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Member of Standing Committee of Political Bureau of Communist Party of China Central Committee and Chairman of 11th National Committee of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference begins goodwill visit to Myanmar



Chairman of 11th National Committee of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Mr Jia Qinglin meets Chief Minister of Mandalay Region U Ye Myint at Sedona Hotel in Mandalay.—MNA

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconciliation
- * 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

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—A Chinese goodwill delegation led by Member of Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee of the People's Republic of China and Chairman of the 11th National Committee of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Mr Jia Qinglin on his goodwill visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar arrived in Mandalay at 12.45 pm today. The delegation was welcomed at Mandalay International Airport by Mandalay Mayor and Minister for Development Affairs U Phone Zaw Han, Minister for Education and Health of Mandalay Region Dr Win Hlaing, Secretary of Pyithu Hluttaw (See page 7)

Best traffic rule award presented

YANGON, 2 April—Yangon North District All Bus-line Control Committee of Yangon Region held a ceremony to award outstanding staff of the committee for 2010 at the hall of Basic Education High School No. 1 in Insein Township on 20 March.

Secretary of Yangon Region All Bus-line Control Central Committee U Ba Myint and Chairman of Yangon North District All Bus-line Control Committee U Aung Win made speeches.

The Secretary, officials and the chairman of Yangon North District All Bus-line Control Committee presented cash assistance to bus owners and bus workers and cash awards to outstanding bus workers.

The cash assistance and cash awards amounted to K 37,481 million.—MYANMA ALIN

Significant day temperature 2-4-2011

Chauk	38°C
Minbu	37°C
Aunglan	37°C
Theinzayat	37°C

Air Kanbawza launched with maiden domestic flights



An airplane of Air KBZ seen at Yangon International Airport.—MNA

YANGON, 2 April — A new airline named Air Kanbawza with its domestic flights was launched at Yangon International Airport at 8 am today.

Departmental heads and officials of Department of Civil Aviation and Myanmar Airways, officials of Air Kanbawza, pilots, flight attendants and guests attended the launching ceremony. Director-General of Department of Civil Aviation U Tin Naing

Tun, Managing Director of Myanmar Airways U Tin Maung Tun and Managing Director of Air Kanbawza U Moe Hsan Aung formally launched the airline.

Air Kanbawza starts today Yangon-NyaungU-Mandalay-Heho-Yangon route at every 8 am and Yangon-Myeik-Yangon route at every 2 pm.

Sixty passengers were on board the Yangon-NyaungU-Mandalay-Heho-Yangon flight.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 3 April, 2011

Conserve natural environment

With global climate change, the world has seen natural disasters such as storms, floods and draught and environmental degradation like heat waves and ice melting. According to experts, ninety percent of the root cause of global warming is due to human activities.

The continued survival of all living beings calls for sound environmental conditions. Many global nations are taking measures to protect trees, forests and wildlife as deforestation can lead to deteriorating climate conditions.

In giving his inaugural address on 30 March, President U Thein Sein said "We will pay serious attention to conservation of forests and woodlands. We will make all-out efforts to reduce air and water pollution, to control dumping of industrial wastes and to protect wildlife. In this regard, we will lay down a new policy in which we will work for economic growth in parallel with environmental conservation."

Myanmar has had a long history of conserving the natural environment. It is protecting land, water and forest resources. Forest reserves, wildlife and natural habitats are being conserved in accord with the forest law. The Ministry of Forestry is establishing regional watersheds, natural habitats and special teak plantations with the help of other ministries.

Indiscriminate tapping of natural resources and dumping of toxic wastes can lead to soil degradation and water pollution. Carbon emissions from industries, workshops and vehicles can also contribute towards air pollution.

As trees and forests balance climate patterns, the matter of protecting forests and balancing ecosystem is on a priority list. Moreover, the people need to cooperate with the government in the tasks for reducing air and water pollution, controlling disposal of industrial wastes, promoting the economy and conserving the natural environment.

EMP displays Boneal, Haicneal at Yangon Expo 2011



Boneal embrocation and Haicneal anti-dandruff shampoo on display at Yangon Expo 2011.—MNA

YANGON, 2 April — embrocation and Haicneal anti-dandruff is displaying Boneal shampoo at Yangon

People's Party

- * 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

Tien Meljing International Charity Foundations donates cash for Tahlay quake victims

YANGON, 2 April — Cash donation ceremony of Tien Meljing International Charity Foundations (Tiens Groups) to Tahlay quake victims was held at Yangon Region Government Office this morning.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe accepted K 20 million donated by officials of Tiens Meljing International Charity Foundations and returned certificate of honour.

The ceremony was also attended by Yangon Region Minister for Social Welfare and Hotels and Tourism Dr Myint Thein and officials.—MNA



Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe accepts cash donation made by officials of Tiens Meljing International Charity Foundations.

MNA

Cash donated for storm-hit fishermen



Secretary-General of Union Solidarity and Development Party U Htay Oo donates K 50 m for Pyapon storm victims through Myanmar Fisheries Federation Patron U Maung Maung Thein.—MNA

YANGON, 2 April—A ceremony to donate cash to the storm-hit victims of Pyapon Region was held at the hall of Myanmar Fisheries Federation in

Insein Township here this morning.

Chairman of MFF Wunna Kyawhtin U Htay Myint extended greetings. General Secretary U Win Kyaing explained circumstance of storm-hit fishermen.

Secretary-General U Htay Oo of Union Solidarity and Development Party explained the purpose of donation.

Patron of MFF U Maung Maung Thein and responsible persons accepted K 108,999,200 donated by 78 wellwishers including K 50 million by UNDP. Patron of the federation U Maung Maung Thein spoke words of thanks.—MNA

Expo 2011 organized by Smart Business Group at Tatmadaw Convention Hall here from 1 to 4 April.

Boneal embrocation, extracted from rare Chinese traditional medicines, is reliable for all types of ache. Haicneal shampoo can drive out dandruff, caused by Pityrosporum which can not be cured by normal shampoo. To order Boneal and Haicneal, one

K Future to distribute pharmaceuticals, personal goods

YANGON, 2 April—K Future Co Ltd opened its

office at No. 3 of Building 17 near Yuzana Plaza in Tamway Township on 28 March. K Future Co Ltd is sole agent of pharmaceuticals and intravenous vaccine produced by Myanmar Pharmaceuticals Factory (Yangon) and Inyaung (Kyaukse). Moreover, the company imports to

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K Future Co Ltd is sole agent of pharmaceuticals and intravenous vaccine produced by Myanmar Pharmaceuticals Factory (Yangon) and Inyaung (Kyaukse).

Moreover, the company imports to

distribute Keeler brand eye test devices made by England, fire extinguishers and personal goods.

For information, contact K Future Co Ltd at No. 3 of Building 17 near Yuzana Plaza in Tamway Township, Tel:09-73096666, 09-73096555 and email:kfuture2010@gmail.com.

MNA

Vietnam rockslide kills 18



Bulldozers and rescuers try to recover bodies of victims after a rockslide happened at a stone quarry in Yen Thanh District, north-central Province of Nghe An on 1 April.

INTERNET

HANOI, 2 April—Rescuers in Vietnam were working to recover the bodies of two brothers buried under huge boulders as a local official said 18 people had died in a quarry rockslide.

"We will keep going until we find their bodies," on Saturday said Nguyen Tien Loi, chairman of Yen Thanh District people's committee, the local government office, after authorities recovered 16 corpses and gave up hope of finding survivors.

About 200 troops were mobilised to find trapped workers after a massive rock fall on Friday at Len Co quarry in Nghe An province, north central Vietnam.—*Internet*

Thai flood toll climbs to 35



A Thai woman stands at the balcony of her flooded house following torrential rains in Thailand's southern Province of Trang.—INTERNET

BANGKOK, 2 April—Flooding across southern Thailand has killed at least 35 people, officials said, as unseasonably wet weather deluged the homes and businesses of around two million people. Victims were either swept into the rising waters or buried in mudslides as the heavy rains inundated homes and washed roads and bridges away in what should be one of the hottest months of the year.

Flood waters, more than two metres deep in some places, have continued to spread despite easing rainfall in recent days, while waterlogged soil has heightened the risk of landslides.—*Internet*

10 killed, over 2,000 flee homes as floods hit Papua, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 2 April—Floods in Papua of Indonesia have killed ten people and forced at least 2,000 others fleeing homes, local official of Disaster Management and Mitigation Agency said on Friday. Heavy rains for nearly one month have raised water surface in several rivers, ending to a lake in Paniai District of Papua, and led the waters at the lake overflowed and submerged hundreds hectares of sweet potato plantation, threatening the supply of main foods for thousands of residence, said Julianus Layuk, official of the agency.—*Xinhua*

NATO says its forces repel attack on Kabul base

KABUL, 2 April—Three militants attacked a NATO base on the outskirts of Afghanistan's capital Saturday but were killed by coalition forces before they could enter the compound, NATO and Afghan police said.

NATO told *The Associated Press* in an email that three of its soldiers were wounded in Saturday's attack against Camp Phoenix, but that their injuries were

not serious.

The coalition said at least one attacker was possibly wearing a suicide vest.

It added that the attack had ended. Kabul provincial Police chief Gen Mohammad Ayub Salangi said there were reports of three attackers involved and that two of them died when their vests detonated.

He said a third was shot.

The base's gate had

scorch marks on it, and an AP reporter at the scene saw some of the remains of at least one body belonging to a man who had blown himself up dangling from the gate.

Internet



Three guards killed at NATO terminal in NW Pakistan

PARACHINAR, 2 April—Islamist militants on Friday attacked a terminal in northwestern Pakistan used by trucks carrying supplies for NATO troops in Afghanistan, killing three Pakistani guards at the site. Elsewhere in the northwest, a child was killed in an explosion set off by a suicide bomber fleeing from residents who opened fire at him.

The militants killed the guards by slitting their throats, said government administrator Akbar Khan. The attack took place in the town of Landi Kotal, close to the Pakistan-Afghanistan border.

Much of the non-lethal supplies for the war effort in Afghanistan come via Pakistan after being unloaded at the Arabian Sea port of Karachi in the south. Taliban militants often attack NATO supply trucks in Pakistan, though the vast majority of the goods are untouched.—*Internet*

Air India pilots fear for safety in Afghanistan

NEW DELHI, 2 April—Indian national carrier, Air India, is in a dilemma after its pilots have expressed fears for safety in war-torn Afghanistan, local media reported Saturday.

Air India is the only Indian airline which flies to Kabul. According to *The Times of India*, Indian Commercial Pilots Association (ICPA) Friday sought clarification from the national airline on issues like poor

runway, taxiways and air traffic control at Kabul Airport.

The pilots' union questioned if overnight arrangements have been made if an aircraft is grounded in Kabul. The ICPA has warned that it may have to ask pilots to stop operations as the problems at Kabul Airport can endanger lives of passengers and crew, the report said.

Xinhua

An injured man lies in a hospital bed in Tikrit, 80 miles (130 kilometres) north of Baghdad, Iraq, on 30 March, 2011.

INTERNET



Ahmed Hashim inspects his destroyed car in front of the provincial council building of Tikrit, 80 miles (130 kilometres) north of Baghdad, Iraq, on 30 March, 2011.

INTERNET

One civilian killed as bomb hits Afghan army in Kabul

KABUL, 2 April—An Afghan civilian was killed Saturday morning when a bomb targeting Afghan army went off in the Afghan capital Kabul, a *Xinhua* photographer on the spot said. "I saw a civilian's body on the ground near the explosion site," the photographer said.

Local media quoted eyewitnesses as saying that two explosions were heard in the Pulicharkhi area near an army training centre and foreign military base.

The explosions were followed by gunfire between attackers and foreign troops.

The area is cordoned off by security forces. Hashmatullah Stanikzai, a press officer with Kabul police department, said that the situation was under control.

"An investigation team is sent to the areas near the Camp Phoenix in Pulicharkhi area," Stanikzai told *Xinhua*.—*Xinhua*

Bomber kills three outside Iraqi mosque

BAGHDAD, 2 April—A suicide bomber disguised as a street cleaner walked up to soldiers outside a mosque and blew himself up Friday, killing two of the troops and a worshipper in a western Iraqi City that was once an al-Qaeda hotbed.

The blast wounded six other people, including four soldiers who were stationed outside the Fallujah mosque to protect worshippers, according to a senior city police official.

The unit's commander, an army colonel, was among the dead, the official said.

A local health official confirmed the casualties. Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release the information.

The mosque is near a government compound that houses offices for Fallujah's mayor, city council, police and courts. Fallujah, 40 miles (65 kilometres) west of Baghdad in the Sunni-dominated Anbar Province, was once a capital for Iraq's militancy and the site of two deadly battles in 2004 with American forces.—*Internet*

Grim search for dead three weeks after Japan quake

TOKYO, 2 April—Thousands of Japanese and US troops launched an intensive air and sea operation Friday to recover bodies still left from the huge earthquake and tsunami three weeks ago.

The grim search came as the government revealed radiation from a nuclear power plant crippled by the twin disaster had been found in groundwater, with contamination already reported in the air, ocean and food.

Japan is still struggling to cope with its worst post-war crisis three weeks after the seafloor quake struck on 11 March, leaving about 28,000 people dead or missing.

In the search for bodies, Japanese

and US armed forces deployed 120 aircraft and 65 ships for a three-day operation along the northeast coast, where houses, ships, cars and trains still lay scattered across the muddy wastelands.

Prime Minister Naoto Kan told a briefing that the radiation leaking from the Fukushima nuclear plant presents no public health threat as long as people follow the government's advice.

"Japan decides on the area (of evacuation around the plant) based on experts' advice and proposals," he said. "In Japan, we ask people to follow the rules because if they do, there will be no damage to their health."—Internet



An aerial picture shows a view of the tsunami-devastated the town of Ishinomaki, Miyagi prefecture. Thousands of Japanese and US troops launched an intensive air and sea operation Friday to recover bodies still left from the huge earthquake and tsunami three weeks ago.—INTERNET

Standard & Poor's downgrades Japan's TEPCO



This picture taken by Japan's Maritime Self Defence Force, shows the badly damaged Tokyo Electric Power Co (TEPCO) No 1 Daiichi nuclear plant at Okuma town in Fukushima prefecture.—INTERNET

TOKYO, 2 April—Standard & Poor's downgraded the long-term rating on Tokyo Electric Power Co (TEPCO), operator of a nuclear plant at the centre of the world's worst atomic crisis for 25 years, to 'BBB+' from 'A+.'

The agency also lowered the short-term

rating to 'A-2' from 'A-1', with both ratings remaining "on CreditWatch with negative implications", it said, suggesting that they could be downgraded further.

Standard & Poor's decision, announced in a statement released Saturday Tokyo time, followed a similar move

by ratings agency Moody's.

The deadly earthquake and tsunami on 11 March damaged several TEPCO facilities, and the company now faces huge costs from the crisis at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant, which continues to leak radiation.

The nuclear disaster has forced evacuation of nearby residents and contaminated farm soils, food products and livestock.

"As a result of the unprecedented events of 11 March and the importance of TEPCO to the Japanese economy, we believe that the Japanese government may provide some form of extraordinary support to the company," S&P said.

Internet

Malfuction forces Czech nuclear reactor shut down

PRAGUE, 2 April—An official says a Czech nuclear power plant is shutting down one of its four reactors due to a pipe leaking irradiated water but cautions there is no safety threat.

Petr Spilka, spokesman for the Dukovany nuclear plant says the problem occurred on a small pipe that vents air from a water system located inside the reactor's containment structure. He says the water cannot get out of the containment structure and the malfunction poses no threat.

He said the reactor will be shut down later Friday. It is not clear when it could be restarted.—Internet

5.5-magnitude quake hits off east coast of Honshu, Japan

TOKYO, 2 April—An earthquake measuring 5.5 on the Richter scale jolted off the east coast of Honshu, Japan at 17:03:46 GMT on Friday, the US Geological Survey said. The epicentre, with a depth of 20.50 km, was initially determined to be at 40.3563 degrees north latitude and 143.1775 degrees east longitude.—Xinhua

Strong earthquake hits Greek islands of Crete, Karpathos

ATHENS, 2 April—An earthquake of nearly 6.0 magnitude struck the southern Greek islands of Crete and Karpathos on Friday, according to Greek media.

The epicentre was at the sea area between the two islands, and no injuries nor major damages have been reported.

The Geodynamic Institute of Athens has not released an exact magnitude yet, but American seismologists estimated the quake was 5.9 magnitude while the European geodynamic centre put it at around 6.2 degrees.

Crete is regularly hit by moderate earthquakes. Xinhua



Ten-year-old boy Riku Takano is tested for possible nuclear radiation exposure at an evacuation centre in Koriyama, Fukushima Prefecture, northern Japan, 1 April, 2011, located about 70 km (44 miles) from the earthquake and tsunami-crippled nuclear reactor. —INTERNET

Jackie Chan, Asian stars raise funds for Japan



Actor Jackie Chan performs at a charity concert in Hong Kong and he other Asian stars manage to raise over HK\$25 million (\$3.2 million) for disaster-hit Japan.

INTERNET

HONG KONG, 2 April—Action hero Jackie Chan and other Asian stars raised over HK\$25 million (\$3.2 million) at a charity concert Friday in Hong Kong for disaster-hit Japan, where over 28,000 are dead or missing.

"We're here to tell the people of Japan — you're not alone," said Chan, one of the initiators of the celebrity concert.

"Don't give up, hang in there."

A massive 9.0-earthquake and tsunami hit Japan on 11 March, devastating large areas of the northeast coast and leading to an ongoing nuclear

emergency at a crippled atomic plant.

"They have a long to recovery ahead of them, but I hope they can stay strong and positive," said Chan, who personally donated HK\$4 million to cover the production costs of the concert so that the proceeds could go to quake victims.

"We're here to help in whatever way we can," he added.

"I thank the people of Hong Kong — they have shown tremendous generosity."

Internet

Health



Chef Celestino Drago of Drago Centro restaurant in Los Angeles teaches Sofia Menck and her third-grade class from Larchmont Charter School of West Hollywood the healthy benefits of cooking authentic Italian food as Patrizia Giarratana, Deputy Director General of the Italian Ministry of Economic Development, looks on.—INTERNET

Laughter not only feels good, It's good for the heart

FRIDAY, 2 April—Having a good laugh on April Fool's Day or any other day of the year helps relieve stress and benefits your blood vessels, an expert says.

"Laughter increases blood flow and improves the function of blood vessels. Reducing stress is especially beneficial for persons who have hypertension [high blood pressure]," Dr Vivienne Halpern said in a Society for Vascular Surgery news release. April is National Stress Awareness Month in the United States. "Laughter reduces the level of stress hormones [cortisol, epinephrine, dopamine and growth hormone] and increases the level of health-enhancing hormones [endorphins and neurotransmitters]," Halpern explained. "This can result in a stronger immune system and fewer physical effects of stress."—*Internet*

Health Tip: Risk factors for pre-term labour

Pre-term labour occurs before the 37th week of pregnancy. About 10 percent of babies born in the United States are considered pre-term, the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists says.

The organization says these factors may increase the risk of pre-term labour:

- * Having had pre-term labour in this or a prior pregnancy.
- * Using cocaine or smoking cigarettes.
- * Having a multiple pregnancy (twins or more).
- * Having had a child born with a chromosomal disorder.
- * Having an abnormality in the cervix or uterus.
- * Having abdominal surgery during pregnancy.
- * Having an infection during pregnancy.
- * Bleeding during the second or third trimester of pregnancy.
- * Being underweight, or having insufficient prenatal care.
- * Having a mother or grandmother who took a drug called DES (diethylstilbestrol).—*Internet*



This 2008 Wiens family photo provided by Brigham and Women's Hospital, shows Dallas Wiens with his daughter Scarlette prior to an electrical accident that disfigured his face. Wiens received a full face transplant at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston during the week of 14 March, 2011. INTERNET

Freezing wrinkles a possible alternative to Botox

LOS ANGELES, 2 April—A new technology that temporarily zaps away forehead wrinkles by freezing the nerves shows promise in early clinical trials, researchers say.

The technique, if eventually approved by the US Food and Drug Administration, could provide an alternative to Botox and Dysport. Both are injectable forms of

Botulinum toxin type A, a neurotoxin that, when injected in small quantities, temporarily paralyzes facial muscles, thereby reducing wrinkles.

"It's a toxin-free alternative to treating unwanted lines and wrinkles, similar to what is being done with Botox and Dysport," said study co-author Francis Palmer, director of facial

plastic surgery at the University of Southern California School of Medicine in Los Angeles. "From the early clinical trials, this procedure — which its maker calls cryoneuromodulation — appears to have the same clinical efficacy and safety comparable to the existing techniques."—*Internet*



Business



AIG, Ally, GM CEO compensation will not increase

WASHINGTON, 2 April—Compensation packages for the chief executives of bailed-out firms American International Group (AIG.N), Ally Financial and General Motors (GM.N) will not increase in 2011, the Treasury Department said late on Friday.

The Obama administration's pay czar has reviewed the packages for the top 25 executives at the four remaining companies that have received exceptional government assistance and has found that overall, their cash compensation has decreased 18.2 percent, treasury said.

To ensure that taxpayers were not rewarding executives at companies that received the most government help, the law required that their pay packages be subject to restrictions and approved by Patricia Geoghegan, who is special master for executive compens

Reuters

Data breach hits JPMorgan, Kroger customers New York

LOS ANGELES, 2 April—Chase & Co (JPM.N) and Kroger Co (KR.N) customers was exposed as part of a data breach at a large online marketing vendor.

The data breach included some email addresses of JPMorgan Chase customers and names and email addresses of Kroger customers, the companies said in separate statements on Friday.

Epsilon, a unit of Alliance Data Systems Corp (ADS.N), said on Friday that a person outside the company hacked into some of its clients' customer files.

The vendor sends over 40 billion email ads and offers annually, usually to people who register for a company's website and or give their email addresses while shopping. Some of Epsilon's other clients include Verizon (VZ.N), Blackstone Group LP's (BX.N) Hilton Hotels, Kraft (KFT.N), and



A sign is seen outside the JPMorgan office in Los Angeles, California, 12 October, 2010. INTERNET

AstraZeneca (AZN.L).

Kroger, the biggest US supermarket operator, said it told customers on Friday that the database storing their names and email addresses had been breached. No other personal information was exposed in the breach, Kroger said.

Reuters



Mickey Mouse takes part in a show at Tokyo Disneyland in January. Construction of the world's sixth Disney amusement park will start in Shanghai next week following years of negotiations between the US company and Chinese authorities, the Wall Street Journal says.—INTERNET

Work on Shanghai Disneyland 'to start April 8'

SHANGHAI, 2 April—Construction of the world's sixth Disney amusement park will start in Shanghai Friday following years of negotiations between the US company and Chinese authorities, the *Wall Street Journal* said.

Walt Disney Co and its local partners have issued invitations to "a special event in Shanghai" on 8 April, the paper reported Saturday, quoting an anonymous source.

AFP could not immediately confirm the report with the Shanghai municipal authorities or

Disney's Chinese partner, the Shanghai Shendi Group Co Ltd, the consortium that will operate the project.

Shanghai's mayor has estimated the amusement park will cost 24.4 billion yuan (\$3.7 billion), the *Journal* said, which would make it one of the largest foreign investments in China.

The park will cover 963 acres (390 hectares), which makes it just a 26th of the size of Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida, the business paper said.—*Internet*

Gunmen abduct 16 teachers in S Philippines

COTABATO CITY, 2 April—Gunmen kidnapped at least 16 teachers from a public school in the restive southern Philippines on Friday, an official said Saturday.

Alvin Magdamit, mayor of Prosperidad in Agusan del Sur Province, said armed men from a local clan seized 16 public teachers in the township of La Purisima.

Magdamit said their crisis committee is negotiating for the release of the abducted victims.

“We are closely monitoring the situation. We want assurance of the victims’ safety,” said Magdamit.

In December 2009, some 15 gunmen raided a school in Prosperidad and took 75 people hostage who were later all released.—Xinhua

In this 31 July, 2008 file photo, customers view the menu in the drive through line at a Burger King in Portland, Ore. Like it or not, many restaurant diners will soon know more about what they are eating under menu labelling requirements proposed Friday by the Food and Drug Administration.

INTERNET



In this photo provided by passenger Christine Ziegler, shows an apparent hole in the cabin on a Southwest Airlines aircraft on 1 April, 2011 in Yuma, Ariz.—INTERNET

LA mayor faces fine for accepting sports tickets

LOS ANGELES, 2 April—Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa should pay a fine of nearly 42,000 US dollars for unethical conduct of accepting unreported tickets to sporting and other events, California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) proposed Friday.

The mayor would pay 21,000 dollars to the FPPC and 20,849 dollars to the city ethics panel under a proposed settlement that still awaits a final approval from the FPPC and the California Ethics Commission (CEC), according to documents released by the FPPC, which will meet again 11 April on the issue.

The mayor came under fire last year for failing to report tickets he accepted to attend more than

30 events, including Los Angeles Lakers and Dodgers games, the Academy Awards, American Music Awards, the Primetime Emmy Awards, Screen Actors Guild Awards and a 2009 “American Idol” finale show.

The mayor’s “large number of unreported gifts ... deprived the public of knowledge of gifts from groups or individuals that may have had business before the City of Los Angeles,” the FPPC said.

But the mayor’s violation of the rules was “unintentional” because he has no prior history of violating the rules regarding acceptance of gifts, added the FPPC.

Xinhua

Plane makes emergency landing with hole in cabin

PHOENIX, 2 April—A Southwest Airlines plane with a gaping hole in fuselage made an emergency landing at a military base in Arizona on Friday after a sudden drop in cabin pressure, airline officials said.

Southwest Flight 812 from Phoenix to Sacramento, with 118 passengers on board, landed safely at the Yuma Marine Corps Air Station with a hole in the top of the aircraft, a Southwest spokeswoman said in a statement.

There were no passenger injuries reported, the statement

said. The airline said one flight attendant was slightly injured.

The Boeing 737 landed at 4:07 pm local time after declaring an emergency, said Ian Gregor, a Federal Aviation Administration spokesman.

“We do not know the cause of the decompression,” Gregor said.

Passengers described the harrowing scene to the CBS television affiliate in Sacramento, detailing the damage to the plane.

“They had just taken drink orders when I heard a huge sound and

oxygen masks came down and we started making a rapid descent. They said we’d be making an emergency landing,” a woman identified as Cindy told the station.

“There was a hole in the fuselage about three feet long. You could see the insulation and the wiring. You could see a tear the length of one of the ceiling panels.”

Reuters

Swiss police: 3 German skiers killed by avalanche

GENEVA, 2 April—Three German skiers were killed by a massive avalanche in southern Switzerland on Friday, the second deadly incident involving foreign tourists in less than a week.

The victims were part of a nine-strong group of cross-country skiers from Friedrichshafen, Germany, said Valais cantonal state police.

They were traversing a mountain in the Anniviers valley near the border with Italy when the avalanche hit them, sweeping seven of the skiers away, police said.

“The avalanche was classified as

‘gigantic’ by rescuers,” according to police, who said it was 500 meters (1,640 feet) wide and 500 meters long.

Two of the skiers were killed on the spot and one died later in a hospital. Another was injured, police said.

The incident happened close to where five French snowshoers and cross-country skiers were killed in an avalanche last Saturday.

Switzerland’s national avalanche monitoring centre warned of considerable risk in the region Friday.

Warmer weather means avalanches are common in the Alps in spring.—Internet

Venezuela says plane crash caused by mechanic failure

CARACAS, 2 April—The plane crash in Venezuela that left 17 people dead and 34 others injured last September was caused by mechanic failure, and US maintenance workers were to blame, authorities said.

The hitch was a result of poor maintenance work of the ATR-42 Conviaa aircraft, the *El Nacional* daily quoted final findings of an investigation by the Air Accident Investigation Board as saying Friday.

The plane had received maintenance service in the United States that cost Venezuela 1.2 million US dollars but proved to be “ineffective,” the investigators said.

Xinhua

The Brisbane city skyline is reflected in an eerily calm Brisbane river, mid-January. More than 80 towns in Queensland state, including the state capital Brisbane, were hit by once-in-a-century floods that covered an area larger than the size of France and Germany combined.

INTERNET



Workers clean the stadium as police officers keep guard at the Wankhede stadium a day ahead of the final match of the Cricket World Cup between India and Sri Lanka in Mumbai, India, Friday, 1 April, 2011.

INTERNET

Member of Standing Committee ...

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 Public Accounts Committee U Maung Toe, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua, Consul-General Mr Tang Ying of Consulate General in Mandalay and officials. Accompanied by Region Education and Health Minister Dr Win Hlaing and officials, the Chinese delegation visited Myanan Sankyaw Golden Palace and Cultural Museum Mandalay Nanmyo in the evening. Director of Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department (Mandalay) U Myint Zaw and officials welcomed them and explained background history and

keeping the palace intact. The officials guided Mr Jia Qinglin and party round Myanan Sankyaw Golden Palace and Cultural Museum. The guests observed paraphernalia of royal court members and Myanma traditional culture. Mr Jia Qinglin then signed the visitors' book of the museum. The Chinese delegation led by Mr Jia Qinglin met Chief Minister of Mandalay Region U Ye Myint at Sedona Hotel in Mandalay in the evening. Also present at the meeting were Mandalay Mayor and Minister for



Chairman of 11th National Committee of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Mr Jia Qinglin and party at Mandalay Cultural Museum.—MNA

Development Affairs U Phone Zaw Han, Minister for Economic U Aung Zan, Minister for Agriculture and

Forestry U Myint Than, Minister for Education and Health Dr Win Hlaing, Minister for Transport/Communica-

tions U Kyaw Hsan, Minister for Industry Dr Myint Kyu, Secretary of Pyithu Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee U

Maung Toe and Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Junhua.

Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint hosted a dinner to the Chinese delegation. Mandalay Region Ministers, the Region Hluttaw Speaker, the Chief Justice of Region High Court, the Vice-Chairman of the Region Hluttaw, the Region Advocate-General, the Region Auditor-General, the Secretary of Pyithu Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee, Chairman of Region Hluttaw Bills Committee, Region Hluttaw National Races Affairs Committee, judges and officials, the Chinese Ambassador and the consul-general also joined the dinner.

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Chief Minister U Ye Myint of Mandalay Region hosts dinner to delegation led by Chairman of 11th National Committee of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Mr Jia Qinglin at Sedona Hotel in Mandalay.—MNA

No postman be splashed during Thingyan Days

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—, Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications of the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs will run its delivery and telecommunication services on Akyat Day of Maha Thingyan, 1372 (15 April, Friday) and New Year holiday (April 18, Monday) without taking leave. Express mail service will also be running during Maha Thingyan holidays daily.

M PT hereby requests that no full-dressed postman be watered during those days.—MNA



The recently opened Welaung Bridge on Yangon-Pyay-Mandalay Road contributes much to regional development.

Literary awards contributing...

(from page 16) that has been out of vogue for some time. Likewise, efforts should be made to show off Myanmar's valuable

literary awards are presented while Sarpay Beikman manuscript awards are presented in 12 genres, each of which includes first, second

of the fifth Tun Foundation Literary Award ceremony are a contributing factor for the development of the literary world as well as food for literary enjoyment of the people. In other words, the presenting of such

award for his book titled 'The biography of a diplomat' in the biography genre.

Afterwards, Minister Daw San San Nwe, Chairman of Tun Foundation Bank U Thein Tun and responsible persons

A total of 17 awards – eight life-time literary awards and Myanmar book awards, six Myanmar manuscript awards, one English book award and one English manuscript award – were presented at the ceremony.

stipends yearly for matriculated students, outstanding students and needy students for their university education.

A total of 48 students are selected from seven universities and colleges including universities of medicine, dental



Minister for Information and Culture U Kyaw Hsan presents medal and cash award to MWJA Patron U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) who wins Tun Foundation life-time literary award.
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Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe awards Tun Oo Tin who wins literary award for his book titled 'The biography of a diplomat' in the biography genre.
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cultural heritages to the world. Indeed, these prize-winning books and manuscripts will contribute a lot to the future of the nation. The nation on its part holds natural literary award and Sarpay Beikman manuscript award ceremonies every year. Fourteen national

and third prizes. But it is still needed to present more awards for the development of the literary world. So, the annual holding of Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Award, Thuta Swesone Literary Award and Sayawun Tin Shwe Literary Award ceremonies and holding

awards is part of national duties being carried out by the nation, concluded the minister.

Next, Patron of Tun Foundation Literary Award Committee Chairman of Tun Foundation Bank U Thein Tun extended greetings. Committee Chairman retired ambassador U Thet Tun gave an account of Tun Foundation Literary Award, and member of Tun Foundation Literary Award selection committee Patron of MWJA U Myint Kywe explained the remarks of the committee.

Then, Minister U Kyaw Hsan presented a medal and cash award to MWJA Patron U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung), who won Tun Foundation life-time literary award.

Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe awarded Tun Oo Tin, who won literary

awarded prize winners in various genres such as economy, belle-letter, reference, archeology, environmental conservation, culture, health, economy (English version), history (English version), history, child's literature and ancient treatise.

Then, U Thein Tun presented gifts to the literary award selection committee members.

After the ceremony, Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan and Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe cordially greeted those present and viewed prize winning works and the publications of Tun Foundation Bank.

Tun Foundation Bank started presenting Tun Foundation literary awards in 2005 and it annually invites books and manuscripts for presenting awards.

Tun Foundation is also contributing to education, health and economic developments. It is providing

universities. Up to 2011-2012, K 180 million have been provided for 248 students.

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An official awards writer Pekingbyan Win Ko (Inwa) for his works.
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An official presents prize to writer Tun Yi (Archaeologist).
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Take Fire Preventive Measures

16th Anniversary of Myawady TV, prize presentation for manuscripts and colour photo contest of Myawady and Ngwetayi Magazines held



Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of Ministry of Defence awards best programmer WOII (Substitute) Khin Thanda Soe.
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YANGON, 2 April— The 16th Anniversary of Myawady TV and prize presentation for manuscripts and colour photo contest of Myawady and Ngwetayi Magazines of Myawady Literary House were held at Myawady TV in Hmawby this evening, attended by Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence.

Speaking on the occasion, Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo said that it is known to all that since its establishment, Myawady TV has been standing as a significant media in the nation by realizing its aims to inform, entertain and educate the people. The media achieved success due to collaborative efforts of artistes, private media and staff of Myawady TV in addition to encouragement of the people.

As today's science

and technology is developing with momentum, the big countries with advancement of technology and financial power are attempting to dominate the developing countries through various types of media. So, it is necessary to safeguard the State and the people through media not to lose traditional customs of national races, cultural heritage and national characters.

Myawady TV will extend six new channels through digital system from Nay Pyi Taw to across the nation in the near future. Therefore, artistes of motion picture, literary, music and photography fields are to make collaborative efforts for successful broadcasting of new Myawady TV channel.

Among various kinds of media, TV and periodicals can create almost all the mass

communication to inform, entertain and educate the people. Myawady TV won the heart of audience due to broadcasting of progress of the State and correct situations in time and various programmes for public entertainment. Moreover, efforts are being made to transform Analogue system into digital system in TV broadcasting.

Literary has great influence over broadening the horizons of the people, improving their capability and stipulating nationalistic spirit and patriotic spirit. Today, 58 years old Myawady Magazine and over 50 years old Ngwetayi Magazine of Myawady Literary House are still standing as prestige magazines in the Myanmar literary world. These two magazines are producing prominent writers.

Myawady and Ngwetayi magazines have

organized literary contests to fulfill the requirements of Myanmar literary world. Since 2002, winners have been awarded for their best manuscripts printed in the two magazines within one year, and the prize presentation ceremonies have been held for ten years.

Annual prize presentation will be held for the outstanding staff

spirit of the people through media for enabling the nation to stand tall among the global countries, to constantly scrutinize the weak points of the works and observe developing media and to participate in building a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation through media.

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence presented best

Teleplay to mark 66th Anniversary Armed Forces Day through joint film script writer Chan Min Ein, Academy U Nay Aung and Academy May Thinza Oo.

Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than, Maj-Gen Than Soe of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command Captain Tun Lwin Oo,



Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo awards best news caster WOII (Substitute) Win Pa Pa Nwe.
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of Myawady TV. In addition, officers and other ranks of units and schools under Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare who won prizes in the State level contests will be awarded. The intellectuals and intelligentsia who contributed to Myawady TV and Myawady Literary House will be honoured at the ceremony. In conclusion, the Adjutant-General urged all to uplift mentality and nationalistic

programmer award to WOII (Substitute) Khin Thanda Soe, best cameraman award to WOI Kyaw Hsan Tun and WOII (Substitute) Aye Min Tun and best producer award to WOI Tin Maung Nyunt and Sgt (Substitute) Hnin Ei Wint.

Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo gave best news caster award to WOII (Substitute) Win Pa Pa Nwe, best computer processing award to Sgt (Substitute) Yin Myo Khaing and artistes of

Col Ye Htut (Rtd) of Myanma Economic Corporation, Lt-Col Than Tun (Rtd) of Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd and officials also awarded outstanding staff, intellectuals and intelligentsia and literary and photographic scholars. After the ceremony, vocalists of Myanmar Music Asiayon and Myawady TV presented songs to the accompaniment of Myawady music troupe.

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Concordia to introduce Tensoval Duo Control on 6 April

YANGON, 2 April — Germanmade Tenso-val Duo Control pressure cuff will be introduced by its sole agent Concordia Int'l Co Ltd at Trader Hotel here on 6 April.

Cardiologist Professor Dr Tin Latt will give talks on heart attack and Sale Director Mr Zhian Zhou of Paul Hartmann Company will give account on Tensoval Duo Control.

Three-year guarantee is provided for Tensoval Duo Control pressure cuff.

Those interested may contact Concordia at 3/5 floor, Shwegon Plaza, Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Shwegondine Junction, Bahan Township, Yangon (Ph: 01-544824, 558170; Fax: 544199) and at its Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw branches.

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Director-General U Tin Naing Tun of Department of Civil Aviation, Managing Director U Tin Maung Tun of Myanma Airways and Managing Director U Moe Hsan Aung of Air Kanbawza formally launch maiden flight of Air Kanbawza.

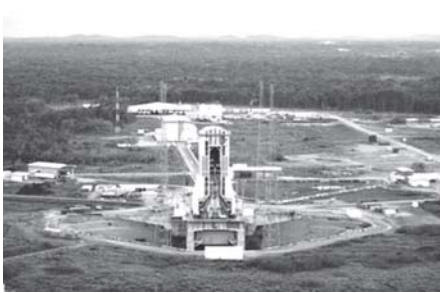
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Science



An aerial view of the Guiana Space Centre and the Soyuz launch complex in Kourou, French Guiana. Europe's space base in Kourou, French Guiana, is now ready for its first launch of the Soyuz rocket, the Soviet-Russian workhorse.—INTERNET

Soyuz launch site in French Guiana ready

PARIS, 2 April—A Soyuz launch facility at the European Space Agency's spaceport in French Guiana is complete and ready for its first mission, ESA officials say. Construction of the Soyuz site began in February 2007 and Russian staff arrived in French Guiana in mid-2008 to assemble the launch table, mobile gantry, fueling systems and test benches, an ESA release reported Friday. Two Soyuz launchers are already on site, having been brought to the spaceport by sea in November 2009. The facility is virtually identical

to Soyuz sites in Russia and Kazakhstan with minor modification to meet European safety regulations, ESA said. The French space agency CNES was the prime contractor for the facility, which the ESA has handed over to Arianespace, which will conduct the actual launches, with the inaugural Soyuz launch expected in the third quarter of 2011. Soyuz launch vehicles have been used to ferry both crews and supplies to the *International Space Station*. *Internet*

Warming threatens Canada's salmon

VANCOUVER, 2 April—Some of British Columbia's famed sockeye salmon may not survive climate warming as temperatures rise in their river migration paths, a study says. Researchers at the University of British Columbia warn the salmon are so sensitive to their environment they appear to suffer "cardiac collapse" when river temperatures increase too much, *Postmedia News* reported Friday.

Biologist Erika Eliason, lead author of the study, said peak summer water temperatures in the Fraser River are already "near lethal" for some sockeye populations. Scientists report between 40 percent and 95 percent of some populations have died on the way to their spawning grounds. Water temperature is critical because salmon cannot regulate their body temperature, Eliason said.

"If a fish is swimming in 6 degree C water (43 degrees F), the fish is 6 degrees C," she says. "If it is swimming in 21 degree C water (70 degrees F), the fish is 21 degrees C." "We think that fish can't swim at hot temperatures because the fish can't provide sufficient oxygen to their swimming muscles," she said. "We think this is because the heart can't pump sufficient blood." *Internet*



Wind turbines are pictured in La Veleta wind park, in Monasterio de Rodillo, near Burgos on 27 March. Wind power became Spain's main source of electricity for the first time ever this month, the power-generating authority REE said. INTERNET



Technology



Google joined in the April Fool's pranks on Friday with the release of a new product called "Gmail Motion" that supposedly lets users send and receive emails using only gestures. INTERNET

New York Public Library invites 500 to overnight scavenger hunt

NEW YORK, 2 April—The New York Public Library, which became the first public library to launch a Foursquare badge this week, is going one step further in mobile innovation by inviting 500 people to compete in a smartphone-based challenge for a library game night. "Find the Future: The Game," devised by

renowned game designer Jane McGonigal, is a series of "quests" delivered via an app on players' mobile devices that can be completed at the Library's 42nd Street location. A group of 500 players will be invited to play the game for the first time at 8 pm on 20 May to tackle a list of 100 overnight challenges.

The challenges are designed to encourage players to explore and reflect upon the objects from the library's collections. A player might be tasked, for instance, to scan a QR code located at the Declaration of Independence, and then respond to a creative essay prompt. Once enough quests have been

completed, they will be "unlocked" for the public, who can begin playing the game online 21 May. "There is something to be said for being in the presence of rare, historic objects," says Caro Llewellyn, producer of the Library's Centennial celebration. "Wikipedia and Google are fantastic, but to see objects like these in the flesh has enormous power and can truly inspire creativity." To sign up to become one of the first 500 participants, interested parties are asked to go to nypl.org/game to complete a "top secret" quest for entry. Judges will invite the authors of the 500 most "innovative and creative" entries to the event. *Internet*

Hackers infect websites to dupe Internet users

SAN FRANCISCO, 2 April—Computer security firm Websense on Friday was warning that hackers have infected a huge number of websites with malicious code crafted to dupe Internet users. Hundreds of thousands of legitimate websites have been

boobytrapped to redirect visitors to "lizamoon" addresses where they are greeted with bogus warnings that their computers have been compromised, according to Websense. The ruse is designed to frighten people into downloading and installing fake anti-virus

software, referred to as "scare-ware," portrayed as a Windows Security Centre. People who fall for the ploy, perhaps even paying for downloads, are actually installing malicious software that hackers can use to their advantage. *Internet*



Computer user clicking a mouse. Computer security firm Websense on Friday was warning that hackers have infected a huge number of websites with malicious code crafted to dupe Internet users.—INTERNET

Cambodia holds Int'l expo on architecture, construction

PHNOM PENH, 2 April—A three-day world expo on architecture and construction kicked off here on Friday as the country's construction sector has been showing a sign of recovery after two-year slump.

The event has brought together 40 exhibitors from Japan, China, Italy, Singapore, Malaysia and Vietnam, said Le Thanh Tam, CEO of International Digital Group to ASEAN, which is the organizer. "Those companies are manufacturers of construction materials and equipment, and architecture firms," he said, adding "this event is very important for suppliers and developers to meet for business cooperation."

Im Chhun Lim, minister of land management, urban planning and construction, said that during opening the expo that the event was held coincided with the recovery of the country's construction after the impact from the global financial crisis in 2008. "Within

the first two months of this year, the ministry has observed that the number of developers applied for construction licenses has increased 50 percent, especially mega-projects, if compared to the same period last year," he said. "This demonstrated the gradual recovery of the sector after it was hard-hit by the crisis since 2008," he said. One of the exhibitors is the Guangdong Kin Long Hardware Products from China. "We have observed that the construction sector in Cambodia has grown very fast in recent years," Sandy Lee, regional sales manager of Kin Long to South Asia, told *Xinhua*, adding "the fast growth can be a good opportunity for our company to expand our presence here." The company specialized in manufacturing all types of construction materials, so far, it has 30 branches throughout Asia, Middle East, and Europe, he added.

MNA/Xinhua



A woman on a escalator looks at a 24k gold-plated Infiniti sports car on display at a jewelry store in Nanjing in east China's Jiangsu province, on Friday, 1 April, 2011. It took five artisans over four months to plate gold on the Infiniti car, according to Xinhua reports.

INTERNET

Kumho to recall 300,000 faulty tires in China from 15 April

BEIJING, 2 April—Kumho Tires of the Republic of Korea said on Saturday that the company will recall more than 300,000 substandard tires beginning April 15. The recalled products were made between 2008 and 2011.

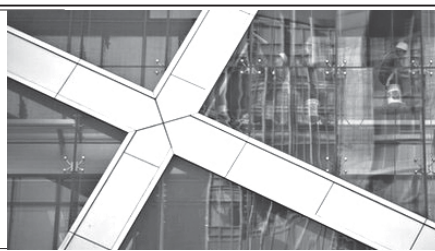
Kumho, one of the largest tire manufacturers in China, used excessive amounts of recycled tires as raw material in its manufacturing facility in the northern municipality of Tianjin, China's state television CCTV reported in mid-March, saying that these tires could rupture.

Lee Han-seop, head of Kumho's China subsidiary, publicly apologized to Chinese consumers on a CCTV programme on 21 March.

Internet

Construction workers clean the windows on a newly build office building in downtown Beijing, 2 April, 2011.

INTERNET



Kumho Asiana Group's main office building is seen in Seoul 29 June, 2009.

INTERNET

Indonesia foreign tourist arrivals up 8% in February

JAKARTA, 2 April—The number of foreign holidaymakers coming into Indonesia in February rose by 8.59 percent to 568,100 people year on year, the National Statistics Bureau announced here on Friday.

The number of foreign visitors visiting Bali, the center of country's tourist industry, increased by 5.28 percent to 201,500 year on year, head of the bureau Rusman Heriawan said.

The catastrophe in Japan decreased Japanese tourists visiting Indonesia by 7.45 percent, he said.

But he said it would not significantly affect the target of 7.7 million foreign tourists in 2011.—MNA/Xinhua

US employment jumps in March

BEIJING, 2 April—US employment grew solidly for a second month in March, and the jobless rate hit a two-year low of 8.8 percent.

The figure underscores a decisive shift in the labour market that should help to underpin the recovery. Nonfarm payrolls rose 216-thousand in March, the largest increase since last May.

But the data is likely not strong enough to push the Federal Reserve off its ultra-easy monetary policy course. Another report shows factory activity grew strongly last month, although it backed off a nearly 7-year high hit in February.

It was still the 20th straight month of expansion. President Barack Obama says the positive jobs report means the U.S. economy is showing real strength. But analysts caution against too much optimism. The economy has recovered only a fraction of the more than 8 million jobs lost in the recession.

Barack Obama, US President, said, Nearly two years after one of the worst recessions in our history — certainly the worst one in our lifetimes — our economy is showing signs of real strength.—Xinhua

China develops first radiation detecting robot

BEIJING, 2 April—China has developed its first remote-controlled robots capable of detecting radiation and harmful chemicals in special circumstances.

Measuring 88 cm and weighing 30 kg, the robot is capable of climbing up slopes with an inclination of up to 60 degrees, going down stairs, wading through water, and taking sharp turns.

Prof Song Aiguo of Southeast University, said, "This robot is capable of detecting radiation and chemicals in complicated circumstances."

The arm can pick up small civil radioactive sources and put them into its lead box. When it has spotted a nuclear reactor with a radiation leak, it can picture the map of the radioactive sources and measure the radiation volume. And all the information can be transmitted to the operator in real time.

With four "eyes", it can detect the situation one kilometre away from it.

Song Aiguo, Dean of the School of Instrument Science and Engineering of Southeast University in Nanjing, in eastern China's Jiangsu Province, also stated, that the robot is the fifth generation of such robots developed by the university.

The programme started in 2007, and the robots were used by the anti-terrorism units in the 2008 Beijing Olympics and 2010 Shanghai Expo.—Internet



Smoke rises from a fire raging at a gasoline component storage tank in Pertamina's Cilacap refinery in Central Java province 2 April, 2011.

Indonesia's state energy firm Pertamina's spokesman Mochamad Harun said Saturday there were no casualties in the incident, and production at the 230,000 barrels per day Cilacap refinery has not been affected.—INTERNET

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Ring 'ripples' in Saturn and Jupiter linked to comets



Alternating light and dark bands in Saturn's C ring captured by the Cassini spacecraft in 2009. — INTERNET

LONDON, 2 April—Scientists say that strange ripples observed in the ring systems of Saturn and Jupiter were caused by comets. The ripples, which the researchers say resemble the undulations of corru-

gated metal, were detected in both Saturn's rings and in Jupiter's lesser-known rings. The ripples in Jupiter's rings are believed to have been caused by the comet Shoemaker-Levy 9, which struck the planet in 1994. Details are published in two separate papers in the journal *Science*. The researchers analysed images of Jupiter's rings taken by the Galileo spacecraft in 1996 and 2000 and by the New Horizons probe in 2007. They also looked at images of Saturn's rings taken by the Cassini spacecraft during 2009. —Internet

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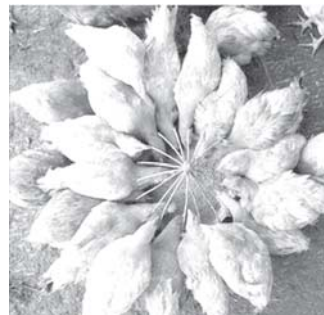
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Chicken feathers suggested as basis for plastics

NEW YORK, 2 April — The millions of tonnes of chicken feathers discarded each year could be used in plastics, researchers say. A study reported at the American Chemical Society meeting in



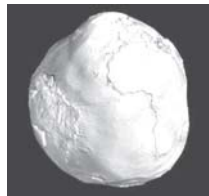
Estimates suggest that more than a billion kilos of feathers produced each year in the US alone.—INTERNET

the US suggests feathers could lead to more environment-friendly, lighter plastics. The chemical recipe requires significantly less petroleum-derived material. However, tests on a grander scale will be necessary to establish the idea's industrial feasibility.

Such "biowaste" materials have been proposed as components of plastic formulations before. Feathers, like hair and fingernails, are made up principally of the tough and chemically stable protein keratin, and can lend strength while reducing weight in the mixtures of plastics chemicals known as composites. Researchers at the US agricultural authority have even published research into the possibility of incorporating chicken feathers into plastics, as an additive in composites that are made largely of a chemical polymer.—Internet

Gravity satellite yields 'Potato Earth' view

MUNICH, 2 April — It looks like a giant potato in space. And yet, the information in this model is the sharpest view we have of how gravity varies across the Earth. The globe has been released by the team working on Europe's Goce satellite. It is a highly exaggerated rendering, but it neatly illustrates how the tug we feel from the mass of rock under our feet is not the same in every location. Gravity is strongest in yellow areas; it is weakest in blue ones.



Gravity is strongest in yellow areas; it is weakest in blue ones. —INTERNET

Scientists say the data gathered by the super-sleek space probe is bringing a step change in our understanding of the force that

pulls us downwards and the way it is shaping some key processes on Earth. Chief among these new insights is a clearer view of how the oceans are moving and how they redistribute the heat from the Sun around the world - information that is paramount to climate studies.—Internet

Bronx Zoo's missing Egyptian cobra found

NEW YORK, 2 April — The Bronx Zoo's missing deadly Egyptian cobra has been found "alive and well". The 20in (50cm) venomous snake was discovered in the zoo's reptile house on Thursday morning, nearly a week after it escaped. Officials say the cobra was coiled in a dark corner of the reptile house and that it is



The Bronx Zoo's Egyptian cobra was found coiled in a dark corner of the reptile house.— INTERNET

in good health. The zoo's reptile house has been closed since the snake went missing last Friday but officials say they hope to reopen it soon. "When we are certain that the snake is in good condition, we will reopen the Reptile House and plan to have the animal on exhibit," a statement by the zoo said. The zoo spread the good news via Twitter, saying: "FOUND! Bronx Zoo cobra found alive & well in Reptile House in non-public area. The key was patience."

Zoo officials had earlier said they were confident the adolescent Egyptian cobra was hiding in a non-public area of the Reptile House but conceded that finding it would be difficult. In the days that it was missing, the snake became something of a celebrity, gaining hundreds of thousands of followers on a Twitter account set up in its name.— Internet



Migraines cause throbbing pain.— INTERNET

Migraine heart link in children

LONDON, 2 April — Children who see flashing lights during a migraine have twice the normal likelihood of having a hole-in-the-heart, a study suggests. US doctors examined 109 children over six who were migraine sufferers. About half of those with a type of migraine accompanied by a visual disturbance called an aura had the heart defect, the *Journal of Pediatrics* reports. The British Heart Foundation called for further research into the link.

Amy Thompson, senior cardiac nurse at the British Heart Foundation, said: "There could be a number of explanations for this link so further research needs to be carried out before we draw any firm conclusions. —Internet

No expert birth help for millions

LONDON, 2 April — Of women giving birth each year, 48 million — or one in three — do so without expert help, a report from UK charity Save the Children estimates. If the global shortage of 350,000 midwives was met, more than 1m babies could be saved every year, it said. It said 1,000 women and 2,000 babies were dying every day from easily preventable birth complications. The charity urged world leaders to show the political will to improve access to midwives and healthcare globally.

Save the Children, which is launching a campaign for more midwives, said more babies in poorer countries died from lack of oxygen at birth than from malaria.—Internet

375-pound shark leaps into Texas fisherman's boat

It's the catch of a lifetime, but it's not clear whether a Texas fisherman landed an 8-foot shark or it landed him.

Jason Kresse, 29, of Freeport, and two crew members had



In this photo provided March 29, 2011, by Jason Kresse shows Kresse with a 375-pound, 8-foot long mako shark at a dock in Freeport, Texas. The shark leapt into his boat while he and two others were fishing for red snapper in the Gulf of Mexico, he says.

been fishing for red snapper about 80 kilometres into the Gulf of Mexico and were dumping fish guts into the water about 3:45 a.m. Monday when they heard two big splashes in the distance.

"All of a sudden something hit the side of the boat," Kresse told *The Associated Press*. "He ends up landing on the back of the boat."

The mako shark had apparently been in a rush to feed. It began thrashing around, and Kresse said he and his crew couldn't get close to the 375-pound fish to toss it back in the water. It damaged the boat before dying several hours later.

Kresse, who has been fishing since he was a child, said the unplanned catch was a shock. Just unloading it was a challenge because it was so heavy.



A baby pygmy hippopotamus (R) plays with its mother at the Zoo of Taipei in Taipei, southeast China's Taipei, on 29 March, 2011.

Baker jailed after 'rat bread' plot crumbles

A South Korean court Tuesday passed an 18-month prison term on a baker who posted a doctored photo of a loaf containing a dead rat in an attempt to taint the reputation of a rival shop.

The 35-year-old baker, using an alias, had claimed on a popular website that he found the rodent in a loaf that he bought from a leading bakery franchise just before last Christmas.

Kim, who owned a branch of another bakery franchise at Pyeongtaek, 70 kilometres (45 miles) south of Seoul, admitted he fabricated the case to hurt his rival store's reputation and boost business at his own shop.

"A heavy sentence is unavoidable for the defendant because he had intentionally planned the crime, causing losses to the rival bakery's business and spreading distrust about food safety among the public," the Seoul Central District Court said in a ruling quoted by *Yonhap* news agency.

German girl finds boa in toilet

A seven-year-old girl in Germany got more than she bargained for when she opened the toilet seat to find an escaped boa constrictor staring back at her, police said Monday.

The girl ran to her mother after her discovery on Saturday at their home in Hanover, northern Germany. The 39-year-old called the police, who took photos and alerted the animal rescue department of the fire brigade.



A boa constrictor in captivity at a zoo.

"But before the snake could be captured, it disappeared down the sewage pipe. A search proved fruitless," police said, adding that the reptile was likely an escaped pet.



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News Album



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INTERNET

Travolta to play mafia big Gotti

NEW YORK, 2 April—John Travolta is set to play the late head of New York's infamous Gambino crime family, John Gotti Sr, the *Hollywood Reporter* said Friday.

"Gotti: Three Generations" will require the Hollywood star to channel both his murderous "Pulp Fiction" persona and a bit of "Saturday Night Fever" flash as he embodies a mobster who mixed ruthlessness with sartorial style.

The so-called "Dapper Don" died in prison in 2002 after a lengthy and bloody career at the head of one of New York's big Italian crime families.

His son, John Gotti Jr, allegedly took over but proved even better than his father at slipping away from prosecutors, escaping conviction in no less than four racketeering trials.—*Internet*

Colombian singer Shakira is greeted by students the Elie Dubois School on 31 March, 2011 in the Haitian capital, Port-au-Prince.

INTERNET



Shakira donates \$400,000 to rebuild Haiti school

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 2 April—Colombian pop star Shakira has donated \$400,000 to rebuild a school that was severely damaged in the January 2010 quake that leveled much of the Haitian capital.

The singer signed an agreement with the Inter-American Development Bank, which will match

her contribution to rebuild the Elie Dubois school, one of the island's oldest, built in the early 20th century.

"I am delighted to have the opportunity to help you make your dream come true," Shakira told about a hundred students and nuns from the school, speaking in French.



A view of Berlin's German Historical Museum (Deutsches Historisches Museum). A new exhibition opened at the museum Friday showing for the first time how enthusiastically the German police under the Nazis supported Hitler and became willing perpetrators of his crimes.

INTERNET

Hitler's willing helpers, the police

BERLIN, 2 April—A new exhibition opened in Berlin Friday showing for the first time how enthusiastically the German police under the Nazis supported Hitler and became willing perpetrators of his crimes.

"Order and Annihilation" at the German Historical Museum also shows how for the most part, members of the police went unpunished after 1945, particularly in democratic West Germany.

It helps to shatter a popular myth that until relatively recently was widespread, including among the country's modern force, that it was just the Gestapo secret police who got blood on their hands, organizers said.

"Many people, well into the 1990s, thought the police was the only institution that was 'clean', spending their time directing traffic," said Wolfgang Schulte from the German Police University, which contributed to the exhibition.

In fact, ordinary policemen — and a few policewomen — helped the Nazi dictator brutally crush his political opponents in his rise to total power.

They also played a decisive role in the persecution, rounding up and mass murder of Jews and other "undesirables" both inside Germany and in Nazi-occupied Eastern Europe.

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S P O R T S

West Ham United 2-4 Manchester United

LONDON, 2 April—Manchester United came from two down at the break to beat West Ham United.

The Hammers took the lead in the 10th minute when a long ball from Thomas Hitzlsperger cleared the entire defence to put Carlton Cole clean through.

As the striker tried to flick the ball over Patrice Evra, the defender handled and Mark Noble sent Tomasz Kuszczak the wrong way from the spot.

The home side were awarded a second penalty on 24 minutes when Nemanja Vidic tripped Cole on the edge of the area. Referee Lee Mason ruled the offence was just inside the area and Noble blasted his second spot-kick into the roof of the net.

Wayne Rooney gave United a lifeline on 64 minutes, curling home a sublime 20-yard free-kick. Eight minutes later he brought the Barclays Premier League leaders level, controlling neatly before firing into the bottom left corner for his 100th Premier League goal.

And the England striker completed his fourth Premier League hat-trick from the penalty spot 11 minutes from time after Matthew Upson had been penalised for handball. Four minutes later Javier Hernandez slotted home from close range to seal the points and complete a remarkable comeback.

Internet



Wayne Rooney, pictured at half-time, scored a hat-trick as Manchester United beat West Ham 4-2 in their Premier League clash at Upton Park
INTERNET

Stoke City 1-1 Chelsea



Didier Drogba scores the first goal for Chelsea
INTERNET

LONDON, 2 April—Chelsea dropped two points in the race for the Barclays Premier League title as they drew with Stoke City.

Chelsea's Barclays Premier League title defence foundered at the Britannia Stadium where they were given an extensive examination by a Stoke side who were more than worthy of their 1-1 draw.

Jon Walters put the hosts ahead with an eighth-minute breakaway goal only for Didier Drogba to head an equaliser just past the half-hour.

The action became more frenetic in the second half with the Potters hitting the woodwork twice and forcing several good saves from Petr Cech while Drogba was also denied by the crossbar late on.—*Internet*

West Bromwich Albion 2-1 Liverpool

LONDON, 2 April—West Bromwich Albion won the battle of Liverpool managers past and present at the Hawthorns.

Chris Brunt's second-half penalty double gave West Brom all three points.

Current Reds manager Kenny Dalglish saw Martin Skrtel head his side in front five minutes into the second half. But his predecessor Roy Hodgson was indebted to Brunt initially levelling matters from the spot and scoring the 88th minute winner.—*Internet*



West Bromwich Albion's Jerome Thomas keeps an eye on Liverpool's Dirk Kuyt
INTERNET

Guardiola believes his Barca days are numbered

ROME, 2 April—Barcelona's Josep Guardiola said Friday he believes his days as coach of the Catalan giants are numbered. Guardiola, who has coached the Spanish club since 2008, told Italian television Rai Sports: "I feel good here but I believe my time at Barcelona is ending." "I've already done three years, one more will be four years. And in four years a big club needs a lot of courage to keep the same coach. Everyone should know when it's the right time to go, as I always heard when I was a player," said the 40-year-old.

Guardiola extended his contract with Barcelona by a season in February with his new deal expiring in June 2012. He lead the Spanish club to



FC Barcelona's coach Josep Guardiola

two league titles in 2009 and 2010, and the Champions League in 2009. They are currently leading the league by five points on Real Madrid. Guardiola was speaking as part of the centenary celebrations for Italian club Brescia where he played in the early 2000s.—*Internet*

German league game abandoned after official hit

BERLIN, 2 April—Friday's German Bundesliga game between St Pauli and Schalke 04 was abandoned one minute from time after a linesman was hit in the back by a plastic cup full of beer thrown from one of the stands. Schalke 04 had been leading 2-0 against nine-man St Pauli after 89 minutes, when assistant referee Thorsten Schiffner came in the line of fire. He fell to the ground before quickly getting up uninjured and after consultation with the match referee it was decided to send the players off the pitch and halt proceedings.—*Internet*

Djokovic to face Nadal in Miami final

MIAMI, 2 April—Novak Djokovic's remarkable run continued as he steamed into the final of the ATP's Miami Masters 1000, where he will face world number one Rafael Nadal. Djokovic reached his fourth final in as many tournaments this year with a 6-3, 6-1 victory over American Mardy Fish on Friday.

Nadal, meanwhile, notched a convincing 6-3,



Novak Djokovic, of Serbia

6-2 victory over 16-time Grand Slam champion Roger Federer, now ranked third in the world.

Internet

Lewis extends lead in hot round at Kraft Nabisco

RANCHO MIRAGE, 2 April—In the three years since Stacy Lewis lost a third-round lead at the US Women's Open in her first pro tournament, she traveled the globe, opened her mind and thoroughly revamped her game. A few bad iron shots and a little desert heat just

aren't such challenges any more. Lewis persevered through more triple-digit temperatures to shoot a 3-under 69 at the Kraft Nabisco Championship on Friday, opening a three-stroke lead over Yani Tseng, Brittany Lincicome and Jane Park.

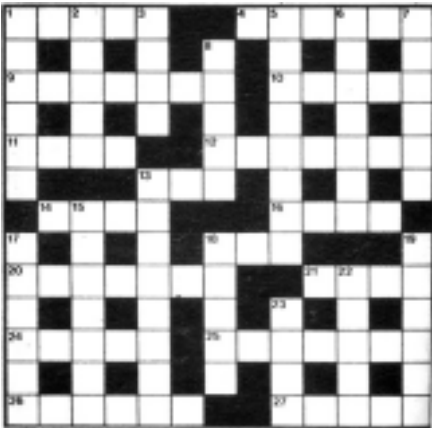
Michelle Wie shot a 67, matching the day's best round and closing within six shots in contention for her first major title. Tseng, the defending champion and the world's top-ranked player, shot a 68, while first-round co-leader Lincicome mustered a 72 to stay one stroke ahead of Morgan Pressel and Amy Yang.

Internet



Stacy Lewis

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



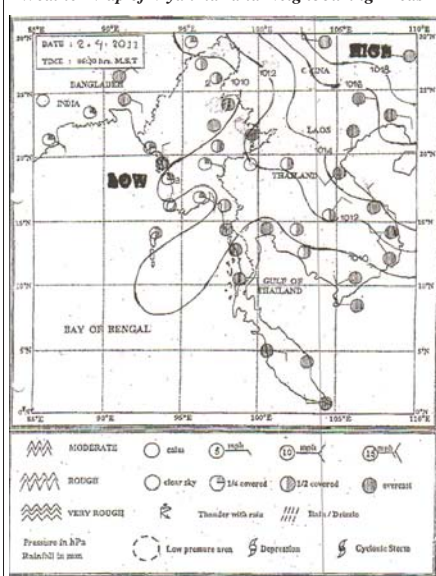
ACROSS

- 1 Effervescent
- 4 French Channel port
- 9 Pedigree
- 10 Solitary
- 11 Outstanding facial feature
- 12 Put in order
- 13 Spanish grandee
- 14 Festival
- 16 Neat
- 18 Purchase
- 20 Generally liked
- 21 Sustain
- 24 Giver
- 25 V-shaped stripe
- 26 Swift
- 27 Curt

DOWN

- 1 Catlike
- 2 Districts
- 3 Twelve months
- 5 Briskness
- 6 Decorated
- 7 Nordic country
- 8 Started
- 13 Announced
- 15 Cost
- 17 Card suit
- 18 Pair
- 19 Copper and tin alloy
- 22 Mistake
- 23 Dissolve

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 2nd April, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Magway Region, Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States, isolated in Sagaing, Mandalay and Bago Regions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below April average temperatures in Upper Sagaing, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Taninthayi Regions, Shan and Chin States, (5°C) below April average temperatures in Bago Region and Kayah State and about April average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperature was Chauk (38°C), Minbu, Aunglan and Theinzayat (37°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded was PyinOoLwin (0.28).

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 1-4-2011 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 2-4-2011 was 71°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 2-4-2011 was (64%). Rainfall on 2-4-2011 was (Nil).

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)

Maximum temperature on 2-4-2011 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 2-4-2011 was 70°F. Relative

humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 2-4-2011 was (77%). Rainfall on 2-4-2011 was (Nil).

Rainfall on 2-4-2011 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was 4.25 inches at Mingaladon, (6.89) inches at Kaba-Aye and (1.38) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (4) mph from Southeast at (09:30) hours MST on 2-4-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 3rd April 2011: Weather will be partly cloudy in Bago, Yangon and Ayayawady Regions and rain or thundershowers as likely to be isolated in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Slight increase of day temperatures in the Central Myanmar Areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 3-4-2011: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 3-4-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 3-4-2011: Possibility isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

WFP reports 5 m hunger population in Horn of Africa

NAIROBI, 2 April —The UN World Food Programme (WFP) said on Saturday the drought, high food and fuel prices and conflict are driving over 5 million people into hunger in the Horn of Africa.

WFP Executive Director Josett Sheeran said in Nairobi that the number of hungry people in the Horn of Africa is growing and WFP aims to assist 5.2 million people as drought, rising food and fuel prices and conflict take their toll. "I am very pleased that in areas of abundance in the region farmers are selling their produce to WFP so that it can be used to help the poorest in drought-stricken areas," Sheeran said in a statement issued in Nairobi.

She said in 2010 WFP bought food worth a total of 139 million US dollars in Kenya, Uganda and Ethiopia.

She said more and more people need help in the Horn and we're now on high alert over the impact of the March to May long rains.

The drought began with the failure of the October to December short rains last year in eastern parts of the Horn of Africa, pushing an additional 1.4 million people into hunger.—*Internet*



Millions of people are being pushed closer to destitution by factors beyond their control.

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MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(3-4-2011) (Sunday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am-11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	(3-4-11 09:30 am - 4-4-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening Buddha's Life Story
- * News
- * Delta Tour
- * News
- * The Home of Colourful Sweaters
- * News
- * Paragu Shantinketan Library
- * News
- * Myanma Traditional Festival in the Month of Tabodwe

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- * News
- * "Me N My Travel (Naungcho)"
- * Myanma Traditional String Puppetry
- * News
- * Me N My Travel with Maria "Night Market of Pyay"
- * News
- * Record Album (Mya Thaye Chal)
- * News
- * Truly Magical Pindaya
- * Myanmar Movie "Guilt over love"



Sunday,
3 April
View on today

- 7:00 am
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun 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
- 7:55 am
7. (38) Phyar Mingalars
- 8:10 am
8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 8:20 am
9. "Teleplay" (Health)
- 8:30 am
10. Musical Programme
- 8:40 am
11. International News
- 8:45 am
11. Dance of Thin Gyan Festival
- 11:00 am
1. Martial Song
- 11:10 am
2. Dance Of Thin Gyan Festival

- 11:20 am
3. Round Up of the Week's International News
- 11:30 am
4. TV Drama Series
- 12:30 pm
5. Golf Magazine(TV)
- 12:50 pm
6. Myanmar Movies
- 2:50 pm
7. International News
- 3:45 pm
1. Myanmar National League MNL Grand Royal 2011 (Live) (Southern Myanmar FC Vs Zwegapin United FC)
- 5:45 pm
2. Dance Of Thin Gyan Festival
- 6:00 pm
3. Evening News

- 6:15 pm
4. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm
5. Cartoon Series
- 6:40 pm
6. Tamyethnar Takwestsar
- 7:00 pm
7. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm
8. News
9. International News
10. Weather Report
11. Cartoon Series
12. TV Drama Series
13. Yinhlainkhatthan Taythihan (Song Competition)
14. Mytta Pawana by Mingun Sayadaw

- ★ 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

Literary awards contributing factor for development of literary world, food for literary enjoyment

Fifth Tun Foundation Literary Award ceremony (2010) held

YANGON, 2 April—The fifth Tun Foundation Literary Award ceremony (2010) was held at the building of Myanmar Banks Association on new Sibin Street, Yankin Township here at 3 pm today. Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan and Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe attended the ceremony and awarded prizes.

Also present were Minister for Culture and Religious Affairs of Yangon Region Daw San San Nwe, departmental heads, chairmen and executive members of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, Myanmar Thabin Asiayon and Myanmar Printers and Publishers Association, the president of Tun Foundation Bank, members of literary award committee, selection committee, Sayawun Tin Shwe literary award committee and Thuta Swesone award committee and guests.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister U Kyaw Hsan said it is found that the literary awards to be presented by Tun Foundation Literary Committee are of various genres such as economy, health, environmental conservation and culture. Now, the tasks for the wellbeing of the people promised by the new government that emerged in accord with the constitution have been mentioned in the President's speeches. It is also found that the literary awards are presented for books on banking procedures and laws and monetary matters that the people should know at a time when Myanmar is practising market economy. In this age of



Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe greet attendees at Fifth Tun Foundation Literary Award ceremony (2010).—MNA
globalization, it is especially necessary to promote Myanmar traditional Chinlon related to culture to expose such a game of Myanmar traditional Chinlon
the national character and culture. Moreover, an award has been chosen for the book on facts about
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