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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.

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct — An award presentation ceremony of 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions was held at the City Hall here today. Patron of the leading committee for holding the competitions Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham delivered a speech and awarded winners of the competitions at the ceremony.

It was attended by Chairman of the leading committee for holding the competitions Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan and members of the leading committee Union ministers, Auditor-General of the Union, senior military officers of the office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, members of the work committee for holding the competitions deputy ministers, chairmen, secretaries and members of the sub-committees, diplomats of the foreign embassies and departmental heads, judges of the competitions, supervisors and contestants of the teams, students of the University of National Culture and Fine Arts and guests.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham expressed delight on and pride in successful completion of the 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions which was held after setting out noble aims.

He thanked departmental officials, wellwishers who provided assistance in cash and in voluntary work to the

competitions, judges and participants of the competitions.

The performance of the participants of the competitions deserved to consider as impressive as they had staged their performance in the State-level competitions after winning contests in respective regions and states, and they should take pride as they had done their national duty for the country, he said.

He expressed that it was satisfying to award the winners who became outstanding artistes again after competing with outstanding artistes in the State-level competitions.

He urged those who loved real Myanmar traditional performing arts to continuous encourage the arts so as to perpetuate for ever as the traditional performing arts were considered to be difficult and impressive arts.

It was found that Myanmar traditional performing arts of singing, dancing, song composing and playing musical instruments were intertwined each other when they developed while each standing as separate arts, he said. He continued to say that artistes could perform with timing as free and creative as they could apply their skills, talent, experience and imagination.

The Government held the competitions on a grand scale with the aim of revitalization of Myanmar traditional performing arts, he added.

It was wonder to enjoy impressive



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham presents trophy to Yangon Region which wins most awards in 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.—MNA

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performance of the artistes while Maha Gita songs were included in the list of competitions, he said.

In the dancing contests, it was found the creative and performing arts based on Myanmar traditional dancing methods, he said.

He continued to say that the musical instruments playing contests turned out outstanding musical instrument players in the respective events, and in Ozi and Dobet troupe contests, artistes could perform with characteristics of Ozi and Dobets such as joyfulness, active and honest

competition and unity.

In the Myanmar traditional orchestra contest, only artistes who were proficient in the traditional orchestra could participate in the contest, he said. The Vice-President also stressed the need for revitalization of Myanmar traditional orchestra.

It was remarkable that this year's competitions witnessed the increasing number of outstanding young artistes and their impressive performance not only in the singing, dancing and music contests but also in the song composing contests.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Fulfill expectations of world citizens through cooperation

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein sent a message on the occasion of the sixty-sixth anniversary of the United Nations Day which falls on 24 October.

The message says, "On behalf of the people of Myanmar and on my own behalf, I would like to extend our warmest congratulations to the United Nations for achieving progress in its goals in the last 66 years." The message also said that the people of the world pins the hope on the United Nations in ending the emerging global issues and in building a justifiable, more prosperous and peaceful world.

Today, the United Nations represents 193 nations, almost all the States of the world, making itself the largest world body. The United Nations has become a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in ensuring international peace and security and meeting the challenges of our time.

The United Nations also stands as the most important forum where member states can collectively address and resolve emerging challenges of our time such as the climate change, food security, slow economic growth as well as issues of justice and equality in international relations such as defending against the imposition of dominance on small states, interference in internal affairs and the use of force.

Being a member of the United Nations, Myanmar has full faith in the important role being played by the United Nations in promoting social justice, economic progress and better standard of living of the citizens of the world and also believes deeply that the United Nations will fulfill the expectations of the citizens of the world. With this believe, Myanmar has been fully collaborating with the United Nations for ensuring peace, security, justice and prosperity of the mankind.

Flood-tolerant crops come closer to reality

LONDON, 25 Oct—A team of experts at the University of Nottingham and the University of California, Riverside, has identified the molecular mechanism plants use to sense low oxygen levels, which could eventually lead to the production of high-yielding, flood-tolerant crops.

The discovery could benefit farmers, markets and consumers across the globe.

The mechanism controls key proteins in plants causing them to be unstable when oxygen levels are normal.

When roots or shoots are flooded and oxygen levels drop these proteins become stable.

"We have identified the mechanism through which reduced oxygen levels are sensed. The mechanism controls key regulatory proteins called transcription

Myanmar donates US\$ 50,000 to Pakistani flood victims



Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, presents US\$ 50,000 for Pakistani flood victims through Pakistani Ambassador Mr. Amjad Majid Abbasi.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct — A ceremony to hand over the donation of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as humanitarian assistance to the victims of the recent floods that struck Sindh Province and the areas near Karachi City, was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here today.

After conveying words of sympathies, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of the Union of

Myanmar, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin handed over cash donation of US\$50,000 to Mr. Amjad Majid Abbasi, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan who returned words of thanks.

The ceremony was also attended by senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and staff members of the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. — MNA

Myanmar, Japan discuss hydropower projects

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct—Deputy Minister for Electric Power No (1) U Myint Zaw received Vice Minister Mr. Hideichi

Okada and party of Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan at the Ministry of Electric Power No(1) here

this afternoon.

They discussed mutual cooperation in implementing the hydropower projects

between the two countries.

Also present at the call were directors-general, the managing director and officials of the departments and enterprise under the ministry.—MNA

Managing Director U Kyaw Win of Myanma Agriculture Service, officials and farmers view demonstration of planting sunflower with Jet Planter in Nyaungbintha Village of Pyinmana Township on 15 October.
KYEMON



Spider venom could hold key to treating breast cancer

Melbourne, 25 Oct —Venom from funnel-web spiders and tarantulas could be used to kill breast cancer cells, Australian researchers say. University of Queensland's Institute for Molecular Bioscience will test the arachnid's ability to combat cancerous cells and hope that the complex mix of molecules in the venom could offer a natural solution to breast cancer treatment. Dr David Wilson has stockpiled venom from the fangs of up to 10 Fraser Island funnel-webs for the two-year trial.—Internet

factors that can turn other genes on and off," said Michael Holdsworth, Professor of Crop Science in the School of Biosciences at Nottingham.

"It is the unusual structure of these proteins that destines them for destruction under normal oxygen levels, but when oxygen levels decline, they become stable.

"Their stability results in changes in gene expression and metabolism that enhance survival in the low oxygen conditions brought on by flooding. When the plants return to normal oxygen levels, the proteins are again degraded, providing a feedback control mechanism," he explained. The research is recently published in the prestigious journal Nature.—Internet

Floodwaters enter Thai capital's second airport

BANGKOK, 25 Oct— Thailand's devastating flood crisis deepened Tuesday after floodwaters began pouring over sandbagged barriers protecting Bangkok's second airport, forcing a halt to commercial flights after airlines based there suspended operations.

It was not immediately clear how much water had entered Don Muang Airport, which is used primarily for domestic flights, or whether it was controllable. But the news was sure to further erode the credibility of a government that has repeatedly sent mixed signals about its ability to defend an increasingly anxious capital from Thailand's worst floods in nearly 60 years.

Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi Airport, the country's main international gateway, has yet to be affected by flooding and flights there were operating normally. Most of the city has



been spared inundation so far. Budget airline Nok Air suspended operations at Don Muang until 1 Nov "because water has entered the north side of the airport already," the company's CEO Patee Sarasin told *The Associated Press*. He said all airborne aircraft would be diverted to Suvarnabhumi.

The only other main carrier using Don Muang, Orient Thai Airlines, also said it was suspending flights and would transfer domestic operations to Suvarnabhumi.

An airport official confirmed water had crept inside the airport compound, but he said runways were unaffected.—*Internet*

A resident evacuates in floodwaters in Rangsit area in Bangkok vicinity's Phatum Thani Province on 24 Oct, 2011.—XINHUA

Fourteen injured in Kenyan explosion

NAIROBI, 25 Oct— Fourteen people had been injured with three of them in critical condition as of Monday midnight, a few hours after an explosion hit downtown Nairobi, medics told *Xinhua*.

Simeon Monda, Deputy Director of the Clinic Services in the Kenyatta National Hospital in Nairobi said they had admitted a total of 14 injured after the explosion.

"Three of them are seriously injured," he said. "One of them is undergoing an operation."

Monda said the 11 slightly injured are all stable and are expected to be discharged from the hospital Monday or Tuesday.

The explosion, which so far has killed one, is the second of its kind in Nairobi on Monday.

It occurred around 7:56 pm local time. Local police officer Binti Hamadi said earlier that an unidentified man hurled a hand grenade on commuters who were waiting to board their public passenger vehicles to go home along Racecourse road, a formerly OTC bus stop in downtown Nairobi.

The latest attack came hours after a hand grenade attack injured at least 14 Kenyans in a bar in Nairobi. Police officer said earlier that they are investigating whether the two attacks are linked.

The attacks came two days after the US embassy in Kenya warned that an attack was imminent as the nation is fighting *Islamist* militants in neighbouring Somalia.—*Xinhua*

Two days after a powerful earthquake hit eastern Turkey, rescuers are still finding survivors in the rubble.

INTERNET



Turkey earthquake: Death toll rises to 366

ERCIS (Turkey), 25 Oct—The death toll from an earthquake in eastern Turkey has risen to 366 people, officials said, as rescue teams raced to find survivors beneath the rubble.

At least 1,300 others were injured in Sunday's disaster, officials said.

Crews pulled out a two-week-old baby, as well as a pregnant woman and her two children, alive on Tuesday, reviving hope for those missing loved ones.

Meanwhile, thousands of homeless people in the cities of Van and Erzurum slept in tents or outside for a second night.

Turkish officials pledged more aid to those in need, saying 12,000 more tents would be delivered to the region.

Internet



Police investigate at the scene of an explosion in Nairobi, Kenya, on 24 Oct, 2011. The explosion, which rocked Nairobi's downtown has led to one death and more than 10 other injuries.

XINHUA

Nicaraguan naval vessel missing in storm with 27 aboard

MANAGUA, 25 Oct— A Nicaraguan navy ship on its way to evacuate coastal residents has gone missing as Hurricane Rina struck in the western Caribbean,

a navy spokesperson said Monday.

On the order of President Daniel Ortega, the ship with 27 rescuers and sailors aboard was en route to the flood-

prone coastal areas when contact was lost, the spokesperson said. According to weather forecasters, Rina, which formed in the western Caribbean Sea on

Sunday, currently has top sustained winds of 120 km per hour. Over the past days, Nicaragua has been hit by torrential downpours. The lashing rains and ensuing flood have claimed 16 lives and left an estimated 150,000 people homeless.—*Xinhua*

Troops capture kidnapper in S Philippines

COTABATO, 25 Oct— Government security forces have captured a kidnapper in the southern Philippines, official said on Tuesday.

The suspect, Charlie Azabe, a member of military's militia, admitted that he was the one who seized recently a 14-year old victim in the southern City of Butuan, city councilor Ryan Anthony Culima said.

Culima said Azabe confessed he barged into the home of the victim surnamed De Asis at a subdivision in Libertad Village, Butuan City in Mindanao's Agusan del Norte Province.

The assailant demanded 20,000 pesos (465 US dollars), but the mother refused, prompting him to seize the victim, brought her to the Chinese cemetery in nearby Bancasi Village.—*Xinhua*



In crowded downtown Kabul, nine-year-old Ahmed looks like any other energetic salesman hawking plastic bags for 10 cents a piece, darting in and out of snarled traffic to chase after pedestrians. Except the child peering out under a woollen hat, striding around in a blue jacket and jeans is actually Khatera — a girl sent onto the streets by her father to earn desperately needed money.—INTERNET

Gold extends rally on EU debt concern Business

CHICAGO, 25 Oct—Gold futures on the COMEX Division of the New York Mercantile further hiked on Monday, buoyed up by concern that Europe's leaders won't do enough to resolve the region's debt problem, boosting the safe-haven demand for the metal.

The most active gold contract for Dec delivery gained 16.2 US dollars, or one percent, to 1,652.3 dollars per ounce.

Market analysts said that investors were cautiously optimistic amid worries over European leaders' efforts in finding a comprehensive plan to address the region's debt crisis.

EU leaders would meet on Wednesday and continue their discussion on seeking solutions to its debt problem. The past weekend's summit had failed to come up with a solution.

Besides, gold trader higher amid rallies in

others commodities, as renewed optimism for growth in China's manufacturing boosted prospects for raw-material demand. The HSBC Flash China Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index climbed to 51.1, up from 49.9 in September.

A trader noted that optimism about Chinese growth is pushing all commodities higher, including gold.

Xinhua



Health
A nurse tends to cholera patients in Tabarre, Haiti in June 2011. Haiti's health ministry is preparing to test a cholera vaccine on a hundred people, a year after an epidemic killed over 6,500 people, officials said Wednesday.—INTERNET

Business

Sale of major stake in Saab scrapped



An illuminated logo is seen at a Saab AB dealership in Trolhattan, Sweden. Swedish Automobile NV yesterday said it has terminated an agreement to sell a major stake in Saab Automobile Co to two Chinese companies.

INTERNET

BEIJING, 25 Oct—Swedish Automobile NV yesterday said it has scrapped an agreement to sell a major stake in Saab Automobile Co to two Chinese companies.

It said China's Pang Da Automobile Trading Co and Zhejiang Youngman Lotus Automobile "failed to confirm their commitment to the agreement and provide bridge funding," its statement said.

The company also said Pang Da and Youngman's new con-

ditional offer for the purchase of 100 percent of Saab is unacceptable though discussions with the two companies are still going on, the statement added. Pang Da and Youngman struck a deal with Swedish Auto in July to pay 245 million euros (US\$352 million) for a combined 53.9 percent stake in Saab's parent.

On 12 October, Saab received 100 million Swedish crowns (US\$15 million) in a 70 million euro bridge loan secured by Youngman. But it was

not clear whether it has got further funding from Youngman to tide it over until the Chinese government approved the investment.

"Saab is using Pang Da and Youngman to grapple as much as money they can but still it turns out to be not enough," said independent auto analyst Zhong Shi, "If Chinese companies are really interested in Saab's technology and brand, it's wiser to wait until Saab collapses."

Xinhua

Strange herbs

Health

BEIJING, 25 Oct—Yemingsha, dried bat excrement, is used to cure eye illnesses such as glaucoma and inflammation.

Renzhonghuang is processed licorice root that is put into bamboo knots and sunk in manure pits for some time. It is intended to clear heat and resolve blood stasis.

Goubao, stones taken from dogs' stomachs, kidneys and gallbladders, is used to relieve depression and is a major ingredient in medicines that treat gastric and esophageal cancer.

Xianzhufeng, the dried bodies of carpenter bees, is used as an expectorant and also to clear heat and stop convulsions.

Jineijin, or membrane of chicken's gizzard, can mainly cure indigestion and excessive sweating.

Dongchongxiacao, or Chinese caterpillar fungus, is usually ground into a powder and mixed with water to boost stamina.—Xinhua

E-counselling can halve BP levels Health

WASHINGTON, 25 Oct —E-counselling can significantly lower blood pressure, improve lifestyle and enhance quality of life, according to a new study.

The study evaluated 387 people ranging in age from 45 to 74, over a four-month period. All had been diagnosed with high blood pressure and 72 percent were taking one or more blood pressure medications.

One group was sent a standard e-newsletter from the Heart and Stroke Foundation, containing heart health information and general tips to manage their health. The second group received eight emails over four months that provided both educational information as well as motivational messages.

Participants in the study who received these emails recorded approximately double the amount of decrease in blood pressure, compared to subjects who received just the newsletter, said Heart and Stroke Foundation researcher Dr Robert Nolan.

In addition, the researchers found that e-counselling motivates people to stay on track with diet and exercise plans, which leads to lower blood pressure. The moods of people coping with high blood pressure also improved while they were participating in the e-counselling programme.

"We found the e-counselling was associated with an improvement in both exercise and diet behaviour. The motivational component was therapeutic," said Dr Nolan.—Internet



A child receives anti-polio vaccination drops in Amritsar in January 2011. India is on the verge of eradicating polio with only one case reported in 2011, making it the "longest ever polio free period", a health ministry official said Monday.—INTERNET

Soon, new tools to predict spread of breast cancer Health

LONDON, 25 Oct—Researchers have now come up with a new method to detect which breast cancer will spread and to what extent, which may lead to new ways to test drugs that may stop its spread.

To create this improved model for breast cancer studies, researchers from Huntsman Cancer Institute (HCI) at the University of Utah grafted tumor tissue from consenting breast cancer patients directly into mouse mammary glands, rather than the traditional approach, where the cancer cells are grown, or cultured, in the laboratory.

They discovered that the grafts remained virtually identical to the original human breast cancer in structure, genetic makeup and behaviour, unlike the methods that rely on cell cultures.

"The most surprising result was that the tumor grafts spread from the original site, or metastasized, just as they did in the human patients," said the study's principal investigator Alana Welm, PhD, assistant professor in the Department of Oncological Sciences and an HCI investigator.

"For example, grafts of tumor tissue from patients whose cancer had spread to the lung also spread to the lungs of the mice that received them."

Internet

Biofuels will worsen CO2 emissions Science

WASHINGTON, 25 Oct—Emphasis on biofuels as an alternative to conventional fuels would increase carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions from forests by 14 percent, researchers said.

The findings challenge the assumptions, based on previous studies, that biofuels from forested sources would be carbon-neutral or even reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The largest and most comprehensive study yet on the effect of biofuel production from forests was undertaken by the College of Forestry at Oregon State University (OSU) and other institutions in Germany and France.

During the past four years, the study examined 80 forest types in 19 eco-regions in Oregon, Washington and California, ranging from temperate rainforests to semi-arid woodlands, according to an OSU statement, the journal *Nature Climate Change* reports.

“On the West Coast, we found that projected forest biomass removal and use for bioenergy in any form will release more carbon dioxide to the atmosphere than current forest management practices,” said Tara Hudiburg, doctoral candidate at Oregon, who led the study.

“Until now, there have been a lot of misconceptions about impacts of forest thinning, fire prevention and biofuels production as it relates to carbon emissions from forests,” said Beverly Law, a professor in the OSU Department of Forest Ecosystems and Society and co-author of this study.

“If our ultimate goal is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, producing bioenergy from forests will be counterproductive,” said Beverly Law, an ecosystems professor at Oregon.

Internet

New insights made in old supernova Science

RALEIGH (NC), 25 Oct— A NASA space telescope has provided evidence why a supernova recorded by observers 2,000 years ago occurred and why it spread so far and fast, astronomers say.

“This supernova remnant got really big, really fast,” Brian J Williams, an astronomer at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, said of the supernova witnessed and recorded by Chinese astronomers two millennia ago.

“It’s two to three times bigger than we would expect for a

supernova that was witnessed exploding nearly 2,000 years ago. Now, we’ve been able to finally pinpoint the cause.” New infrared observations from NASA’s Spitzer Space Telescope and Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer, or WISE, show the stellar explosion took place in a hollowed-out cavity, allowing material expelled by the star to travel much faster and farther than expected, a NASA release said Monday.

Astronomers said it began as Type Ia supernova, created by the

relatively peaceful death of a star like our sun, which shrank into a dense star called a white dwarf then exploded after siphoning off matter from another nearby star.

Internet

This image combines data from four different space telescopes to create a multi-wavelength view of all that remains of the oldest documented example of a supernova, called RCW 86.—INTERNET

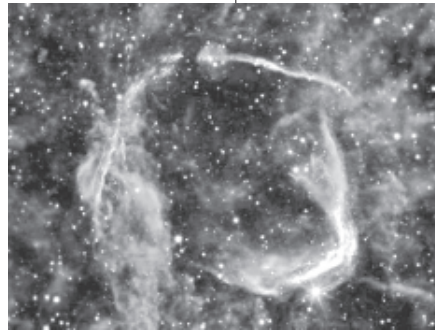


Photo taken on 24 Oct, 2011 shows the exterior of the Qinghai Provincial Science and Technology Museum in Xining, capital of northwest China’s Qinghai Province, on 24 Oct, 2011. The museum, opened to the public on Monday, includes auditorium, 4D theater, digital room and workshops. More than 90 percent of the items on display are interactive. —XINHUA

Intel says Ultrabook prices must fall if targets are to be met Tech

SINGAPORE, 25 Oct—Intel is aiming for its new category of personal computer, the super slimline Ultrabook, to take 40 percent of the laptop market by the end of next year. To do this, it’ll have to achieve a number of things, including successfully fighting off the threat posed by tablet computers, and finding a way of preventing consumers taking an interest in Apple’s similarly slimline MacBook Air. Of course, this means the Ultrabook has to be a reliable, attractive and user-friendly product and, perhaps most importantly, one that is competitively priced.

To have any chance of hitting the 40 percent target, analysts believe the price of Ultrabooks needs to be reduced to those of notebooks, which sell for around \$699. Two models launched by Asus this month, the UX21 and UX31 Zenbooks, are selling for \$999 and \$1,099 respectively.

Speaking to *Reuters* on Tuesday from his base in

Singapore, Navin Shenoy, Intel’s vice president of sales and marketing and general manager for the Asia-Pacific region, called Intel’s 40 percent target “challenging.”

“In order for that to happen the price has to come down,” he said. “At some point you’ll have to be at [the \$699] price point, but it doesn’t have to be overnight. It takes time to engineer a cost down.”

Shenoy believes that a reduction in cost can only come as the result of a cooperative effort between all companies involved with the Ultrabook.

“Even if we’re giving the chips away for free, we couldn’t hit the price point we want to hit if we don’t work with the rest of the industry,” he said.

Intel certainly has its work cut out if it’s going to hit its target. It won’t be helped by the fact that some companies, Sony and Dell included, have decided to hold on until next year before launching their Ultrabooks.—*Internet*

Elegance of performing arts

- In the long span of history, Myanmar has been a highly civilized society. To entertain the people in days of yore, Performing arts have existed since years ago.
- To captivate the hearts of audience, Performances staged reveal ever developing elegance. To safeguard our national prestige and integrity, Artists perform with much skill and dexterity.
- To vitalize Myanmar traditional, cultural performing arts, Competitions are held for youths to love. To appreciate Myanmar traits and character, Culture and arts should be cherished forever.
- To save performing arts from extinction, Competitions raise pride of lineage and origin. To make youths realize the value with seriousness, Competitions turn out to be a great success.
- To propagate Myanmar traditional, cultural performing arts, Our own cultural heritage should be preserved. To prevent alien culture from infiltrating, Performing Arts Competitions are worth cheering.

Maung Swe Ngae

Village-owned plantations handed over in Ottarathiri Township

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct— The village-owned one-acre eucalyptus plantation was handed over in a ceremony at Mingon Village-tract in Ottarathiri Township on 23 October to mark the Myanmar Forestry Week.

Assistant Director of the District Forest Department U Tet Toe handed over the plantations to respective village administrators.

Likewise, the hand-over of the village-owned plantations also took place in villages of Pinyinman Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, it was learnt.

MNA

Hlawga Park to run extra hours on Deepawali Day

YANGON, 25 Oct—The Hlawga Park of the Forest Department will be kept open from 8 am to 6 pm on 26 October (Deepawali Day) instead of its usual opening hours for public recreation and realization.—MNA



A staff member arranges the promotion platform for the authorized biography titled “Steve Jobs” at a book store in Shanghai, east China, on 14 Oct, 2011. XINHUA



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham presents second prize to U Win Ko of Yangon Region in amateur level (second class) men's Maha Gita Contest.—MNA



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham presents first prize to Maung Paing Phyo Ko of Rakhine State in higher education level (second class) men's Maha Gita Contest.—MNA



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham presents third prize to U Pyae Phyo Lin of Taninthayi Region in amateur level (first class) men's Maha Gita Contest.—MNA

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In the amateur level (first class) song composing contest held with the aim of producing new Thingyan songs, songs and traditional music were impressive as expected, he said. The song in honour of the 2013-SEA Games to be hosted by Myanmar was pleasant, reflecting Myanmar customs and scent, and therefore, the aim of the song composing contest looked bright.

The dramas portrayed birth of Buddha-to-be aesthetically in drama contest. Troupes won like of Buddhists who watched the birth of Lord Buddha in devotion and with insights. They displayed apprehensions and considerations while staging the drama. As the saying goes, "When troupe left, knowledge is left." The drama and marionette Jataka left both delights and insights. In Kwetseik (religious story narration) contest, audiences were absorbed in narration of contestants. They narrated the story of Kutha, a great man who clinched the victory with zest and zeal. The contestants are urged to try to become successful artistes with dedication and diligence. Physical, mental and moral strengths were well portrayed as the strengths of the future State in another drama contest. The State hopes that the message that it attaches great aspiration on the resources of youths reached to all the young citizens.

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In conclusion, the Vice-President urged those present

to develop Myanmar traditional performing arts which were flourished in the history to be able to stand tall in global community, to integrate with modern technologies to attract new generation youths to adore and uphold the arts and to study the arts to become well-learned artists to deny influence of alien culture.

Next, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham awarded first-prize winner U Kyaw Kyaw Han of Yangon Region, second-prize winner U Saw Win of Yangon Region, third-prize winner U Pyae Phyo Lin of Taninthayi Region and special prize winner U Ye Htut of Ayeyawady Region in amateur level (first class) men's Maha Gita Contest, first-prize winner Maung Soe Than Tun of Yangon Region, U Win Ko of Yangon Region and U Htein Lin of Magway Region in amateur level (second class) men's Maha Gita Contest, first-prize winner Maung Paing Phyo Ko of Rakhine State, second-prize winner Maung Wai Phyo Aung of Sagaing Region, third-prize winner Maung Aung Thu Soe of Mandalay Region and honorary prize winner Maung Sai Pyae Phyo Zaw of Shan State in higher education level men's Maha Gita Contest.

Chairman of Leading Committee for Organizing the 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan awarded first-prize winner Maung Wine Lamin Aung of Yangon Region, second-prize winner Maung Ye Lin Kyaw of Rakhine State, third-prize winner Maung Hla Myo Zaw of Mandalay Region in basic education level (aged 15-20) men's Maha Gita contest, first-prize winner Maung Wunna Tun of Yangon Region, second-prize winner Maung Tint Phyo Khaing of Mandalay Region, third-prize winner Maung Phone Myint Kyaw of Kachin State, consolation prize winner Maung Hein Htet of Shan State in basic education level (aged 10-15) men's Maha Gita Contest, first-prize winner Maung Kyaw Zin Win, second-prize winner Maung Thet Naing Soe of Sagaing Region and third-prize winner Maung Zaw Sanly of Kachin State in basic education level (aged 5-10) boy's Maha Gita Contest, first-prize winner Daw Thuzar Aung of Yangon Region, second-prize winner Ma Khin Mya Thet Hnin of Yangon Region and third-prize winner Daw Thabye



Auditor-General of the Union U Lun Maung presents first prize to Maung Kan Oo Aung of Bago Region in amateur level (second class) men's harp contest.—MNA

of Mandalay Region in amateur level (first class) women's Maha Gita Contest, first-prize winner Ma Thin Thin Khaing of Mandalay Region, second-prize winner Daw Mya Pan San Ein of Mon State and third-prize winner Ma Chaw Su San of Ayeyawady Region in amateur level (second class) Maha Gita Contest, first-prize winner Ma May Thet Nwe of Shan State, second-prize winner Ma Khaing Wut Yi of Yangon Region, third-prize winner Ma Zin Thu Moe of Rakhine State and consolation prize winner Ma Khin Saw Yu of Mandalay Region in higher education level women's Maha Gita Contest, first-prize winner Ma Su Yin Tun of Yangon Region, second-prize winner Ma Nway Nway of Mandalay Region, joint third-prize winners

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Leading Committee Chairman Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan presents first prize to Daw Thuzar Aung of Yangon Region in amateur level (first class) women's Maha Gita contest.—MNA



Leading Committee Chairman Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan presents first prize to Yangon Region troupe in amateur level (first class) (Naymi Jataka) marionette contest.—MNA



Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun presents first prize to Maung Aung Kyaw Bo of Yangon Region in amateur level (first class) men's dancing contest.
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Ma Win Le Le Aung of Kayin State and Ma Kaung Nwye of Kachin State, and honorary award winner Ma May Thu Thu Tun of Chin State in basic level (15-20 aged) women's Maha Gita Contest, joint first-prize winners Ma San Nilar Nyein of Yangon Region and Ma Khin Yadana Soe of Bago Region, second-prize winner Ma Mai Mai Khant of Mandalay Region, third-prize winner Ma Phyu Hnin Khaing of Sagaing Region, and honorary award winner Ma Naychi of Kayah State in basic level (10-15 aged) girls' Maha Gita Contest, first-prize winner Ma Mya Thzain of Sagaing Region, second-prize winner Ma Khin Poe Pachi of Yangon Region and third-prize winner Ma May Thet Htar Swe of Chin State in basic level (5-10 aged) girls' Maha Gita Contest.

Next, Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung awarded first, second and third prize winners in amateur level (first class) men's old and modern song contest, first, second, third and honorary prize winners in amateur level (second class) men's old and modern song contest, first, second, third and consolation prize winners in higher education level men's old and modern song contest, first, second and third prize winners in basic level (15-20 aged) men's old and modern song contest, first, second and third prize winners in basic level (10-15 aged) men's old and modern song contest, and first, second, third and honorary prize winners in basic level (5-10 aged) boys' old and modern song contest.

Next, Union Minister for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint awarded first, second and third prize winners in amateur level (first class) women's old and modern song contest, first, second and third prize winners in amateur level (second class) women's old and modern song contest, first, second and third prize winners in higher education level women's old and modern song contest, first, second, third and consolation prize winners in basic level (15-20 aged) women's old and modern song contest, first, second and third prize winners in basic level (10-15 aged) girls' old and modern song

contest, and first, second, third and honorary prize winners in basic level (5-10 aged) girls' old and modern song contest, first, second, third and honorary prize winners in amateur level (second class) men's stereo song contest, first, second, third and honorary prize winners in advanced level men's stereo songs singing contest, first, second, third and honorary prize winners in amateur level (second class) women's stereo song contest, first, second, third and honorary prize winners in higher education level women's stereo songs singing contest.

A prize-winner in song contest entertained with a song.

Afterwards, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun awarded first, second and third prize winners in amateur level (first class) men's dancing contest and amateur level (first class) men's supporting orchestra troupe contest, amateur level (second class) men's dancing contest, advanced level men's dancing contest, basic level (15-20 aged) men's dancing contest, basic level (10-15 aged) boys' dancing contest, basic level (5-10 aged) boys' dancing contest.

Then, Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi awarded first, second and third prize winners in amateur level (first class) women's dancing contest, amateur level (first class) women's supporting orchestra troupe contest, amateur level (second class) women's dancing contest, higher education level women's dancing contest, first, second, third and honorary award winners in basic level (15-20 aged) women's dancing contest, first, second, third and honorary award winners in basic level (10-15 aged) girls' dancing contest, and first, second, third and honorary award winners in basic level (5-10 aged) girls' dancing contest.

Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan awarded winners in the amateur level (first class) "Birth of Buddha" drama contest, the amateur level (first class) marionette contest (Naymi Drama), the amateur level (second class) men's marionette contest, the amateur level (first class) "Power of Youth" drama contest, the amateur level (first class) religious story narration (Kwetsaik) contest, and the amateur level religious story narration (Kutha Jataka) contest.



Lt-Gen Aung Than Htut of Office of Commander-in-Chief presents joint first prize to Maung Zaw Zaw Aung of Mandalay Region in basic education level (10-15 aged) boys' xylophone contest.—MNA

A winner in the dancing contest entertained those present with dances.

Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin presented awards to winners in the amateur level (first class) song composing contest, amateur level (second class) song composing contest, and higher education level song composing contest.

A winner in the song composing contest presented a song.

Auditor-General of the Union U Lun Maung awarded winners in the amateur level (first class) men's harp contest, amateur level (second class) men's harp contest, higher education level men's harp contest, basic education level (15-20 aged) men's harp

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contest, basic education level (10-15 aged) men's harp contest, the basic education level (5-10 aged) boys' harp contest, amateur level (first class) women's harp contest, amateur level (second class) women's harp contest, higher education level women's harp contest, basic education level (15-20 aged) women's harp contest, basic education level (10-15 aged) girls' harp contest and the basic education level (5-10 aged) girls' harp contest.

Lt-Gen Aung Than Htut of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief awarded winners in the amateur level (first class) men's xylophone contest, the amateur level (second class) men's xylophone contest, the higher education level men's xylophone contest, the basic education level (15-20 aged) men's xylophone contest, the basic education level (10-15 aged) boys' xylophone contest and the basic education level (5-10 aged) boys' xylophone contest.

Deputy Ministers U Win Shein, Dr Kan Zaw, U Myint Thein, Dr Pwint Hsan, Daw Sanda Khin, U Kyaw Kyaw Win, U Khin Maung Aye, U Aye Myint Kyu and Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint presented first, second, third and consolation prizes to the winners in the xylophone, piano, guitar, mandolin, donmin, oboe, violen, solo orchestra, troupe orchestra, Oxi and Dobet contests.

Winners in the music contest entertained those present with Myanmar traditional orchestra and Myanmar harp.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham presented championship trophy to Yangon Region that secured the largest number of medals in the Performing Arts Competitions.

After the ceremony, the Vice-President posed for documentary photo together with the chairman of the leading committee for organizing the competition and members of the leading committee and the work committee.—MNA

Second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw continues for 41st day

Twelve questions raised and answered

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct — The second regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw continued for 41st day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at 10.15 am today, attended by Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 372 Hluttaw representatives.

Hluttaw is placing emphasis on people's will and people's affairs and Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa and Pauk Constituency Hluttaw Representative U Khin Maung Nyo accompanied the President on his inspection tour flood-hit areas in Magway Region today. As a gesture of showing sympathy and giving help to the people, Pyithu Hluttaw representatives made a decision to donate their daily allowance of K 3.95 million for one day to the flood victims.

At today's session, 12 questions were answered. Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint responded to four questions on constructional matters raised by four Hluttaw representatives.

Regarding the question raised by U Nyan Swe Win of Kyaukkyi Constituency who asked **whether there is a plan to upgrade the old bridge in downtown Kyaukkyi as a concrete one and to build a road linking Kyaukkyi Township to Pyu Township and a bridge across Sittoung river**, the deputy minister replied that the Bailey bridge in downtown was upgraded during 2007-2008 fiscal year. As there was not much traffic on the bridge, there is no plan to upgrade the bridge. Depending on the funds of 2012-

2013 fiscal year, substitution of wooden structure of the bridge and painting the iron structure will be carried out.

There is no direct road between Kyaukkyi Township and Pyu Township. One can travel from Kyaukkyi to Pyu via Penwekon on Yangon-Mandalay Road after crossing the Sittoung River through Penwekon-Kyaukkyi road. With regard to the question to construct a bridge across the Sittoung River, construction of 270-foot Sittoung river crossing bridge (Natthangwin) bridge on Penwekon-Kyaukkyi road is being carried out as soon as possible.

Regarding the question raised by U Myint Hlaing of Mabein Constituency who asked **whether there is a plan to upgrade Mogkok-Moemeik-Myitson-Mabein-Sipein-SiU-Bhamo road linking Mandalay Region and Shan State (North) to Kachin State into an all-weather road**, the deputy minister replied that 88-mile and six-furlong road section of Mogkok-Moemeik-Myitson-Mabein-Sipein-SiU-Bhamo is included in Shan State (North). Up to 31-5-2011, 24 miles long road section is tarred road, 48 miles

Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Khin Maung Nyo of Loikaw Constituency raising question.
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long road section is gravel, 15 miles and two furlongs is hard road and one mile and four furlongs is earth road.

With the use of normal maintenance funds of the 2011-2012 fiscal year, upgrading and maintenance of road section and bridges are being carried out.

Depending on capital funds and normal maintenance funds of the 2011-2012 fiscal year, upgrading works will be carried out one by one.

Regarding the question raised by U Ngun Moug of Haka Constituency who asked whether there is a plan to upgrade Haka-Matupi road into an all-weather tarred road, the deputy minister replied that the road linking Haka to Matupi is 172 miles and seven furlongs long. Up to 31-5-2011, five miles and two furlongs long road section is tarred road, 54 miles and three furlongs is gravel road and 113 miles and two furlongs is earth road.

With the use of normal maintenance



Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Nyo replies to queries.—MNA

funds of 2011-2012 fiscal year, upgrading and maintenance of roads and bridges are being carried out.

Depending on the capital funds and normal maintenance funds of the 2012-2013 fiscal year, upgrading works will be carried out one by one.

Regarding the question raised by U Aik Mone of Mongton Constituency who asked **whether there is a plan to upgrade the 57-mile Mongton-Moemeik earth road and the 83-mile Mongton-Monewee-Namkham earth road into all-weather gravel roads**, the deputy minister answered that construction of Mongton-Moemeik earth road linking Mongton in Palaung Self-Administered Zone in Kyaukme District of Shan State (North) to Moemeik started on 1998-1999 fiscal year by the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs. Up to 2001-2002 fiscal year, earth road is 58 miles long and gravel road is seven miles and four furlong longs. Starting from 2002-2003 fiscal year, the Ministry of Construction continued to construct the road. Up to 31-5-2011, gravel road is 27 miles and four furlongs long and earth road is 30 miles and four furlongs long totaling 58 miles.

With the use of normal maintenance funds of the 2011-2012 fiscal year, upgrading and maintenance of Mongton-Moemeik road and bridges are being carried out.

Construction of Mongton-Monewee-Namkham road linking Mongton to Namkham of Muse District was carried out by the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs up to

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18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

Numbers of contestants, participants and gold, silver, bronze medallists from Regions and States

No.	Region/ State	participants	participation	gold	silver	bronze	special	consolation	honorary	total
1.	Yangon	420	647	81	64	64	-	4	-	213
2.	Mandalay	378	507	35	43	38	-	4	-	120
3.	Sagaing	177	241	16	12	14	-	-	1	43
4.	Bago	111	145	10	8	4	-	-	-	22
5.	Ayeyawady	127	200	8	7	13	1	2	-	31
6.	Kachin	75	85	4	8	8	-	-	1	21
7.	Mon	83	112	3	7	4	-	-	-	14
8.	Shan	51	61	3	2	2	-	1	3	11
9.	Kayin	66	77	3	2	2	-	1	1	9
10.	Magway	106	129	2	7	4	-	-	-	13
11.	Rakhine	45	55	2	4	4	-	-	-	10
12.	Chin	31	37	2	1	3	-	1	2	9
13.	Taninthayi	33	49	1	6	3	-	-	1	11
14.	Kayah	29	31	1	-	-	-	2	4	7
	Total	1732	2376	171	171	163	1	15	13	534

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2003-2004 fiscal year. Six miles and two furlongs long road section of the earth road was upgraded into gravel road and Mongton-Monewee road section was normally maintained. Starting from 2009-2010 fiscal year, the Ministry of Construction constructed one mile and two furlongs long tarred road section, 15 miles and two furlongs long gravel road section, two miles and four furlongs long hard road section and 65 miles and six furlongs long earth road section.

Mongton-Momeik Road and Mongton-Monewee Road will be upgraded one by one with budgets of road/bridge upgrading in 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Union Minister for Electric Power No (2) U Khin Maung Soe answered eight questions on electrical sector raised by eight Hluttaw representatives.

Regarding the question raised by Dr Win Myint of Hline Constituency, who asked about the funds allowed by the State for implementation of projects and income of the Ministry, the Union minister replied that the Ministry of Electric Power No (2) has invested capital funds of the State in construction of infrastructures. From 2005-2006 fiscal year to 2010-2011 fiscal year, the spending was US\$ 435.227 million and K 230 billion.

As the Ministry of Electric Power No (1) loses one kyat and 80 pyars in producing one unit of electricity, the ministry had to make an estimated loss of K 8870 million in 2010-2011. But the proceeds from selling electricity are to be used in paying wages, purchasing fuel and machines, maintaining power lines, sub-power stations and other infrastructures, paying electricity bills of the Ministry of Electric Power No (1) and Shweli Hydropower Plant, paying charges for natural gas and taxes and other expenditures.

In purchasing electricity from the Ministry of Electric Power No (1) and Shweli No (1) Hydropower Co Ltd, one unit costs 20 kyats and 0.189 RMB respectively. Production cost of one unit in natural gas-fired power station is 121.19 kyats. One unit production cost of the Ministry of Electric Power No (2) is 72 kyats. The ministry fixed K 25 per unit for household use and K 50 per unit for industrial use. So one unit costs 37.6 kyats in average. So per unit sale of electricity in Myanmar is very cheap. Thus the government is making an annual loss of K 261.324 billion in sale of electricity.

As capital funds of 2010-2011 fiscal year, 64.22 billion and US\$ 201.883 million were allowed. As normal expenditure, K 217.662 billion and US\$ 369.011 were allowed. The income of the ministry during 2010-2011 fiscal year was K 242.767 billion and US\$ 20.023 million. Arrangements are being made to receive foreign aids as State's funds are not enough in investing huge amount of money in projects. The State invested a foreign loan of US\$ 59.64 million for development electric sector. By doing so, the people enjoy adequate supply of electricity. Plans are underway to invest a foreign loan of US\$ 92.59 million in electric sector in order to supply more electricity coming fiscal years.

According to estimation, it is required to spend US\$ 250 million at least for production and distribution of 100 megawatts. So it is necessary to invest US\$ 2500 million for generating 1000 megawatts needed for next five years.

A large amount of investment needs for development of electrical sector. If there is least amount of investment, implementation of the projects will be long time. Incomes of Ministries of Electric Power are not sufficient to extend investments, and they operate their works at loss of many billions annually. The ministries must have suitable amount of incomes obtained from sales of electricity for their investments. Existing rate of electricity sale is at the very least. As it is necessary to amend rate of the electricity sale bill, the submission will be presented to the government. The

people are also to contribute to the development of electricity sector of the State with a response to the goodwill of the government for their regions.

U Sai Tun Sein of Mongping Constituency asked **whether there is a plan to sufficiently generate electricity for Mongping of Monghsat District in Shan State (East)**. The Union Minister replied that the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 operates one 150 KVA Skoda diesel generator and one 68.75 KVA McLaren generator to with the use of 1350 gallons of diesel monthly to supply electricity three hours a day to 248 consumers of Mongping of Monghsat District in Shan State.

With a view to sufficiently supplying electricity to Shan State (East) including Mongping the State has adopted plans to implement hydropower projects in Namkha, Kengtung, Wamtaping, Solu, Mongwa, Kengram and Hilu.

The plans have been adopted to supply electricity to the whole Shan State by building a power network in the region with the linkage of hydropower projects to be implemented in Shan State (East) and build main power stations in addition to national grid to link with the State electrical power system. Moreover, plans have been adopted for construction of 66 KV power line, 66 KV sub-power station, power lines and power supply stations.

As it is necessary to take adequate time for implementation of the projects, one new 150 KVA diesel generator will be provided to the region for generating more electricity for the consumers in 2011-2012 fiscal year.

U Soe Aung of Thegon Constituency asked **whether there is a plan to allow the village of Thegon to use electricity to be supplied by Myanma Electric Power Enterprise with the suitable assistance of the State**. The Union Minister replied that the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 is building power lines and power stations depending on the allotted fund. With the recommendation of local authorities, the people are to firmly form the self-reliant electricity supply committee so as to submit use of electricity at villages near the town to the ministry through respective township electrical engineer's office.

The ministry allows the self-reliant electricity supply committees that are in conformity with the village supply tasks and provides necessary technological assistance to them.

U Sai Kyaw Myint of Mongnai Constituency asked **he would like to know the plan of supplying electricity to Nakhon Village-tract of Mongnai Township, Shan State (South)**. The Union Minister replied that power line of Kengtawng hydropower project that passes near Nakhon Village of Mongnai Township is 132 KV power line. Despite passing near the village, the power line cannot directly supply electricity to the village. To supply power to the local people, the power line is to be reduced to 11 KV, 0.4 KV volt.

Nakhon Village-tract has about 600 housings and it is seven miles from Mongnai. To supply electricity to the village-tract, it is necessary to build two 0.4 KV (315 KVA) transformers in the village and to install 11 KV power line from 66/11 KV, 5 MVA power station of Mongnai and two miles long 400 volts power line in the village.

As the ministry gives priority to supply of electricity to the needy areas, Nakhon Village-tract is to form the self-reliant supply committee with the commendation of the local authorities for their submission to the ministry through Mongnai Township Electrical Engineer's Office. Moreover, the ministry allows the village power supply committees in conformity with the rules and regulations and provides necessary technologies.

U Aye Han of Paukhaung Constituency asked **whether there is a plan to install power line of MEPE to Inngakhwa Village of Paukhaung Township, Bago Region**. The Union Minister replied that to be able to supply electricity to 200 housings of Inngakhwa Village of Paukhaung Township, it is necessary to build 500 feet long 11 KV power line from 11 KV paukhaung

line of 33/11 KV, 5 MVA Paungtale Power Station, and 3000 feet long 400 voltage power lines and 11/0.4 KV 100 KVA transformer in the village.

With the recommendation of the local authorities, the self-reliant village power supply committee is to be formed for their submission to the ministry through the township electrical engineers' office. The ministry allows the village power supply committees in conformity with the rules and regulations and provides necessary technologies.

U Win Sein of Kawa Constituency asked **there is plan to install power line to Yitkangyi Village of Kawa Township and Kamase of Thanatpin Township of Bago Region**. The Union Minister replied that to supply electricity to 1161 housings of Yitkangyi Village in Kawa Township, it is necessary to install 5.5 miles long 11 KV power line from 11 KV power line of Khamebyin Village of Kawa Township, to build two transformers and install three miles of 400 voltage power lines in Yitkangyi Village, spending about 297.5 million.

At present, there is a 50 kilowatts generator for supplying electricity to 1019 housings in Kamase Village of Thanatpin Township three hours a day. To supply power to the village through power supply system, it is necessary to install six miles long 11 KV power line from 33/11 KV (3) MVA power station of Thanatpin, build one 11/0.4 KV 315 KV transformer and install two miles long 400 voltage power line. These processes will be cost K 262.5 million.

The ministry requested all the people to understand difficulties for supply of electricity to the needy villages across the nation, depending on the allotted fund of the State. Arrangements will be made for supply of electricity to these villages in coming fiscal year, depending on the funds. If the above-mentioned villages wish to get electricity as quickly as possible, they have to form the self-reliant village electricity supply committees with the recommendations of the local authorities and to apply submission to the ministry. The ministry will allow them in conformity with the rules and regulations and provide necessary technologies.

U Khin Maung Nyo of Loikaw Constituency asked **whether there is a plan to extend installation of power lines to the villages that could not be supplied electricity in the village power supply principle of Loikaw, Dimawhso, Pruhsu, Bawlake and Pasawng townships of Kayah State**. The Union minister replied that the national power grid system supplies electricity to 34 villages in Loikaw Township, seven villages in Dimawhso Township, three villages in Pruhsu Township and one village in Bawlake Township. Loilemly Village of Loikaw Township has formed the power supply committee and built one 11/0.4 KV power station and installed 8000 feet long 400 voltage power line. There remains installation of 10 miles long 11 KV power lines. After supplying power to Loilemly Village, Htsakha Village can get electricity from the 11 KV power line.

Of six villages in Kontha Village-tract, 12 miles from Loikaw-Aungpan Road, Kontha, Wahsaung, Thayetbin and Hsaunggan Villages are four miles about Pikinkawku Village. Therefore, they can try to manage supply of electricity. Tipon Village and 20 villages, nine miles from Loilemly Village, can be supplied electricity through 11KV power line, 24 miles from 33/11 KV, 5 MVA of Loikaw. Only when 33 KV power line and one 33 KV power station have been constructed, can electricity be supplied to these villages. A plan has been adopted to substitute one 33/11 KV 3 MVA transformer in the placement of the 33/11 KV 1250 KVA transformer in Moebye in 2012-2013 fiscal year for supplying electricity to 20 villages in addition to Dawpawkale, Nokoe, Wahsaung and Htayhgnahla villages. On completion, the villages can get electricity after installation of nine miles long 11 KV power line.

Among six villages without power supply beside Loikaw-Toungoo Road in Dimawhso Township, Htaythupha and Nyaunggon Village can consume electricity through 1.5 miles long 11 KV power lines (See page 10)

Second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continues for 40th day Four questions answered, two bills discussed, one bill submitted

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct—The second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continued for 40th day at Amyotha Hall in Hluttaw Building here today, attended by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and 207 Hluttaw representatives.

Regarding the question of U Zhun Kham of Chin State Constituency No (1) about **if there is a plan to construct a dam that can generate 400-500 megawatt electricity up Bah Bridge in Falam Township**, Deputy Minister for Electric Power No (1) U Myint Zaw replied that of water resources in Chin State from which hydroelectricity can be generated, 10 water resources can generate 100 kilowatts to 1 megawatt and two water resources can generate between one megawatt and two megawatts.

Of 10 water resources that can generate 100 kilowatts to one megawatt, initial surveys have been conducted on Saw Creek (320 kilowatts) and Kunlaung Creek (600 kilowatts) in Kanpetlet Township of Mindat District, Kwelu Creek (100 kilowatts) and Paizalu Creek (150 kilowatts) in Tiddim Township of Falam District.

Two water resources that can generate one megawatt to two megawatts are Anya Kadin (1.2 megawatts) in Kanpetlet Township of Mindat District and Bontala (1.8 megawatts) in Matupi Township.

Those water resources can only be utilized for small-scale hydropower generation and surveys have not been conducted yet on water resources that can generate 400-500 megawatt electricity up Bah Bridge in Falam District and there is no plan to construct a dam that can generate hydroelectricity but feasibility study will be made for the proposed dam construction.

Regarding the question of U Hmat Gyi of Mandalay Region Constituency No (9) about **the production and distribution of urea fertilizer manufactured by the Ministry of Energy**, Union Minister for energy U Than Htay said that his ministry runs five urea fertilizer plant under Myanma Petrochemical

Enterprise and all of which are operated with onshore natural gas. Operation has been suspended in Fertilizer Plant (Kyunchaung) near Kyunchaung Village in Pakokku Township of Magway Region as it is under mechanical maintenance and also in Fertilizer Plant (kyawswa) near Kyawswa Village in Aunglan Township of Magway Region due to insufficiency in natural gas. Despite abundant production of offshore natural gas, the plant can not use it because of its design. Fertilizer Plant (Salay) produces 100 tons of urea per day, Fertilizer Plant (Myaungdaga) and Fertilizer Plant (Pathein) 500 tons each, and thus the total production capacity of those three plants is about 1100 tons per day.

However, it needs to resume the whole production process from initial stage when input electric power is instable and electricity goes out and it usually takes two day to resume normal production. In addition, the production is also suspended when gas cannot be

**Amyotha Hluttaw Representative
Dr Banya Aung
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Constituency No (7)
raising question.**

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supplied because of leakage of ageing main gas pipeline and thus the plant cannot run at its full capacity.

From April to 23 October, 78637.3 metric tons of fertilizer was manufactured, 7883.8 metric tons inclusive of the remaining stocks of last fiscal year have been distributed. Previously, urea fertilizer manufactured by the ministry is distributed under the arrangement of

**Union
Minister
for
Transport
U Nyan
Tun Aung
replies to
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State/Division Peace and Development Council now it is sold to farmers through Region/State governments, rice dealers under Myanmar Rice Association indirectly or indirectly in cash or on after-six-month credit.

Fertilizer Law was enacted as Law No (7/2002) of the State Peace and Development Council on 1 October, 2002. According to Section 12 (a) of Chapter (6) of the law, those wishing to blend, mix, and re-pack fertilizer for commercial use have to apply work permit to Myanmar Agriculture Service of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation in accordance with set rules. The Section (16) states that the license holders must describe trademark, net weight of fertilizer, quality guarantee, nourishment values of fertilizer, name and proportion of mixed raw materials and usage on the thing in which fertilizer is packed on put in. In order not to solidify urea fertilizer, plastic bags are sued to wrap fertilizer in it. The ministry is arranging to describe trademark, net weight and proportion of nitrogen on its fertilizer bags.

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from Dawkhalai Village. Four remaining villages are far from the power line. Naungpale Village of six villages in Naungpale Village-tract can consume electricity, and five remaining villages are to install five miles long 11 KV power line from Naungpale Village. As nine villages of Hsaungtu Village-tract, eight villages of Htipokalo Village-tract and seven villages of Dawkalawdu Village-tract are far from 11 KV power line, they have to install 33 KV power lines for supply of electricity. Wamlahtwa and Dawposi villages of six villages in Sanpya 6-Mile Village-tract are undertaking supply tasks for electricity. Two remaining villages are located near the 11 KV power lines, so they have privilege to get supply of electricity.

A plan is underway to build one 33/11 KV 2 MVA power station in Bawlake for supplying electricity to villages of the township. On completion, three villages from Maihtam, Wamchet and Chikwe village-tracts may install 11 KV power line for supply of power.

A plan has been set to construct one 33/11 KV 2 MVA power station in Pasawng to be able to supply electricity to villages of Pasawng Township. On completion, Khamepyu, Wamaung, Papu and Nantkit villages can install 11 KV power line for their power supply tasks.

The villages in Kayah State are to form the village power supply committees with the recommendation of the local authorities to carry out power supply tasks on a self-reliant basis.

U Kyi Myint of Hmawby Constituency asked

whether there is a plan to supply electricity to 12 village-tracts in Hmawby Township of Yangon Region. The Union Minister replied that of 12 villages in Hmawby Township, it is necessary to install 33 KV power line to Thayagon Village, 500 feet from 33 KV Myaungdaga-Hmawby power line and to Thekhon and Leikpok Villages, 2 miles each from the Myaungdaga-Hmawby power line and to build one 33/0.4 KV 160 KVA transformer in Kyaukpon Village and 33/0.4 KV 315 KVA transformers in remaining three villages.

Likewise, Ingan, Hnawgon, Nyaungbingon and Letpantan Villages are 100 feet, 2000 feet, 3800 feet and two miles far from the 11 KV Brick Factory-Hmawby power line. Therefore, it is necessary to install 11 KV power line and provide one 11/0.4 KV 500 KVA transformer in Letpadansu Village and 11/0.4 KV 315 KVA transformers in three villages. One 11/04 KV 315 KVA transformer and one 200 KVA transformer through 11 KV Kyetphyukan-Nyaungnhabin Zone power lines are to be provided to Nyaungnhabin and Kyagan Villages.

One 6.6/0.4 KV 200 KVA transformer is to be stationed in Wapadaw Village where 6.6 KV power line from Phugyi water station to Pyawbwsu Village and one 6.6/0.4 KV 100 KVA transformer in Pyawbwsu Village. Moreover, electricity can be supplied to the housings after installation of 400 voltage and 230 voltage power lines along the roads.

As the annually allotted funds are spent on extended construction and substitution works, there are some limitations to supply electricity to many villages of single townships. The village power supply tasks of Hnawgon, Nyaungbingon and Nyaungnhabin Villages will be allowed as quickly as possible if their submissions are in conformity with the prescribed rules and

regulations. The ministry will allow them in conformity with the rules and regulations and provide necessary technologies.

The Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw submitted **the plan related to the proposal, approved on 17 October, to submit the proper ways for emergence of a good budget system of the State to the Hluttaw after studying the process to emerge State-owned industries and companies in conformity with the present situation for development of the State economy.**

It was learnt that the process is to be undertaken by the Hluttaw; so, the Pyithu Hluttaw Banks and Monetary Affairs Development Committee, the Planning and Financial Development Committee, the Economic and Trade Development Committee and the Investment and Industrial Development Committee are to cooperate in compilation of a suitable report concerning the above-mentioned process, not later than 30 November 2011.

On 19 October 2011, Chairman of the Japan-Myanmar Parliamentarian League senior speaker of Japanese House of Counsellor Mr. Watanabe Hideo and goodwill delegation called on the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw and proposed to establish the Myanmar-Japan Parliamentarian League for promotion of relationship between Myanmar and Japan Hluttaws and further strengthening bilateral ties between the two countries. The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker informed the Hluttaw that U Htay Myint of Myeik Constituency will be assigned duty as Chairman of the Myanmar-Japan Parliamentarian League and U Kyi Tha of Gwa Constituency as Secretary.

The 41st day session of Pyithu Hluttaw ended at 12.50 pm and the 42nd day session will be held at 10 am on 27 October.—MNA

Now is time to enforce standard...

(from page 16)

The Vice-President urged artists to exert efforts for penetration of Myanmar music and dances to international community through creation combining musical instruments of modern times and Myanmar music and dances. And this is promoting long-standing Myanmar fine arts, he said.

Myanmar's arts are the image of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, home to diverse national races. The onus is on all national brethren to preserve this image down to our successors.

Myanmar national artists have been maintaining Myanmar's arts which exist in their own environment and serving national interest and the interest of the State.

people and religion with Myanmar's music and performing arts. They did their bits in nation-building period. They need to take part in serving the public interest along with the government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar emerged in accord with 2008 Constitution. The artists are making the great history of Myanmar by serving the national interest from the cultural front.

The recently-held competition is the event of handing down the arts to new generation. Music, dance and customs of the Myanmar nationals are well-rooted in the hearts of the new generation.

Now is the time to enforce the standard of ethics to shape the future State and encourage the understanding of nature, beauty and traditions of Myanmar enlisting the power of youths. Doyen artists are worthy of appreciation for working tirelessly to secure national interests.

Doyen artists are to take care of their health while preserving Myanmar's performing arts and handing down the arts to new generation and are to serve the interest of the State, the language and the religion with the arts, the Vice-President said.

The Vice-President presented certificates of honour to members of panels of judges through chairpersons of panels of judges.

On behalf of panel of judge, Vice-Chairman of Judging Work Committee Piano U Yi Nwe spoke words of thanks.

Contestants and artists displayed their performance. The artists, members of panels of judges and those present have dinner together.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham cordially greeted those present at the dinner.

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NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct — Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann attended the meeting on clarifying laws needed to be amended and revoked among existing laws and new laws to be promulgated at Thabin Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, this afternoon. Also present were Hluttaw representatives of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw and law experts.

Professor/Head Dr Tin May Tun of Law Department of the University of Distance Education (Yangon) made clarifications on findings related to laws needed to be amended and revoked among existing laws enacted in pre-independence period and laws

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann attend meeting on clarifying laws needed to be amended and revoked among existing laws and new laws to be promulgated



needed to be newly-promulgated. Next, Professor Dr Tin May Tun answered the queries raised by Hluttaw representatives. Professor Dr Ma Ma Lay of Law Department of the

University of Distance Education (Yangon) gave an account of laws needed to be amended and revoked among existing laws enacted in post-independence period before the time of

Revolutionary Council.

The meeting came to an end in the evening after Professor Dr Ma Ma Lay answered the queries raised by Hluttaw representatives.

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann attend the meeting on clarifying laws needed to be amended, revoked among existing laws and new laws to be promulgated.—MNA

Second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw...

(from page 10)

Regarding the question of Dr Banyan Aung Moe of Mon State Constituency No (7) about if there is a plan to construct a port for sea-going vessels in Mon State, Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung said that Mawlamyine, largest town of Mawlamyine, used to handle loading and unloading of commodities to and from foreign vessels. Vessels of that time were relatively much smaller and mere coasters. Ships under Myanma Five Stars Shipping Line used to ply between Yangon, Mawlamyine, Dawei, Myeik, and Kawthoung and it was about ten years before those ships do not embark in Mawlamyine and the reason is decline in trade volume. Moreover, the water way to the port has become shallow and thus ships can enter and depart only with the help of navigational signals. Currently, Mawlamyine Port has nine jetties, two concrete bridges and seven pontoon bridges. Foreign vessels can embark on concrete bridges and sea-going vessels on pontoon bridges. So Mawlamyine Port does not need repairing as it is in good condition. Developing a port does not necessarily need handling ships but mainly depends on high volume of trade and improved loading and unloading processes. Currently, the port can cope with 1500-ton coasters.

Dawei and Kyaukphyu Deep-Sea Ports are being implemented to enable sea-going vessels to dock. Ships with broad tons of load can anchor at Thilawa Terminal in Yangon. As the development of a port is subject to brisk export-import trade and economic benefits, the ministry and State government are coordinating to run 1500-ton coasters which can berth at Penang and Kuala Lumpur Ports to develop Mawlamyine Port.

U Tin Yu of Yangon Region Constituency (11)

asked to revoke Order No. 405-3-2/NaYaKa dated 3-4-1999 which is incommensurate with the current reality for development of local pharmaceutical industry. Deputy Minister for Industry-1 U Thein Aung answered that the fact that the production of western medicines will be allowed if it sticks to Myanmar Investment Law, Private Industry Law, National Drug Law and Rules, and regulations for constructing factory for production of western medicines in producing quality medicines have been stated in the answer to 26th-day second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw held on 27-9-2011. Some western medicine industries in Myanmar are found to be improper and restricted by setting pharmaceutical industry as main industry. Traditional medicine entrepreneurs mix western medicines in their products. The bulk of western medicine is ordered from foreign countries, packaged in sites which do not meet GMP standards and distribute them.

The order was issued in the light of current situation. The orders should be amend or revoke to meet the demands of current age after a period of time.

As the production of drugs is related to lives of the people who take these drugs, it will be permitted only with the approval of Myanmar Investment Commission.

Hluttaw representatives U Hla Swe of Magway Region Constituency (12), U Saw Tun Mya Aung of Kayin State Constituency (5), U Khin Maung Yi of Ayeyawady Region Constituency (6) and U Ohn Tin of Rakhine State Constituency (10) discussed Peaceful Gathering and Procession Bill sent by Pyithu Hluttaw with amendments. They discussed Myanmar's democracy is at under-one-year age, coordination for regional peace is being made in some States, the law should be enacted when the peace is restored in all Regions and States, there will be weak points in the law if it is applied and it need be noted that the provisions will be overcome in any way. They suggested revisions, omissions, amendments and insertions.

The Hluttaw assigned Bill Committee to rehear the bill.

Member of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee Dr Hla Thein read out the report of the committee on Environmental Conservation Bill.

Hluttaw representatives Dr Tin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency (6), U Steven Thabeik of Chin State Constituency (4), Dr Myint Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency (8) and U Khin Maung Yi of Ayeyawady Region Constituency (6) discussed the bill. They discussed that the Ministry of Immigration and Population, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, the Ministry of Labour, the Ministry of Science and Technology, the Ministry of Information, the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development and the Ministry of Culture should be included in Environmental Conservation Committee stated in the bill, knowledge on pesticides should be included in the environmental conservation lessons of schools, water and air pollutions and adverse environmental impacts are happening due to environmental degradation, former environmental conservation laws were lack of public adherence, the bill and amendments of the committee are deeply supported. They suggested revisions, omissions, amendments and insertions.

The Hluttaw assigned the Bill Committee to review the discussions.

Member of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Mann Aung Tin Myint read out the report of the committee on Vacant Land, Fallow Land and Virgin Land Administration Law.

The 40th-day second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw concluded at 1.45 pm and the session continues for 41st day on 27 October.

At today's session, four questions were answered, two bills were submitted and discussed and one bill was submitted.—MNA

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MV DIBENA HAPPY VOY NO (134)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DIBENA HAPPY VOY NO (134) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 26.10.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W-6 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Weather warning as flooding hits Northern Ireland

BELFAST, 25 Oct— Heavy rain has caused flooding in various parts of Northern Ireland. The worst hit areas have included north and west Belfast, Ballyclare and Cushendall. On Sunday evening there were reports of localised flooding in Banbridge, Carnlough, Lurgan and Moira.

The Met Office has issued a severe weather warning across Northern Ireland for Monday. It said periods of heavy rain accompanied by strong winds could disrupt travel.

In Antrim, floodwater caused some damage to a care home on Station Road on Sunday afternoon. Homes which have been flooded in the past were again threatened in parts of Finaghy in south Belfast and Edenduff Terrace in Randalstown, County Antrim. Several cars had to be towed out of deep water along the A26 Moira Road. There has also been heavy flooding at the Glenriver estate in Glenavy, County Antrim. — *Internet*

There has been flooding in various parts of Northern Ireland.

INTERNET



Chinese acrobats perform during the 13th China Wujiao International Circus Festival in Shijiazhuang, capital of north China's Hebei Province, on 23 Oct, 2011. More than 200 acrobats from 17 countries and regions take part in performance as well as competition during the nine-day festival starting on Saturday. The festival is named after the province's Wujiao County, the famous birthplace of acrobatics.—XINHUA

Fresh bread and bacon 'best smells'

LONDON, 25 Oct— Freshly baked bread, newly washed sheets and bacon are among the favourite smells of Britons, according to a new study. A survey of 2,000 adults showed that men preferred the whiff of bacon, while sweet-smelling laundry or sheets came out on top for women.



The favourite smells of Britons include freshly baked bread and bacon.—INTERNET

The worst smells were sweaty socks and wet dogs, the research by odour eliminator Febreze found. Most people thought they encountered hundreds of smells every day, with more than half described as unpleasant.

A male model will spend four days in a clear plastic box, at Westfield Stratford Shopping Centre near the site of the London Olympics, this week as part of an experiment on smells being run by Febreze. — *Internet*

Toyota to produce hybrid vehicles by 2015

BEIJING, 25 Oct— Toyota Motor Corp announced over the weekend that it will produce hybrid vehicles and key components in China in 2015 to cash in on the fledgling yet promising market for green cars.

"We've decided to develop vehicles equipped with hybrid powertrains that are made in China and will try to start production and sales at our Chinese joint ventures in 2015," said Akio Toyoda, Toyota's president.

Xinhua

Study confirms global warming, yet skeptics doubt it

BEIJING, 25 Oct — The average global land temperature has increased by around one degree Celsius since the mid-1950s, American scientists announced last week after reviewing historical temperature records to date. According to mediareports, the scientists of the Berkeley Earth project have studied more than a billion temperature records dating back to the 1800s from 15 sources around the world.

And the result is in line with the estimate made by major institutions which keep official records on the global climate, including the Nasa's Goddard Institute for Space Studies in the US and the Met Office's Hadley Centre in Britain. Mean-

while, the scientists established an open database for the climate records so that skeptics on climate change can assess climate change on their own. Nevertheless, the finding of the scientists at the University of California, Berkeley did not convince climate change

skeptics, according to a *New York Times* report.

Anthony Watts, one prominent US skeptic, claimed the study's "methodology was flawed". He also noted that the finding was submitted to journal *Geophysical Research Letters* before being peer-reviewed.—*Xinhua*

Women wearing bridal dresses throw their bouquets as they take part in a bridal parade in Sao Paulo, Brazil. More than 40 would-be brides — and some former ones — got dolled up in white just for fun on Sunday, joining a bridal parade being held for the first time in Brazil. — XINHUA



Chicago suburban town nears new world record with over 31,900 pumpkins

CHICAGO, 25 Oct — A Chicago suburban town is waiting for Guinness World Records officials to verify a possible world record after it presented more than 31,900 pumpkins on Sunday morning.

The majority of the pumpkins, shown at Greenwood, a small town

in the northern suburb of Chicago, were carved by children for the upcoming Halloween holiday, Highwood Pumpkin Festival organizer Nicole Pecaro told *Xinhua*. Some 30,000 people from across the US Midwest appeared at the Pumpkin Festival, which featured many booths selling treats made from vegetable, from traditional pumpkin pies to pumpkin mashed potatoes.

But for most festival-goers, after a quick snack break, they continued carving to make sure that all were ready for Guinness World Records officials' counting.

Xinhua

Woman, 90, makes White Castle Hall of Fame



An Ohio woman who has been patronizing the same White Castle restaurant for more than 80 years is being inducted into the company's Hall of Fame.

The fast-food chain said Constance

Huening, who was born in 1921, the same year the first White Castle opened in Wichita, Kan, was chosen along with 11 other people from hundreds of applicants to be inducted into the Hall of Fame Thursday at the chain's Columbus, Ohio, headquarters, *The Cincinnati Enquirer* reported Wednesday.

Huening said she eats a White Castle burger every New Year's Day for good luck, and this year she celebrated her 90th birthday by visiting the same Reading, Ohio, location where she and her siblings purchased sliders during the 1920s. "They still taste good," Huening said.

Golf-themed cemetery opens in Wash

A Washington state funeral home has announced the opening of a golf-themed cemetery for enthusiasts who want to be buried in a "golf setting."

The Sunset Hills Memorial Park and Funeral Home in Bellevue said its new Memorial Golf Park is "a complete golf hole which allows committed fans of the game to be buried or placed in a

permanent golf setting," KCPQ-TV, Seattle, reported.

The cemetery, which has a capacity of more than 1,200 graves, was created by a professional golf course designer and includes a fairway, tee-box, sand trap and an 820-square-foot green.

"We strive to serve families and individuals by celebrating lives with individually designed

and themed experiences," said Arne Swanson, market director for Dignity Memorial's Seattle Region.

"We are proud to be a leader in this area and Sunset Hills Golf Hole Memorial is a great example of our approach."

News Album

'Petoskey Batman' gets probation

A Michigan man nicknamed the "Petoskey Batman" after he was arrested while wearing a Batman costume on a rooftop was sentenced to six months of probation.

Mark Wayne Williams, 32, of Harbor Springs, was arrested 11 May after being spotted on a Petoskey rooftop while wearing a Batman costume and carrying weapons including a baton-like striking weapon, a can of chemical irritant

spray and a pair of sand-filled Sap gloves. He was sentenced to probation Monday in Emmet County's 57th Circuit Court, the *Petoskey News-Review* reported Thursday.

Williams pleaded guilty to one count of attempted resisting, obstructing a police officer and other charges, including felony weapons charges, were dropped as part of the plea agreement.

Williams, who said he had no



Mark Williams dressed as Batman. Courtesy of the Petoskey Mich, Department of Public Safety.

intention of using the weapons and had climbed to the roof of the building to evade a group of people who were chasing him, also was sentenced to six months in jail with credit for two days served and the rest of the term held in abeyance.

Williams said he is part of an organized group of costumed "superheroes" who aim to prevent crime and reach out to the homeless in their areas. He was banned from wearing his Batman costume for the duration of his probation.

Jennifer Lopez breaks down into tears onstage after singing love song



Jennifer Lopez

WASHINGTON, 25 Oct—Jennifer Lopez broke into tears after singing about love during her headlining performance at the

Mohegan Sun Arena's 15th anniversary celebration, and ran offstage sobbing.

After an acoustic performance of 'If You Had My Love', Jennifer told the audience that it was the first song she wrote about love. "At the end of the song she started sobbing and had to take a few moments to keep it together," an onlooker told Radar Online.

"She held it together for one song but then ran offstage crying. "She only sang a few more songs and she was obviously out of it. Everyone was so sad for her. It was really dramatic," the onlooker added.

Internet

Kate Winslet grateful for not leading wealthy childhood



Actress Kate Winslet

LONDON, 25 Oct—Actress Kate Winslet feels "grateful" that she did not have a wealthy childhood because it made her appreciate everything a lot more.

The 36-year-old, who has children Mia, 10, and Joe, seven, led a "country bumpkin" life growing up as her father was unable to work following a boating accident.

"All I can recall is a happy atmosphere

despite the fact money was so tight. We never led a wealthy lifestyle and I am grateful for that. We enjoyed living a kind of country bumpkin way of life," contact-music.com quoted Winslet as saying. "We loved camping and never had a package holiday or went to a hotel. You just appreciate everything so much more. I am not cynical about anything," she added.—*Internet*

Ben Affleck to helm 'The Stand'?

LOS ANGELES, 25 Oct—Actor Ben Affleck has reportedly been roped in to direct the big screen adaptation of Stephen King's novel "The Stand".

According to

Deadline.com, "The Stand" is a story about good versus evil. It focuses on a group of survivors fighting the Anti-christ-like Randall Flagg, and features dozens of characters and



Actor Ben Affleck

overlapping storylines running over many years.

The film by Warner Bros Pictures was to be directed by "Harry Potter" filmmaker David Yates, but he opted out of the project.

Internet

Ryan Reynolds spends birthday weekend with Blake Lively



Actor Ryan Reynolds

NEW YORK, 25 Oct—Actor Ryan Reynolds, who turned 35 Sunday, spent his birthday weekend with his "Green Lantern" co-star Blake Lively in Boston.

The duo were spotted taking a stroll with their dogs outside an apartment in Boston, where Reynolds is filming the action film "RIPD".

"They are very much a couple. They're really happy together," people.com quoted a source as saying.

Lively, 24, recently split from Leonardo DiCaprio after a brief romance, and Reynolds is still friendly with his ex, Scarlett Johansson.—*Internet*

Feel liberated after completing studies

LONDON, 25 Oct — Actress Lily Cole felt "hugely liberated" after completing her degree at the University of Cambridge. The 23-year-old obtained a degree in the history of art.

"I feel hugely liberated. I'm super glad that I managed to finish it - and semi-surprised," femalefirst.co.uk quoted Cole as saying. "The closest I came to not



Actress Lily Cole

finishing it was the day before my last exam. I was so exhausted. I'd been drinking a lot of coffee. I would never mind not doing the best if I felt like I gave my best effort," she added.—*Internet*

Mancini says title still wide open

LONDON, 25 Oct — Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini says four or five teams can still win the Barclays Premier League title. The Italian's side crushed Manchester United 6-1 on Sunday to deliver a powerful statement of intent to the champions and the other contenders.

City are now five points ahead of United at the top of the table with Chelsea, Newcastle United and Tottenham Hotspur the next three clubs in the standings after this weekend's fixtures. Mancini expects plenty more challenges for his men and he certainly isn't getting carried away after his memorable day at Old Trafford. "I think that there are four or five teams that can win the title," he said. "The season is long and every game is difficult."

Mancini declared himself "satisfied" with the result and he hopes it will

represent a key point in City's rise. "I think this game is important because we beat them here (Old Trafford)," he added. "I think that against Tottenham we played very well and against Bolton we played very well but this is different because we play against United. I'm satisfied because we beat United away and I don't think there are a lot of teams that could win here. I think this game is important because we beat them at Old Trafford but not for the 6-1. This is important for our supporters and maybe for the goals in the table.—*Internet*



The City manager enjoyed his side's stunning victory at Old Trafford.

Ferguson rues 'worst ever day' history".



Sir Alex Ferguson was disappointed to lose so badly to arch rivals City.

LONDON, 25 Oct — Sir Alex Ferguson says Manchester United's thrashing by Manchester City was the "worst result in my

history". City, the Barclays Premier League leaders, stormed into Old Trafford to rout their 10-man rivals 6-1 and send out an ominous warning to their title rivals.

It was United's heaviest derby defeat since 1926, their first loss at home in 18 months and left them trailing City by five points in the table.

Internet

Hernandez signs new deal

MANCHESTER, 25 Oct — Manchester United striker Javier Hernandez has signed a new five-year contract until the end of the 2015/16 season.

The Mexico international made a stunning impact after arriving in England last season, with 20 goals in all competitions, and United have responded to both that and recent speculation linking the player with Real Madrid by tying him down to a long-term deal.

Hernandez said: "Playing for Manchester Javier Hernandez is thrilled to have signed a new contract."

United has been a dream come true for me. "I never expected my first year to go so well and I'm delighted to commit my future to United. "To win a title and appear in a Champions League final was fantastic. I'm looking forward to helping my team-mates as we bid to win more trophies for this great club."

Internet



SPORTS

Anderson, Baghdatis reach 2nd round in Vienna

VIENNA, 25 Oct — Kevin Anderson defeated 2010 finalist Andreas Haider-Maurer of Austria 6-4, 6-4 on Monday in the opening round of the Erste Bank Open. The sixth-seeded South African relied on his serve, breaking Haider-Maurer once in each set. He closed out the win with his 10th ace.

Anderson won his first career title in Johannesburg this season. He will next play Marcos Baghdatis of Cyprus, who defeated the 73rd-ranked Ryan Sweeting 6-4, 6-2. Baghdatis, who reached the final in Kuala Lumpur this month, had 10 aces and broke the American's serve four times. — *Internet*

WTA extends CEO Allaster's contract



Stacey Allaster, CEO of the WTA

ISTANBUL, 25 Oct — The Woman's Tennis Association has extended the contract of CEO Stacey Allaster until 2017. The WTA announced Monday that Allaster, who has been in charge since 2009, was given a five-year extension after an unanimous vote by its board of directors. Board representative Steve Simon says Allaster "has done a tremendous job," adding that her "innovative thinking has positioned the WTA for a very bright future."

Allaster says she is "honored to have the opportunity to continue to lead women's tennis." Venus Williams, the chair of the players' council, also praised Allaster for her work on players' health and marketing. The decision was announced on the eve of the season-ending WTA Championships in Istanbul. — *Internet*

Enrique: Reds too wasteful

LIVERPOOL, 25 Oct — Liverpool defender Jose Enrique has warned the side cannot afford to throw away points at home. Despite dominating and creating a plethora of chances the Reds were held to a 1-1 draw at Anfield on Saturday by a Norwich City side who grew in confi-

dence. Paul Lambert's team could not believe their luck as, in addition to hitting the woodwork three times, their hosts wasted numerous opportunities to put the result beyond doubt as early as the first half.

Liverpool have now dropped six points at home to Norwich, Sunderland and Manchester United in matches they could — and probably should — have won. And while last week's 1-1 draw with United could have gone either way in the last 20 minutes there appeared to be only one likely winner from the outset on Sunday.

A second successive home draw meant Liverpool lost ground on fourth-placed Newcastle. "We all respect Norwich and they did really well," said Enrique.—*Internet*



Liverpool failed to press home their advantage against Norwich.

Sven-Goran Eriksson leaves Leicester

LONDON, 25 Oct — Sven-Goran Eriksson has left his post as Leicester manager following the club's mediocre start to the season.

Much was expected of the Foxes after an outlay of more than 10 million pounds on transfer fees alone in the summer, but they have struggled for consistency this term, English website sporting-life.com said.

Although they are only five points adrift of the automatic promotion places in the power Championship, a 3-0 defeat at home to lowly Millwall on Saturday left Leicester in 13th place.

That was the final straw for the club's Thailand-based owners Asia Football Investments, who held a meeting on Monday afternoon to discuss ending the Swede's one-year stay at the King Power Stadium.

And Eriksson's departure was confirmed in a statement on Leicester's official website on Monday evening. "Leicester

City Football Club has confirmed today that, by mutual agreement, Sven-Goran Eriksson has ceased to be the first team manager, with immediate effect," it read. "First team coach Dereck Fazackerley has also left the club.

"The club and its board of directors would like to thank Sven and Derek for the contribution they have made to Leicester City during their 13 months at King Power Stadium." Leicester were in the relegation places when Eriksson, having just finished a stint with the Ivory Coast national team, replaced Paulo Sousa as manager in October 2010.

Xinhua



Cote d'Ivoire's national soccer team coach Sven Goran Eriksson (L).

Donaire retains WBC and WBO bantamweight titles



Nonito Donaire

NEW YORK, 25 Oct — Nonito Donaire retained the WBC and WBO bantamweight titles, unanimously outpointing Omar Narvaez on Saturday night at the Theater at Madison Square Garden. Donaire improved to 27-1, extending his nine-year winning streak to 26 fights, with winning scores of 120-108 from the judges. After Donaire knocked out nine of his last 10 opponents, the fight had most of the 4,425 fans booing the lack of action.

"I was bored," Donaire said. "When I know that the guy wouldn't open up, I kind of got bored because no matter what I

opened my hands, I opened my face and the least you can do is hit me with a jab, hit me with something." Narvaez (35-1-2) lost for the first time in his 11-year professional career. "He never hurt me," Narvaez said. "I didn't feel any of the punches. I didn't think he was such a big deal.

Donaire won the title with an overwhelming second-round knockout of Fernando Montiel eight months ago, but this one was nowhere as easy as that left hook for the 28-year-old making his first New York appearance. After judges awarded Donaire the first three rounds, he began to get into a groove in the fourth. Late in the round, Donaire began landing more punches and he had Narvaez against the ropes with a strong combination but that did lead to victory.— *Internet*

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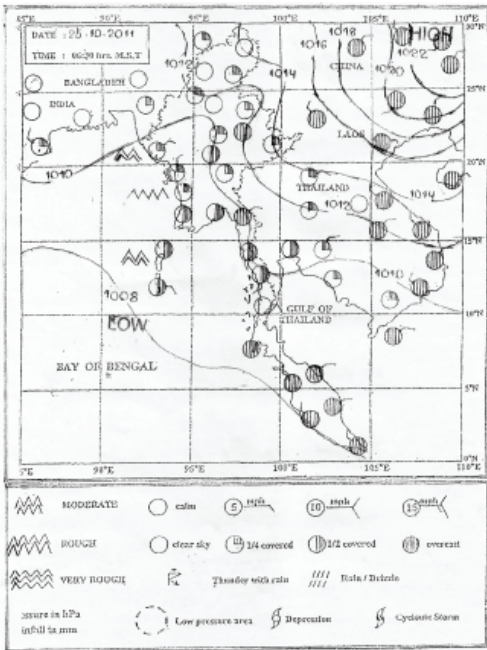
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- * Diverse National Costumes & Their Fashion Trend (Episode-2)
- Overseas Transmission**
- * Opening
- * News
- * Monastery Bargayar Kyaung
- * Bamboo Fashion in Style
- * News
- * Tubingen meets Yangon
- * News
- * Booming Business of Rakhine Coastal Region

- * Culture Stage
- * News
- * Diverse National Costumes & Their Fashion Trend (Episode-2)
- * News
- * Today's Efficient Youth (Debate)
- * Myanmar Alternative Medicines (Aloe vera)
- * News
- * Ar Khar New Year Festival
- * News
- * VCD centre
- * Export Item Villa Fish and Dried Fish Products
- * News
- * The Beauty in the North of Myanmar
- * Myanmar Movie "Great Goodwill"

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Wednesday, 26 October View on today

- 7:00 am**
- 1. Paritta by Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:15 am**
- 2. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:25 am**
- 3. To Be Healthy Exercise

- 7:30 am**
- 4. Morning News
- 7:40 am**
- 5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 7:55 am**
- 6. Health Programme
- 8:05**
- 7. Cultural Dances
- 8:20 am**
- 8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 8:30 am**
- 9. International News
- 8:40 am**
- 10. Mytta Bawana By Mingun Sayadaw Phayagyi
- 4:00 pm**
- 1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm**
- 2. Dance of National Races
- 4:20 pm**
- 3. Musical Programme

- 4:30 pm**
- 3. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Third Year (Economic)
- 4:45 pm**
- 5. Song for Upholding National Spirit
- 4:50 pm**
- 6. Classical Song
- 4:55 pm**
- 7. Teleplay (Forest)
- 5:05 pm**
- 8. International Science News
- 5:15 pm**
- 9. "ASEAN" Programmes
- 5:25 pm**
- 10. Melody Tunes (Sogya Pyawshwin Tay Thansin)
- 6:00 pm**
- 11. Evening News

- 6:15 pm**
- 12. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
- 13. Traditional Boxing
- 6:35 pm**
- 14. Shwe Yin Chone Than
- 7:00 pm**
- 15. "Wuthmone" Music Troupe (Part-1)
- 7:15 pm**
- 16. Joint Performance of Orchestra and Myanmar Radio Modern Music Troupe
- 7:40 pm**
- 17. Documentary
- 8:00 pm**
- 18. News
- 19. International News
- 20. Weather Report
- 21. Korea NG Award
- 22. TV Drama Series
- 23. Myanmar Video

Weather forecast for 26th October, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	33/91	19/66	Partly Cloudy	80%
2	Kayah	30/86	17/63	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
3	Kayin	36/97	21/70	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
4	Chin	22/72	10/50	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
5	Upper Sagaing	32/90	21/70	Partly Cloudy	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	34/93	23/73	Partly Cloudy	80%
7	Taninthayi	34/93	23/73	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
8	Bago	34/93	21/73	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
9	Magway	34/93	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
10	Mandalay	34/93	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
11	Mon	34/93	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
12	Yangon	34/93	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
13	Rakhine	31/88	21/70	Scattered rain (or) thundershowers	80%
14	Southern Shan	20/68	15/59	Scattered rain (or) thundershowers	80%
15	Northern Shan	30/86	17/63	Scattered rain (or) thundershowers	80%
16	Eastern Shan	26/79	18/64	Scattered rain (or) thundershowers	80%
17	Ayeyawady	33/91	24/75	Scattered rain (or) thundershowers	80%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	33/91	20/68	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	34/93	24/75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	34/93	24/75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today	During the past (24) hours, rain of thundershowers have been isolated in Mandalay, Magway, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Rakhine State, scattered in Shan State with isolated heavyfall in Magway Region and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Gangaw (1.77) inches, Loilin (1.57) inches and Maubin (1.50) inches.				
Bay Inference	Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the West Central and Southwest Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere Bay of Bengal.				
State of the Sea	Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.				
Outlook for subsequent two days	Likelihood of decrease of rain in the Eastern Myanmar areas.				

Hong Kong to make colonial house a heritage site



This photo taken on 25 October, 2011 shows the Ho Tung Gardens residence on The Peak in Hong Kong.
INTERNET

HONG KONG, 25 Oct—The Hong Kong government said it intended to declare one of its last colonial-era mansions a heritage site, despite objections from the wealthy heiress who owns the property.

Built by and named after Sir Robert Ho Tung in 1927, the Ho Tung Gardens sits on a site of just over a hectare (nearly three acres) on The Peak, a high-end residential neighbourhood in the Chinese city of seven million. Ho Tung Gardens is the only remaining residence directly related to Ho, who was a prominent community leader and the first non-European to receive permission from the then British colonial administration to reside on The Peak. "Ho Tung Gardens is also an early example, and probably the earliest surviving example, of Chinese renaissance architecture in Hong Kong," the government said in a statement received Tuesday. "It is a rare historic building worthy of preservation," it said, adding that the city's Antiquities Advisory Board had unanimously supported the intended declaration due to the property's "significant heritage value". The owner of the site — the granddaughter of the late tycoon Ho — had reportedly wanted to redevelop the site and rejected a government offer of a land swap. She could go to court to seek compensation. Taxpayers in the city could potentially face a HK\$3 billion (almost US\$400 million) compensation bill, reports said Tuesday.—*Internet*

Now is time to enforce standard of ethics to shape future State, encourage understanding of nature, beauty and traditions of Myanmar enlisting power of youths

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham hosts dinner to judges and managers of 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham hosted a dinner to judges and who contributed to 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions and team managers at Myanmar International Convention Centre (MICC) here this evening and presented certificates of honour to them.

The dinner was also attended by Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan, members of the Leading Committee Union Ministers, Union Auditor-General, members of the Work Committee deputy ministers, Nay Pyi Taw Council members, chairpersons, secretaries and members of sub committees, departmental heads, members of panel of judges at central and region/state level, managers of participating teams and contestants,

undergraduates of National Culture and Fine Arts University and guests.

On arrival at MICC at 5 pm, Patron of the Leading Committee for Organizing 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham was greeted by Chairman of the Leading Committee Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan and committee members.

The Vice-President, on the occasion of presentation of certificates of honour to judges and team managers, said that it is common knowledge that culture is among one of the important tools to measure the long history of a nation and high integrity of a race. Ancient cultural evidences and records of contemporary city-states are proof of long history and high integrity of Myanmar.

The subtle fine arts with deep essence have been preserved by forefathers and it is promoted today, he said.

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Patron of Leading Committee for Organizing Performing Arts Competitions Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham presents certificate of honour to U Aung Tin Win, on behalf of Chairman of Dancing Panel of Judges U Sein Mar Din.—MNA



Patron of Leading Committee for Organizing Performing Arts Competitions Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Chairman of Leading Committee Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan and Leading Committee member Union Ministers enjoy performance of prize winning contestants.—MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann attend meeting on clarifying laws needed to be amended and revoked among existing laws and new laws to be promulgated



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Second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw continues for 41st day

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Second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continues for 40th day

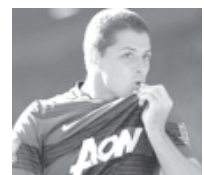
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