoveries into new

medical treatments.
A Thomson Reuters Science Watch survey found seven of the top 13 researchers in 2010 worked in genetics, with Eric Lander of the Broad Institute of Harvard and

MIT the world's "hottest" researcher.
Lander's work covered genetic mapping and human disease, including lung cancer.
The annual survey, released on Thursday,

China legislator urges shark fin ban

BEIJING, 16 March — A member of China's parliament has proposed a ban on the trade in shark fins, state press said on Wednesday — a move that would likely



File photo shows dead sharks in East Java, hunted for their fins and sold mostly to China for shark fin soup. A member of China's parliament has proposed a ban on the trade in shark fins, state press said on Wednesday — a move that would likely face huge opposition from the nation's culinary traditionalists.—INTERNET

face huge opposition from the nation's culinary traditionalists.

Shark fins are used to make a soup that is a staple at high-end restaurants throughout China, and is often served on special occasions.

But scientists blame the practice of shark-finning — slicing off the fins of live animals and then throwing them back in the water to die — for a worldwide collapse in shark populations.

"Only legislation can stop shark fin trading and reduce the killings of sharks," *Xinhua* news agency quoted Ding Ligu, a billionaire delegate to the National People's Congress (NPC), as saying.

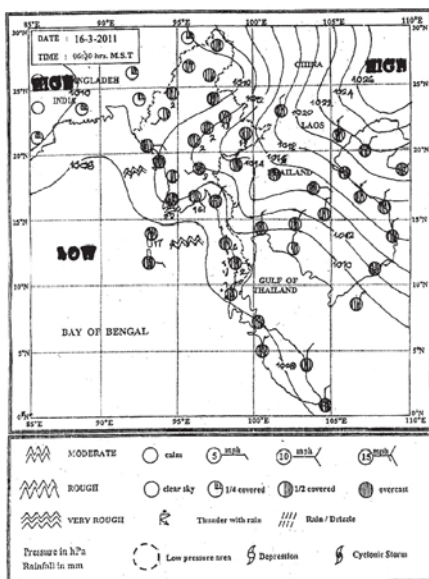
Enormous profits generated by the shark fin trade have led to over-fishing and the brutal slaughter of sharks, with some 30 species near extinction, he said.—*Internet*

looks at research across different scientific disciplines and uses the Web of Science database to see which papers published in the last two years are cited the most by other scientists.

Ten years after the first full sequence of the human genome was published, early expectations of rapid breakthroughs in fighting disease have proved misplaced.

But academic interest has not slackened, and scientists remain hopeful that the tsunami of information unlocked by genomics, or the study of genetic sequences, will eventually yield big dividends.—*Internet*

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 16th March, 2011

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

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Upper Sagaing and Magway Regions, Kachin, Chin and Rakhine States, scattered in Lower Sagaing Region, Kayah and Kayin States, fairly widespread in Mandalay and Taninthayi Regions, Kayin State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy fall in Mon State. Day temperatures were (5°C) to (6°C) below March average temperatures in Mandalay Region and Rakhine State, (7°C) to (10°C) below March average temperature in Magway, Yangon and Ayeawady Regions, Shan, Kayah and Kayin States, (11°C) below March average temperature in Bago Region and (5°C) to (6°C) above March average temperature in Taninthayi Region and Kachin State and about March average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures was Maungtau (36°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Ye (4.29) inches, Ngathainggyaung (1.85) inches, Patheingyi (1.77) inches, Hmawby (1.73) inches, Hinthada (1.61) inch, Zaungtu (1.57) inches, Hsipaw (1.42) inches and Maubin (1.38) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 15-3-2011 was 85°F. Minimum temperature on 16-3-2011 was 66°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 16-3-2011 was (100%). Rainfall on 16-3-2011 was (Tr).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 15-3-2011 was 82°F. Minimum temperature on 16-3-2011 was 64°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 16-3-2011 was (96%). Total sunshine hours on

15-3-2011 was (Nil).

Rainfall on 16-3-2011 was (0.91) inch at Mingaladon, (1.02) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.75) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (3.98) inches at Mingaladon, (5.00) inches at Kaba-Aye and (5.63) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from North at (15:30) hours MST on 15-3-2011.

Bay Inference: Weather is partly cloudy over the North and West central Bay and partly cloudy to cloudy over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 17th March 2011: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Upper Sagaing and Magway Regions, Kachin State, scattered in Lower Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, Rakhine State, fairly widespread to widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy fall in Mon State. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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 rain or thundershowers in the Lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 17-3-2011: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 17-3-2011: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 17-3-2011: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Encore to air Jerry Lewis documentary

BEVERLY HILLS (Calif), 16 March—The US cable network Encore says it is working on a feature-length documentary celebrating the life and career of comedy icon Jerry Lewis.

The actor, director, producer, writer and humanitarian turns 85 Wednesday.

The documentary about him is currently in production. Slated to appear in the film are Jerry Seinfeld, Alec Baldwin, Chevy Chase, Woody Harrelson, Carol Burnett, Richard Lewis, Carl Reiner, Richard Belzer and John Landis.

Director-producer Gregg Barson has been working with Lewis for three years, filming him in action on concert tours, as well as behind-the-scenes at the Muscular Dystrophy Association Telethon, of which he is the national chairman and has helped



Jerry Lewis speaks following the opening of the Muscular Dystrophy Association's 40th annual Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon held at the Beverly Hilton on 4 Sept, 2005.—INTERNET

raise \$2.45 billion to date, Encore said.

"Watch and see how a crazy man made his living," Lewis said in a statement Tuesday.

"This will not be a typical biography on him, but more of a candid look at the man himself as he reflects on his career now and over the years," Stephan Shelanski, executive vice president of programming for Starz Entertainment, Encore's parent company, said.

"It will remind us of Jerry's true genius as a comedian."—*Internet*

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (17-3-2011) (Thursday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am-11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	(17-3-11 09:30 am ~ 18-3-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Wonderful Resort in Myanmar
- * News
- * Chinese Lion Dance Competition (Sin Oh Dan)
- * News
- * Live Concert "If It's For You"
- * Myanma Traditional Marionette (Part-1)
- * News
- * Simple Living with High Spirits

Oversea Transmission

- * Opening
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- * News
- * Simple Living with High Spirits
- * Hsinbyushin temple, Stone Carving and Monasteries
- * News
- * As a White Candle
- * News
- * Myanma Jewels In Style
- * Charming Myanmar Silk Fabric
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Working & Living in Myanmar (Tourism)
- * News
- * MI People's Celebrities (Zaw Paing and Moe Hay Ko)
- * Myanmar Movie "Twin Brothers In Different Lives"



Thursday, 17 March View on today

- 7:00 am**
- 1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:15 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

- 7:50 am**
- 6. Health Programme
- 8:00 am**
- 7. Dance Of National Races
- 8:10 am**
- 8. Dance Variety
- 8:20 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
- 4:10 pm**
- 2. Cute little Dancers

- 4:20 pm**
- 3. Musical Programme
- 4:30 pm**
- 4. One village and one Product
- 4:40 pm**
- 5. Songs in honour of (66)th Anniversary Armed Forces Day
- 4:55 pm**
- 6. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (Economic)
- 5:10 pm**
- 7. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:15 pm**
- 8. Songs in honour of (66)th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

- 5:25 pm**
- 9. Science and Environment (Arvie)
- 5:30 pm**
- 10. Programme
- 6:00 pm**
- 11. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
- 12. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
- 13. Myanmar Series
- 6:30 pm**
- 14. Approaching Science Discovery World
- 7:00 pm**
- 15. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**
- 16. News
- 17. International News
- 18. Weather Report
- 19. Documentary
- 20. TV Drama Series
- 21. TV Drama Series

- ★ 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

Prime Minister receives FIFA President

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March—Prime Minister U Thein Sein received FIFA President Mr Joseph S. Blatter and party at Government Office here this morning.

Also present at the call were Minister for Sports Thura U Aye

Myint, Director-General U Thant Shin of Government Office, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, President U Zaw Zaw of Myanmar Football Federation, MFF Chief Executive

Officer U Than Zaw and officials.

The meeting focused on improving Myanmar's football standard, upgrading football academies in Myanmar and hosting XXVII SEA Games in Myanmar were discussed.

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Prime Minister U Thein Sein cordially greets FIFA President Mr Joseph S. Blatter at Government Office in Nay Pyi Taw.
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First regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw continues

Raising and replying to queries, holding discussions on proposals, and changing proposal into question done

NAY PYI TAW, 16 March—The first regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw was held for the 11th day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here this morning.

The attendees numbered 220, accounting for 98.65 per cent of the 223 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives, announced Amyotha Hluttaw

Speaker U Khin Aung Myint.

Union level organization members Minister for Immigration and Population U Maung Oo and Minister for Energy U Lun Thi replied to the questions about two-week visa for foreigners entering Myanmar through border checkpoints including Chin State by U Zon Hlyal Htan from

Chin State Constituency (2), about wrong statements in Citizenship Scrutiny Cards of citizens of national races including Shan by U Sai Mya Maung of Kachin State Constituency (10), and about distribution of fuel by Dr Myat Nyana Soe from Yangon Region Constituency (4).

(See page 8)