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Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife enjoy drama staged by Magway Region troupe

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin and family watched participation of Magway Region troupe in “Birth of Buddha” drama

Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Win and leading committee members welcomed Vice-President

True patriotism

- * It is very important for every one of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.



Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin, and Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Win enjoy drama performed by Magway Region troupe.—MNA

contest of 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions at convocation hall of University of Veterinary Science in Yezin Universities’ Campus in Zeyathiri Township this evening.

Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin and family on their arrival at the convocation hall.

Together with Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw

Hnin, Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Win and leading committee members, organizing committee members, sub-committee members, members of central panel of judges, and spectators enjoyed the drama.—MNA

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addresses Meeting 1/2011 of Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation Work Committee



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addressing Coordination Meeting No. 1/2011 of Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation Work Committee. MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct—Meeting 1/2011 of Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation Work Committee was held at the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development here this

afternoon, with an address by Chairman of the Work Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham.

The meeting was also attended by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win. (See page 6)

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 18 October, 2011

Relay preservation works of traditional culture and arts

Patron of Leading Committee for Organizing the 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addressed the opening of the 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions held at Myanmar International Convention Centre in Nay Pyi Taw on 15 October.

A nation's cultural standard has direct relations with her people's ability to safeguard their own national prestige and integrity and their politeness and moral values. Moreover, the people's ability to preserve national character in the cultural area reflect their strong patriotism, nationalistic fervour and invulnerability to alien influence.

The Vice-President said that IT is ever developing in this world, and has become the tool to extend cultural influences and create cultural conflicts. Powerful nations now have the ability to culturally dominate small countries. According to the saying, which goes "if culture vanishes, the race also vanishes". We can be able to preserve our cultural heritage only if we can continue to propagate Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts.

Myanmar has been a highly civilized society since over one thousand years ago. 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, Konbaung, Yadanabon periods, Myanmar music and dramatic arts has played a pivotal role and the uniqueness of Myanmar characteristics, cultures, traditions and customs can be witnessed throughout the history.

The onus, therefore, is on every citizen as a national duty to preserve and promote our thousand-year-old Myanmar traditional culture and arts to sand tall in the world, to foster nationalistic spirit and study Myanmar traditional culture and arts to safeguard against alien cultural influence, to hand down the duties of preserving and safeguarding traditional culture and arts in order to exist forever, and to harmoniously realize the objectives of the Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.

Books, radio, newspaper donated to village library

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct—As part of efforts to contribute to rural development and poverty alleviation, a ceremony to donate books, radio and newspaper by the Government of Taninthayi Region, Myanmar Libraries Foundation and village people was held at Sasanathiri monastery in Maungmeshauung Village of Dawei Township yesterday.

Taninthayi Region Minister for Development Affairs U Aung Kyaw Kyaw Oo gave an address at the ceremony. The well-wisher donated 630 books, a radio and K 24000 for one year subscription of Myanmar Alin newspaper to Bawa Mee-ein Library in Maungmeshauung Village.—MNA

Union A&I Minister attends commemorative ceremony of World Food Day-2011

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing delivered an address at the commemorative ceremony of World Food Day-2011 held at the assembly hall of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation here yesterday morning.

It was attended by Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development and for Livestock and Fisheries U Tin Naing Thein, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint, Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye, Deputy Ministers, Resident Representative Mr. Giuseppe Romalli of Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, resident representatives of UN organizations, in-charges, Vice-Chairman of Breeding and Fisheries Sector of the Academy of Agriculture, Forestry, Breeding and Fisheries Sciences, Managing Directors of the ministries, directors-general, Rector of Yezin University of Agriculture, prize-winning farmers, prize-winners of the Forest Department and Livestock and Fisheries Enterprise, prize-winner students in the essay contest, and distinguished persons.

Union Minister U Myint Hlaing made a speech on the occasion.

Afterwards, Resident Representative Mr. Giuseppe Romalli of FAO read out the message sent by Director-General of FAO, followed by the presentation of documentary video of World Food Day.

Later, Union Minister U Myint Hlaing presented best monsoon paddy producer prize to winner U Kham Pu of Tainelon Village-tract in Muse Township, sunflower producer prize to winner U Zaw Min Tun of Hasegyi Village-tract in Yemathin Township, sugarcane producer prize to winner U Thein Naing of Pyinmana Township.

Union Minister U Tin Naing Thein presented best establishment prizes

Special civil appeal cases heard

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct—Special Appellate Bench, comprising of Union Chief Justice U Tun Tun Oo, and Judges U Myint Aung and U Aung Zaw Thein of Union Supreme Court, sat at No (1) Office of Union Supreme Court this morning and passed verdicts on eight special civil appeal cases. And seven special civil appeal cases were heard.—MNA

of plantations of the Forest Department to first-prize winner Hlegu Township, second-prize winner Pyu Township, third-prize winner Saw Township, and Union Minister U Win Myint presented prizes for best breeding of cow, for best hatching finger and for best hatching prawns.

Union Minister Dr Mya Aye presented prizes to students in essay contest and an award for best hatching fingerling U Kyaw Zaw of Kyimyindine Township, Dr Kyaw Myint (Armanthit prawn feedstuff production) an award for best production

of prawn feedstuff, U Aung Naing (Aung Moe Khine Co Ltd) an award for best soft crab production.

Deputy Ministers U Ohn Than, U Khin Zaw, U Ba Shwe and Dr Myat Myat Ohn Khin, Resident Representative Mr. Giuseppe Romalli of FAO presented prizes to other winners.

Union Minister U Myint Hlaing together with Union Ministers and invited persons observed the booths displayed by the respective ministries to mark the World Food Day-2011.

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U Kyaw Kyaw and group of Ayeyawady Region taking part in Ozi contest (man) at amateur level (first class). (News on page 11)—MNA

Three innocent people killed, two injured, two taken by KIA in Nankham Township, Shan State

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct—Three innocent people of Manngon Village, Nankham Township, Shan State were killed, two injured and two taken by KIA armed group.

According to information that Ko Naing (a) Naing Wunna of Manngon Village, was found dead with gunshot wound at his house, the authorities concerned on 15 October morning went to the site and found Ko Naing (a) Naing Wunna, 41, his son Maung Nay Ye Lin, 20, and charcoal worker Maung Thet Ko Naing, 24, dead with gunshot wound, and Ma Sandar Win, 41, wife of Naing Wunna and charcoal worker Maung Ye Ko Ko, 22, injured.

According to the two injured, it is learnt that at about 8 pm on 13 October a 15-member KIA group arrived there and asked money from them who responded with no money. After ransacking the house, the armed group took K 250,000 and three pieces of jade stones and shot Ma Sandar Win, calming that she

was telling lies. And they took Ko Naing (a) Naing Wunna, Maung Nay Ye Lin, Maung Thet Ko Naing and Maung Ye Ko Ko out of the house after tying them with ropes and shot them. Maung Ye Ko Ko managed to escape with gunshot wound. They then took Ma Aye Saung, daughter-in-law of Naing Wunna, and Thi Ha Aung, 4, son of Ma Aye Saung.

Officials concerned took Ma Sandar Win and Maung Ko Ko to Muse People's Hospital via Nankham People's Hospital for medical treatment.

Local people from Kachin State as well as people from the length and breadth of the nation wish KIA group to return to the legal fold and join hands with local people in the interest of Kachin State and the Union instead of resorting to killing, collecting extortion money, forced recruitment, destroying national projects, blowing up roads, bridges and factories and planting mines in public places.

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Menam water in Bangkok peaked at 2.29 metres on 15 Oct, 2011, which was the highest record in decades. And the water level in Bangkok is expected to reach to a new high by 18 Oct, 2011.—XINHUA

Volcanic ash forces Buenos Aires airports to cancel flights

BUENOS AIRES, 17 Oct—Two airports here suspended all or part of their flights on Sunday due to the volcanic ash cloud generated by Chile's Puyehue volcano.

Argentine Transportation Minister Juan Pablo Schiavi confirmed that all flights had been canceled at the Jorge Newbery Airport, which provides domestic and regional services.

"All the companies

which operate in the airport have canceled their operations. We hope that the ash cloud would disappear from the sky," Schiavi told local television.

As to the city's other airport, Ezeiza International Airport, Schiavi said that although it remains open, most airlines have decided to cancel or delay their flights until the ash cloud disappears.

The Ezeiza airport said that the air companies that have suspended their flights on Sunday to departures include Buenos Aires and American Airlines, Air France, British Airways,

Air Canada, while Lufthansa, Aeromexico and South African Airways have announced delays.

In neighbouring Uruguay, more than a dozen international flights were also canceled at the Carrasco International Airport in Montevideo, most of which were flights to Chile, Argentina and Brazil.

Air traffic was also affected in Brazil, where airways Gol and Tam companies that have announced that their flights on Sunday to departures include Buenos Aires and Montevideo were also canceled.—Xinhua

Residential building fire kills nine in Russia

MOSCOW, 17 Oct—Five children and four adults were killed when a fire engulfed a residential building in the Russian Region of Krasnoyarsk, the ITAR-TASS news agency reported Monday.

The fire was reported less than an hour after midnight in a village in the Siberian krai, according to the agency, which quoted local emergency officials as saying that a couple, their five children

and two guests were sleeping in the building when it was ablaze. Firefighters worked for several hours at the scene, but did not prevent the flames from burning all the household goods inside and outside the building into ash. The cause of the fire was still under investigation, but the agency said that late reporting might have contributed to the severity of the tragedy.—Xinhua

Volcanic stain spreads off coast of El Hierro

MADRID, 17 Oct—Sea stain caused by the underwater volcanic eruption off the coast of the island of El Hierro has grown to almost half the size as the island itself, according to the latest satellite photos.

The green stain, visible on the surface of the sea, was caused by sulfur expelled by the underwater volcano, which began to erupt on Thursday after several weeks of seismic activities.

Spanish government scientists have been investigating the eruption for several days.

Ramon Otriz, coordinator of a government scientific team, on Sunday said the emission of sulfur could be the first of four stages of the eruption.

"The second stage could see a column of white smoke, the same colour as steam, which will then give way to some explosions that are black

in colour," he stated, adding that the explosions would not put the population at risk.

The final stage, according to Otriz, could be "the creation of a small island from which a flow of lava could spread." However, Otriz said the possible creation of such an island would depend on the amount of lava expelled by the volcano.

He added that the volcano is currently expelling gas from an opening that is approximately one metre in diameter confirmed that the eruption would be visible when it reaches a depth of just 60 metres from the surface.

The Canary Islands' regional government also raised the level of alert over the eruption on Saturday to "red," which means that necessary logistic means will be mobilized for any future evacuations and interventions.—Xinhua



A Swedish plane performs aerial acrobatics during the 2011 China International General Aviation Convention in Pucheng, northwest China's Shaanxi Province, on 15 Oct, 2011. XINHUA



A participant raises a placard at the dedication ceremony of the Martin Luther King, Jr Memorial in Washington, the United States, on 16 Oct, 2011. Tens of thousand of people, including US President Barack Obama and his family members, attended the ceremony.—XINHUA

One killed, two injured in light plane crash in New Zealand South Island

WELLINGTON, 17 Oct—A light plane crashed in New Zealand's South Island on Monday, causing one person dead and two others injured, police said.

The Cessna Skyhawk crashed onto the Arrowtown Golf Course about 3.30 pm local time on Monday (2:30 GMT), landing in a gully. Its tail section has broken off and witnesses at the scene reported the plane was on fire, Radio New Zealand reported.

A man and a woman have been flown to hospital with serious injuries.

Police said the flight is believed to have left Invercargill and was attempting to land on a small airstrip next to the golf course.

A Civil Aviation Authority investigation was under way.—Xinhua

Two killed, six injured in suicide attack in N Afghanistan

KABUL, 17 Oct—Two were killed including the suicide attacker and six injured Monday morning in a suicide attack in Maiman City, the provincial capital of Afghanistan's Faryab Province, police said. "A suicide bomber blew his explosive up near the vehicle of head of provincial intelligence department at around 8:30 local time (0400 GMT) in third sub-district of Maiman City," a police official, who asked not to be named, told Xinhua.

He said the suicide attacker and a child were killed in the blast that also injured six people including a provincial intelligence official, three of his bodyguards and two civilians. The area is cordoned off by police.—Xinhua

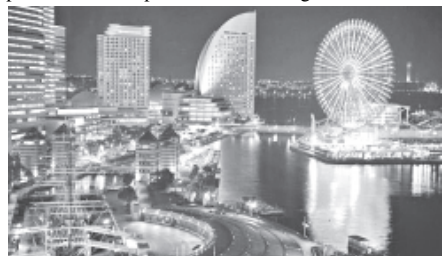


Lightning strikes over the skyline in Dalian, northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 15 Oct, 2011. Thundershowers and strong winds hit the coastal city Saturday.—XINHUA

Japan cuts view of economy amid overseas slowdown **Business**

TOKYO, 17 Oct—The Japanese government on Monday downgraded its view of the economy for the first time in six months as an overseas slowdown weighed on output and exports, while a strong yen further clouded the outlook.

In its monthly report for October, the Cabinet Office said “the Japanese economy is still picking up although the pace has decelerated, while difficulties continue to prevail” due to the 11 March earthquake and tsunami. The previous report in September gave no reference to a slowing recovery. Tokyo lowered its assessment of exports, industrial production and personal consumption while warning that the effects



An illuminated general view of the harbour of Yokohama.—INTERNET

of deflation still pose a threat.

The report stated that the pace of recovery in production is decelerating and that exports are levelling off. The government also warned of the need to pay attention to the yen’s persistent strength, as it erodes the value of exporters’ repatriated earnings. Analysts warn Japan’s recovery from recession may continue to slow amid concerns about the health of the global economy and the impact of a strong yen on the nation’s exporters. Japanese companies have worked to quickly to restore production levels after supply constraints in the wake of the 11 March earthquake forced them to shutter plants.

But there are concerns that a strong currency could undermine them as an uncertain global outlook prompts more firms to scale back production. There are also concerns that a strong yen could speed up a shift of production overseas as companies search for lower labour costs. Japan has unveiled a plan to make \$100 billion available to help companies make the most of the unit’s strength and acquire assets overseas, while boosting its oversight of foreign exchange markets against speculative moves.

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Philips TV deal at risk, plans 4,500 job cuts **Business**

AMSTERDAM, 17 Oct—Philips Electronics has all but abandoned hope of selling its loss-making TV business by the end of the year and is considering its options should the deal collapse altogether.

“The global TV market has deteriorated, and obviously the sooner we complete this the better, but we first need to finalize the negotiations, and whether we can do that this year or into the first quarter of 2012, there are some uncertainties with that planning,” Chief Executive Frans van Houten told reporters early on Monday.

Philips — the world’s biggest lighting maker, a top three hospital equipment maker, and



Europe’s biggest consumer electronics producer — said negotiations to sell off most of its TV business to Hong-Kong based monitor-maker TPV were intense, constructive and taking longer than expected. Philips said it would aim to cut 4,500 jobs as part of the restructuring scheme to

boost profits and meet its financial targets. That is about 3.7 percent of its non-TV workforce of just over 120,000, which had already been reduced by a 2009 program to cut 6,000 jobs.

Despite reiterating the firm’s 2013 financial targets of 4-6 percent sales growth, and a margin on earnings before interest, tax and amortization (EBITA) of 10-12

percent, Van Houten said Philips had a long way to go. “We are not yet satisfied with our current financial performance, given the ongoing economic challenges, especially in Europe, and operational issues and risks. We do not expect to realize a material performance improvement in the near term,” he said in a statement.

Reuters

China’s gold output up 3.87 pct during January-August period

BEIJING, 17 Oct—China’s gold output rose by 8.436 metric tons, or 3.87 percent year-on-year, to reach 226.388 metric tons during the January-August period, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) said Monday.

In August alone, China produced 31.889 metric tons of gold, up from 30.08 metric tons in July, the MIIT said in a statement on its website.

The combined output value of Chinese gold producers totaled 169.1 billion yuan (26.54 billion US dollars) in the first eight months of the year, up 23.14 percent year-on-year.

Gold producers’ profits soared 41.11 percent year-on-year to 20.43 billion yuan in the first eight months, the MIIT said. China is the world’s biggest gold producer and consumer. Its gold output reached 340.88 metric tons in 2010.—Xinhua



A woman smokes next to a cigarette pack in central Sydney on 12 October, 2011.—INTERNET

Smoking linked to earlier menopause

SYDNEY, 17 Oct—Women who smoke may hit menopause about a year earlier than those who don’t light up, according to a study that also notes an earlier menopause may influence the risk of getting bone and heart diseases. The study, which was carried in the journal Menopause, pooled data from several previous studies that included about 6,000 women in the United States, Poland, Turkey and Iran.

Non-smokers hit menopause between age 46 and 51, on average. But in all but two of the studies, smokers were younger when they hit menopause, between 43 and 50 overall. During menopause, a woman’s ovaries stop producing eggs and she can no longer get pregnant.

“Our results give further evidence that smoking is significantly associated with earlier (age at menopause) and provide yet another justification for women to avoid this habit,” wrote study author Volodymyr Dvornyk, from the University of Hong Kong. Dvornyk and his colleagues also analysed five other studies that used a cut-off age of 50 or 51 to group women into “early” and “late” menopause. Out of more than 43,000 women in that analysis, women who smoked were 43 percent more likely than nonsmokers to have early menopause.

Both early and late menopause have been linked to health risks. Women who hit menopause late, for instance, are thought to be at higher risk of breast cancer because one risk factor for the disease is more time exposed to estrogen.

Dvornyk’s team did not have information on how long women had been smoking or how many cigarettes they smoked each day, so his team could not determine how either of those factors may have affected age at menopause. For that reason, and a lack of data on other health and lifestyle factors linked to menopause, the analysis may not be enough to resolve lingering questions on the link between smoking and menopause, they said.—Reuters

Health



Photo illustration of newborn babies in hospital. Babies who are born early and small are five times as likely as normal infants to develop autism, according to a two-decade-long US study released Monday.

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May existing mutual friendliness, mutual trust and bilateral cooperation a roaring success

Kyaw Ye Min

Many people are interested in Myitsone project and every media has produced various criticisms on it. No sooner had the President sent a message regarding the project to the Hluttaw than various forms of criticisms were rife not only in the country but also in the neighbouring country and international community. Especially, there are media attacks with the intention of harming Sino-Myanmar relations.

The Myitsone project started soon after China Power Investment Corporation (CPI) and Ministry of Electric Power No (1) signed agreements in 2006. A total of US\$ 20 billion have been invested in seven dams on Maykha and Malikha rivers including Myitsone project worth US\$ 3600 million. But there arose public concerns over Myitsone project that could trigger devastating effects on Ayeyawady River and environment, bringing serious consequences. The Union government has the responsibility to address public concerns in all seriousness when those concerns spread rapidly among the people. So, the President decided to inform the people through the Hluttaw that construction of Myitsone dam project will be suspended in the time of the present government. So everyone has to welcome this announcement as the government elected by the people decided to do so respecting the people's will.

But there arises a new issue how Sino-Myanmar relations will be affected due to suspension of Myitsone dam project. Regarding this issue, the message of the President apparently stated that coordination will be made with the neighbouring friendly country, the People's Republic of China, to accept the agreements regarding the project without undermining friendly ties.

In fact, China and Myanmar are neighbours sharing a long border and the two countries have maintained bilateral friendship and relationship along the course of history. Such a long history of Paukphaw relationship has grown into Comprehensive Strategic Partnership of Cooperation. Both countries are trying hard to strengthen more and more their already-achieved mutual trust, good neighbourly relations and bilateral cooperation.

Besides, the two countries have co-existed in peace through equality, sympathy and understanding during the period of more than 60 years since the establishment of bilateral diplomatic ties. The proclamation of the establishment of Comprehensive Strategic Partnership of Cooperation between Myanmar and China is not only the highest in the relations between China

and other countries but also the remarkable progress that opens the new chapter in the history of Sino-Myanmar relations. So it can be witnessed vividly that the two countries are cooperating in various sectors through comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership.

Especially, China rendered a lot of assistance for economic development of Myanmar after 1988. China built significant bridges, buildings and factories with its own money and provided technical assistance to Myanmar. Cash assistance, interest-free loans and business loans were also given to Myanmar many times. Cooperation has increased in the many projects of energy, electricity, transport and agricultural sectors. Cooperative efforts are being made in implementation of Kyaukpyu economic and technological development zone, deep-sea port, oil and natural gas pipeline and railroad construction projects for having access to economic and trade activities with India and Bangladesh through Myanmar-China border. The two countries will continue to cooperate in rendering necessary assistance for SEA Games 2013 and ASEAN Summit 2014 to be held in Myanmar.

In trade sector, China is the second largest trading partner of Myanmar. Trade volume between the two countries had reached nearly US\$ 5.3 billion during 2010-11 fiscal year and it is expected to reach US\$ 6 billion in 2011-12 fiscal year. In investment sector, China is the largest investor in Myanmar. It is learnt that China has invested US\$ 15.8 billion in a total of 72 projects, which is expected to add with influx of Chinese investments into coming Dawei Special Economic Zone.

Moreover, China is a friendly nation which has long been on Myanmar side in UN and international arena. In the course of history, China has stood firmly with Myanmar, defending the truth and safeguarding the national interests of Myanmar. In addition, China respects the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Myanmar and its full cooperation with the latter in events and phenomena in border regions has proved its spirit of goodwill in Sino-Myanmar relations.

One good turn deserves another and Myanmar has strictly adhered to One-China Policy and showed its massive support in Taiwan, Tibet and Xinjiang Uyghur issues. It also stood on China's side in restructuring of the United Nations. Now, the two neighbours have entered into Comprehensive Strategic Partnership of Cooperation, which has paved the way for mutual strategic support.

Another point is that both Myanmar and China are developing nations which share the common interests in international and regional arena. Thus, Myanmar will safeguard the fair interests of China and vice versa. So, it is crystal clear that Sino-Myanmar relation is not an ordinary relationship but long-lasting strategic partnership.

Putting two and two together, Myitsone issue alone can hardly affect Sino-Myanmar relation in the face of mounting reciprocal measures, i.e. mutual benefits, interdependent relationship, ongoing joint-projects as well as potential bilateral work plans. Myitsone issue is to be settled through reciprocal coordination with China Power Investment Company, without harming the amity. There is no way this case cannot be successfully settled as the two nations have treated each other like brothers sine time immemorial. I believe that the two sides could reach mutually acceptable agreement some time in the future.

Our Union in deed is like a big family. If the central State is of parents, the regions and states are of offspring. The parents will try to equally share all fruits of their efforts with their offspring and all offspring, in turn, need to look after the family's interests without selfishness. Myitsone issue cannot be left to Kachin State to handle alone because of the case having occurred in Kachin State, but the entire nation has to face the pros and cons of the case. Likewise, advantages and disadvantages of oil and gas production in Rakhine Offshore is not merely concerned with Rakhine State but with the whole country which has to share its positive and negative impacts. So, parent-offspring relationship and family spirit are of vital importance. As the Myitsone issue is concerned with the entire nation, the whole family needs to join hands in seeking the solution with a strong sense of family spirit.

To put it in a nut-shell, definitely no way Myitsone issue can ruin Sino-Myanmar relations. The President has vowed accommodation maintaining the status quo. Furthermore, Sino-Myanmar relations have been of deep Paukphaw relationship of Cooperation since the time of recorded history and now have entered Comprehensive Strategic Partnership of Cooperation. Thus, the amity and friendly ties between the two neighbours would be going from strength to strength in the time to come. I wish existing mutual friendliness, mutual trust and bilateral cooperation between the governments and peoples of the two neighbours a roaring success.

Translation: YM+TKK

Sirius XM touchscreen-enabled Lynx receiver outed by Best Buy

NEW YORK, 17 Oct—Sirius XM has a new radio receiver coming soon called the Lynx SXi1, a touchscreen-powered device that runs a modified version of the Android operating system. We know this because a now-removed Best Buy product page revealed the device to the Internet's teeming masses before the retailer could pull the listing down.

The product page included an image (above) as

well as a full set of details about the receiver (via Music Sink). It sports a micro SDHC slot, so you can bring along some of your own music as well as listening to Sirius XM content. There's also a built-in wireless chip and multitouch support for the touchscreen display. The rechargeable battery delivers 30 hours of operation on a single charge, according to the product documentation.

Unfortunately, the one thing that was missing from the Best Buy page was a release date. Though with the product shot looking so final, "soon" is probably a safe bet. It looks like the Lynx will retail (at Best Buy at least) for \$249.99.—*Internet*

Android App Tablet Review: Facebook for Android

WASHINGTON, 17 Oct—Facebook for Android works on Android tablets as it does on Android smartphones.

Because the app has been designed for a smaller screen, space isn't used efficiently. There's a lot of white space with text and photos much smaller than they need to be. However, it's likely that a future, fully-optimized Honeycomb update will be launched one day.—*Internet*

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addresses ...

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Union ministers who are members of rural development and poverty alleviation central committee, chief ministers of regions and states who are members of work committee, deputy ministers and departmental heads.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham in his address



**Union
Commerce
Minister
U Win
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said that today's meeting was the first time for the work committee. As seventy percent of the population of the country is rural people, giving priority to long-term development of majority of people is fundamental. To instruct and supervise rural development and poverty alleviation tasks, the government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has formed Central Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation. The work committee was formed to coordinate eight tasks adopted by the central committee with work committees of regions and states.

Respective Union ministers and chief ministers need to deal with tasks successfully and effectively in cooperation with rural people working for benefits of rural people, making field trips.

According to comprehensive survey on livelihood of household jointly conducted by UNDP and the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, although poverty rate of the whole country decreased from 32% to 26%, it is found that enormous gap between urban and rural areas still lingers on. Except Sagaing Region, Bago Region and Mon State, poverty rate in rural area is higher than that of urban in the remaining regions and states. The poverty rate gap in some regions and states stands at sevenfold.

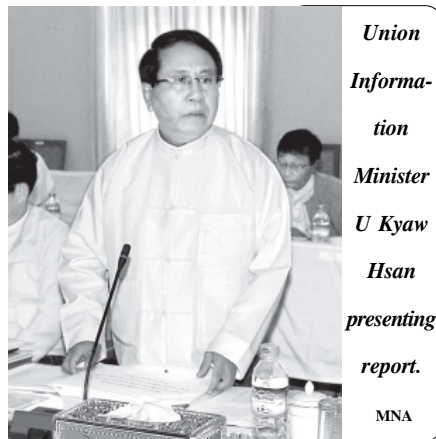
In order to meet Millennium Development Goal, the State needs to apply itself to narrowing the gap between urban and rural areas, aiming at reducing poverty rate down to 16 % in 2015.

As it is required to carry out rural development and poverty alleviation tasks up to December 2015, ten work programmes for poverty alleviation are to be embraced as directives. They are:-

- (1) needs to make vertical extension more practical than horizontal extension
- (2) needs to grow marketable strains: if the output is from 50 baskets to 100 baskets per acre, they will be profitable and if the output is quality products, growers will be able to make more money
- (3) needs to seek way to reduce cost of production to remedy less profit due to high production cost
- (4) needs for coordination between departments and villages to use harvesters and ploughing tools by purchasing them in combination and using them alternately to remedy time limitation between harvesting and ploughing times as paddy quality becomes terrible due to piling paddy on embankment after being harvested that lead to low income and giving time to grow beans and pulses
- (5) ensuring distribution of seeds, fertilizer, pesticide,

ploughing tools, growing costs, inputs and high quality and reducing costs

- (6) needs to have good function of micro finance for capital requirement
- (7) giving educative talks for technical requirements to groups rather than individual
- (8) needs to give encouragement through reducing production cost, ensuring high quality, more income and marketable products in fishery sector; although



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growing of paddy, beans, sesame and seasonal crops through double- and triple-cropping patterns ensures primary income, growers have to wait for four or five months to enjoy this; breeding of chicken, pig and cow on a manageable scale as well as extension of integrated farming to have secondary income

- (9) individually growing of semi-perennial and perennial plants to have secondary income on a commercial scale and to have one village one product
- (10) giving encouragement to production of other handicrafts, arts works, personal goods, and household goods as well as growing crops in implementing one village one product project.

Efforts should be made to extensively grow crops which are favourable to regional climate. For example, tea should be grown extensively in Chin State. Only then, will the tasks of the development of rural areas and poverty alleviation be implemented.

To reduce the poverty, it is needed to draw farm activities and non-farm activities programmes for rural people. One village one product programmes and rural industrialization programme play an important role in implementing the non-farm activities. As most of private industries are small-scale ones, it is needed to supply raw material, electricity and smooth transportation for development of the small-scale industries.

For development of micro-credit schemes, encouragement should be given to micro-credit schemes for vendors, hawkers and daily-waged workers.

For development of cooperatives, efforts should be made to gain confidence from the people in cooperative societies. In the rural area development and poverty reduction drive, achievement can be made within a short time only through cooperation. Therefore, efforts should be made for development of cooperative societies.

For development of socio-economic life of rural people, education, health, transportation, safe drinking water and irrigation should be on list of priorities.

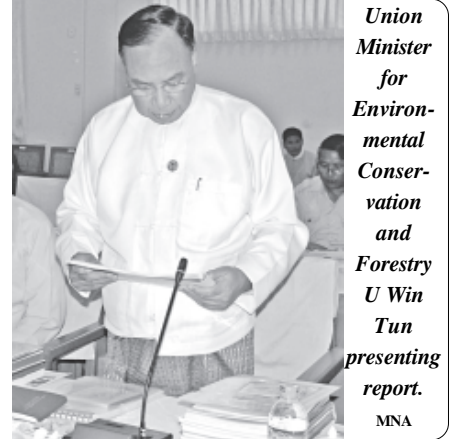
Efforts should be made to encourage producing energy from bio gas and it is needed to take measures for increased production of energy. Especially, supplying electricity to all rural areas is necessary for the rural area development task.

While encouraging sustainable development, emphasis should be placed on environmental conservation. New technologies and ways should be sought not to pollute water and air due to boosting production. To conserve the environment, tasks for production of fire-wood substitute fuel and extension of forest reserves are

to be carried out.

Rural people are to participate in rural public work for development of rural areas such as building irrigation facilities and roads it would help reduce poverty in rural areas.

Priorities should be given to farm and non-farm activities with the aim of creating job opportunities. Work committees and sub-committees for rural area development and poverty alleviation have been set up in



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regions and states and they are working for the drive. Therefore, the committees are to report on implementation of works and difficulties, the Vice-President said.

Afterwards, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing reported on distribution of seeds of rice, beans and main crops to farmers, production and distribution of special high-yield strains of crops by research departments, budget, cooperation with Vietnam and India to get high-yield strains of rice and arrangements for effective role of private sector.

Besides, he also reported on scientific agricultural methods, disseminating agricultural knowledge farmer to farmer and good agricultural practices for effective use of paddy strains.

He then elaborated on ongoing research works, transformation into mechanized farming, more investments at home and abroad in agriculture sector, implementation of irrigation systems and availability of water for agricultural purpose, disbursement of agricultural loans, arrangements for production of value-added products in realizing the one village-one product scheme, and attracting private entrepreneurs to invest in agriculture sector.

With regard to development of livestock and meat and fish production, Union Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Tin Naing Thein reported on progress of livestock breeding, fishery and production tasks in regions and states, formation of syndicates in meat and fish sector, participation of local people, production, consumption and surplus production and importing of meat and fish in respective regions, raising livestock breeding tasks on a commercial scale due to market demand, availability of investment, extended formation of integrated farms in regions and states and their work progress, cooperation of UN agencies in work sectors, invitation to entrepreneurs for formation of specialized companies, and joint ventures of national entrepreneurs and foreign investors.

Regarding development of rural area small-scale industries, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint reported on availability of raw materials, investment, technology and market being undertaken by Rural Area Small-scale Industries Development Supporting Committee, progress of these tasks in Sagaing, Bago and Ayeyawady Regions.

Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun submitted reports on drawing microfinance industry law for development of private micro-credit services, (See page 7)

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preparations for reformation of Myanma Small Loans Enterprise to Myanma Micro-Credit Supervisory Enterprise, fixing the capital, interest rate, service charges and licence fees, preparations for necessary works, and issuance of rules and regulations and directives under the law on completion of the respective laws.

Union Minister for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint reported on organizing, educating and monitoring tasks for development of cooperative works, production, trading, monetary service and transport tasks of already-formed cooperative societies, access to training courses, upgrading Cooperative Degree College to the university, and supervising the tasks under law and bylaws.

Union Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan elaborated on implementation of six tasks of forming

township rural socio-economic development supportive committees, education, health, human resources development, transport, communication, and tapping potable water; implementation of the tasks with 10 strengths; undertaking environmental conservation works; construction of 200 rural libraries and donation of publications in 2011-2012 fiscal year for human resources development; installation of DTH dishes in fur-flung areas; needs of the six tasks and providing cash assistance; and plans for carrying out related procedures.

Union Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein elaborated on development of solar, hydro, wind, biogas and scavenging energy for providing rural regions with electricity; measures for development; informing the rural electrification through media for public knowledge; works for rural electrification in Bago Region, Ayeyawady Region, Mon State, Taninthayi Region, Sagaing Region and Naga Self-Administered Zone using appropriate sources; distribution of solar lamps; plan for selling necessary machines with installment by the ministry;

technical assistance; working in cooperation with private investment; technologies to provide electricity five hours a day by solar system at affordable cost of the people; dissemination of technologies for fuel usage control and optimized usage; use of briquette; technologies of Compressed Wood Gas; and making cash donation to capital for success of rural energy development tasks.

Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun explained natural forest conservation and prevention against forest degradation by natural environmental conservation supportive committee; seizure of illegally extracted timbers; establishment of forest plantations; soil conservation; biodiversity conservation; reduction of climate change; scavenging natural and bio fertilizers; organizing rural people to cooperate in environmental conservation tasks; conducting trainings and educating people for human resources development; and future plans.

The first session of meeting was then adjourned.

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A visitor views an exhibit at "Beyond Calligraphy: A Contemporary Calligraphic Art Exhibition by Hsu Yung-Chin" in Taipei, on 14 Oct, 2011. This exhibition displayed 15 artworks by painter Hsu Yung-Chin, most of which are created with mixed-media, such as acrylic on canvas.—XINHUA

Australia opens world's 5th largest brain centre in Melbourne

MELBOURNE, 17 Oct—The world's fifth largest brain research centre was officially opened in Melbourne, Victoria of Australia on Monday.

The 227 million US dollars Melbourne Brain Centre will host 700 researchers, who will make use of the centre's facilities to investigate a broad range of conditions affecting the brain, including multiple sclerosis, stroke, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, trauma, depression, schizophrenia, anxiety, epilepsy and motor neuron disease.

The centre aims to have the critical mass to support world-class laboratories and enable the development of more effective diagnostic tools, treatments and ultimately cures for brain and mind disorders. The centre will also play a key role in attracting leading scientists to come to Australia or retaining talented Australian researchers who might have otherwise moved or stayed overseas. Victoria state Premier Ted Baillieu, who opened the centre, said he was excited by what the centre could

achieve.

"The brain centre here in Melbourne has the potential to greatly reduce the level of suffering and premature death from diseases of the brain and of the nervous system," he told the audience in Melbourne on Monday. The centre, which was the fifth largest of its kind in the world, is a collaboration between Melbourne University, Melbourne's Florey Neuroscience Institutes and the Mental Health Research Institute.

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A representative of rescued miners addresses an event to mark the mine rescue's anniversary in the northern city of Copiapo, where the accident took place trapping 33 miners for 69 days, in Chile, on 13 Oct, 2011. A sober religious ceremony was held at the event with the presence of 20 of the 33 rescued miners.

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China calls for joint effort to deal with global economic difficulties

PARIS, 17 Oct—Faced with new problems such as sovereign debt and downward risks, all countries should work together to enhance coordination on macroeconomic policies to guard economic growth and financial stability with respective effort, Chinese delegates said Saturday here at the G20 Financial Ministers Meeting. The global economy is challenged by new difficulties which require all countries to join hands in fighting all sorts of protectionism either in trade or in investment, according to a statement issued by the Chinese delegation led by Chinese Financial Minister Xie Xuren and Central Bank Governor Zhou Xiaochuan.

China suggested that leading developed countries should ensure economic recovery and financial stability in short term, while in the medium term enhance fiscal solidarity, accelerate structural reform and refrain the negative impact of macroeconomic policies. Meanwhile, China also stressed that the emerging countries should make their own contribution to tackle the problems. "The emerging markets should promptly take flexible and effective macroeconomic measures in order to control slowdown and tackle with impacts from inflation and capital flows," the statement said.

Three dead, four hurt in Calif reservoir crash

SAN DIMAS, 17 Oct—A personal water craft slammed into a powerboat on a California reservoir Saturday, killing three women and injuring four other people, authorities said.

The crash occurred about 4:30 pm on Puddingstone Reservoir at San Dimas, the *Los Angeles Times* reported.

The women, ages 25, 35 and 60, were dead at the scene, Los Angeles County Fire Department inspector Matt Levesque said. Their names had not been released.

Three men on the boat, ages 22, 35 and 36, were critically injured.

A 22-year-old woman on the boat suffered minor injuries.

"It was a tragic, tragic accident," said Imee Perius, a spokeswoman for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the Parks and Recreation Department.—*Internet*

Emerging economies "should also quicken their pace on structural reform in a bid to realize stable and faster growth," the statement added. During the two-day meeting, G20 financial leaders gathering in Paris welcomed the progress the Europe made on the eurozone debt issue on Saturday, but meanwhile expected the euro area to rely more on itself with bigger bailout fund to avoid contagion.

Xinhua

Four adults found chained in storage closet

PHILADELPHIA, 17 Oct—Philadelphia police say they found four mentally disabled adults chained in a storage closet Saturday while checking for squatters in an apartment building.

"It's obviously very unsettling — it's very disturbing," City police Capt Frank Bachmayer said.

The three men and one woman, all in their 40s and said to have the mental capacity of 10-year-olds, were being held in a 15-foot by 15-foot storage closet with a low ceiling and were malnourished, *The Philadelphia Inquirer* reported.

"The conditions they were living in were deplorable," said police spokeswoman Tanya Little. "It was not good."

The four victims were taken to a medical facility where they were being fed and evaluated.

Police were questioning two people as they tried to determine who was responsible for the victims' care, the newspaper said.—*Internet*

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The applicant members of the Sangha whether received the title or not are striving for flourishing of the Sasana based on meritorious deeds. As part of efforts for flourishing the Sasana, if any person donates four requisites to members of the Sangha who have been conferred religious title or not, the Sasana will be perpetual existence.

Opening of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University is aimed at disseminating Desana of the Lord Buddha to across the world, so priority is given to choosing eligible persons from abroad. Only when the adequate number of foreign trainees cannot be recruited, the eligible persons at home are admitted to attend the university for foreign missionary. Those wishing to receive the completion certificates will have to meet the prescribed qualification, they will be admitted as trainees.

Without setting aim to secure the degree from the university, those wishing to pursue religious literature for preaching the religious friends from abroad may be admitted at about four/five seats for observers. Moreover, those wishing to learn Buddhism literature may attend the Abhidhamma and Visuddhimagga course and Abhidhamma course in English in the precinct of Kaba Aye Pagoda in Yangon and Pali-Myanmar Abhidhamma course conducted by Mingala Byuha at the foot of Shwedagon Pagoda and Abhidhamma course by YMBA and others. These courses may be attended by any persons regardless of strata and age. Therefore, those who miss the chance to attend the ITBMU should not be disappointed and they may practise meditation by attending the Buddhism courses forever.

Six Hluttaw representatives raised six questions on agriculture and irrigation, and Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw replied to them.

U Nyan Swe Win of Kyaukkyi Constituency asked **how the government will manage arrangements for uplifting capabilities of agricultural economic management for farmers not to depend on loans.** The deputy minister replied that organizations including the Region and State governments are to organize, supervise and control the farmers for implementation of uplifting capabilities of agricultural economic management of farmers across the nation to be able to escape from circle of depending on loans.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation has adopted five key tasks for growth of agricultural production. These key points are to use high yield quality seeds, to apply good agricultural patterns, use agricultural inputs, fertilizers and natural fertilizers including water for agricultural purpose in right time, to reduce production cost and trading cost including use of seeds, inputs and charge of labour from the growing to harvesting period, and to seek the strong market and cost effectiveness for the crops. By organizing the farmers to abide by these five tasks,

the life of farmers will escape from the debt misery and outcomes of rural development and poverty alleviation will emerge in villages and townships.

The ministry is to establish farmer educative model farms across the nation based on existing research farms, seeds production farms and agricultural training schools and organize the farmers for their participation with collaborative efforts. It is necessary to broaden horizon of farmers through programmes of MRTV or Leyar Sipwar and Doh



Pazundaung Constituency Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Aung Zin raising question.
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Only when officials concerned harmoniously bring about of systematic irrigation system at farms, reform from conventional to mechanized farming, distribute high yield seeds for increasing per-acre yield, sufficiently supply fertilizers for boosting production of crops and encourage investment of entrepreneurs in agriculture sector, will agricultural products of farmers increase quickly and will the farmers escape from debt misery. Those wishing to know detailed information may be arranged to meet scholars of the ministry for separate discussions and those persons are invited.

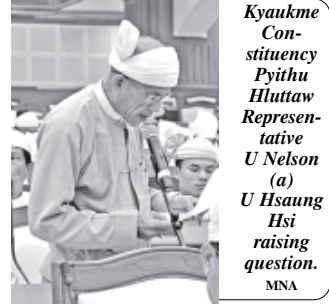
U Aung Zin of Pazundaung Constituency asked **whether there is a plan to disburse loans to farmers who grow paddy on over 10 acres of farmlands. He said that as farmers have been saving money from the agricultural loans for two decades, he asked whether there is a plan to set up separate fund for timely cultivation of crops after they had suffered from danger of natural disasters.** The deputy minister replied that the State gives priority to disbursement of agricultural loans to farmers engaging in less than 10 acres of farmlands, who may face difficulty in agricultural loans, and there is no plan to disburse loans to the farmers who have money might to work more than 10 acres of farmlands.

With regard to individual savings of farmers, there are 3,024,000 farmers who open savings accounts up to 12-9-2011 and they saved K 63585.63 million. However, farmers individually saved K 21,027 only. As the money is personal savings of individual farmers, Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank gives prescribed interest rate to them. If they want to take out their savings, the bank will immediately withdraw their savings to farmers.

In 2011-2012 fiscal year, a plan was set to disburse K 37,7791.64 million as monsoon, cold season and pre-monsoon loans to farmers. To do so, savings of farmers are circulated in disbursement of

annual loans to farmers. Savings of farmers are to be paid interest without any loss. In accord with the banking rules and regulations, their savings are used in disbursing regular agricultural loans through yearly installment system. Therefore, the savings of farmers will not be set up as an emergency fund at Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank to be used in timely cultivation of crops on the farms damaged in the natural disasters.

U Maung Maung of Thayawady Constituency asked **whether Myanmar**



Kyaukme Constituency Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Nelson (a) U Hsaung Hsi raising question.
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Agricultural Development Bank has a plan to disburse loans to farmers depending on actual owned farmlands as those who own more than 10 acres of farmlands miss the chance to borrow agricultural loans. The deputy minister replied that with regard to disbursement of agricultural loans to farmers, the State has adopted a plan to assist the farmers who are lesser capital. It may assume that those who own more than 10 acres of farmlands have much capital of farming. Moreover, farmers can pawn or sell their farmlands to seek capital if necessary in accord with the forthcoming farmland law.

Priority will be given to disbursing agricultural loans to the farmers who own less than 10 acres of farmlands due to difficulty of agricultural capital. There is no plan to disburse loans to the farmers who own more than 10 acres of farmlands with much capital. Focusing on interest of the farmers, the State disburses loans to farmers, and Region and State governments are to supervise farmers for effectively spending the loans on cultivation and production of crops.

With regard to the question asking that **unequal rate of instrument registration fee means unequal chance for the people and whether there is a plan to visibly post the instrument registration fee for the people** raised by U Nelson (a) U Hsaung Hsi of Kyaukme Constituency, the government has promulgated the fee for registration of instruments in accord with Section 78 of existing Instrument Registration Act. List of fees for respective contracts or works has not been amended up to now and the fees are prescribed equally across the nation. Differences of fee are based on types of instruments.

The Section 79 of the Instrument Registration Act has stated that registration fees for instrument shall be posted in public at all instrument registration offices. Arrangements for posting registration fees in public at all instrument registration offices have been made. According to the Instrument

Registration Act, measures are being taken through existing laws, rules and regulations and directives in order not to lose rights and interests of the people, to ensure deserved opportunities, and not to see forgery. Further arrangements will also be made to extend advertising measures to let the people know more than before.

U Pyae Maung of Madaya Township Constituency asked **whether there is a plan to continue to implement Upper Hsedawgyi dam project in Madaya**



Madaya Constituency Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Pyae Maung raising question.
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Township. In response, the Deputy Minister said that Irrigation Department started construction of Hsedawgyi modulating dam project in 2006-2007 and carried out construction of approach road to the dam, buildings, clearing of alignment of the main dam, and concreting works. According to earlier plan, construction of the dam was under the duty of Irrigation Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, and construction of hydropower station was under Ministry of Electric Power No. 1.

In July 2009, Htoo Trading Co through BOT system signed MoU with Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 on construction hydropower station of Hsedawgyi modulating dam, and coordinated construction of the dam with the Irrigation Department. The Irrigation Department terminated its all works in 2009 due to denial of budget allocation.

Now, the government instructed the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation to conduct feasibility study on restart of the embankment and seek investors. So, the Ministry is seeking and offering the project to committed investors at home and abroad. Although Hsedawgyi modulating embankment construction project is the one incredibly beneficial to the State and region, there is no budget allocation on list of priority. If an occasion arises, construction works will start again.

U Khin Maung Myint of Yaksawk Constituency in his question said that **construction of Kengkham multipurpose dam project being implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation started in January 2005 and terminated in November 2009, asking that whether there is a plan to resume construction works.** In response, the Deputy Minister said that as from 2005-2006, conducting of geological study on compiling geological map, drawing designs of buildings and embankment, and concreting works of Kengkham multipurpose dam project was completed by 13.05 per cent of the whole project.

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On completion, Kengkham dam with two generators in capacity of three megawatts each will generate 21 million kwh annually and it will benefit nearly 33,000 acres of irrigated area and greening of Meiktila Plane. So, budget submission to the government will be made to restart construction of the multipurpose dam. Prioritized projects will be implemented according to the budget share.

In discussing the proposal raised on 30 September by U Soe Tha of Twantay Constituency for **submission ways to create a good budget system to Hluttaw for emergence of State-owned firms and State-owned companies agreeable to present situation after being scrutinized**, U Aye Mauk of Mahlaing Constituency, U Maung Toe of Minhla Constituency, U Aung Sein Tha of Minbya Constituency, Daw Tin Nwe Oo of Dagon Myothit (North) Constituency, U Thein Lwin of Chauk Constituency, Daw Lè

Lè Win Swe of Tamway Constituency, U Nyi Lay (a) U Kyi Tha of Gwa Constituency, U Win Oo of Yebyu Constituency and U Ye Tun (a) U Min Tun of Hsipaw Constituency said that if State-owned firms run by way of board or corporation or company or private form, budget amount can be reduced, firms will develop as they can run freely, and liable levies can be collected. In changing to a good budget system, it is suitable to practice the system after submitting report to Pyithu Hluttaw on findings and advices surveyed by a



Twantay Constituency Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Soe Tha submitting proposal.
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committee formed.

It is required to scrutinize workable banking systems, more advanced communication systems, systematic formation of organizations involved, employment of skillful staff and managers, response of global countries to Myanmar's market, and balance between products and firms which are helpful to the new system. Apart from State's budget system, giving power to economic centres to decide measures on their own, undertakings of economic organizations for seeking profits, and measures to be taken by the government through rules and regulations. It is needed to take measures for changing the system step by step as it is a key to interests of the State and the people. The proposal will bring fruitful result to the State.

Regarding the proposal, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker said that as discussions of Hluttaw representatives were awfully helpful facts to be followed, Hluttaw should record it. The main theme in that regard is based on findings of emergence of State-owned firms and State-owned companies agreeable to present situation

in order to brace development of State's economy. If private companies emerge from State-owned firms and State-owned companies, it is essential to change practical budget system. Only if work procedures are carried out step by step can goal be seen.

Budget means balancing of debit and credit. Even world rich countries have to face budget deficit. But, economic growth of a country can be made by taking measures to reduce budget deficit little by little. Although economic development measures are being taken through might of public and private companies in global countries, even economic-leading countries started their economy based on State-owned companies. Therefore, the proposal submitted now is a must-do.

Hluttaw decided that respective Pyithu Hluttaw committees need to coordinate and submit the proposal of U Soe Tha.

The 35th day second regular session ended at 4.20 pm and the session continues for 36th day at 10 am tomorrow.

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townships in central Myanmar with less rainfall between 1997-1998 and 2011-2012; environmental conservation plays a part in eight tasks of rural development and poverty alleviation adopted by the State; the ministry allows timber extraction and biomass production for foreign currency income on yearly limited scale under Management Plan; biomass production is allowed in regional support work stations and plantation and wetland clearance areas on basis of bona fide need of local people who have to rely on biomass; regional authorities need cooperate the ministry in supervising systematic usage and prevention against forest degradation as there is excessive production; the State encourages establishment of model village housing forest plantation to meet the need of forest produce for fuel, house-hold purpose, agricultural and fishery use, to reduce reliance on natural forests, and to enable to extract forest produces in their own house compound and village; Forest Department assists necessary saplings and technologies for establishing plantation of three teak and 20 hard-wood plants per house-hold and one-acre fire-wood plantation per village implemented yearly with the workforce of the rural people as of 2008-2009; when the model village housing forest plantations are successful at an extend, biomass production will be adjusted; objectives were adopted to extend forest lands under management of the ministry to 30 per cent of the country's area; 24.06 per cent have been covered by forests now; depending on stability of the region and control of staff, forest reserves will be established in border regions; the ministry allows plantation of perennial crops such as rubber and oil palm which contributes to the natural environment and greening

of the region in forest reserves and forests outside reserve under the management of the ministry and forest-covered lands under management of the government; the plantation of perennial crops which do not support the improvement of natural environment; as the perennial crop plantation permit holders focus on extraction of wood products in the permitted area, rather than growing the designated crops, the degraded forests, deforested lands and lands with less forest coverage are allowed for the purpose, regulations are issued for drafting yearly growing plan for reclaiming only growing lands annually, and compliance with the regulations is enforced; the heads will be reported not to allow using forest lands for agricultural purpose and coordinations will be made with respective ministries and State/Region governments; forests are fundamental to cutting Green House Gas (GHGs) emissions including carbon dioxide emission which is the root cause of climate change and natural disasters the world is facing today; tasks for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD) are being carried out in cooperation with international organizations; workshops are held, newspapers publish reports and talks are organized on the tasks for public knowledge; if the tasks are realized, it will contribute to sustainability of the forests and economic development of the rural people; if the economy of the State is developed, the timber extraction will be reduced.

The minister stressed the need for cooperation between the Ministry of Forestry and other ministries and local people to conserve the natural resources in the country as part of efforts for deforestation and natural disasters risk reduction.

U Kyun Khe of Chin State constituency No. 1 asked **whether there is a plan to resume extraction of pine resin for medicinal purpose from pine trees which was growing across Chin**

State.

The Union minister replied that the Forest Department has established 9,100 acres of pine tree plantations from the 1981-82 to the 2011-12 fiscal year and about 5.9 millions of pine trees which have 2 ft and above in circumference are growing in the plantations and the forests in Chin State.

The Forest Department had practiced U-BARI K method to extract pine resin from the pine trees which have five feet and above in circumference not to damage the trees and meanwhile, the ministry had allowed the Myanmar Paper and Chemical Industries to extract 150,000 viss of pine

programmes in accordance with the policies laid down by the State. At weekend, MRTV broadcast eighth hours per day : from 7 am to 9 am, from 11 am to 3 pm and from 4 pm to 10 pm. Myanmar International Channel broadcast programmes in English from 9 am to 11 am daily. The Information programme accounted for thirty per cent of a daily programme of MRTV, the education programme for thirty per cent and the entertainment programme for 40 per cent.

MRTV produced in-door, out-door programmes and censored movie series to be able to adaptable to Myanmar cultural



Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Paw Lyan Lwin holding discussion.
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resin. The ministry was also coordinating to apply an advance technology and to invite foreign investment in extraction of pine resin.

Besides, the ministry would implement the project for extraction of pine resin if foreign investment flows into the sector as the project would create job opportunities for local people and would benefit the State.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win replied the questions of the three representatives.

Dr Myint Kyi of Yangon Region constituency No. 8 asked **whether there is a plan to review the programmes of MRTV to conserve Myanmar traditional cultural heritage.**

Deputy Minister U Soe Win replied that Myanmar Radio and Television had three objectives: to inform, to educate and to entertain: and had broadcast

characters and national characters. Besides, MRTV had encouraged the development of private media and broadcast programmes shot by private media and weekly ASEAN programmes.

Besides, free to Air channels and pay channels including international channels, edutainment and infotainment channels, and movie series are expanded after censoring them.

Programmes shot by private media, in-door and out-door programmes, ceremonies of the government, Myanmar movies and foreign movies which were adaptable to Myanmar's culture were broadcast in prime time. There are 12 programmes of Myanmar culture in prime time and MRTV broadcast Myanmar movies, videos and Myanmar traditional cultural programmes in Sunday afternoons and evenings of Wednesday.

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As movies and programmes which would be of benefit to the State were broadcast in prime time, foreign movie programmes were broadcast at late-night.

To improve the broadcasting, radio and television broadcasting system had been changed from analogue to digital system step by step.

Regarding movie series, MRTV broadcast movies from Korea, China, India and Singapore which were adaptable to national characters of Myanmar, and Ministry of Information had encouraged the production of Myanmar movie series by private media, he said.

Afterwards, U Hnin Wai of Kayah State constituency No. 12 asked whether there is a plan to retransmit digital channels such as MRTV and Myawady to 10 villages in Maesaw Township, Bawlake District, Kayah State.

The deputy minister replied that a total of seven relay stations had been established in Kayah State.

Meisei re-transmission station came into operation on 4-7-2000. The transmission of 1 KW transmitter can cover 10-mile radius area, the 50W transmitter, five miles radius area and 10 W transmitter, two miles radius area. If there is no barrier between transmission tower and receiver, transmission can be operated on a wider range than the limited area. If not, the transmission cannot cover the limited area thoroughly.

The distances between villages in Meisei Township and Meisei TV re-transmission station are six miles distance in Hose, eight miles distance in Namman, 15 miles distance in Pantein, 12 miles distance in Meisenan, eight miles distance in Nanhu, four miles distance in Hojit, 18 miles distance in Nampeinlain, 22 miles distance in Kyauksu and 14 miles distance in Lanhsan. As such, it can be seen that although people of Hose, Meisenan, Nanhu and Hojit can receive the TV programme through high antenna and booster, some village cannot receive it due to longer distance than the limited one from the re-transmitter.

Myanma Radio and Television of the Ministry of Information gives priority to construction of TV re-transmission stations in township and sub-townships in accord with the guidance of the Head of State. So far, already-built 226 re-transmission stations cannot cover village-tracts from the dense forests and hilly regions. DTH system is being realized in Myanmar for enabling the village-tracts to have easy access to TV programmes. It is a system applying the Direct to Home through satellite. By installing the DTH equipment, the people will have easy access not only free to air channels from MRTV, MITV and MRTV-4 but also more channels to be extended free of charge. Moreover, these channels are run round the clock, and they can enjoy the programmes at any time. As the prices for them are reasonable, the people can buy the equipment of DTH.

The government adopted the plan of

rural development and poverty alleviation led by the President. With regard to the plan, human resource development will be undertaken in the rural socio economic development sector being undertaken by the Union Minister for Information. The respective region and state governments have formed rural socio economic development committees. These committees will make field trips to all villages for fulfilling requirements of grassroots level in education, health, human resource development and communication sector. When these committees have completed the field trips, the matters included in the submission will be solved automatically.

The matter on Myawady TV in the question is being broadcast by Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare of the Ministry of Defence. Therefore, the matter will be submitted to the department concerned.

U Hla Swe of Magway Region Constituency No. 12 asked whether there is a plan to present Life-time Achievement Academy Award. In retrospect, motion pictures in Myanmar have been produced for 91 years starting from 1920. Focusing on uplift of Myanmar motion picture standard, the Myanmar Motion Picture Promotion Board was formed in 1952 and the board has been awarding outstanding artistes and technicians in the motion picture field. Up to 23-1-2011, the Myanmar motion picture outstanding award presentation ceremony for 2009 held in Nay Pyi Taw was for 54th time within 58 years.

In looking back the chronicle of giving Myanmar motion picture outstanding award, three outstanding motion picture awards were designated in 1952 and 1953. The awards were added with Best Film Director Award in 1954, Cinematographic Award in 1956, Best Actor Award, Best Supporting Actor Award, Best Actress Award and Best Supporting Actress Award in 1962, Film Script Award, Film Music Award and Film Sound Effect Award in 1990, and Film Editing Award in 1994. So, there are 11 best awards in motion picture. It is known to all that due to recommendation of the Myanmar Motion Picture Promotion Board, a special award is presented to the winner. During the 58 years period from 1952 to 2009, a total of 328 academy awards have been presented to the winners.

Increasing numbers of academy awards to the winners is aimed at ensuring promotion of Myanmar motion picture standard and development of those in the motion picture field. The Ministry of Information has adopted the aims and tasks for Myanmar Motion Picture Organization and those of motion picture field with a view to ensuring promotion of Myanmar motion picture standard and development of those in the motion picture field. Moreover, the ministry provides necessary for them to implement the aims and tasks as much as possible.

Latest equipment has been purchased for producing films to meet international standards. Encouragement is being given to applying digital system and technological

special effects in the movies. Efforts are being made for emergence of modern studios. Thanks to encouragement to emergence of advanced movie system, modern cinemas have emerged one after another in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay and other major cities. Concerted efforts are being made for presenting movies and videos will soon be shown across the nation through E-cinema system.

So, it can be seen that the State is assisting from all aspects for the development of film industry and those employed in film industry; presentation of Academy awards is a shot in the arm for

and thus when conditions are mature, his ministry would coordinate with Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization for presentation of such award.

The Hluttaw sent that paragraphs 1 and 2 of the bill revoking the law on primary rights and responsibilities of 1964 Public Workers Act are part of the bill, which was confirmed and sent by the Pyithu Hluttaw.

Hluttaw representatives U Paul Htan Taing, Paw Hylan Lwin, U Hla Swe, U Kan Nyunt, Dr Banya Aung Moe, U Sai Thant Zin, U Zhun Kham, U Mann Kan Nyunt, U Ohn Tin, U Maung Aye Tun, U



Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Hla Swe of Magway Region Constituency raising question.

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Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Paul Htan Taing holding discussion.

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promotion of film industry and development of those engaged in it; it is encouraging that all outstanding artistes have won Academy awards and some gifted artists have won academy awards for several times, and so six-, five- and four-Academy award winners have emerged; artistes have the chance to play a role in film till the death and to win further Academy awards in their advanced ages and because of this particular nature, such life-long achievements are not different from Life-time Achievement Academy Award in term of essence.

Regarding the presentation of life-time Achievement Academy Award in international countries, some countries practices such system in accordance with their objective conditions but most countries still have not exercise such system; looking to ASEAN and neighbouring countries, only China presents the award in Golden Rooster Film Festival.

More and more Academy awards have been presented and now 12 awards including special award have been presented yearly and thus the number of awards is fairly adequate for Myanmar film industry and those employed in it for the time being; as life-long outstanding film award is still not widely popular in international community and Myanmar currently needs not to develop such prize

San Pyae, Daw Khin Waing Kyi, U Saw Aung Kyaw Naing (a) Sha Bu Pho, U Jayaw Wu and Dr Aye Maung discussed facts to be added, amended, cancelled, included and approved concerning Paragraph-4 of Chapter (2), sub-paragraphs b, c, e, f, g, i, k, l, m of Paragraph-5 of Chapter (3), paragraphs 6 and 9 of Chapter (A), sub-paragraphs a, b, c and f of Paragraph-7, Paragraph-8, sub-paragraph m of Paragraph-9 of Chapter (4), sub-paragraph b of paragraph-11 of Chapter (5), sub-paragraphs a, d, x, ff of Paragraph-13 of Chapter (7), sub-paragraph c of Paragraph-16 of Chapter (8), paragraphs 25,26,27 of Chapter (10) of Ward (or) Village-tract Administration Law, which was sent back to the Hluttaw after Pyithu Hluttaw has made amendments to it.

The Hluttaw decided to hand over the case to Hluttaw Bill Committee to reconsider the discussions of 15 representatives.

The 34th-day regular session of the first Amyotha Hluttaw was adjourned at 3.35 pm and the 35th-day session continues at 10 am tomorrow.

At today's session, Union Ministers answered five questions raised by representatives, a bill was approved and another one was decided for reconsideration.

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Kyahtoo bridge on Magway-Natmauk-Pyawbwe road to be opened soon

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct—Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin on 15 October inspected preparations for opening ceremony of Kyahtoo Creek Bridge built by Bridge Construction Project Special Group No.7 near mile post No.47/0 on Magway-Natmauk-Pyawbwe road.

The 480 feet long RC bridge can withstand 60-ton loads. The bridge will

be opened in the near future.

Next, the deputy minister looked into tarmacking works and installation of steel trusses at Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) on Letpanchepaw bank.

On 16 October, he inspected installation of steel trusses at the bidge on Pakokku bank. He also inspected approach road works and placing of asphalt concrete.—MNA

Performing Arts Competitions continues for third day



Ma Myint Thwal of Sagaing Region participates in amateur level (second class) women's harp contest.
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U Thein Zaw Tun of Shan State participates in amateur level (second class) men's solo orchestra contest.
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NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct—The 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued for the third day at the designated places in Yezin Universities' Campus in Zeyathiri Township today.

Among the enthusiasts were Secretary of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Performing Arts Competitions Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw, Deputy Minister for

A total of 10 contestants participated in the higher education level girls' Maha Gita song contest and 12 in the basic education level boys' Maha Gita song contest at the Assembly Hall of University of Agriculture.

A total of 15 contestants participated in the basic education level (10-15 aged) girls' old/modern song contest and 11 in the amateur level (first class) men's old/modern song contest at the Lecture Hall of University of Agriculture.

At the convocation hall of University of Veterinary Science, 23 contestants took part in the basic education level (10-15 aged) girls' dancing contest and 13 contestants in the amateur level (second class) men's event.

At Padamyia Hall of University of Agriculture, five contestants competed in the amateur level (first class) religious story narration (Kweteik).

Nine contestants participated in the amateur level (first class) men's and women's song composing contest, 15 in the (second class) contest and 11 in the higher education level men's and women's contest at the training hall-2 of Agricultural research Department.

At the training hall-1 of Agricultural Research Department, two contestants participated in the basic education level (5-10 aged) boys' harp contest, five in the higher education level men's harp contest, six in higher education level women's harp contest, and three in the amateur level (second class) women's harp contest.

At the convocation hall of University of Forestry, two contestants participated in the basic education level (15-20 aged) men's mandolin contest, one in the basic education level (15-20 aged) women's contest, five in the amateur level (first class) men's

mandolin contest, and two in the amateur (first class) women's mandolin contest.

Three contestants took part in the amateur level (first class) women's xylophone contest and seven in the basic education level (10-15 aged) boys' xylophone contest at convocation hall of University of Agriculture.

At the assembly hall of Forest Research Division, 11 contestants participated in the amateur level (second class) men's solo orchestra contest and four in the higher education level men's solo orchestra contest.

At the training hall-1 of Agricultural Research Department, seven troupes took part in the amateur level (first class) men's Ozi troupe contest, and five in the basic education level (15-20 aged) men's Ozi contest.—MNA



U Shwe Man Thawda of Mandalay Region participates in amateur level (first class) narrative contest.
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Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan, and members of the work committee and subcommittees, members of the central panel of judges and those from states and regions, team managers and contestants, departmental personnel and national race excursion groups.



Ma Thida Theint of Magway Region participates in basic education level (10-15 aged) girls' old/modern song contest.
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U Tin Tun (a) Leikma of Yangon Region participates in amateur level (first class) narrative contest.—MNA



Daw Khine Zar Win of Yangon Region participates in amateur level (first class) women's xylophone contest.—MNA



U Kyaw Myint of Chin State participates in amateur level (second class) men's dancing contest.—MNA

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Steve Jobs honoured by Silicon Valley

SILICON VALLEY, 17 Oct —Some of Silicon Valley's top executives were set to gather at Stanford university on Sunday evening to celebrate the life and genius of the Apple founder Steve Jobs. Fittingly perhaps for a memorial of a man who was notoriously secretive, the precise location of the event and its guest list is under wraps. It is being billed as strictly private, with no public or media coverage welcome. Last week Jobs had a small private funeral following his death on 5 October, aged 56, from pancreatic cancer.

On Wednesday morning, another private event will be held at Apple's Cupertino headquarters for the company's employees to pay their respects to their deceased leader. Despite the primarily private nature of the commemorations, Jobs's many admirers and fans have been able to express their sentiments through an outpouring of messages and cards to Apple stores and the company's website. In California, the governor Jerry Brown declared on Saturday "Steve Jobs Day".

Internet

A man signs his name on a sympathy board set up for 'Steve Jobs Day' in Manila.



US drone strike kills three Egyptians in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 17 Oct—officials said on Sunday. A recent US missile strike in Pakistan's tribal region killed three Egyptians linked to the Haqqani network, including one who played a key role in handling the militant group's finances, Pakistani intelligence

authorized to talk to the media. A fourth person was also killed but has not been identified. US intelligence believes the Haqqanis are the top threat to security in Afghanistan.

MNA/Xinhua

Report says US spy aircraft kill 775 civilians in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 17 Oct—The US spy planes have killed up to 775 civilians, including 173 children, in 300 strikes in Pakistan tribal regions since the strikes had been started in June 2004, a report has said.

The report released on Saturday by the London-based Bureau of Investigative Journalism said between 1,141 and 1,225 persons were also injured the strikes, mostly in Waziristan tribal areas near the Afghan border. The report, quoted by the Dawn newspaper, has mentioned varying figures about the casualties in the attacks as it said that at least 2,318 people and a maximum of 2,912 people, the majority of them alleged militants, have been killed in these attacks.

Of the 300 drone strikes since 17 June, 2004, it said, 248 occurred during President Barack Obama's first three years,

rising to a frequency of almost one strike every four days. Talking to Dawn newspaper, the head of the US covert war investigations bureau, Chris Woods, said the data had been drawn from reputable media sources, including inter-national news agencies and credible Pakistani media. Moreover, he said, the data was cross-referenced where possible against leaked US intelligence documents and diplomatic cables.

MNA/Xinhua

Medical scientists say parents should chill over house dust mites

WELLINGTON, 17 Oct—Parents wanting to help their children avoid asthma and other allergies are being told to give their toys a frosty reception by sticking them in the freezer. Medical scientists in New Zealand and Taipei have discovered that freezing children's soft toys can kill almost all house dust mites (HDMs), the microscopic bugs associated with a range of allergies, including asthma.



Medical scientists say parents should chill over house dust mites.—XINHUA on Monday.

Other effective remedies for killing HDMs, commonly found in children's soft toys, were tumble drying and washing with eucalyptus oil and detergent, the scientists from New Zealand's University of Otago and Taipei's Changhua Christian Hospital found. HDMs were strongly associated with the development of asthma in children, and the severity of asthma was in proportion to the number of house dust mites a child was exposed to when sleeping with soft toys, said a statement from the university

"Children frequently sleep with their favorite toys close to their airways and this may be important for HDM-sensitized asthmatic children," said University of Otago Associate Professor Rob Siebers. The scientists tested the three different cleaning methods on 36 toys divided into three groups of 12. Freezing toys for at least 16 hours at minus 15 degrees centigrade resulted in a 95-per cent reduction of HDMs, as did soaking in an emulsion of eucalyptus oil and liquid detergent for one hour before rinsing and drying. —Xinhua

Library book returned after 25 years

A Virginia woman said she returned a library book she checked out in 1986 and subsequently lost to end her "life of crime."

Donna Corbus of Portsmouth said she checked out "Butterflies are Free" from the Norfolk Public Library in 1986 because she was considering auditioning for the play and the tome apparently wound up in a box marked "pictures" when she moved a short time later, *The (Norfolk) Virginian-Pilot* reported Tuesday.

"I am embarrassed to return this book, 'Butterflies are Free,' after such a long time," Corbus wrote in a letter to the library. "My daughter, who was a baby at the time I borrowed the book, now has



A library book entitled "Butterflies are Free" was returned 25 years overdue.

a master's degree and just bought her first house." Corbus returned the book during an amnesty program, which allowed those with overdue books to make food donations instead of paying fines.

16-foot python on roof — captured at last

A large female python that had been entertaining male companions on the roof of an Australian canoe club for years has been captured.

Dave Walton of Cairns Snake Removals said Tuesday he will find an appropriate place to let the snake loose "to live out the rest of her

days," the *Cairns Post* reported.

Walton had been trying for months to catch the python. With a length of more than 16 feet and a weight of almost 50 pounds, she had become so large she threatened to damage the roof of the Hekili Outrigger Canoe Club outside Cairns on the north coast of

Queensland.

The newspaper christened the snake Nagini — after Lord Voldemort's enormous companion in the Harry Potter books. "This female has been the one that's been attracting all the males over the years and they were certainly getting it on in the roof, that's for sure," Walton said.

News Album

Leonardo Urena of Napa, CA pumps his fist as his 1,704 pound pumpkin moves into first place at the 38th annual Pumpkin Weigh-off in Half Moon Bay, California on 10 October, 2011. The gigantic gourd set a state record and won the competition.



"Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head" lyricist honoured in Hollywood

LOS ANGELES, 17 Oct—Hal David, songwriter of "Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head", received the 2,451st star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame Friday, with another honour for him three days away.

David, 90, who shared a best original song Academy Award with writing partner Burt Bacharach in 1970 for "Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head," attended the awarding ceremony held in front of The Musicians Institute on Hollywood Boulevard.

The New York native was also author of other popular ones such as "Do You Know the Way to San Jose", "What The World Needs Now is Love", "Walk on By", and "I Say a Little Prayer". He penned the lyrics for the 1968 Broadway musical "Promises, Promises," which has garnered the Grammy Award for its cast album. On 17 Oct, David will receive a music tribute called "Love Sweet Love.—Internet



Legendary songwriter Hal David (L) and wife Eunice pose for photographers as the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce honours him with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles, California.—INTERNET

"Real Steel" retains top spot at North America box office

LOS ANGELES, 17 Oct—A robot boxer has successfully beaten out three newcomers this weekend, as "Real Steel" dominates the box office derby for two weekends in a row, winning over droves of family audiences with its excellent word of mouth.

The robot-boxing movie will bag 16.3 million US dollars in movie ticket sales in the United States and Canada this weekend, and is on track for a 51.7-million-dollar two-week

total, according to preliminary statistics released by distributor Walt Disney Pictures. Owing to its good word of mouth and strong family appeal, the flick, starring Hugh Jackman in the lead role, also rakes in another 23.3 million from overseas markets for a global total of 108.3 million dollars.

"Footloose," a Paramount remake of a 1984 dance film of the same name, debuted in second place, garnering 16.1 million dollars from

3,549 locations.

The film, starring Kenny Wormald, Julianne Hough, Andie MacDowell and Dennis Quaid, received an A CinemaScore grade, and mainly targeted woman and teenager audience. According to Paramount, 75 percent of its moviegoers were women, and 46 percent were 35 years or older, as this flick has touched off a nostalgic mood among elder fans. The film costs 24 million dollars.—Xinhua



Drummer Jojo Mayer performs during a mini concert in Beijing, capital of China, on 14 Oct, 2011.—XINHUA

Paper gets accidental traffic ticket fax

BELLEVILLE, 17 Oct—An Illinois sheriff's department records clerk who sought to have a college student's speeding ticket dismissed accidentally faxed the request to a newspaper.

The *Belleville (Ill) News-Democrat* said it received a fax from St Clair County Sheriff's Department records clerk Joann Reed asking for a speeding ticket to be dismissed for the son of a

deputy.

The newspaper said the fax was meant for Centreville village attorney Carmen Durso but was sent to the *News-Democrat* by mistake.

Reed, who described herself as "guilty" when questioned about the fax, said the recipient of the ticket was not actually a deputy's son, but rather a college student she was attempting to assist. However, the *News-*

Democrat said it found the recipient was the son of Deputy Cerether White.

Sheriff Mearl Justus said he was investigating the matter.

"I'm going to look into it and find out what it's about," Justus said. "If she has to be disciplined, then she will be disciplined. I'll look at the whole thing. I'll take some action."

Internet



A model whose body painting has been finished is seen in the 18th international congress and fair of cosmetics, solarium, equipment, wellness, spa and hair care, "The touch of Paris", in Belgrade, Serbia, on 16 Oct, 2011. XINHUA

Wenger delighted with Van Persie



Arsene Wenger hailed the Dutchman's contribution

LONDON, 17 Oct — Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger was full of praise for Robin van Persie after his double against Sunderland. The Dutchman was once again the difference for Arsenal as Wenger's side saw off the Black Cats at the Emirates Stadium, writes Stewart Coggin.

The striker fired the home side ahead after just 29 seconds, but Sebastian Larsson equalised with a brilliant free-kick to send the teams in level at the break. However, Van Persie produced a wonderful curling set-piece of his own to make it 2-1 with

nine minutes left and send the Gunners up to 10th in the Barclays Premier League.

Wenger said of Van Persie's contribution: "Well, he scored two goals. I think you have to analyse the game a little bit to see how important he is. The first goal was a good display of the team and the second chance he made the difference just because of his skill, which was exceptional. "You know what is important is that he plays like he plays because we are all here to see special football players and he is a special football player." — *Internet*



Robin van Persie scored twice for Arsenal on Sunday

Japan wins 2011 AFC U-19 Women's Championship

HANOI, 17 Oct — AFC U-19 Women's Championship 2011 wrapped up in Vietnam's southern Ho Chi Minh (HCM) City on Sunday, with Japan holding the trophy, followed by DPR Korea and China. The top three will participate in 2012 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup in Uzbekistan.

Japan comfortably claimed the AFC U-19 Women's Championship title as Kumi Yokoyama grabbed a hat-trick to highlight a 6-0 victory over host Vietnam at Thong Nhat Stadium on Sunday, wrapping up the tournament with three top teams as Japan (13 points), DPR Korea (12) and China (8).

Meanwhile DPR Korea boss Sin Ui-gun was pleased to see his side end their AFC U-19 Women's Championship campaign on a positive note following an impressive 4-0 victory over China earlier in the day.

China also had an outside chance of lifting the trophy but the defeat put paid to any hopes of that occurring.

Instead, they had to settle for third place but enjoyed the consolation of also booking their ticket to the U-20 World Cup next year.

Xinhua

Simpson takes over money list lead

ST SIMONS ISLAND, 17 Oct — Webb Simpson was disappointed Sunday night after the McGladrey Classic. A missed par putt from inside 4 feet cost him the victory, but he made great strides toward his other goal for the week. Simpson came to Sea Island less than \$70,000 behind Luke Donald for the lead on the PGA TOUR money list. He leaves better than \$360,000 ahead, knowing Donald can only catch him with a tie for second or better at next week's Children's Miracle Network

United facing battle to qualify in Champs League

LONDON, 17 Oct — Pitted in arguably the weakest of the eight Champions League groups, Manchester United is surprisingly facing a real battle to qualify for the knockout stage heading into back-to-back matches against unknown quantity Otelul Galati of Romania. United, which has won Europe's biggest prize three times and was beaten by Barcelona in last season's final at Wembley, opened up this year's competition with draws against Benfica and Basel, leaving the English champions third in Group C after two games.

The pressure is now on Alex Ferguson's men to start picking up wins if they are to avoid a nailbiting last couple of matchdays.

They'll be fully expected to do just that in the double-header against Otelul, which is yet to earn a point in its debut season in the Champions League. "We have made it a little bit more difficult than we would have liked, with two draws in our first two games," United and England defender Rio Ferdinand said.

"But we don't go away from home in any game with the intention of drawing. We want to win.

Internet

Indy 500 winner Wheldon dies after massive wreck

LAS VEGAS, 17 Oct — Race car drivers always know the worst can happen whenever they get behind the wheel. On Sunday, it happened to one of IndyCar's biggest and most popular stars. Two-time Indianapolis 500 winner Dan Wheldon died after his car became ensnared in a fiery 15-car pileup, flew over another vehicle and hit the catch fence just outside turn 2 in a season-ending race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

"Things happen in this kind of racing," said Wade Cunningham, also caught up in the wreck. "It's so close. Not much room for error. I was near the front of what caused all this, so I'm not thrilled about it. At this point, whose fault it was is kind of immate-

rial." The green flag had barely stopped waving when disaster struck.

Wheldon, driving from the back of the field for a chance at \$5 million, was in the middle of the pack when he drove into a tangle of cars careening off each other in every direction. Unable to avoid the massive wreck unfolding

before him, Wheldon clipped another car and went hurtling through the air, his car bursting into flames as it flew into a fence. After just 11 laps, the race was over. Two hours later, track officials announced that Wheldon was dead. The Englishman was 33.

Internet



Dan Wheldon, front left, and another driver crash during a wreck that involved 15 cars during the IndyCar Series' Las Vegas Indy 300 auto race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway in Las Vegas on Sunday.

INTERNET

Boca stays on top in Argentina despite draw

BUENOS AIRES, 17 Oct — Boca Juniors and Belgrano played to a 0-0 draw on Sunday, a result that kept Boca on top in Argentina's Apertura football tournament.

Boca improved to 25 points, six ahead of Racing Club and newly promoted Rafaela. In other results on Sunday, Estudiantes defeated Rafaela 3-0, Argentinos Juniors and Colon played a 0-0 draw, and Velez defeated Lanus 2-1.

Internet

AEK Athens' Eidur Gudjohnsen out for rest of season with broken leg

ATHENS, 17 Oct — AEK Athens will be without the services of Eidur Gudjohnsen for the rest of the season after the striker broke his right leg during a Greek Super League match on Saturday. The 33-year-old fractured the tibia and fibula of his right leg following a collision with Olympiacos goalkeeper Franco Costanzo in the first half of their game at the Olympic Stadium in Athens that ended in a 1-1 draw.

Gudjohnsen is now slated to be sidelined from all footballing action for the remainder of the 2011-12 campaign after undergoing a surgery on Sunday. The Iceland international, who has featured for Chelsea and Barcelona among other clubs in his career, joined AEK during the summer transfer window on a two-year contract reportedly worth 650,000 euros-a-year minus bonuses.—*Internet*

SPORTS

Agassi wins hometown Champions Series event

LAS VEGAS, 17 Oct — Andre Agassi won his hometown Champion Series event Saturday night, beating Pete Sampras 8-5 in the Cancer Treatment Centers of America Championships at Thomas and Mack Centre.

"This was the best, most energized crowd of the entire series so far this year," Agassi said. "It means the world to me that everyone came out tonight to support us. It was a very special feeling, and I can't thank the fans enough. I felt pretty relaxed early on, and the crowd definitely helped me tonight."

Agassi won for the second time this year to move into second place in the season standings, 800 points behind Sampras with three events left.

On Friday night in Los Angeles, Sampras beat Agassi 8-6 for his fifth victory of the season. In the semifinals, Agassi beat Jim Courier 6-3, and Sampras topped John McEnroe 6-4.

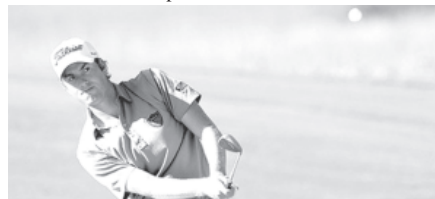
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Hospitals Classic.

"I think coming in, finishing second is going to make it a lot harder for Luke," Simpson said. "But I'm sure he's going to play well.

He's played well most every week this year. I still wouldn't be surprised

if I have a little work to do next week." Both players will tee it up next week at Disney World with Donald attempting to regain his spot atop the TOUR money list to go with his position atop the European Tour's money list.—*Internet*



A victory wasn't in the cards for Simpson on Sunday but the money list title may be in his future.—INTERNET

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (18-10-2011) (Tuesday)

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Local	-	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission	-	(18-10-11 09:30 am ~ 19-10-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

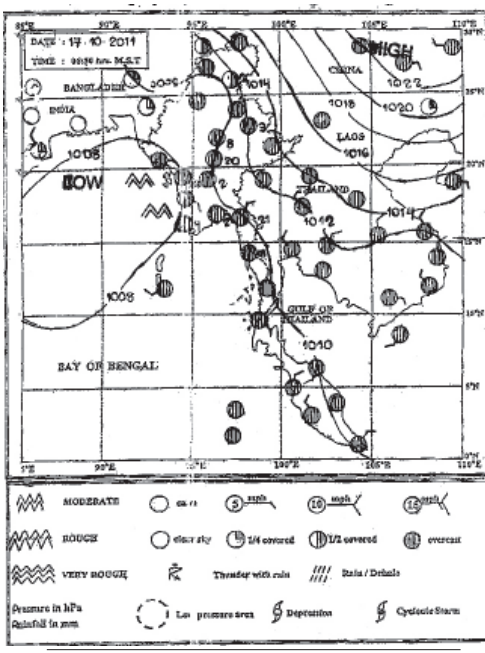
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- * News
- * I love Myanmar
- * News
- * One Day Trip to Sanka Village
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * A worth studying site for ancient Myanmar Heritages
- * News
- * Bagan, The Rhapsody of Myanma Culture
- * 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Tuesday, 18 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. Songs of Yester Years
- 8:20 am
- 8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 8:30 am
- 9. Dance of National Races
- 8:40 am
- 10. International News
- 8:45 am
- 11. Musical Programme
- 4:00 pm
- 1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm
- 2. Musical Programme

- 4:20 pm
- 3. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 4:25 pm
- 4. Teleplay (Health)
- 4:40 pm
- 5. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -First Year (Philosophy)
- 4:55 pm
- 6. Songs for Upholding National Spirit
- 5:00 pm
- 7. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies
- 5:10 pm
- 8. Sweet Melody
- 5:20 pm
- 9. Documentary

- 5:30 pm
- 10. Greatest Famous Songs
- 6:00 pm
- 11. Evening News
- 6:15 pm
- 12. Weather Report
- 6:35 pm
- 13. Sing A Song
- 7:00 pm
- 14. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm
- 15. News
- 16. International News
- 17. Weather Report
- 18. Bakery World
- 19. India Drama Series
- 20. 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011)

Weather forecast for 18th October, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	32/90	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
2	Kayah	29/84	20/68	Fairly widespread or thundershowers	80%
3	Kayin	35/95	26/79	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
4	Chin	23/73	11/52	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
5	Upper Sagaing	35/95	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	34/93	25/77	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
7	Taninthayi	32/90	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
8	Bago	32/90	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
9	Magway	32/90	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
10	Mandalay	33/91	25/77	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
11	Mon	35/95	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
12	Yangon	31/88	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
13	Rakhine	35/95	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
14	Southern Shan	26/79	18/64	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
15	Northern Shan	30/86	21/70	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
16	Eastern Shan	30/86	21/70	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
17	Ayeyawady	33/91	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	33/91	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	31/88	24/75	One or two rain or thundershowers	80%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	33/91	25/77	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, Kachin, Shan, Chin, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States and scattered in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy falls in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Mawlaik (3.03)inches, Ye (2.29) inches, Hinthada and Kalay (2.05)inches each, Yamethin and Gangaw (1.77) inches each.

Bay Inference: Weather is cloudy in Central Bay and partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and 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 rain in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Wie 'inspired' by world number one Tseng

HONG KONG, 17 Oct— American golfer Michelle Wie, once hailed as the future of women's golf, said Monday that world number one Yani Tseng's dominant form was inspiring her to become a better player.

Wie has failed to live up to her potential since turning professional amid a blaze of publicity shortly before her 16th birthday in 2005.

The Hawaiian-born player has won just two titles on the LPGA tour, and is currently sitting at 14th in the world rankings.

Meanwhile Taipei's Tseng, who at 22 is the same age as Wie, has spent 36 weeks at the top of the world rankings, with 11 LPGA titles to her name and five majors.

"She's an amazing golfer. I've competed

against her since I was 14 and the way she's improved, it's very inspiring," said Wie.

"She's a very strong force out there, every week she's in contention which I think is very impressive, and it makes me want to become a better player.

"She is someone who is definitely motivating to be better and become the best player in the world."

Asked what it would take to catch her rival, she said: "A lot of hard work and dedication to try to bring my game to the next level."

As a teenager Wie was accused of playing down the importance of the women's game, and drew criticism for, among other things, saying she wanted to beat Tiger Woods.



US golfer Michelle Wie poses during a charity golf day in Hong Kong on 17 October, 2011. Wie, once hailed as the future of women's golf, said that world number one Yani Tseng's dominant form was inspiring her to become a better player.—INTERNET

Speaking at an HSBC charity golf day in aid of UNICEF at the Clearwater Bay Golf & Country Club in Hong Kong, she said: "It's kind of funny the stupid things we say when we're 12 or 13. At the time what else did I know, I was young."—Internet

Second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw continues for 35th day One important proposal put on record, seven questions replied, one proposal discussed



Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann attends 35th day second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct—The second regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw continued for the 35th day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at 10 am today, attended by Speaker of Pyithu

Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 382 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

Today's session, an important proposal was put on record, seven questions replied and one proposal discussed.

In accord with Pyithu Hluttaw Rule 133, U Thein Tun Oo of Amarapura Constituency on 14-10-2011 and U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Constituency on 17-10-2011 submitted proposals in paper that

the Pyithu Hluttaw warmly recorded the granting amnesty under Order No. 49/2011 by President U Thein Sein and endeavours of the National Defence and Security Council. As there was no objection against the proposal, the Hluttaw approved it.

U Aung Hsan of Pabedan Constituency said that as eligible members of the Sangha submitted applications on religious titles for three consecutive years, he asked how departments concerned will confer religious titles on eligible members of the Sangha; and as International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University admits under-45 trainees, he asked whether there is a plan to reconsider relaxation of age limit for the trainees. Union Minister

for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung replied that at present, the number of applicants to take religious titles is more than the chosen number of eligible persons. As there are over 1000 applicants for religious titles yearly, it is much difficult to choose the eligible persons. Under the advice of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee and Sangha organizations, basic qualifications for respective religious titles were prescribed. For example, a total of 144 members of the Sangha of 1181 applicants were conferred religious titles in 2010 with the aim of raising value of the titles and scrutinizing the best eligible recipients. Although number of application is larger, the applicant members of the Sangha may not be conferred religious titles due to giving priority to qualification.

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Second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continues for 34th day Five questions raised, one bill approved, another one decided for rehearing

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct—The second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continued for 34th day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw building here this morning.

The session was attended by Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and 206 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun gave an answer to questions raised by two Hluttaw representatives.

Regarding the question raised by U Shu Maung of Shan State Constituency (8) "whether there is plan to conserve forests outside forest reserves", the Union Minister answered that Sustainable Forest Management is being implemented under 1995 Myanma Forest Policy and National Forest 30-year

(between 2001-2002 to 2030-2031) Plan for fueling economic development of the nation, socio-economic development of rural people, and environmental conservation; yearly objectives of five-year projects are adopted in the framework of National Plan in undertaking conservation of natural resources and forests; district forest management projects based on establishing forests are implemented; forest resources reduction reaches to 47 per cent; conservation works need be prioritized; long-term plans are drafted to replace degraded natural forests with established forests, to grow valuable plants to improve quality of natural forests, and to conserve the forests; the private sector was allowed to join the State in establishing forest plantations on lands of degraded forests since 2005; up to 2011, 167551 acres of



Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint attends 34th day second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw.—MNA

private teak plantations and 88789 acres of hard-wood plantations are allowed; over 57.8 million plants have been planted in four types of forest plantations on 81371-acre lands at the end of 2011 monsoon;

Natural Regeneration is implemented on 715492-acre lands between 1988-1989 and 2010-2011 and will be implemented on 45849-acre lands in 2011-2012 fiscal year as it is a low-cost process to

conserve the forests; Dry Zone Greening Department established 0.35 million acres of plantations and conserved 1.7 million acres of forests for greening the region in 57

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