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## President U Thein Sein, wife Daw Khin Khin Win receive red carpet welcome in New Delhi

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct—A ceremony to welcome President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win who were on a goodwill visit in New Delhi of India by President of the Republic of India Mrs Pratibha Devisingh Patil was held at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi at 9 am yesterday.

President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win received warm welcome by the Indian President on their arrival at Rashtrapati Bhavan in a motorcade.

Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh warmly welcomed President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win. The Guard of Honour gave a 21-gun salute.

President U Thein Sein, wife Daw Khin Khin Win, Indian President Mrs Pratibha Devisingh Patil and Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh had documentary photo taken.

After taking position on dais, President U Thein Sein took salute of the Guard of Honour. The State Band played national anthems of the two countries.

President U Thein Sein inspected the Guard of Honour.

The Indian President introduced the Indian Prime Minister, ministers, deputy ministers and high-level officials at the ceremony to President U Thein Sein who then introduced his entourage to the Indian counterpart.

President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win were accompanied by Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win of the Office of Commander-in-Chief, Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanma Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung, Union Minister for Industry-1 and for Industry-2 U Soe Thein, Union Minister for Electric Power No (1) U Zaw Min, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development and for Livestock and Fisheries U Tin Naing Thein, Union Minister for Transport

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President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win being warmly welcomed by Indian President Mrs Pratibha Devisingh Patil at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.—MNA

## President of Republic of India hosts dinner to President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win



President U Thein Sein delivers an address at dinner at Banquet Hall.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct—Mrs Pratibha Devisingh Patil, President of the Republic of India, hosted a dinner in honour of President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win at Presidential Palace in New Delhi yesterday.

Before the dinner, the Indian President greeted the Myanmar President and wife at the North Drawing Room of the palace. Also present on the occasion were Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanma Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Electric Power No (1) U Zaw Min, Myanmar Ambassador to India U Zin Yaw, Indian ministers, governmental officials and the Indian Ambassador to Myanmar.

At Asoka Hall, after the State Band had played national anthems of the two countries, Prime Minister of India Dr Manmohan Singh and wife, ministers, the Indian Ambassador to Myanmar and wife and senior officials greeted

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## PERSPECTIVES

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### Emphasize Food for All

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations designated the 16<sup>th</sup> of October as the World Food Day with the aim of ensuring sufficiency of food which is basic need for the world people and food supply.

Myanmar, being a member of the FAO, has been holding the ceremony to mark the World Food Day annually. Today, all global people are facing challenge of daily food sufficiency. The WHO Summit 1996 decided to strive for reducing the number of undernourished people to half their present level no later than 2015.

Poor health, short life expectancy, decline of work capability and decrease of ability to learn which are consequences of starvation may harm not only present life but also next generations.

The FAO estimated that food production is to be increased by 70 per cent more for nine billion population of the world in 2050. Therefore, the duty of food production falls on the one-third of the world population or 2.5 billion farmers and families.

There are over 22 million hectares of total sown acreage in Myanmar. Of them, eight hectares of sown acreage is put under paddy which is staple food in the nation. Paddy is supplied for local food sufficiency, and surplus food is contributed to fulfil the food demand of the world. Moreover, maize, beans and pulses, edible oil crops and kitchen crops are being produced for fully supplying local consumption.

Meat and fish sector, playing a key role in food production of the nation, hit 7.6 per cent of GDP. Emphasis is being placed on breeding of quality pedigrees and development of livestock breeding technology in the livestock and fishery sector.

Thus, Myanmar blessed with natural resources will enjoy food surplus, relying on concerted efforts of the people and production of food.

### Performing Arts Competitions live on MRTV, MI, MRTV-4, Skynet

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct—The 18<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions, which is the fifth time in Nay Pyi Taw, commenced today.

The competitions will be held nine days up to 23 October at the Yezin University of Agriculture. The prize presentation ceremony will take place at the Myanmar International Convention Centre, here, on 25 October.

MRTV, Myanmar International Channel, MRTV-4 and Skynet TV channel will broadcast live on participation of the contestants regions and states in the song, dancing, song composing, music, drama, religious story narration (Kwetsaik), theatrical drama and marionette contests daily for the people across the country.

Moreover, the holding of drama contest on birth of embryo Buddha and drama contest on Power of Youth will be broadcast live through MRTV-4 and Skynet TV channels at 7 pm daily beginning 16 October.—MNA

## President U Thein Sein receives Indian External Affairs Minister



*President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein cordially greets Indian Minister of External Affairs Shri S M Krishna.*  
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NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein yesterday received Minister of External Affairs Shri S M Krishna at ITC Maurya Hotel in New Delhi.

Also present at the call together with the President were Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win of Office of the Commander-in-Chief, Union Minister for Foreign

Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Electric Power No (1) U Zaw Min, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Myanmar Ambassador to India U Zin Yaw and high-level officials.

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### Coordination Committee of JDS Scholarship meets

*The first meeting of coordination committee of Japan Human Resources Development Scholarship (JDS) in progress at Yangon University of Foreign Languages.—MNA*



NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct—The first meeting of coordination committee of Japan Human Resources Development Scholarship (JDS) was held at Yangon University of Foreign Languages yesterday.

The meeting was attended by Japanese Minister-Counsellor to Myanmar Mr Ichiro Maruyama, committee members directors-general, and Chief Representative Officer Mr Masahiko Tanaka and officials of Japan International Cooperation Agency Myanmar Office.

Deputy Minister for Education U Ba Shwe made an opening speech at the meeting. Mr Ichiro Maruyama extended greetings. Country Officer Mr Tomoyuki Nishizawa of Japan International Cooperation Agency explained matters related to the scholarship.

Director-General of Education Planning and Training Department U Bo Win and officials participated in discussions. The deputy minister made supplementary discussions.

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### Sedona Hotel (Yangon) secures World Travel Award for fourth time

YANGON, 15 Oct—Sedona Hotel (Yangon) was presented World Travel Award for the fourth consecutive time on 28 September 2011.

The award was recommended by 167,000 tourism agencies across the world. The World Travel Award given by Wall Street Journal is equally evaluated as Oscar Award of movies.

Sedona International Hotel is under the management of Keppel Land Co and it is one of the hotels based in Singapore. Group of Sedona Hotels was established in 1994 and it is emphasizing management for over 1200 hotel rooms in Indonesia, Singapore, Vietnam and Myanmar.

MNA

## US drone attack kills four militants in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 15 Oct— At least four suspected militants were killed and seven others were injured in a US drone strike on Saturday morning in Pakistan's northwestern tribal region bordering Afghanistan, local media reported.

According to local Urdu TV Dawn News, the US pilotless plane fired four missiles at a suspected compound belonging to militants in Bermal area of

South Waziristan, one of Pakistan's northwestern tribal regions bordering Afghanistan.

Local people told media that the two drones strike the house at 02:30 am (local time) in the Baghareecha area of Sub-district Bermal.

The identities of the killed or injured people were no immediately known. It is the fourth US drone strike in Pakistan's Waziristan tribal region in

last three days. On Friday, the drone fired hit a house and vehicle at the Darpakhel area of the North Waziristan and killed four suspected militants.

On Thursday, US spy planes carried out two strikes in North and South Waziristan and had reportedly killed 7 suspected militants including a commander of the Haqqani network.

Xinhua



People gather at the scene of a car bomb attack in a town just outside Hillah, about 60 miles (95 kilometres) south of Baghdad, Iraq recently.

INTERNET

An Afghan police officer, left, looks at a police vehicle damaged in a suicide attack in Lashkar Gah, Helmand Province, Afghanistan recently.

INTERNET



## Arrested plane passenger distraught over dying brother

DENVER, 15 Oct— An airplane passenger accused of a drunken rage that forced the diversion of an American Airlines jet said on Friday that he was drinking because he was distraught about his dying brother.

Varoujan Khodjamirian, 43, arrested on Thursday night when the plane landed safely in Denver, appeared the following day in federal court on a charge of interfering with a commercial flight crew.

consumed several alcoholic drinks and became loud and disruptive about 90 minutes after takeoff on a flight from New York to Los Angeles, as he started to kick the seats in front of him.

A US Attorney's Office spokesman said there was no evidence to suggest Khodjamirian, a Long Island resident of Ukrainian descent, was a terrorist.

An FBI arrest affidavit said Khodjamirian had

According to the affidavit, flight attendants tried to calm Khodjamirian down, then moved him to the rear of the plane, but he struck one attendant in the face and began yelling threats.

Reuters

## Six gunned down outside Honduras airport

SAN PEDRO SULA, 15 Oct—Police in Honduras said six men were shot dead as they left an airport in the northern part of the country, which has one of the world's highest homicide rates. The incident took place on Friday, at the exit for the carpark at the airport in San Pedro Sula, which is located 240 kilometres (150 miles) north of the capital Tegucigalpa.

On Thursday, the Violence Observatory at the National Autonomous University of Honduras released a study indicating that the small Central American country of eight million was on course to break world records with its murder rate. Honduras will reach 86 murders per 100,000 inhabitants by the end of this year, according to the observatory's coordinator Migdonia Ayestas. Honduras leads 207 countries with its murder rate this year, according to a UN study that estimated it at 82.1 deaths per 100,000 people. It is followed in the region by El Salvador (66) and Guatemala (41.4).—Xinhua

## Encephalitis claims six more lives, death toll 438 in india

GORAKHPUR, 15 Oct— With six more persons succumbing to encephalitis, the death toll in the viral disease in eastern Uttar Pradesh has climbed to 438 this year, health officials said on Friday. At present, 261, people suffering from encephalitis are undergoing treatment at the BRD Medical College here besides in some other district hospitals.

The six deaths have been reported in the last two days, the officials said. More than 2600 patients were admitted to government hospitals in the region this year of which 438 have died, they said. The majority of patients are suffering from water-borne entero-virus encephalitis while the cases of Japanese Encephalitis are about 10 per cent of the total encephalitis patients admitted this year to government hospitals.—MNA/PTI

Police officers investigate at the site of a car explosion in Sofia, on 14 Oct, 2011. A makeshift bomb has exploded under the car of a popular Bulgarian journalist, causing damage but no injuries.

INTERNET



People inspect a damaged car at the scene of a bomb attack in Baghdad, Iraq, on 14 Oct, 2011. Two explosions on Thursday night in Sadr City neighbourhood killed and wounded scores of people, police said.—INTERNET

## First suicide bombing in north Afghan province

KABUL, 15 Oct—Suicide bombers struck inside Afghanistan's fiercely anti-Taliban Panjshir valley on Saturday, the first time in a decade of war that the militants have managed to use their trademark tactic in the normally peaceful northern Province.

Four bombers targeted the Provincial Reconstruction Team headquarters, which houses US and Afghan troops and civilians, around dawn, Afghan and NATO officials said.

They were halted outside the base, but the deputy provincial Governor Abdul Rahman Kabiri

said they had killed two civilians and wounded two guards when they detonated their explosives. Panjshir Provincial Police Chief Qaseem Junglebagh disputed that toll and said the four men were all shot dead by security forces before they could set off the bombs.

A spokesman for NATO-led forces confirmed there had been a suicide attack, but said the compound was not breached and there were no foreign casualties.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack, and said the bombers were from Panjshir Province.

Reuters

# Whosoever cannot destroy it!

*Kyaw Myo Naung*

- \* At the top of the river lies home of me  
At the other end, that of thee
- \* Infinite feeling we harbor for each other  
As from the same river, we fetch drinking  
water.

The poem was not composed by a Myanmar poet but by Vice-Premier Marshal Chen Yi of the People's Republic of China in about 1960. Everyone who has studied China-Myanmar relations is familiar with this poem.

Marshal Chen Yi, who had been to Myanmar nine times working on boundary demarcation, served his country as Foreign Affairs Minister and Vice-Premier. He composed the poem after having noticed that the two countries share borders and have similar culture and faith when paying frequent visits to Myanmar. Actually, it is a very beautiful poem.

Looking back to the history of the relations between People's Republic of China and Myanmar, it can be learned from the findings that in 802 AD, a Myanmar diplomatic mission led by Pyu Prince Thonda, Minister Nakya Koksa and Maha Thena visited Chang'an, the seat of the palace of Tang Dynasty. It took 214 days to reach Chang'an. Even in the early ninth century, bilateral friendship was built. According to those findings, the history of bilateral friendship and relationship is more than 1200 years old. Such a long history of relation has grown into profound Paukphaw friendship.

Moreover, the 15-2-1964 issue of The Working People's Daily carried an article titled "Ever-lasting China-Myanmar relationship" by Qi Xining Lin. The article stated that between BC 206 and 220 AD, Myanmar was known as 'Chan', that according to Chinese historical findings, Chan King Yun Yu Tayo sent his diplomats to China in 97 AD, that in 110 AD, the king sent a diplomatic mission again together with a music band and a group of magicians, that in 618-907 AD during Tang Dynasty, Myanmar was known as Pyu Kingdom and there were trade activities and Chinese monks going to India via Myanmar. Accordingly, China-Myanmar relations have been forged for about 2000 years.

Since the regaining of independence, the People's Republic of China has been the first country that has close relationship with Myanmar. The two countries adopted the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence in 1954. In the time of AFPFL government, Chinese Premier Zhou Enlai paid frequent visits to Myanmar. Marshal Chen Yi, who became Foreign Affairs Minister and Vice-Premier, also visited Myanmar nine times. From Myanmar's side, its leaders paid goodwill visits to China many times, growing the bilateral relationship into Paukphaw friendship. No one can deny that the China-Myanmar relations have a long history and their amity and friendship have been strengthened more and more.

The President announced the suspension of Myitsone Hydropower Project on 30 September. The President decided to do so heeding the voice of the people and respecting the people's will. Local and foreign media as well as those taking the issue of the Ayeyawady seriously were so delighted and welcomed the announcement. Even the US President himself applauded the decision.

These days, some broadcasting stations have created fabricated news on the suspension of the project with the intention of harming the China-Myanmar relations. They are none other than those media that shouted for saving the Ayeyawady, stopping the Myitsone project. Regarding the issue, even some media in China produced various criticisms.

But there are those who have urged the countries to deal with the issue carefully in order not to harm the bilateral relationship while some are pointing out China's losses. However, the media that created inauthentic news with intent to jeopardize the bilateral relations between the two countries are saying that the project has not stopped completely but it has been suspended for a period, that China has spent billions of dollars on the project and that they should handle the issue in such and such a way.

As mentioned above, Myanmar and China have had close relationship for many years. Sharing long borders, the two countries have reached Paukphaw or strategic relationship.

Their forged amity and friendship have led the two countries to be able to live as good neighbourly nations in any situation. They have maintained such relations. Besides, in the religious sector, the sacred Buddha tooth relic kept in the People's Republic of China was conveyed to Myanmar in 1955, 1994 and 1996 for public obeisance. It will be conveyed soon this year. So it can be said that the two countries have deep relationship.

Since 1997 in the time of the Tatmadaw government, the US has imposed economic sanctions against Myanmar. Annually, it renews the sanctions. But China has always stood by Myanmar saying that economic sanctions should not be imposed and renewed. It also pointed out different norms and standards of human rights Myanmar has regarding the accusations of the US and other nations. Moreover, China stood for Myanmar against Bishop Desmond Tutu's movement for the Myanmar issue.

Chinese Vice-Ambassador to UN requested global nations to provide aid in earnest to Myanmar on 9 May after cyclone Nargis hit the country in 2008. So it can be deduced from the fact that the bilateral relations between the two countries are not regular but deep with full understanding.

Throughout history, China has stood by Myanmar in the interests of the Myanmar people.

The President of the Republic of the Union of

Myanmar paid goodwill visit to the People's Republic of China from 26 to 28 May 2011 at the invitation of Chinese President Hu Jintao. And it was the first-ever visit to a country in the region in the time of democratic government.

In his address in the People's Republic of China, Myanmar President said that his country still pursued her active and independent foreign policy, making a vow to further cement Sino-Myanmar relations. During the period of over 60 years since the establishment of bilateral diplomatic relations in 1950, the two countries had co-existed in peace through equality, sympathy and understanding, he noted. Chinese President Hu Jintao said that both Myanmar and China were developing countries with common view on international and region issues guaranteeing Chinese protection for just interest of Myanmar. Hu also called for further promoting bilateral ties, which now had reached "comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership" level. The completion of the Myanmar President's goodwill visit was marked with the proclamation of the establishment of "comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership" between the two countries.

The President made the decision to suspend Myitsone project as a measure to address public voices and concerns. Truly, it is a wise and logical decision. The losses occurred on the Chinese side is just an issue that can be solved through bilateral talks. There is no way the issue cannot be settled. Contrary to the broadcasts aired by the opposing elements the bilateral relations remains intact. In fact, the two countries have many more areas of cooperation other than the Myitsone project. China is the largest trading partner of Myanmar, volume of bilateral trade reaching nearly 5.3 billion US dollars in fiscal 2010-2011. It is expected to reach six billion US dollars in fiscal 2011-2012. In fact, the two countries will continue to cooperate in the remaining areas based on common interest.

Myanmar embraces the non-aligned active and independent foreign policy. So, it will continue to maintain her cordial relations with all neighbours.

As Myanmar has cordial relations with China for many years throughout history, she will surely maintain them.

If we count from AD 97, Myanmar and China have enjoyed Paukphaw relations in which friendship comes from the bottom of the hearts for nearly 2000 years. So, both countries will in no way put bilateral relations in harm's way. As the late Chinese Vice-Premier Marshal Chen Yi did once, I also would like to honour the indestructible Sino-Myanmar relations with the following poem:

- \* On top to other end  
Land on single mass  
Love we share ever  
Never will it cease

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**Translation: ST**

# Myanmar-Indian Joint Statement released

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct— *President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein held talks with Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh on matters of mutual interest between the two countries, at the Conference Room of Hyderabad House in New Delhi yesterday noon. After the meeting, the joint statement was released as follows:-*

## Joint Statement on the occasion of the State visit of the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to India

- At the invitation of the President of India Smt. Pratibha Devisingh Patil, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein is paying a State visit to India from 12-15 October, 2011. He was accompanied by his wife Daw Khin Khin Win. Apart from his official engagements in New Delhi, President U Thein Sein visited places of economic, historical and religious interest, including Bodhi Gaya, Kushinagar and Varanasi.
- In New Delhi, President U Thein Sein was accorded a ceremonial reception at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 14 October, 2011. The President of Myanmar will meet with the President of India who will host a banquet in his honour.
- The President of Myanmar paid tribute and respect to the memory of Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat.
- External Affairs Minister Shri S. M. Krishna called on President U Thein Sein.
- President U Thein Sein had a meeting with the Prime Minister of India Dr. Manmohan Singh, which was followed by delegation level talks. The meetings and exchanges were held in a warm, cordial and constructive atmosphere, reflecting the close and friendly relations between the two neighbouring countries and peoples.
- During the official talks, the Prime Minister of India was assisted by Home Minister Shri P. Chidambaram, External Affairs Minister Shri S.M Krishna, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Shri Jaipal Reddy, Minister of Power Shri Sushil Kumar Shinde, Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Anand Sharma, Minister for Science and Technology Shri Vilasrao Deshmukh, Minister of State for Defence Shri M. M. Pallam Raju, National Security Adviser Shri Pulok Chatterji, Foreign Secretary Shri Ranjan Mathai, Secretary to the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region Ms Jayati Chandra and other senior officials.
- The President of Myanmar was assisted by Chief of General Staff Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win, Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung, Union Minister for Industry-1 and for Industry-2 U Soe Thein, Union Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development and for Livestock and Fisheries U Tin Naing Thein, Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint, and other senior officials.
- The visit represented the first State visit to India following the swearing in of a new Government in Myanmar in March 2011 that marks welcome progress in moving towards an open and democratic framework.
- The Prime Minister of India congratulated the President of Myanmar on the transition towards democratic Government and offered all necessary assistance in further strengthening this democratic transition in an inclusive and broad based manner. He welcomed the ongoing efforts at political, economic and social reforms in Myanmar. He also welcomed the convening of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw (National Parliament of Myanmar) and the elected assemblies in all the States and Regions in Myanmar and expressed readiness to share India's own experiences in evolving parliamentary rules, procedures and practices. In this context, it was noted that the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower house of Myanmar's Parliament) has been invited to lead a delegation to India in December 2011.
- The Prime Minister of India and the President of Myanmar reiterated their shared commitment to strengthening and broadening the multifaceted relationship based on shared history, civilizational ties and close religious, linguistic and cultural affinities and to take it to a new level. While acknowledging the fact that both sides have a responsibility to promote peace, security and stability in the region, they emphasized the need to intensify economic, social and developmental engagement in order to bring about overall socio-economic betterment and inclusive growth.
- With a view to carrying forward the momentum of bilateral exchanges, it was agreed that a meeting of the External Affairs/Foreign Minister of the two countries would be held in New Delhi in early 2012 and the next round of Foreign Office Consultations would be held in India at mutually convenient dates in 2012.
- Both sides reaffirmed their unequivocal and uncompromising position against terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. They agreed on enhancing effective cooperation and coordination between the security forces of the two countries in tackling the deadly menace of insurgency and terrorism, which has caused countless loss of innocent lives. Both sides also underscored the need to strengthen institutional mechanisms for sharing of intelligence to combat the menace of insurgency, arms smuggling and drug trafficking. In this context, they discussed matters relating to further strengthening of border management mechanisms. The two leaders reiterated the assurance that the territory of either would not be allowed for activities inimical to the other and resolved not to allow their respective territory to be used for training, sanctuary and other operations by terrorist and insurgent organizations and their operatives.
- They welcomed the scheduling of meeting of the Heads of Survey Department of India and Myanmar in November 2011, directed the Heads to jointly work out and implement a schedule for inspection and maintenance of boundary pillars in the open season in 2011-2012 in a time bound manner.
- Both sides reiterated their common desire to complete the repatriation process of Myanmar fishermen who drifted into Indian maritime territory and who are being looked after by Indian authorities in Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar.
- The two sides reviewed the infrastructure development and cooperation projects that are being undertaken in Myanmar with technical and financial assistance from Government of India, including in the field of roads, waterways, power, health, education and industrial training, telecommunications, and others.
- During the visit, the following documents were signed:
  - Memorandum of Understanding for the upgradation of the Yangon Children's Hospital and Sittway General Hospital; and
  - Programme of Cooperation in Science & Technology for the period of 2012-2015.
- The Myanmar side conveyed its gratitude for Lines of Credit amounting to nearly US\$ 300 million that have been extended by India, including for the development of railways, transport, power transmission lines, oil refinery, OFC link, etc. The President of Myanmar welcomed the interest of Indian companies to invest in Myanmar.
- The Prime Minister of India announced the extension of a new concessional facility of US\$ 500 million line of credit to Myanmar for specific projects including irrigation projects, each of which will be duly processed and approved in accordance with the modalities applicable for least developed countries for such lines of credit. The President of Myanmar thanked the Prime Minister of India for extending this new credit facility.
- The two leaders welcomed the progress made towards enhancing connectivity between the two countries to mutual benefit of the peoples of the two countries. They expressed satisfaction at the implementation of the Kaladan Multi-modal Transit Transport Project, especially the port development and Inland waterways. It was decided that the road component of the project be started at the earliest, a study be undertaken on the commercial usages of the Kaladan project and necessary agreements to operationalize the route finalized. It was also decided to open an additional Land Customs Station/border trade point on the India-Myanmar border to allow for the smooth flow of goods generated by the Kaladan Project.
- Both sides reiterated their commitment for an early implementation of the Reed-Tiddim Road Development Project with grant assistance from India.
- Reviewing the progress in establishing tri-lateral connectivity from Moreh in India to Mae Sot in Thailand via Myanmar, it was noted that

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substantial progress had been achieved in preparation of a DPR for roads and causeways in Myanmar. Both sides reiterated the commitment to realize this project.

22. The two leaders also expressed their commitment to enhance cooperation in the area of Science & Technology. They noted that following the renewal of Science & Technology Agreement in 2010, the programme of Cooperation in Science & Technology for the period of 2012-2015 was signed during the current visit. The Prime Minister of India announced India's support for training of Myanmar researchers in the areas of mutual interest and twinning of Indian and Myanmar institutions under India-Myanmar Programme of Cooperation in Science & Technology.
23. The two sides also expressed their commitment to enhance cooperation in the area of agriculture. They noted that the contract for the supply of Agricultural machinery under the US\$ 10 million grant assistance from India had been awarded. The Prime Minister of India announced that India would extend technical and financial support for following new projects:
  - (i) Setting up an Advanced Centre for Agricultural Research and Education (ACARE) in Yezin; and
  - (ii) Setting up a Rice Bio Park demonstrating the various techniques in rice biomass utilization in the integrated Demonstration Farm at Nay Pyi Taw.

The President of Myanmar expressed gratitude for the assistance being extended by the Government of India and emphasized that these institutions could play a vital role in reviving the country's agricultural sector, on which over 70% of the population is dependent.
24. Recognizing the fundamental place of education and human resource development in bringing about overall economic development, and the importance of IT in today's global scenario, the Prime Minister of India announced India's support for setting up an Information Technology Institute in Mandalay in cooperation with the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
25. Welcoming the successful completion of the Industrial Training Centre in Pakokku, with India's assistance, the two sides expressed satisfaction at the progress on the setting up of another Industrial Training Centre at Myingyan with technical support from MS/ HMTI.
26. The Myanmar side expressed appreciation for India's assistance in the relief and rehabilitation efforts that followed the severe earthquake that struck North-Eastern Shan State in March 2011. It was noted that the assistance of over US\$ 1 million from India, which included assistance in the reconstruction of a high school and 6 primary schools in the affected area, was timely and catered to urgent requirements of the people of the area.
27. The two sides agreed to promote trade, investment and economic cooperation in a sustainable manner. In this context, the two leaders endorsed the understandings arrived at the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the bilateral Joint Trade Committee that was held in New Delhi recently, and called for the expeditious implementation of decision taken, including the proposal to establish a Trade and

- Investment Forum at the business level, expand the basket of goods under border trade, visit of an Indian banking delegation to Myanmar to facilitate better trade and payment arrangements, etc. The two sides also welcomed the decision to hold the "Enterprise India" Show in Yangon on 10-14 November, 2011 and urged companies on both sides to look seriously at opportunities in the other. The two sides encouraged business associations in their respective countries to enter into closer ties with their counterparts and also participate in each other's trade fairs.
28. With a view to promoting border trade, the two sides agreed that meetings between Indian and Myanmar customs, immigration, border chambers of commerce, officials of bank branches at the border, border trade officials (Tamu and Reed-OSS Team), and Government officials would take place at Tamu-Moreh and Reed-Zowkhathar at regular interval. The business representatives of the Manipur/Sagaing Region and of Mizoram/Chin State will also participate in these meetings.
  29. It was agreed to consider opening up new Border Trading Points along the Border for the economic upliftment of the people of the area. It was also agreed to consider better functioning of the existing points to facilitate movement of peoples and goods between the two countries.
  30. Recognizing the importance of the power sector as a major area of cooperation, the two sides reiterated their commitment to cooperate in the implementation of the Tamanthi and Shwezay projects on the Chindwin River Basin in Myanmar. They welcomed the successful completion of the task of updating the DPR on the Tamanthi project by NHPC on the basis of essential additional investigations. They noted that the final updated DPR for Shwezay would be available by March 2012. They directed the concerned officials on both sides to finalize plans for implementation of the project within six months.
  31. Both leaders underscored the need for energy security and expressed satisfaction at ongoing bilateral cooperation in the area. They agreed to enhance cooperation in the area of oil and natural gas. In this context, the Myanmar side welcomed the substantial investments made by Indian companies like GAIL, ESSAR, ONGC and others in off-shore and on-shore blocks, and construction of natural gas pipelines. Myanmar agreed to encourage further investments by Indian companies, both in public and private sector, in the oil and natural gas sectors.
  32. It was also agreed to extend bilateral cooperation to generation of electricity from renewable energy sources, including solar and wind. In this regard, companies, both in public and private sectors, in India and Myanmar would be encouraged to set up joint projects.
  33. Appreciating the importance of people-to-people contacts in forging even closer ties, the two sides agreed to take steps to ease the movement of people between India and Myanmar. The Myanmar side thanked India for the facilities and courtesies being extended to Myanmar pilgrims visiting India.
  34. The two sides agreed on the need for expansion of air connectivity between the two countries, and directed the concerned officials to work towards enhancing air services which could cover more carriers, flights and destinations. It was noted that this would transform business and cultural ties

between the two nations.

35. Both sides agreed to examine feasibility of establishing railways links, ferry and bus services between the two countries. In this context, both sides agreed to examine commencement of ferry services on the Kolkata-Yangon and Chennai-Yangon routes.
  36. The two leaders agreed for early upgradation of the microwave link between Moreh and Mandalay or other necessary link under the Indian line of Credit, and directed the concerned officials to work towards establishment of the new Optical Fibre link between Monywa to Reed-Zowkhathar with Indian assistance.
  37. The Myanmar side expressed gratitude for the training offered by India under the ITEC and TCS schemes to Myanmar scholars and Government officials. The Indian side agreed to Myanmar's request to increasing the number of training slots offered annually to Myanmar nationals to 250 from 2012-2013.
  38. Both sides agreed to support joint research projects and exchanges of a historical, archaeological, cultural and educational nature. In this context, it was agreed to enter into a comprehensive Cultural Exchange Programme to promote bilateral exchanges with special emphasis on the four Indian States of Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur and Mizoram and cooperation in the fields of art, archaeology, museology, sports, media, etc. Both sides agreed to view the Statement of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Religious Affairs, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and the Indian Council for Cultural Relations, the Republic of India on 9 March 2006 in Myanmar, for expeditious implementation. It was also agreed that both sides would jointly organize a high level international conference on Buddhist Philosophy in Myanmar in 2012.
  39. It was noted with satisfaction that two teams of professionals from the Archeological Survey of India (ASI) visited Myanmar and carried out detailed studies on the conservation and restoration of the Ananda Temple in Bagan, Myanmar. It was agreed that restoration work on the site would start at the earliest based on the report by ASI.
  40. With a view to strengthening diplomatic and consular presence in each other's countries, it was noted with appreciation that Myanmar side has agreed that it shall make available the identified plots of land in Nay Pyi Taw, its capital city, on a lease in perpetuity and shall transfer the ownership of the LIC properties in Yangon in the name of the Government of India lease for 60 years which is extendable further by a block period of 30 years each time, on the same term, as long as India maintains its Diplomatic/Consular Mission in Myanmar. With regard to transfer the ownership of the LIC properties in Yangon, it was agreed in principle that Government of Myanmar, in exercise of the power vested in it under the Article 14 of the Transfer of Immovable Property Restriction Law 1987, authorizes the Life Insurance Corporation of India to handover the land and building thereon at 545-547, Merchant Street and 654-666 Merchant Street, Yangon. The Government of India agreed to the request of the Government of Myanmar to facilitate allocation of land in Bodhi Gaya for setting up
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*President U Thein Sein takes salute of Guard of Honour of India.—MNA*



## President U Thein Sein, wife...

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U Nyan Tun Aung, Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint, the Myanmar ambassador and high-ranking officials. The Indian President was accompanied by Indian prime minister, ministers and high-ranking officials.—MNA



*President U Thein Sein inspects Guard of Honour of India.—MNA*



*Indian President Mrs Pratibha Devisingh Patil introduces Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh, ministers, deputy ministers and senior officials at ceremony to welcome President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win.—MNA*



*President U Thein Sein introduces members of Myanmar delegation to Indian President Mrs Pratibha Devisingh Patil.—MNA*

## Myanmar-Indian...

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a Buddhist monastery for use of pilgrims and monks from Myanmar.

41. While discussing international developments, the two sides emphasized the importance of an effective multilateral system, centred on a strong United Nations, as a key factor in tackling global challenges. In this context, they stressed the urgent need to pursue the reform of the United Nations including the Security Council, to make it more representative, credible and effective. The President of Myanmar reiterated his country's

support for India's candidature for the permanent membership of the United Nations Security Council.

42. The two sides emphasized the importance of close coordination towards the cause of regional cooperation. The Indian leadership offered its good wishes to Myanmar for a successful term as BIMSTEC Chair, including its proposal to host the next BIMSTEC Summit meeting. The Indian side also offered to deepen its engagement with Myanmar under its "Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) programme". Myanmar being a natural bridge between the ASEAN and India, the Indian side reiterated its intention of building upon

the commonalities and synergies between the two countries to advance its "Look East" Policy.

43. The President of Myanmar thanked the President of India for the warm and gracious hospitality extended to him and the members of his delegation during their stay in India.

44. President U Thein Sein extended invitations to the President and Prime Minister of India to visit Myanmar at a mutually convenient time. The invitations were accepted and it was agreed that the dates of the visits would be decided by mutual consultations through diplomatic channels.

**New Delhi,  
October 14, 2011**

## While maintaining our cooperative momentum, Myanmar will continue to stand ready to support India at regional and international arena

**President U Thein Sein**

**We have deep and abiding historical, cultural, religious and social bonds  
As a close and well disposed neighbour, we remain willing to offer any assistance**

**Indian President Mrs Pratibha Devisingh Patil**

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President U Thein Sein and wife, and President Mrs Pratibha Devisingh Patil.

Next, members of Myanmar delegation Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin and wife, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung, Union Minister for Industry (1) and for Industry (2) U Soe Thein, Union Minister for Electric Power No (1) U Zaw Min, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Union Minister for Transport U Nyun Tun Aung, Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint, Myanmar Ambassador to India and wife, Indian ministers, senior departmental officials



**President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win meet Indian President Mrs Pratibha Devisingh Patil at North Drawing Room.—MNA**



**Indian President Mrs Pratibha Devisingh Patil delivers speech at banquet in Banquet Hall of the Republic of India.—MNA**

greeted the two heads of state.

Before the dinner at Banquet Hall, Indian President Mrs Pratibha Devisingh Patil delivered a speech. She said: The relationship between India and Myanmar have stood the test of time. We have deep and abiding historical, cultural, religious and social bonds. When Myanmar regained independence, Pandit Jawaharal Nehru, the first Indian Prime Minister, aptly described it as “an event of significance to the whole Asia”. Both governments pursued non-aligned and independent foreign policies in the decades following their independence.

We are engaged in rejuvenating the historical, cultural and commercial bonds between India and Southeast Asia. When we look eastwards, we first see Myanmar which occupies a central place in our vision and approach of our Eastern connections. Today, Myanmar stands at the dawn of a new era in its history. You have brought about significant changes in its political system by introducing a constitutional government with features of parliamentary democracy. We applaud these efforts.

In the early days of your presidency you also have emphasized the rule of law and good governance. You have further indicated your government will be putting in place a market economy while also focusing on agricultural development. As a close and well disposed neighbor, we remain willing to offer any assistance in implementing in these steps. We support your aim of revitalizing the agricultural base of your country, building up industrial centres and enhancing educational capacities. We will extend a hand of assistance to your endeavours.

Our discussions today have been fruitful. We have signed agreements and launched many initiatives. It will be our endeavour to take our bilateral relations to new heights. Your visit has opened a new and more dynamic chapter in our bilateral ties.

The Indian President then proposed a toast to the health and happiness of President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, to the progress and prosperity of the friendly people of Myanmar and to the continuing friendship and cooperation between India and Myanmar.

President U Thein Sein said: Sharing land and sea boundary for thousands of years, Myanmar and India have been enjoying traditional ties of friendship and good-neighbourly relationship. The two peoples are closely linked by historical, geographical, cultural and religious affinity.

Myanmar places a special emphasis on the policy of maintaining good and friendly relations with India and we highly appreciate India's “Look East” policy. We are confident that these two policies play a vital role in further cementing our existing friendly relations. I am pleased to highlight our growing bilateral cooperation which has been expanded to the regional and international framework such as the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), Greater Mekong Sub-Region (GMS), East Asia Summit (EAS), the United Nations (UN), International Labour Organization (ILO) and Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

We are particularly grateful to the Indian Government for its bilateral cooperative works, the assistance and support in regional and international forums which encourage our nation-building endeavours.

I would also like to assure Your Excellency that Myanmar on its part, while maintaining our cooperative momentum, will continue to stand ready to support India at regional and international arena.

We sincerely believe that the people of India will enjoy the continued progress in various sectors, which would help upgrade our current relation and cooperation.

May I now invite you to join me in a toast:- to the continued progress and prosperity of the Republic of India; to the long-lasting friendship between the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Republic of India; to the good health and well-being of Her Excellency President Pratibha Devisingh Patil and Mr Devisingh Ransingh Shekhawat; to the good health and well-being of all distinguished guests and friends present here tonight.

President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, delegation members, the Indian President and those present had the dinner together.

After the dinner, the two leaders greeted each other and exchanged gifts.—MNA



## Myanmar supports India's candidature...

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Home Affairs Minister Shri P Chidambaram, Indian External Affairs Minister Shri S M Krishna, Indian Oil and Gas Minister Shri Jaipal Reddy, Indian Energy Minister Shri Sushil Kumar Shinde, Indian Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Anand Sharma, Indian Science and Technology Minister Shri Vilasrao Deshmukh, Indian Deputy Defence Minister Shri MM Pallam Raju, Adviser to National Security Shri Pulok Chatterji and senior officials.

In the discussion, President U Thein Sein and the Indian Prime Minister focused on strengthening and broadening the multifaceted relationship based on shared history, civilizational ties and close religious, linguistic and cultural affinities and taking it to a new level, promotion of peace and security and stability in the region, intensity of economic, social and development engagement in order to bring about overall socio-economic betterment and inclusive growth, unequivocal and uncompromising position against terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, enhancing effective

cooperation and coordination between the security forces of the two countries in tackling the deadly menace of insurgency and terrorism, schedule for inspection and maintenance of boundary pillars, repatriation process of Myanmar fishermen who drifted into Indian maritime territory and who are being looked after by Indian authorities, extension of a new concessional facility of line credit to Myanmar for specific projects including irrigation projects, earliest start of implementation of road construction project under Kaladan Multi-modal Transit Transport Project, opening of an additional Land Customs Station/border trade point on the India-Myanmar border, implementation of the Reed-Tiddim Road Development Project with grant assistance from India, enhancement of cooperation in science and technology, enhancement of cooperation in the area of agriculture, setting up of an Information Technology Institute in Mandalay in cooperation with the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, promotion of trade, investment and economic cooperation in

a sustainable manner, proposal to establishment of a Trade and Investment Forum at the business level, expansion of the basket of goods at border trade, visit of an Indian banking delegation to Myanmar to facilitate better trade and payment arrangements, holding the Enterprise India Show in Yangon on 10-14 November 2011, promoting border trade, opening up new Border Trading Points along the Border for the economic upliftment of the people of the area, cooperation in the implementation of the Tamanthi and Shwezay projects on the Chindwin River Basin in Myanmar, enhancement cooperation in the area of oil and natural gas, generation of electricity from renewable energy sources including solar and wind, appreciating the importance of people-to-people contacts in forging even closer ties, expansion of air connectivity between the two countries, enhancing air services which could cover more carriers, flights and destinations, examination on feasibility of establishing railways, ferry and bus services between the two countries, cooperation in joint



research projects and exchanges of a historical, archaeological, cultural and educational nature, cooperation in the fields of art, archaeology, museology, sports and media, conservation and restoration of the Ananda Temple in Bagan, Myanmar, strengthening diplomatic and consular presence in each other's countries, facility on location of land in Bodh Gaya for setting up a Buddhist monastery for use of pilgrims and monks from Myanmar.

President U Thein Sein reiterated his country's support for India's candidature for the

permanent membership of the United Nations Security Council.

The two sides emphasized the importance of close coordination towards the cause of regional cooperation.

The Indian Prime Minister announced the extension of a new concessional facility of US\$ 500 million line of credit to Myanmar for specific projects including irrigation projects. He offered its good wishes to Myanmar for a successful term as BIMSTEC Chair, including its proposal to host the next BIMSTEC Summit meeting. Indian side also offered to deepen its engagement with Myanmar under its "Initiative for ASEAN Ingetration (IAI) programme". Myanmar being a natural bridge between the ASEAN and India, the Indian side reiterated its intension of building upon the commonalities and synergies between the two countries to advance its "Look East" Policy.

President U Thein Sein thanked the President of India for the warm and gracious hospitality extended to him and the members of his delegation during their stay in India. President U Thein Sein extended invitations to the President and the Prime

Minister of India to visit Myanmar at a mutual convenient time. The invitations were accepted and it was agreed.

After the discussions, President U Thein Sein and Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh held a meeting separately.

Next, the agreement and MoU between the government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the government of the Republic of India followed.

In the presence of President U Thein Sein and Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh, Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint and Indian Minister for Science and Technology Shri Vilasrao Deshmukh signed the agreement on Programme on Cooperation in Science and Technology for the Period 2012-2015, and Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint and Indian Foreign Secretary Shri Rajan Mathai the Memorandum of Understanding re-garding upgradation of Yangon Children's Hospital and Sittway General Hospital. They exchanged notes. After the signing ceremony, a Myanmar-India joint statement was released.

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**Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint and Indian Minister for Science and Technology Shri Vilasrao Deshmukh sign agreement on Programme on Cooperation in Science and Technology in the presence of President U Thein Sein and Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh.—MNA**

## Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addresses opening of 18<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions



*Vice-President  
Dr Sai Mauk Kham  
addresses opening  
ceremony of 18<sup>th</sup>  
Myanmar  
Traditional Cultural  
Performing Arts  
Competitions.*

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NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct—In anchoring to the objectives: to uplift the morale and morality of the entire nation, to uplift national prestige and integrity and preserve and safeguard cultural heritage and national character, to ensure flourishing of Union Spirit, the true patriotism, to bring about new generations capable of preserving and promoting cultural heritage and national character through innovations to meet international standards, and to participate in the building of a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation through traditional cultural performing arts, the opening of 18<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions took place at Myanmar International Convention Centre (MICC) here this morning.

Parton of Leading Committee for Observance of Competitions Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addressed

the ceremony.

It was also attended by members of panel of Leading Organizing Committee for Observance of the Competitions, Chairman of the Leading Organizing Committee for Observance of the Competitions Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan, the chairman and members of Working Committee for Observance of Competitions, Union ministers, the Union Attorney-General, the Union Auditor-General, deputy ministers, military officers of the office of the Commander-in-Chief, Nay Pyi Taw Council members, chairmen, secretaries and members of respective sub-committees, diplomats of foreign embassies, departmental heads, members of panel of judges (central), judges from regions and states, managers and contestants, students from National Culture and Fine Arts University and invited guests.

The attendees took

designated positions at the first session of opening ceremony held at the square of MICC at 8.30 am.

U Hla Win, U Kyaw Thet Linn, Daw Lain Maung Pan and Daw Kywe Kywe Htaik from Myanma Radio and Television of the Information Ministry acted as masters of ceremony.

Secretary of Leading Committee Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin explained that it was pleased to see teams from some regions and states would take

national prestige, and invulnerability to alien influences.

So, it is the inborn duty of every citizen to preserve and promote cultural heritage and national identity.

In fact, Myanmar has been a highly civilized society since over one thousand years ago. Our forefathers such as Pyus founded Tagaung, Beikthano, Hanlin and Tharekhattara city states; Mons, Thuwunnabommi city state; and Rakhines, Waithali city state and their civilization

influence-free Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts flourished seeing innovations throughout the different stages of evolution.

Currently, IT is ever developing in this world, and has become the tool to extend cultural influences and create cultural conflicts. Powerful countries now have the ability to culturally dominate small countries. According to the saying, which goes "If culture vanishes, the race also vanishes", we will be able to preserve our cultural heritage

part in more categories of the competitions, and all necessary requirements have been fulfilled to ensure satisfaction of contestants.

Next, Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan formally opened the competitions.

The second session of opening ceremony was held at conference hall of MICC.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham in his address said that this is the first time the Government of the Republic of Union of Myanmar holds the Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions one of the programmes to preserve and promote cultural heritage of our country. In fact, a nation's cultural standard has direct relations with her people's ability to safeguard their own national pride and lineage, and their politeness and moral values. Moreover, the people's ability to preserve national identity in the cultural sphere reflects their strong patriotism,

was high enough to be recognized and recorded by the neighbouring countries of that time.

Historical records of our forefathers' skills in the art of painting, sculpture, blacksmithing, bronze casting, coin casting, and jewellery making, and civilian engineering and architecture and well-planned city states bear witness to Myanmar's high civilization.

The evolution of social standards alongside the ever developing elegance of performing arts has uplifted the prestige of Myanmar people. From Pyu, Bagan, Pinya, Inwa periods to Nyaungyan, Konboug, Yadanabon periods, the Myanmar music and dramatic arts had played a pivotal role. And the uniqueness of Myanmar characteristics, traditions, culture and customs can be witnessed all along the course of history. Although Myanmar had relations with her neighbours, the alien-

only if we can continue to propagate Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts.

The government holds the competitions for today's youths to witness its efforts for preservation and promotion of our high standard cultural heritage.

This year's competitions will be significant both in form and essence. In form, participants will compete with might and main, and in essence, we can witness the propagation and the relaying of cultural heritage.

In the dramatic arts competition, the play depicting the birth of the embryo Buddha will have much religious significance for Buddhist Myanmar. In addition, it will have great aesthetic value.

Team-wise marionette contest will be about the story of Nemi. Hopefully, it will teach us to distinguish between the good part and the evil part of the world.

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In the religious story narration contest (first class), contestants will narrate the embryo Buddha's quest for the Truth or the path to Nirvana that is free from all kinds of sufferings. In the second class contest, the Kutha drama will help us realize the sufferings the sensual desire can bring. So, the performing arts competitions will disseminate the knowledge on the worldly values, the Dhamma, the ancient aristocrats, the secular world, and the religious beliefs.

The drama contest under the title "The power of youth" shows that spiritual strength matters most. It will teach youths to keep in mind the correct attitude and to use their mental and physical strengths for national interest. It will also help harmoniously develop

youth's physical and mental strength.

Works of the participants of the song composing contest (first class) will be about seasonal festivals of Myanmar. As the title is "Thingyan songs" we are going to enjoy new sweet songs depicting the water festival.

The title for the second division is the song honouring the 2013 SEA Games to be hosted by Myanmar. Contestants are going to create songs portraying the beauties, natural sceneries, and sincerity and goodwill of Myanmar.

The significance of this year's composing contest is the inclusion of higher education division for youths from age 15 to 20.

Coordinated efforts were made, wide-scale TV, radio and print media educative campaigns were launched, and experts sent to Regions and States at

their request to help Regions and States send more contestants to the competitions. In addition to increasing the cash amount of awards, more special prizes, consolation

prizes and prizes of honour will be also presented. The championship trophy will be awarded for the first time at this year's competitions. Any Region or State winning the

championship award for three years in a row will own the trophy. We have made arrangements for every convenience of all contestants, judges and

year-old Myanmar traditional culture and arts to stand tall in the world; to foster national spirit and study Myanmar traditional culture and arts to guard against alien cultural

influence; to relay the preservation and promotion undertakings for the ever lasting of traditional culture and arts; and to harmoniously realize the aims of the

Organization and sung by artists. Afterward, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and party cordially greeted attendees. MNA



Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan formally opens 18<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.—MNA

managers as there will be more events in the competitions to be held in a limited time. In conclusion, I would like to urge all to preserve and promote our thousand-

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## 18<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions commences

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct—The 18<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions commenced at the designated places at Yezin Universities' area in Zeyathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area today.

The competitions were attended by Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Performing Arts Competitions Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan, members of the Leading Committee Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Union Minister for Health Dr Pe

the Fine Arts Department, members of the work committee and subcommittees, members of the panel of judges (central) and those from regions and states, team managers and contestants, departmental staff and enthusiast people.

At University of Agriculture (Assembly Hall), six students took part in the basic education level (15-20 aged) men's Maha Gita song contest and 13 contestants from regions and states in the amateur level (second class) women's Maha Gita song contest.

A total of 22 students participated in the basic

competed in the amateur level (first class) religious story narration contest under the title of embryo Buddha's quest for the Truth at Padamy Hall of University of Agriculture.

At the training hall-2 of Agricultural Research Department, nine contestants from regions and states participated in the amateur level (first class) men's and women's song composing contest and 15 in the amateur level (second class) men's and women's song composing contest. Eleven contestants took part in the higher education level men's and women's song

level (15-20 aged) men's solo orchestra contest.

Three contestants from regions and states competed in the amateur level (first class) men's piano contest, five in the higher education level (men's) piano contest and two in the higher education level (women's) piano contest at the convocation hall of University of Forestry.

At the lecture hall of University of Agriculture, two students participated in the basic education level (5-10 aged) boys' guitar contest, three in the (5-10 aged) girls' contest, two in the (15-20 aged) men's contest and three in the (15-20 aged) women's contest. Three contestants from regions and states took part in the amateur level (first class) men's guitar contest and two in the women's contest.

Eight students competed in the basic education level (5-10 aged) boys' xylophone contest and six in the basic education level (10-15 aged) girls' xylophone contest at the convocation hall of University of Agriculture.

At the training hall-1 of Agricultural Research Department, four contestants participated in the higher education level (men's) orchestra troupe contest and four in the basic education level (15-20 aged) men's



U Win Aung of Sagaing Region participates in amateur level (first class) religious story narration contest under the title of embryo Buddha's quest for the Truth.—MNA

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(second class) men's Ozi contest and four troupes in the higher education level (men's) Ozi contest. MNA



Ma Nan Lamin Thiri of Chin State taking part in basic education level (aged 5-10) girls' dancing contest.—MNA



Maung Kyaw Kyaw Tun Maung and members taking part in basic education level (aged 15-20) men's orchestra troupe contest.—MNA

The Khin, Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win, Secretary of the Leading Committee Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin, Joint-Secretary of the Work Committee Director-General U Yan Naing Oo of

education level (5-10 aged) girls' dancing contest and 16 in the higher education level (men's) dancing contest at the convocation hall of University of Veterinary Science. Five contestants

composing contest.

At the assembly hall of Forest Research Department, seven students participated in the basic education level (5-10 aged) boys' solo orchestra contest and five in the basic education

## Mandalay Region troupe opens “Birth of Buddha” drama contest

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct—Mandalay Region troupe opened “Birth of Buddha” drama contest of 18<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions at convocation of University of Veterinary Science in Yezin Universities Campus in Zeyathiri Township here this morning.

Chairman of Leading Committee for Organizing 18<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan; committee members Union Minister for Rail

Transportation U Aung Min and wife, and Union Auditor-General U Lun Maung; the chairman and members of organizing committee; chairmen and members of sub-committees, members of central panel of judges, members of Region/State panel of judges; and spectators watched the drama.

Under the leadership of U Shwe Nan Tin, U Than Aung directed the drama in which Chit Ko Naing and Nan Khin Hmway played Suddhodana and Maetaw Maya.

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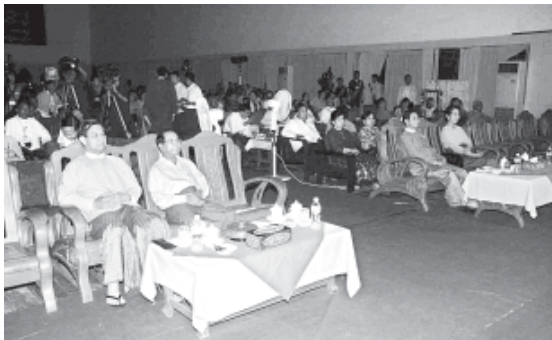
## Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint awards outstanding students in Pyawbwe

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct—A ceremony to present prizes to outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination 2010-2011 academic year was held at Amay Htein Hall in Pyawbwe this morning, attended by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint.

The township administrator made a speech and township education officer U Hla Soe explained the purpose of the ceremony.

Speaker U Khin Aung Myint presented gold medal to 6-distinction winner Ma Nyein Yadana Aung, prizes and Sky Net TV receivers to Pyawbwe Basic Education High School No. 1 and No. 2 and North Nyaunggon Village BEHS Branch.

Today’s ceremony, winners were awarded with four gold medals worth K200,000 each, K350,000 provided by Ministry of Education, K10,000 each for one distinctions.—MNA



*Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan, Union Minister U Aung Min and wife, Union Auditor-General U Lun Maung watch “Birth of Buddha” drama.*

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## Yangon Region troupe takes part in Drama “Power of Youth”

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct—The 18<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Drama entitled “Power of Youth” in the Performing Arts Competitions started at

the convocation hall of University of Agriculture in Zeyathiri Township here at 7 pm today.

Among the spectators were Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe, Deputy Minister

for Transport U Win Shein, departmental heads, members of the central panel of judges, national race excursion groups of regions and states and people. The drama troupe of Yangon Region participated in the contest.—MNA

*Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe enjoys “Power of Youth” drama staged by Yangon Region troupe.*

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## Most men say children ‘complete’ them

LINCOLN, 15 Oct—Contrary to conventional wisdom, most men say having children is important to their feeling complete as a man, US researchers found.

Study co-author Julia McQuillan, professor of sociology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and colleagues surveyed nearly 1,000 US men who are in relationships with women, and found fathers and non-fathers alike see fatherhood as part of a “package deal” with work and leisure. The study,

published in the journal *Fathering*, found 77 percent of the men say they think being a good father is very important, while 49 percent said having a career was very important.

“There is an image for men that if they’re into the ir career, then they’re not into being fathers,” McQuillan said in a statement. “These results, however, show something quite different. Men don’t have to be into one or the other. They can be into both.” The research

surveyed fathers and non-fathers who were either married or cohabiting, and did not ask them to rank things like work, parenthood or leisure in order of importance. Instead, researchers asked the men to rate the importance of fatherhood alongside other interests in their lives. The results run counter to conventional notions that fathers see themselves chiefly as economic providers, McQuillan said.

Internet

## 15- to 24-year-olds have half of US STD

ATLANTA, 15 Oct—People ages 15-24 acquire nearly one-half of all new sexually transmitted diseases, US health officials say.

A report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s National Center for Health Statistics — “Teenagers in the United States: Sexual Activity, Contraceptive Use, and Childbearing, 2006-2010 National Survey of Family Growth” — found the rates of syphilis among female and male teens are lower than those of other age groups but the rates have increased every year since the early 2000s.

The report estimated the direct medical cost of the STD among those ages 15-24 was at least \$6.5 billion in 2000. The researchers suggest that

while representing 25 percent of the sexually experienced population, those age 15-24 acquire nearly one-half of all new STD, the report said.

From 2006 to 2010, 41 percent of female teens and 31 percent of male teens said they didn’t have sex because it was against religion or morals. For females in 2006-2010, 18 percent said they didn’t have sex because they didn’t want to become pregnant and 19 percent said they hadn’t found the right person.

Thirteen percent of male teens said they didn’t have sex because they didn’t want to make anyone pregnant, but less than 7 percent of males and females said they didn’t have sex because they didn’t want to get a sexually transmitted disease.—Internet

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (511) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 16.10.2011 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.

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

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV BIENDONG FREIGHTER VOY NO (1152)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BIENDONG FREIGHTER VOY NO (1152) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 16.10.2011 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.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
AGENT FOR: M/S CHINA SHIPPING  
(MALAYSIA) AGENCY SDN BHD**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

**LANN PYI MARINE CO., LTD.**  
(Container Feeder Service)  
**ARRIVAL AND CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

Consignees of cargoes carried by **M.V. GW BEYCHEVELLE** are hereby notified that the estimated arrival time of the vessels from Port Kelang are as follows:-

**Voy-019 PKG 12-10-2011 YGN 16-10-2011**  
**Voy-021 PKG 23-10-2011 YGN 27-10-2011**

Cargoes will be discharged into the premises of B.S.W where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the by-law and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargoes will be surveyed daily from 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM and Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No Claims against these vessels will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**AGENCY DEPARTMENT**  
No 55/61 Strand Road, Yangon, Myanmar.  
Phone No. : 01-201787, 201790 (Ext. 108, 109)

**Radiation in Tokyo not linked to Fukushima**

TOKYO, 15 Oct—Concerns that contamination from the Fukushima Daiichi plant had spread to Tokyo subsided on Friday after high levels of radiation recorded along a street in the city were linked to old bottles of radium stored beneath the floorboards of a nearby house.

Researchers had recorded radiation of 3.35 microsieverts per hour along a street in Setagaya ward, a higher level than in some parts of the 12-mile (20km) exclusion zone around the nuclear plant.

An investigation traced the contamination to several bottles that had been stored in a card-



*The cordoned off area of a Tokyo street where the high radiation reading was found.—INTERNET*

board box beneath an empty house. The bottles recorded radiation levels in excess of those measurable on a low-dose radiation counter, said Setagaya's mayor, Nobuto Hosaka.

Science ministry officials believed the bottles contained radium-226, a

radioactive material used in fluorescent paint on watch faces and in medical devices, the *Yomiuri Shimbun* said. Radiation levels inside the house dropped significantly after the bottles were placed inside a lead container, reports said.

*Internet*

**Now wash your hands — and your mobile**

LONDON, 15 Oct—It is the sort of news story that will have left many feeling queasy over their breakfast cereal — a study which suggests one in six mobile phones is contaminated with faecal matter. Researchers at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and Queen Mary, University of London took nearly 400 samples from mobile phones and hands in 12 British cities. They found 16% of phones and 16% of hands harboured E coli (Escherichia coli), bacteria which inhabit the human intestines.

The largest proportion of contami-



*Often not as clean as it looks.*

nated phones was in Birmingham (41%) while Londoners were caught with the highest proportion of E. coli present on hands (28%). But the sample size in each city was small, so the variations between them could be a statistical anomaly. However Dr Val Curtis, from the London School of Hygiene says the study showed clear differences between north and south.

"We found the further north we went the more hands and phones were likely to be contaminated. It could be the bugs survive better in colder and wetter conditions or it might be that people wash their hands less." I explained to Dr Curtis that such comments were unlikely to win her friends in Glasgow and Liverpool — two of the cities where samples were taken. But she brushed this aside explaining that after a similar survey three years ago she was advised not to hang around Newcastle. —*Internet*



*The helicopter had been undergoing routine checks days before the crash.—INTERNET*

**Macao reports first case of human infection with streptococcus suis this year**

MACAO, 15 Oct—Macao's Health Bureau has confirmed one case of human infection with streptococcus suis, and this is the first such case found in Macao this year, the *Macao Post Daily* reported on Thursday.

The report quoted Macao's Health Bureau as saying that the patient, a 60-year-old Hong Kong male, who has retired and has been living in Macao for a long time, developed fever and convulsion on early October and was admitted into a local hospital on October 7. Based on the results of lab test and the patient's symptoms, the case was listed Wednesday as confirmed human infection with streptococcus suis, the Bureau said.—*Internet*

**New York helicopter crash victim Helen Tamaki dies**

NEW YORK, 15 Oct—A New Zealand woman who was on board a helicopter that crashed into a river in New York last week has died in hospital from her injuries. Helen Tamaki had been on the private flight on 4 October to celebrate the 40th birthday of her British partner, Sonia Marra, who died at the scene.

Ms Marra's mother was also seriously injured while her stepfather and the pilot received hospital treatment. The cause of the crash is being investigated. The Bell 206 plunged into the river shortly after taking off from New York's East 34th Street Heliport. In a report released on Wednesday,

the US National Transportation Safety Board said the helicopter had been undergoing its annual routine inspection two days before the crash.

A spokeswoman for New York's medical examiner's office said Ms Tamaki had died from complications after "near drowning" starved her brain of oxygen. Ms Marra's family have described the pilot, Paul Dudley, as "a family friend, who acted with great bravery in the rescue". New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg described the crash as "a terrible accident".

*Internet*

*Freud was famous for his realist style*

**Lucien Freud 'masterpiece' Boy's Head sold for £3m**

LONDON, 15 Oct—An "indisputable masterpiece" by Lucian Freud of one of his most recognisable subjects has sold for more than £3m. An anonymous bidder bought the painting of Freud's neighbour, Charlie Lumley, for £3,177,250 — including the buyer's premium — at Sotheby's in London.

But Boy's Head, a small 1952 work by one of Britain's most distinguished artists, failed to meet its pre-sale estimates



of up to £4m. Freud, a grandson of the psychoanalyst Sigmund Freud, died in July aged 88. The painting measures just 8.5in (21.6cm) by 6.3in (15.9cm) and shows the subject's head supported by his hand.

Sotheby's Cheyenne Westphal said: "Highlights of our sale of contemporary art included an indisputable masterpiece by Lucian Freud, the great legend of the London School." But the Freud was eclipsed by a private collection entitled Italian Identity, which sold on the same evening for a combined total of £39,456,950 — including buyer's premium.

*Internet*



Fireworks explode during the opening ceremony of the 16th Pan American Games Guadalajara 2011 at the Omnilife stadium in the city of Guadalajara, Mexico, on 14 Oct, 2011. — XINHUA

### Rogge hopes for "excellent" PanAm Games

GUADALAJARA, 15 Oct — President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Jacques Rogge on Friday said he expects an "excellent" execution of the 2011 Pan American Games held in Mexico's second largest city of Guadalajara. "I think we will have some very successful games, the level of preparation has been very high, very professional, everything has been taken care of," Rogge told a Press conference at the international press center of the Guadalajara games.

A total of 1,500 local and international journalists and press have been accredited to cover the 2011 PanAm Games, which officially are being inaugurated Friday evening. "I am sure that we will have some great games, and, hopefully, the weather will also be good," he said, referring to the onslaught of two hurricanes, one tropical depression and two independent storm systems that in recent days have led to massive flooding, damage and caused havoc in Mexico's Pacific coast states.—Xinhua

### Man City goes top after United draws at Liverpool



Manchester City's David Silva (L) watches his shot go wide of the Aston Villa post during their English Premier League soccer match in Manchester, 15 Oct, 2011. —INTERNET

LONDON, 15 Oct —Manchester City dismissed Aston Villa 4-1 on Saturday to move two points clear of city rival Manchester United at the top of the Premier League after the defending champions were held to a 1-1 draw at Liverpool.

Mario Balotelli scored in the first half before Adam Johnson, Vincent Kompany and James Milner added goals after the break as City improved to 22 points—two points clear of United.

Steven Gerrard scored from a 68th-minute free kick in his first Liverpool start for seven months before Wayne Rooney and Nani came off the bench to spur United. Javier Hernandez rescued a point with his 81st-minute header. In other matches it was: Norwich 3, Swansea 1; Queens Park Rangers 1, Blackburn 1; Stoke 2, Fulham 0; and Wigan 1, Bolton 3; Chelsea 3, Everton 1.

Internet

### Arsene Wenger claims lack of 'attention to detail' was key in Arsenal's defeat to Tottenham

LONDON, 15 Oct — Arsene Wenger has been left frustrated with Arsenal's inability to pay attention to details but insists his side continue to show signs of improvement. "We were not beaten on the day by a bad performance but because the details you need in big games were not on our side and that was very frustrating," Wenger told the club's official website. The Frenchman was left disappointed after the 2-1 defeat to rivals Tottenham at White Hart Lane in Arsenal's last outing but believes the international

break may have worked in his side's favour.

"The disappointment was big and ideally I would have loved to have played again soon afterwards," he continued. "But maybe to get that game out of the players' heads it was better for them to have the international games."

Internet



Arsene Wenger

### Ten-man Dortmund escapes with 2-0 win in Bremen

BERLIN, 15 Oct —Ivan Perisic scored for Borussia Dortmund shortly before being sent off in a 2-0 win for the Bundesliga champion at Werder Bremen on Friday. Perisic opened the scoring in the 42nd minute when he eluded Bremen defender Sokratis Papastathopoulos with a stepover on the edge of the penalty area before unleashing an unstoppable shot into the roof of the net. The Croat—who was booked for a foul on Sokratis three minutes before scoring—earned his second yellow card for another dangerous tackle on the same player in the 47th.

Dortmund defender Patrick Owomoyela marked his return from injury by scoring against his former club in the 72nd, when he was fortunate to beat the offside trap. —Internet

### Couples, Lowery share AT&T lead at 7 under



Fred Couples

SAN ANTONIO, 15 Oct —Fred Couples shot a 7-under 65 to take a share of the first-round lead with Steve Lowery on Friday at the Champions Tour's AT&T Championship. Lowery settled for a birdie at the 190-yard 13th after his 6-iron lipped out, then holed out from the fairway from 168 yards with an 8-iron for an eagle on the next hole. Hal Sutton and Nick Price were a stroke behind, and Tommy Armour III and Chien Soon Lu had 67s.

Ten players were 4 under: Phil Blackmar, Mark Calcavecchia, Bobby Clampett, Russ Cochran, Scott Hoch, John Huston, Gil Morgan, Steve Pate, Loren Roberts and Eduardo Romero. This is the first year the event has been played at TPC San Antonio's Canyon Course, and more than half the field shot under par. —Internet



Steve Lowery

### Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho rejects Portugal link

MADRID, 15 Oct —Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho has poured cold water on rumors linking him with the Portugal national team. "That is one big lie," he told reporters at a press conference. "It does not make sense. It is clear to me, to the federation and to Madrid that it is impossible. No-one has thought about it. There has not been any contact and this story should be over already." A report in *Mundo Deportivo* earlier in the week claimed the Portuguese Football Federation (FPF) was considering naming Mourinho as a temporary coach for



Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho

the Euro 2012 playoff tie against Bosnia & Herzegovina. Portugal's interest in Mourinho is not new, as the 48-year-old was under consideration in 2010 for two Euro 2012 qualifiers, but Real Madrid rejected the possibility.

Mourinho went on to say that there were no fitness worries in the squad ahead of the Liga clash against Betis on Saturday.

Internet



Dortmund's Robert Lewandowski of Poland, front left, kicks the ball during the German first division Bundesliga soccer match between Werder Bremen and Borussia Dortmund in Bremen, Germany, on 14 Oct, 2011. —INTERNET

### Bayern rout Hertha to tighten grip on Bundesliga

Bayern Munich defender Jerome Boateng, striker Thomas Mueller, midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger and striker Mario Gomez celebrate after the first goal for Munich.



INTERNET

MUNICH, 15 Oct —Bayern Munich continued their early season charge for the Bundesliga title with a 4-0 rout of Hertha Berlin on Saturday that re-established their six-point lead over champions Borussia Dortmund. Dortmund had moved four places up to second on Friday with a 2-0 away win that ended Werder Bremen's hitherto undefeated spell at home.

However, Bayern, who finished a massive 10 points off Dortmund's pace last season, were quick to extinguish any hopes of an upset by racing 3-0 up thanks to goals from Mario Gomez, Franck Ribery and Bastian Schweinsteiger. Gomez added his second from a spot-kick in the 69th minute to seal a comprehensive win for Jupp Heynckes' seemingly unstoppable side, whose lead was boosted by results elsewhere.—Internet

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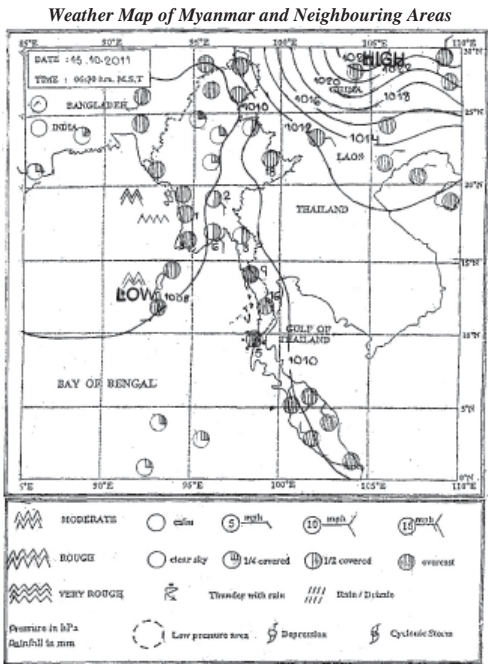
**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (16-10-2011) (Sunday)**

<b>Transmissions</b>	<b>Times</b>
Local	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission	(16-10-11 09:30 am ~ 17-10-11 09:30 am) MST

- Local Transmission**
- \* Opening
  - \* News
  - \* Food Prices-From Crisis to Stability
  - \* News
  - \* Myanmar Circular Stone Slab
  - \* News
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- Overseas Transmission**
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- \* News
- \* A Memorable Visit to Alaungdaw Kathapa National Park
- \* News
- \* Rakhine Traditional Wedding Ceremony
- \* News
- \* Record Album
- \* Easily Cooked & Tasty Dishes
- \* News
- \* Beautiful Dance Patterns in Three Different Times (Part-2)
- \* Floral Lover's Paradise (National Kandawgyi Gardens)
- \* Myanmar Movie "Servant of Love"



**Sunday, 16 October**  
View on today

- 7:00 am**  
1. Paritta By Venerable Min Gun Sayadaw Uppatasanti Paritta
- 7:25 am**  
2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am**  
3. Morning News
- 7:40 am**  
4. Dhamma Puja Song

- 7:50 am**  
5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am**  
6. Health Programme
- 8:10 am**  
7. (38) Kinds of auspiciousness
- 8:25 am**  
8. Teleplay (Health)
- 8:40 am**  
9. International News
- 8:45 am**  
10. Musical Programme
- 11:00 am**  
1. Martial Song
- 11:10 am**  
2. Musical Programme
- 11:20 am**  
3. Round Up of the Week's International News
- 11:30 am**  
4. TV Drama Series
- 12:30 pm**  
5. Myanmar Movies
- 2:30 pm**  
6. Documentary
- 2:35 pm**  
7. Myanmar

- Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 2:55 pm**  
8. International News
- 4:00 pm**  
1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm**  
2. Musical Programme
- 4:20 pm**  
3. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 4:35 pm**  
4. Dance of National Races
- 4:55 pm**  
5. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (Economic)
- 5:05 pm**  
6. Songs for Upholding National Spirit

- 5:10 pm**  
7. Documentary
- 5:25 pm**  
8. Sing & Enjoy
- 6:00 pm**  
9. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**  
10. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**  
11. Cartoon Series
- 6:40 pm**  
12. Tamyethnar Takwetsar
- 7:00 pm**  
13. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**  
14. News
15. International News
16. Weather Report
17. Cartoon Series
18. TV Drama Series
19. 18<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011)

**Weather forecast for 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2011**

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	35/95	22/72	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
2	Kayah	32/90	19/66	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
3	Kayin	35/95	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
4	Chin	23/73	08/46	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
5	Upper Sagaing	35/95	23/73	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	38/100	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
7	Taninthayi	30/86	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
8	Bago	31/88	23/73	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
9	Magway	34/93	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
10	Mandalay	37/99	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
11	Mon	31/91	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
12	Yangon	34/93	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
13	Rakhine	33/91	23/73	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
14	Southern Shan	27/81	18/64	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
15	Northern Shan	32/90	17/63	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
16	Eastern Shan	33/91	24/73	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
17	Ayeyawady	34/93	25/77	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	35/95	25/77	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	34/93	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	37/99	26/79	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today: During the past (24) hours, weather has been widespread in Taninthayi Region, fairly widespread in Yangon Region, scattered in Upper Sagaing, Bago and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States, isolated in Mandalay Region, Kayin and Mon States and partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hebo (2.09) inches, Gwa (1.30) inches and Manaung (1.10) inches.

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

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

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

**Hernandez salvages draw for United vs Liverpool**

LIVERPOOL, 15 Oct—Substitute Javier Hernandez rescued a point for Manchester United with a late equalizer as Liverpool were held to a 1-1 draw in the Premier League at Anfield on Saturday.

Steven Gerrard looked to have earned his side all three points after scoring with a 68th-minute free kick in his first start for seven months.

But United, which started the game with leading scorer Wayne Rooney on the bench, continued its unbeaten start to the season thanks to Mexico international Hernandez, who headed home an 81st-minute goal.

The capacity 45,065 crowd at Anfield included two-time NBA MVP LeBron James, who watched Liverpool play live for the first time since becoming a minority owner of the club.

James, who made a \$10,000 donation to the Liverpool's foundation charity, did well not to nod off in a first half when chances were sparse as United manager Alex Ferguson left Rooney out with the England striker "devastated" over a three-match Euro



*Javier Hernandez preserved Manchester United's unbeaten start to the season with an 81st-minute equaliser as Liverpool were held 1-1 at Anfield on Saturday.—INTERNET*

2012 ban for kicking out at a Macedonia opponent in a 2-2 draw earlier this week.

United still had the first scoring opportunity in the 16th when Phil Jones, playing in a more advanced midfield role, headed Patrice Evra's cross wide.

Uruguay striker Luis Suarez was Liverpool's best threat throughout and had a clear chance in front of goalkeeper David de Gea shortly after Charlie Adam's long-range effort in the 34th. But the Spanish 'keeper saved the shot from inside the area.—Internet

## President U Thein Sein arrives back from Republic of India

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct—Myanmar delegation led by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win arrived back here by special flight of Myanmar Airways International this evening after paying a goodwill visit to the Republic of India at an invitation of Indian President Mrs Pratibha Devisingh Patil from 12 to 15 October.

The delegation led by the President were welcomed back at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win and wife, Union ministers and their wives, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, deputy ministers, the chief of Myanmar Police Force, departmental heads, officials from Indian Embassy in Myanmar.

The President was accompanied by members of the delegation Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win of the Office of

Commander-in-Chief, Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin and wife, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung, Union Minister for Industry-1 and for Industry-2 U Soe Thein, Union Minister for Electric Power No (1) U Zaw Min, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development and for Livestock and Fisheries U Tin Naing Thein, Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint and high-ranking officials.—MNA

*President U Thein Sein and wife being welcomed back at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Vice-Presidents Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and Dr Sai Mauk Kham.*

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## Myanmar supports India's candidature for permanent membership at UNSC

### India wishes Myanmar for successful term as BIMSTEC Chair including proposal to host BIMSTEC Summit



*President U Thein Sein holds discussion with Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh at Conference Room of Hyderabad House in New Delhi.—MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh

held a discussion on mutual interest of the two countries at Conference Room of Hyderabad House in New Delhi yesterday noon.

Also present at the meeting were Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win of the Office of Commander-in-Chief, Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar

Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung, Union Minister for Industry-1 and for Industry-2 U Soe Thein, Union Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development and for Livestock and Fisheries U Tin Naing Thein, Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint, Myanmar Ambassador to India U Zin Yaw and senior departmental officials.

The Indian Prime Minister was accompanied by Indian (See page 9)