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## Practitioners should know well that vital role of Myanmar medicine in public health care is their pride and joy

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Dec—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein sent a message to the 12<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference.

The full text of the message is as follows:-

Since the year 2000, Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference has been held in amity and unity annually with noble objectives of further raising the potency of Myanmar traditional medicine, ethical standard of the practitioners and public health care through Myanmar traditional medicine. It gives me great pleasure and honour that this year marks the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the conference.

I wish all Myanmar traditional medicine prac-

tioners sharing knowledge at this auspicious annual conference to bring social happiness or in other words health and fitness to all Myanmar people through their harmonious service and profession peace of mind.

Nowadays, we with might and main are developing our motherland, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, into a modern country according to the aspiration of the people. Taking their respective roles, the government and the entire people are striving for well-rounded development of the mother country. In

fact, health and fitness of the entire people is the main driving force in the national all-round development drive. Myanmar people are not solely relying on modern Western medicine alone. They have full trust and confidence in their long-accepted indigenous medicine. In consequence, you, the practitioners, should know well that the vital role of Myanmar medicine in public health care is your pride and joy.

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## Contributions of traditional medicine practitioners to patients in disaster-hit villages are to be properly honoured and placed on record There has been considerable progress in research works to introduce new therapies of traditional medicines

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Dec—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham delivered an address at the opening ceremony of the 12<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference at the hall of the Ministry of Health, here, this morning.

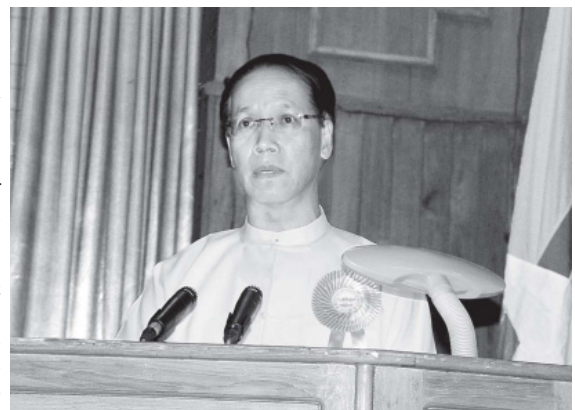
Also present at the conference were Chairman of National Health Committee Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin, Union ministers, the Attorney-General of the Union, deputy ministers, departmental heads, resident representatives of UN agencies, officials of departments under the Ministry of Health, members of Traditional Medicine Council, responsible persons of Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Association,

traditional medicine practitioners, representatives of States and Regions, social organizations and traditional medicine producers.

First, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham delivered an address. He said:

The success of the annual conference is the result of the unity of Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners with the assistance of the State in shouldering their task dutifully in the respective sectors. We with pleasure take pride in the conference held in unity with fine traditions. The outcomes of the discussions at the annually held conference are greatly beneficial to the nation as they have been applied in public healthcare activities such as prevention and cure, educational trainings, research and

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Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham delivers an address at opening ceremony of 12<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference.

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## PERSPECTIVES

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### Welcome season of literati

Cold season sets in. Nadaw comes together with a series of literary talks. Literary talks attract tens of thousands of audiences from far and wide in this season of literati.

Musicians, directors, script writers, artists, cartoonists, poets and academicians often join men of letters in these wide-ranging literary talks which always receive standing ovations.

Literature has a power to influence every other field, making perceptive insight, morality and traditional customs well-entrenched in the society. The literature could create national entity and spirit, which could also be called as national characteristics.

The literati add community reforms while talking about classic literature in their talks. Their interpretation of poems, paintings, melodies and short stories helps audience to get into the arts.

The writers could bring audience to different scenes through their talks. Myanmar's traditional songs, which were once sung in boat races and while pounding rice under moonlight, appear at the literary talks. These are pictures of humanity, environment and era writers portrayed with all their might.

Literary talks bridge the gap between the authors and audiences. Words of literati influence the public and could turn over their values and lifestyles.

### TELSOM continues for second day

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Dec—The 12<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Information and Communications Technology Senior Officials Meeting (TELSOM) continued at Myanmar International Convention Centre, here, this morning.

Meeting Chairman Director-General U Khin Maung The of Directorate of Telecommunications made a speech.

The participants discussed outcomes in discussions at US-ASEAN Business Council Dialogue with ASEAN TELSOM and cooperation of USABC member Google and Seagates in implementation of ASEAN-ICT Master Plan.

Director U Than Tun Aung of ASEAN-ICT Centre explained tasks of ASEAN-ICT Master Plan for cooperation of USABC and TELSOM.

The 11<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Telecommunications & Information Technology Ministers Meeting-TELMIN will be held on 8 and 9 December.—MNA

**12<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Information and Communications Technology Senior Officials Meeting (TELSOM) in progress.—MNA**



### Practitioners should know well that vital role of..

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Myanmar traditional medicine has a firm foundation as it has won popularity and trust throughout the successive periods. Surely, Myanmar people thank their forefathers who founded the science for health and fitness of own people and with gratitude they praise the virtues of today's practitioners dutifully relaying the science and providing public health care services. As you, the Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners, are working for the health and longevity of Myanmar people, the scope of your responsibility is large and your service meritorious.

Thanks to your ardent endeavours, we at present are witnessing the constantly rising standard of Myanmar traditional medicine. Apart from rural folks, urban people are also accepting and relying

more and more on the traditional medicine. Truly, the development and advancement of the medicine at the service of Myanmar people is an encouraging sign and our pride and joy. You, the practitioners, should not overlook the task of preserving, protecting and promoting the essence of Myanmar traditional medicine based on four major subjects of Naya and the potency of herbal plants thriving without the help of man-made modern techniques.

Now, the duty to collectively raise the dignity and standard of the profession falls on your shoulder. May you all be in unity seeking means at the 12<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference to discharge your duty well and blessed with health and happiness.

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### Union A&I Minister receives officials of CETC International



Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing receives Deputy General Manager of Asia Pacific Headquarters Mr. Tian Yaobin and Assistant General Manager Ms. Wendy Yu (The Export-Import Bank of China) of CETC International Co Ltd of China.—MNA

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They discussed development of agriculture sector, building of fertilizer plants and sugar mills for development of sugarcane, and cent per cent investment in tyre factories and agro-based factories.

Deputy Minister U Khin Zaw and responsible persons were also present at the call.

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### Pyinnyagon Library opened in Kalaw Township

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Dec—A ceremony to open Pyinnyagon Library was held in conjunction with the reading skill contest in Nantaing Village of Kalaw

Township yesterday morning.

Departmental officials gave speeches. Well-wishers donated 650 books and publications,

K 200,000, furniture, TV and DVD players, and radio cassette top the library.

Later, the Deputy Director of Shan State Information and Public

Relations Department awarded the winners in the reading skill contest.

Likewise, Pyinnyagon library was opened in Kyaukhsaung Myaycha

Village of Kalaw Township.—MNA

### Basic Domestic Science Course, Advanced Tailoring Course conclude in Lashio

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Dec—The Basic Domestic Science Course No. 58 and the Advanced Tailoring Course No. 30 concluded at the Vocational Training School for the Women in Lashio, Shan State (North), on 2 December.

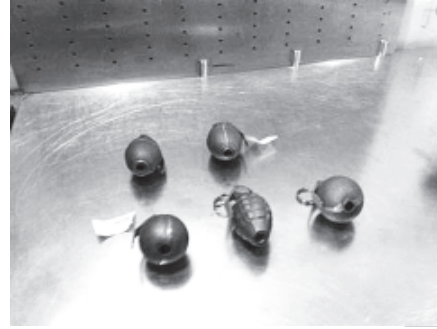
Deputy Commissioner of the District General Administration Department U Kyaw Khaing Soe made a speech and Deputy Director U Tin Win of Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department presented certificates to the trainees.

Principal Daw Nan Ngwe Hla of the school awarded the outstanding trainees.—MNA

## Disarmed grenades found in woman's luggage at airport

NEW YORK, 7 Dec— Authorities at Newark Liberty Airport in New Jersey discovered five disarmed grenades in the luggage of a woman seeking to board a flight to Belgium, the Transportation Security Administration said on Monday. The TSA said baggage screeners had found the grenades while X-raying the woman's checked luggage on Saturday.

TSA spokeswoman Lisa Farbstein said the woman, who has not been named, surrendered the items to authorities without incident and was then allowed to board the flight. Farbstein did not say why the woman was carrying the grenades. Port Authority Police has law enforcement authority over the airport and said on Monday they were not called in for the incident.



*Five disarmed grenades discovered in the luggage of a woman seeking to board a flight to Belgium at Newark Liberty Airport in New Jersey.*  
INTERNET

Reuters

## Mogadishu suicide bomber kills two soldiers

MOGADISHU, 7 Dec—A suicide bomber blew himself up Tuesday in central Mogadishu after being arrested, killing two soldiers and wounding at least four civilians, a security official said.

"A man was detained by soldiers driving a car we believed was full of explosives, but when the soldiers told the driver to open the car, he detonated explosives on his body," said government security official Abdi Hashi.

"It killed two soldiers and the bomber died too, while the explosion wounded four civilians."

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, the latest in a string of blasts including roadside bombs and grenade explosions that have rocked the Somali capital in recent weeks.

The war-torn city has seen an increase in such attacks since the Al-Qaeda linked Shebab abandoned fixed positions there in August and switched to guerilla tactics against the Western-backed government.

Witnesses said several civilians were wounded in the blast, which took place near the central K4 roundabout.

In October, a Shebab suicide bomber detonated an explosives-laden truck, killing at least 82 and wounding many more, the bloodiest such attack in the group's history.

The hardline militants control large parts of southern Somalia but are facing increasing pressure from regional armies and government forces.

Internet



*A Transitional Federal Government (TFG) member walks past the wreckage of a suicide bomb explosion near the K4 junction in Mogadishu on 6 Dec.—INTERNET*

## Five killed, 15 injured in attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 7 Dec— Five people were killed and 15 others injured in separate bomb attacks in central and northern Iraq on Tuesday, the police said. In Iraq's eastern Province of Diyala, a roadside bomb went off near a police patrol at the area of Imam Wies, some 100 km northeast of Baghdad, killing a policeman and wounding two others, a source from Diyala's operations

command told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

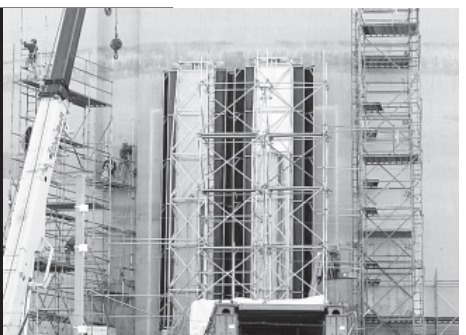
In a separate incident, an Iraqi army officer was killed and a soldier wounded when a roadside bomb detonated near their patrol in the City of Saadiyah, some 120 km northeast of Baghdad, the source said.

Also in Diyala, Iraqi security forces carried out search operations across the province during the past 24 hours and arrested

37 suspects and seized two caches of weapons and explosives, the source added.

In Iraq's western Province of Anbar, gunmen broke into the house of a police officer in central the city of Ramadi, some 110 km west of Baghdad, killing a family member and wounding three others, a provincial police source anonymously told *Xinhua*.—*Xinhua*

*In this 5 Oct, 2011 file photo, workers create a large opening in the side of the containment vessel at the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station in Oak Harbor, Ohio.*  
INTERNET



## Ohio nuclear plant with cracked concrete restarts

TOLEDO, (Ohio), 7 Dec—A nuclear reactor where cracks were discovered in the plant's concrete shell nearly two months ago began producing electricity again Tuesday, despite objections from a congressman who says unanswered questions are lingering about what happened.

FirstEnergy Corp, the operator of the Davis-Besse plant near Toledo, said it should be at full power later this week.

The plant along Lake Erie was shut down for maintenance in October when crews discovered a 30-foot hairline crack in the outer concrete wall that's designed to protect the reactor from anything that might hit it from outside such as storm debris.

More cracks were found soon after, leading to closer inspections. The US Nuclear Regulatory Commission signed off on restarting the plant after FirstEnergy assured it that the cracks don't pose a threat. Regulators said they've done their own

checks and reviewed testing already completed by the plant operator. US Rep Dennis Kucinich, an Ohio Democrat who has been a longtime opponent of the plant and its owner, criticized the NRC's decision, saying that it's still unknown what caused the cracks or whether it's a bigger problem.

The NRC has given Akron-based FirstEnergy until the end of February to find out what caused the cracks.

At full power, the plant makes enough electricity for around 750,000 customers, primarily in Ohio. The company's electric system has 4.5 million customers in Ohio, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.—*Internet*

*Smoke and dust rises at the scene of a suicide attack which struck a Muharram procession in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 6 Dec, 2011.*  
INTERNET



## Russian fleet starts patrol in Atlantic, Mediterranean

MOSCOW, 7 Dec—An aircraft carrier combat group of Russia's Northern Fleet on Tuesday started patrol missions in the Northeast Atlantic and the Mediterranean Sea, the fleet's spokesman said.

"The warships will focus on the measures to ensure the security of the sea navigation and other types of Russian maritime economic activities," Vadim Serga was quoted by the *Itar-Tass* news agency as saying.

The missions would improve naval training and combat interaction of the crews, including practical

live fire drills and joint exercises with warships from the Baltic Fleet and the Black Sea Fleet, Serga said.

According to the combat training plan of the Russian Navy, the naval deployment should show Russia's naval presence in "vitaly important" areas of the ocean, Serga noted.

He said the missions would last several months, during which the warships and auxiliary ships are expected to pay visits and business calls to ports of other countries.—*Xinhua*

**Health**

**Diabetes, obesity after 60 may up breast cancer risk**

WASHINGTON, 7 Dec—Being diabetic or obese after 60 years of age may increase breast cancer risk in women, a new study has suggested.

Data also showed that high blood lipids were less common in patients when diagnosed with breast cancer, while low blood lipids were associated with an increased risk.

Researchers of the Swedish study also looked at overall cancer incidence and discovered that use of one diabetes drug was associated with a lower rate of any cancer, while another was associated with an increased risk.

Researchers evaluated health care data from a region of 1.5 million people living in South-western Sweden to provide a comprehensive

picture of cancer risk.

“We are looking at everybody, and we found that diabetes in adult women and obesity in women aged 60 and older significantly increased breast cancer risk,” said Hakan Olsson, professor in the departments of oncology and cancer epidemiology at Lund University.

He and his colleagues found that obesity in women after age 60 increased risk for developing breast cancer by 55 percent.

*Internet*

**Liver drug may cause serious side-effects**



Monday in a joint advisory with Health Canada.

Ursodiol is also called ursodeoxycholic acid. Sold by several pharmaceutical companies under a variety of brand names, the drug is used to treat patients with a liver disease known as primary sclerosing cholangitis.

Sclerosing cholangitis is a condition marked by swelling, scarring and destruction of the bile ducts inside and outside the liver. The disease may occur in patients with other conditions, including autoimmune disorders, chronic pancreatitis and inflammatory bowel disease (Crohn’s or ulcerative colitis).

In a clinical study, patients given twice the recommended dose of ursodiol had improved serum liver test results, but overall had more serious adverse events — including swollen veins of the digestive tube, the need for a liver transplant, or death — compared with patients given a placebo.

Primary sclerosing cholangitis may also be associated with these serious events during progression of the disease.

*Internet*

OTTAWA, 7 Dec— A drug used to treat some types of liver disease has been found to cause serious side-effects in certain patients, manufacturers of the medication said

**Health Tip: Are you disposed to the holiday blues?**

Though the holiday season is joyous for many, it can be depressing for some.

The Cleveland Clinic mentions these risk factors for the holiday blues:

- \* Connecting the holidays with family problems or painful memories.
- \* Expecting that you should feel happy.
- \* Dealing with the loss of a loved one, or spending the holidays away from friends and family.
- \* Developing unrealistic expectations, or thinking about negatives that have occurred during the past year.
- \* Dealing with changes in the family, such as divorce or death.
- \* Drinking too much alcohol during the holidays.

*Internet*



**Business**

**Dollar trades in upper 77 yen in early Tokyo trading**

TOKYO, 7 Dec— The US dollar traded in the upper 77 yen range early Wednesday in Tokyo.

At 9 am, the dollar fetched 77.75-76 yen against 77.68-77.78 yen in New York and 77.75-77 yen in Tokyo at 5 pm Tuesday.

The euro changed hands at 1.3409-3410 dollar and 104.26-27 yen versus 1.3396-3406 dollar and 104.12-22 yen in New York and 1.3348- 3350 dollar and 103.78-82 yen in Tokyo late Tuesday afternoon.—*Xinhua*

**ChiNext Index opens lower Wednesday**

BEIJING, 7 Dec— The ChiNext Index, tracking China’s Nasdaq-style board of growth enterprises, opened at 797.18 points on Wednesday, 0.92 points lower from the previous close.

The index, together with the Shenzhen Component Index and the Shenzhen SME (small and medium-sized enterprises) Board Index, makes up the three core indices reflecting the performance of China’s stocks listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange.—*Xinhua*

**Gold price opens higher in Hong Kong on 7 Dec**

HONG KONG, 7 Dec— The gold price in Hong Kong went up 80 HK dollars to open at 16,050 HK dollars per tael on Wednesday, according to the Chinese Gold and Silver Exchange Society.

The price is equivalent to 1,733.27 US dollars a troy ounce, up 8.87 US dollars at the latest exchange rate of one US dollar against 7.773 HK dollars.—*Xinhua*

**Citi cuts 4,500 jobs, will take \$400 million charge**

NEW YORK, 7 Dec— Citigroup Inc is cutting 4,500 jobs worldwide, Chief Executive Vikram Pandit said on Tuesday, becoming the latest large bank to trim staff.

Pandit, speaking at the Goldman Sachs Financial Services Conference, said the bank would record a \$400 million charge in the quarter for severance and other expenses related to the layoffs.

The cuts are equal to about 2 percent of



Construction workers install Citibank’s neon sign on its Singapore main office at the central business district on 29 Nov, 2011.—INTERNET

Citi’s workforce of 267,000 employees at the end of third quarter 2011.

Citi joins other banks worldwide that have cut more than 120,000 jobs as regulations have

imposed tighter industry rules and the economy remains weak.

Earlier this year, Citi rival Bank of America Corp announced plans to cut 30,000 jobs and slash \$5 billion in annual expenses as part of a program known as ‘New BAC,’ a play on the company’s ticker symbol.

Citigroup shares closed down 8 cents, or 0.27 percent, at \$29.75 on the New York Stock Exchange.—*Reuters*

**World’s first Android Ice Cream Sandwich tablet will sell for less than \$100**

BEIJING, 7 Dec—The world’s first tablet to run Android Ice Cream Sandwich is not the flagship Asus Transformer Prime, as originally rumored; no, the world’s first tablet to run Android Ice Cream Sandwich is a 7” Chinese-made tablet that will sell for less than \$100. The low-cost tablet has been dubbed the Novo7 and will arrive in the Chinese market first. It has a 7” capacitive multitouch display,

dual front and rear cameras, the ability to play 1080p videos, WiFi, USB and HDMI ports, and is powered by a 1GHz CPU, said processor provider MIPS Technology and China-based CPU provider Ingic Semiconductor in a joint Press release.

While many low-priced Chinese-made Android tablets are not officially recognized by Google and as such run older versions of the Android OS and don’t have access to applications found on Google’s Android Market, the Novo7 is being endorsed by Google. The tablet will also be released in both 8” and 9” versions in the near future.

The Asus Transformer Prime — a tablet that ZDnet calls “the best Android tablet of 2011” — is rumored to be launching in the US on 12 December (and available in-store on 19 December).—*Internet*



The Novo7 tablet, the world’s first tablet to run Android 4.0 Ice Cream Sandwich. INTERNET

**Technology**

**Verizon Wireless blocks Google Wallet from new Samsung phone**



*Attendees watch a demonstration of the Google wallet application screen during a news conference unveiling the mobile payment system in New York on 26 May, 2011.*  
INTERNET

NEW YORK, 7 Dec—Verizon Wireless is blocking the new flagship phone running Google Inc’s Android software, the Samsung Galaxy Nexus, from running Google’s in-store payment application, the Wallet. The smartphone is the first to run a new version of Android, and is due to be released soon by Verizon. Examinations by Wired and other publications reveal that the international version of the phone

has the chip necessary to run Google Wallet. The previous model in the “Nexus” line, which Google uses to launch new software and features, is sold by Sprint and works with the Wallet. But Verizon is part of a consortium of carriers that are planning its own payment application, and the company says its wallet application until it can provide “the best security and user experience.”—*Internet*

**Soon, spam filters to tackle HIV**

MELBOURNE, 7 Dec—The inventor of Microsoft’s spam filter believes that the principle behind keeping spam out of inboxes can also work to keep the AIDS virus at bay. David Heckerman, who is a doctor apart from being a Microsoft researcher, shifted his attention from protecting email systems to protecting body systems, and has been working for the past seven years to prepare an HIV vaccine. “We have an adversarial situation going on between spam filters trying to block the spam and the spammers changing and mutating,” the Age quoted him as saying. “And in the case of HIV, we have the immune system fighting the virus and HIV mutating to try to get through,” he said. According to him, the key to fighting spam and HIV is the same - find the part that absolutely can’t mutate - what he calls the Achilles’ heel - and attack there. “It mutates a lot, but it can’t mutate to where it stops functioning... if it does do that, we win,” he said.—*Internet*

**Now, ‘Norway’s Mark Zuckerberg’ invents ‘solar powered charger’ for Apple’s iPhone**

OSLO, 7 Dec—A 20-year-old Norwegian has invented a cover for Apple’s iPhone that would charge the device using sunlight. Waleed Ahmed’s idea, which he and one of his friends came up with while sitting on a beach in Dubai, would

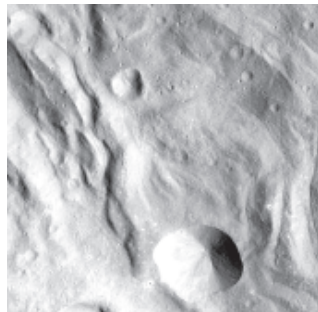
make iPhone the first smartphone to become solar-powered. “We thought, now is the time to be environmentally friendly, why not make a solar cover that’s easier to use than the universal chargers we already have?” *The Herald Sun* quoted Ahmed, as saying. The idea already proved a winner, earning

the duo over 2 million dollars and resulting in Ahmed being touted as “Norway’s Mark Zuckerberg”. According to the report, the cases are already on sale in the Middle East, with negotiations ongoing between the Norwegian and Apple as well as a number of global phone companies.—*Internet*



**New views of giant asteroid Vesta revealed**

LOS ANGELES, 7 Dec—New views of the massive asteroid Vesta reveal it is more like a planet than an asteroid, scientists said Monday. Since slipping into orbit around Vesta in July, NASA’s Dawn spacecraft has beamed back stunning images of the second largest object residing in the asteroid belt. Vesta’s rugged surface is unique compared to the solar system’s much smaller and lightweight asteroids. Impact craters dot Vesta’s surface along with grooves, troughs and a variety of minerals. “Vesta is unlike any other asteroid,” said mission co-scientist Vishnu Reddy of the Max Planck Institute for Solar System Research in Germany. The new findings were presented at a meeting of the American Geophysical Union in San Francisco. Most asteroids resemble potatoes, but Vesta is more like an avocado with its iron core, Reddy said. Asteroids are remnants from the birth of the solar system some 4.5 billion years ago around the same time as the formation of the rocky planets including Earth. Studying asteroids can offer clues about how our planetary system began.



*This image released on 5 Dec, 2011, by the Dawn spacecraft shows the surface of the massive asteroid Vesta. Since entering orbit around Vesta in July, Dawn has been beaming back images of the asteroid surface.—INTERNET*

Instead of returning to the moon, NASA has decided to land astronauts on a yet-to-be determined asteroid as a stepping stone to Mars. David Williams of Arizona State University considers Vesta a “transitional body” between rocky planets and the thousands of asteroids floating between Mars and Jupiter. The mission has yielded a mystery. Before Dawn arrived at Vesta, scientists predicted that the surface would harbor a volcano. There’s a hill on Vesta, but researchers said there’s no evidence of lava flow or volcanic deposits. *Internet*

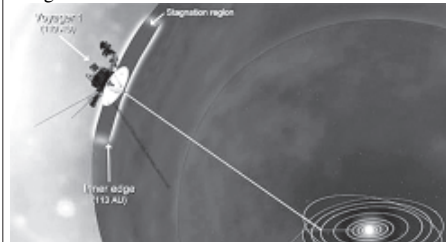
**Science**

**NASA’s Voyager nearing edge of our solar system**

LOS ANGELES, 7 Dec—More than three decades after launching, NASA’s workhorse spacecraft is inching closer to leaving the solar system behind. Currently 11 billion miles away from the sun, *Voyager 1* has been exploring the fringes of the solar system since 2004. Scientists said Monday the spacecraft has entered a new region in the solar system that they have dubbed the “stagnation zone.” *NASA’s Voyager 1 spacecraft has entered a new region between our solar system and interstellar space, which scientists are calling the stagnation region.—INTERNET*

*Voyager 1* still has a little way to go before it completely exits the solar system and becomes the first manmade probe to cross into interstellar space, or the vast space between stars. The spacecraft has enough battery power to last until 2020, but scientists think it will reach interstellar space before that—in a matter of several months to years. Chief scientist Ed Stone of the NASA Jet

Propulsion Laboratory said the timing is unclear because no spacecraft has ever ventured this far. For the past year, *Voyager 1* used its instruments to explore the new region. It appeared to be the cosmic doldrums where solar winds streaming out from the sun at 1 million mph have dramatically eased and high-energy particles from outside are seeping in—a sign that *Voyager 1* is at the doorstep of interstellar space. Scientists expect to see several telltale signs when *Voyager 1* finally crosses the boundary including a change in the magnetic field direction and the type of wind. Interstellar wind is slower, colder and denser than solar wind.—*Internet*



*NASA’s Voyager 1 spacecraft has entered a new region between our solar system and interstellar space, which scientists are calling the stagnation region.—INTERNET*



*This photo provided by the La Plata Sheriff's Office shows searchers looking for the last two victims of Saturday's plane crash north of Silverton, Colo, on 6 Dec, 2011. The last two victims were found mid-day on Tuesday.—INTERNET*

## Bodies of 2 plane crash victims found in SW Colo

SILVERTON, 7 Dec—The final two people killed in a plane crash in the southwest Colorado mountains were found Tuesday as federal investigators arrived to search for clues in the crash that killed three bank employees and a fourth person on their way to a Christmas party.

La Plata County sheriff's spokesman Dan Bender said the victims were found midday during a search involving

more than 30 rescuers from nine agencies.

Their names won't be released until they are identified by the coroner, and that wasn't expected until Wednesday, he said.

The two other people killed, who were previously found at the site near Silverton, were identified by the sheriff's office as Tyler Black, 24, and Jenna Rich, 26, who both worked for Alpine Bank. Rich was known as Gena Rych, but her

driver's license identified her as Jenna Rich.

The four were flying in a single-engine plane from Durango to Aspen when it crashed Saturday afternoon.

The conditions of the search were punishing. The elevation of the crash site is about 11,000 feet above sea level, the temperature fell to 22 degrees below zero, and the debris was spread across an area that covers 1 1/4 miles.—*Internet*

## US criticism on Duma election "unacceptable": Russian FM

MOSCOW, 7 Dec—The comment of US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on the Russian parliamentary election was unacceptable, the Russian Foreign Ministry said on Tuesday.

Clinton said earlier Tuesday that the Russian Duma elections held on Sunday were "neither free nor fair". Some other White House officials also said Washington was seriously concerned by the Russian election.

The Russian Foreign Ministry said Russia expects the US side to refrain from unfriendly statements running counter to the general positive vector of the bilateral ties.

"We have to state with regret that Washington sticks to the long gone stereotypes and labels without trying to find out what is really going on in our electoral field," the ministry said in a statement.

"Russian citizens made their choice and took active part in the ballot. Only they have the right to determine the country's future regardless of anyone's biased opinions and politicized recipes," it said.

*Xinhua*



*Navy divers swim with the urn of Pearl Harbor survivor Lee Soucy during Soucy's interment ceremony, on 6 Dec, 2011 in Honolulu. Soucy, who died last year at the age of 90, wanted to have his ashes interred inside the USS Utah, his ship that sank during the surprise Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 7 Dec, 1941.*

INTERNET

## Pearl Harbor survivors return to ships after death

HONOLULU, 7 Dec—Lee Soucy decided five years ago that when he died he wanted to join his shipmates killed in the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Soucy lived to be 90, passing away just last year. On Tuesday, seven decades after dozens of fellow sailors were killed when the USS Utah sank on 7 Dec, 1941, a Navy diver took a small urn containing his ashes and put it in a porthole of the ship. The ceremony is one of five memorials being held this week for servicemen who lived through

the assault and want their remains placed in Pearl Harbor out of pride and affinity for those they left behind. "They want to return and be with the shipmates that they lost during the attack," said Jim Taylor, a retired sailor who coordinates the ceremonies. The memorials are happening the same week the country observes the 70th anniversary of the aerial bombing that killed 2,390 Americans and brought the United States into World War II.—*Internet*



*A picture taken in 2006 shows miners reflecting in a pan containing mercury, used to separate gold from the dirt, in DR Congo. Between 20,000 and 40,000 children work in artisanal gold mines in Mali, Africa's third-largest producer of the precious metal, Human Rights Watch said in a report Tuesday.—INTERNET*

## Up to 40,000 children mine gold in Mali

BAMAKO, 7 Dec—Between 20,000 and 40,000 children work in artisanal gold mines in Mali, Africa's third-largest producer of the precious metal, Human Rights Watch said in a report Tuesday.

In a statement, HRW said that "children as young as six dig mining shafts, work underground, pull up heavy weights of ore, and carry, crush, and pan ore."

It also said that many children "work with mercury, a toxic substance, to separate the gold from the ore. Mercury attacks the central nervous system and is particularly harmful to children."

HRW children's rights researcher Juliane Kippenberg said children carried loads heavier than their own weight, climbed into unstable shafts, and touched and inhaled mercury, one of the most toxic substances on earth.—*Internet*

## Australian sentenced to 500 lashes in Saudi Arabia

RIYADH, 7 Dec—An Australian man has been sentenced to 500 lashes and a year in jail by a court in Saudi Arabia after being found guilty of blasphemy, Canberra said on Wednesday.

Reports said Mansor Almaribe, 45, was detained in the city of Medina on 14 November while making the hajj pilgrimage and accused of insulting companions of the prophet Mohammed.

Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade said he was sentenced on Tuesday and Canberra's ambassador in Saudi Arabia had been in touch with authorities to plead for leniency.

"The Australian ambassador has been in touch with Saudi authorities after a 45-year-old Australian man was sentenced by a court in Saudi Arabia to

one year in jail and 500 lashes," a DFAT spokeswoman said.

A consular official attended the sentencing, where the Shiite Muslim was initially slapped with a two-year jail term that was subsequently reduced, the spokeswoman added.

The Melbourne Age has previously said the father-of-five from Shepparton in Victoria state, who could not afford a lawyer, suffers from diabetes and heart disease, with grave fears for his health.

*Internet*



*A general view shows the Saudi capital Riyadh. An Australian man has been sentenced to 500 lashes and a year in jail by a Saudi Arabian court after being found guilty of blasphemy, Canberra said on Wednesday.*

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## Bangladesh and Myanmar enter into new phase in bilateral relations with pragmatic and practical approach based on sovereignty, equality, friendship, trust and understanding for mutual benefit and collective prosperity of the region

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Dec— At the invitation of President U Thein Sein of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the Bangladeshi delegation led by Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina paid a State visit to Myanmar from 5 to 7 December, 2011.

During the visit, a joint statement between the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the People's Republic of Bangladesh was issued on 6 December, 2011.

The full text of the statement is as follows:

### **Joint Statement issued between the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the People's Republic of Bangladesh during the State Visit of the Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar**

1. Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Her Excellency Sheikh Hasina paid an official visit to Myanmar from 5-7 December, 2011 at the invitation of H.E U Thein Sein, the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. The Prime Minister of Bangladesh was accompanied by Foreign Minister Dr. Dipu Moni, Ambassador-at-Large Mr. M. Ziauddin, Principal Secretary Mr. Shaikh Md Wahid-Uz Zaman, Member of Parliament Mr. Nazmul Hassan Papon, Member of Parliament Mr. Bir Bahadur U Shwe Sing, Foreign Secretary Mr. Mohammed Mijarul Quayes and other Senior Officials and Business Delegation.
2. During the visit, the Prime Minister of Bangladesh H.E Sheikh Hasina held official talks with H.E U Thein Sein, the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. She laid the foundation stone of the Bangladesh Chancery Building in Nay Pyi Taw and visited Gems Museum and Uppatasanti Pagoda. Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin called on the Prime Minister of Bangladesh H.E Sheikh Hasina.
3. The Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina was accorded a ceremonial reception with Guard of Honour at the Presidential Office. President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein hosted a banquet in honour of the Prime Minister of Bangladesh and her delegation.
4. The bilateral talks between Bangladesh and Myanmar were held on 6 December, 2011 in a cordial, warm and friendly environment reflecting the excellent bilateral relations and friendship that exist between the two countries. The two Heads of Government led their respective sides.
5. On the Bangladesh side the Prime Minister was assisted by Foreign Minister Dr. Dipu Moni, Ambassador-at-Large Mr. M. Ziauddin, Principal Secretary Mr. Shaikh Md Wahid-Uz Zaman, Member of Parliament Mr. Nazmu Hassan Papon, Member of Parliament Mr. Bir Bahadur U Shwe Sing, Foreign Secretary Mr. Mohammed

Mijarul Quayes, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Myanmar Major-General Anup Kumar Chakma, and other Senior Officials. On the Myanmar side the President was assisted by Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, and other Union Ministers and Senior Government Officials.

6. At the outset, the Prime Minister of Bangladesh congratulated H.E U Thein Sein on his assumption of office as the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and being elected as the President of ASEAN for 2014. The Prime Minister of Bangladesh also expressed happiness at the steps taken for political reconciliation by the President of Myanmar. Both Heads of Government reaffirmed their satisfaction at the excellent bilateral relations that have developed over the years based on geographic proximity, rich historic and cultural traditions, people-to-people interactions as well as common aspiration for development. They expressed happiness that Bangladesh-Myanmar friendship is growing stronger and emphasized on the need to further accelerate the relations in the best interest of the two peoples.
7. The President of Myanmar praised the initiatives taken by the Bangladesh Prime Minister in strengthening democracy and promoting peace, security and stability in the region. Both Heads of Government noted that Bangladesh and Myanmar are going to enter into a new phase in bilateral relations with a pragmatic and practical approach based on sovereignty, equality, friendship, trust and understanding for the mutual benefit of their peoples and collective prosperity of the region.
8. The two Heads of Government welcomed the holding of Foreign Office Consultations, Joint Trade Commission's Meetings, Nodal Agency's Meetings in controlling narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and other meetings that took place in recent years on various issues between the two countries for further deepening of cooperation and widening of the relationship into newer areas; and towards that end, agreed on a number of measures.
9. The Prime Minister of Bangladesh raised the issues of Myanmar refugees living in Nayapara and Kutupalong camp and the huge number of undocumented Myanmar nationals living in Bangladesh and stated that early resolution of the issue will help strengthen the bilateral relations to a great extent. The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar expressed his desire to cooperate with Bangladesh in resolving the issue.
10. The Prime Minister expressed Bangladesh's willingness to import energy from Myanmar and requested the President to import ready-made garments, pharmaceutical products, knitwears, jute and jute goods, ceramics etc. from Bangladesh at competitive price and mentioned that Bangladesh was keen to organize a "Single Country Trade Fair" in Yangon early next year.
11. The two Heads of Government stressed upon the establishment of direct banking arrangement under ACU (Asian Clearing Union) so that L.Cs can be opened directly between the two countries and wished to launch direct air flight between Dhaka/Chittagong and Yangon; have plying of non-conventional vessels between the designated commercial routes of the two countries and emphasized on the increase of border trade.
12. Both Heads of Government suggested that businessmen and entrepreneurs of Bangladesh and Myanmar explore investment possibilities in Bangladesh and Myanmar and take advantage of the enormous opportunities for extending bilateral cooperation in the area of tourism development in providing opportunities for people-to-people contacts.
13. Myanmar and Bangladesh signed the following Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding:
  - (a) Agreement on the Establishment of a Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh;
  - (b) Memorandum of Understanding on Establishment of Joint Business Council (JBC) between the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) and the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI)
14. The Prime Minister of Bangladesh thanked the President of Myanmar and the Government and the people of Myanmar for the warm and gracious hospitality extended to her and the members of her delegation during their stay in Myanmar.
15. The Prime Minister of Bangladesh extended a warm invitation to President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win to visit Bangladesh at a mutually convenient time. The President of Myanmar thanked the Prime Minister of Bangladesh and accepted her invitation with immense pleasure, dates for which would be fixed by mutual consultation through diplomatic channel.

Nay Pyi Taw,  
6 December, 2011



*Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham views booths of traditional medicine producers at opening ceremony of 12<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference.—MNA*

## Contributions of traditional medicine practitioners to patients...

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development and quality medicine distribution. Thanks to the harmonious implementation of work programmes adopted by conferences, Myanmar traditional medicine has developed to the level of capturing international attention. We put such sound foundations on record with honour through the conference.

Myanmar traditional medicine is formed as a medical science in conformity with weather and geographical conditions of

Myanmar. So, it can be said unique when compared with counterparts of other countries. Full with Myanmar characteristics, it is distinctive, and has a delicate nature. What's more, it is a flourishing national prestige originated from sound foundations. Herbal-based products, some animal-based products, and land and aquatic resources as ingredients are made blended medicines providing health care services for Myanmar people throughout the successive eras.

As the saying which goes "Arojam Paramam Labham" or "Health is Wealth", only the healthy and fit persons can employ their full intellectual and physical power towards national all-round development. In fact, health is the most valued and sought-after prize for all human beings. Accordingly, health staff including traditional medicine practitioners helping produce healthy and fit human resources are the vitally important intellectual force of the country.

The State's ultimate goal is to uplift traditional medicine till it becomes a globally accepted therapy and the world to know its

delicate nature, and to ensure its perpetuation and propagation. The Head of State is also sending message annually in honour of the goal, and this shows special consideration for the practitioners and their profession. With government support and encouragement, all are uplifting traditional medicine full with essence in all aspects to be on a par with western counterparts and attain global popularity. Additionally, the policies and means of the national health schemes have been adopted and are being implemented for the long-lasting of traditional medicine.

In the drive for sustainability, promotion and propagation and development of Myanmar Traditional Medicine systematically and successfully, Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference has been held annually. Internationally-recognized University of Traditional Medicine was opened. Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Association which is the only one of its kind emerged. One-year course for traditional practitioners was conducted and traditional practitioners were turned out from this course. Good Manufacturing Practice courses were organized, workshops on

enhancement of traditional medicine seminars held and books about applied herbal plants published. The implementation of the project for Myanmar traditional medicine first-aid kit designed for emergency use started. Herbal parks including National Herbal Park were set up across the country. A book about standard therapies for traditional medicine practitioners to have uniformity in giving treatment emerged. Traditional medicine hospitals in Regions and States and traditional medicine clinics were opened. Now our efforts finally have come to fruition. Training courses are being conducted to produce traditional medicine practitioners who are primary drivers for flourishing of Myanmar traditional medicine. So far, 6657 traditional medicine practitioners including traditional medicine practitioners who are registered in other ways have been turned out from Diploma in Traditional Medicine course, Bachelor of Traditional Medicine course and one-year course for traditional medicine practitioner at national level.

With the aim of giving a blanket health care through traditional medicine to those living in border areas and hard-to-

so as to fully cover all villages in the country.

While national health plans are being laid down systematically to encourage the undertakings of Myanmar traditional medicine in order to meet international standard collaborative efforts between the Ministry of Health and traditional medicine practitioners are of vital importance in implementing the tasks. I would like to praise traditional medicine practitioners for their contributions of cash and traditional medicines to the disaster-hit areas where health care services are urgently needed have provided to patients in disaster-hit villages are to be properly honoured and placed on record.

In making a study on production and distribution of Myanmar traditional medicines which receive public reliance, traditional medicine manufacturers are applying modern technologies and using advanced machines for standardization of raw herbal medicines as well as manufactured traditional medicines and practising good manufacturing practice. Only then, quality, efficacy and safety of traditional medicines can be guaranteed and experience-based medicine recognized as evidence-



*Union Health Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin reads message sent by President U Thein Sein to 12<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference.—MNA*

reach areas where it is difficult to receive health care services, traditional medicine first-aid kits were distributed in Nay Pyi Taw Area as a pilot project. Plans had been made to continue distribution of first-aid kits

based medicine.

In today's world, human lifestyles are changing day by day. In consequence, new diseases are emerging in the health sector daily, and

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**Contributions of traditional...**

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some of them are resistant to the potent modern medicines. At this juncture, the method of combined treatment of western medical science and Myanmar traditional medicine would produce better effects in treatment. It is necessary to conduct test for producing traditional medicines effective like the western medicines in controlling SARS, Avian Influenza, and Swine Flu that seldom break out in the world and AIDS and maintain the practice of conducting public healthcare through the joint forces of modern medical science and Myanmar traditional medicine.

In extending the traditional medicine research works to enable Myanmar traditional medicines with original potency to penetrate into the international arena, the Traditional Medicine Department, the Medical Research Department

(Lower Myanmar), the Medical Research Department (Upper Myanmar) and the Medical Research Department (Central Myanmar) under the close supervision of the Ministry of Health are gearing up traditional medicine research works including searching of herbal plants and medicines with high potency to cure six common diseases in major health problems of Myanmar. In consequence, there has been considerable progress in research works to introduce new therapies of traditional medicines. Thus, Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners are to harmoniously participate in conducting research of traditional medicines emphasized by the State and cure the diseases through traditional medicines by creating new and advanced herbal remedies and medicines, and they need to hand down their experiences to the new generations.

Moreover, emphasis is to be placed on development of Myanmar traditional medicine in long run to develop traditional medicine science, extend conducting of post-graduate traditional medicine science such as master's course and doctoral course, make utmost efforts for development of treatment and research works meeting international standard, strive for enabling the people to use quality, genuine and potent traditional medicines, open private traditional medicine hospitals and clinics in line with the prescribed rules, conserve herbal plants meeting international set standards and exactly identify scientific names of

Myanmar herbal plants.

In accord with the policies and plans adopted by the State, I would like to urge Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners to harmoniously join hands

- to strive for improvement and perpetuity of Myanmar traditional medicine winning global attention,
- to make relentless efforts in their respective sectors for emergence of more comprehensive Myanmar traditional medical science meeting the set standards,
- to make collaborative efforts with western medical experts,
- to promote standard of Myanmar traditional medicine reflecting national heritage and national prestige through united efforts till reaching the global stage.

Chairman of National Health Committee Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin read the message to the conference sent by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein.

After the opening ceremony, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham cordially greeted members of Traditional Medicine Council, Myanmar traditional medicine physicians, representatives to the conference and those present.

They visited the booths of the traditional medicine producers. The conference will last two days on 7 and 8 December, and research papers will be submitted to the conference.—MNA

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**Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham hosts dinner to traditional medicine practitioners of States and Regions**

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Dec—

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham hosted a dinner to representative traditional medicine practitioners of States and Regions to the 12<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference at Amara Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone, here, this evening.

Also present at the dinner were Chairman of the National Health Committee Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin, Union ministers, the Attorney-General of the Union, deputy ministers, member of the National Health Committee, departmental heads, officials of departments under the Ministry of Health, members of Traditional Medicine Council, representative traditional medicine practitioners of States and Regions and guests.

During the dinner, artistes of the Fine Arts Department under the Ministry of Culture presented songs.

After the dinner, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham cordially greeted the representative traditional medicine practitioners of States and Regions.

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*Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham hosts a dinner to representative traditional medicine practitioners from States and Regions at the 12<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference.—MNA*

**Union Energy Minister receives seven oil companies delegation of Japan**

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Dec— Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay received delegation of seven oil companies led by Director Mr Hirohide Hirai of Natural Resources & Energy Agency, Oil and Gas Branch of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and

Industry of Japan at the ministry, here, yesterday.

The Japanese Director said that they would like to cooperate in businesses related to oil in Myanmar. The Japanese Energy Minister would like to hold discussions in Myanmar for opportunity

cooperation in energy, and expressed the interest of companies.

The Union minister said that Myanmar opens door for cooperation of international community; at present, Myanmar wins approaches of international community for cooperation

matters; and explained opportunity of investment in energy sector.

Also present at the call were director-general, managing directors and officials of the Ministry of Energy.

The Japanese delegation comprised of

representatives of Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation, Idemitsu Oil and Gas Co, INPEX Corporation, Mitsui Oil Exploration Co, Japan Petroleum Exploration Co, JX Nippon Oil and Gas Exploration Corporation, Itochu Corporation, Itochu Exploration Co and Mitsubishi Gas Chemical Co.

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## University of Computer Studies (Thaton) gets new building

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Dec—A new three-storey building of the University of Computer Studies (Thaton) in Mon State was opened on 5 December.

Union Minister for Science and Technology

der the ministry, there have been 32 universities of technology, four government technological colleges, 11 government technical institutes, 36 government technical schools and 25 universi-

## Farm machinery arrives in Pobbathiri Township

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Dec—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing together with Deputy Minister U Ohn Than, Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Myint Shwe and officials inspected the arrival of ten D.7G caterpillars and five Zetor tractors as a first batch to be used in transforming manual farming to industrial farming at the 500-acre file of the industrial farming zone in Nyaungbingyisu in Pobbathiri Township this morning.

Next, the Union Minister met with administra-

tors from the eight townships of Nay Pyi Taw Council, members of agriculture coordination group, farmers and those who have completed the special course for operating industrial farming equipment. Then, Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Myint Shwe explained the transformation of 70,000 acres of irrigated land to industrial farming in three years.

Later, the Union Minister and party viewed the thriving 10-acre high yield sugarcane plantation, vegetable patches and thriving plantation of Paethwe hybrid research centre being implemented in cooperation with Vietnamese agriculturalists on 40-acre field Gyaing Village in Dekkhinathiri Township.—MNA



Opening ceremony University of Computer Studies (Thaton) in progress in Mon State.—MNA

U Aye Myint, State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint and State Hluttaw Speaker U Kyin Pe formally opened the new building.

In his speech, the Union Minister said un-

ties of computer studies in order to turn out skilled technicians and computer experts. The University of Computer Studies (Thaton) has been equipped with modern

computers, language lab, e-library, IP star connection and video conferencing system.

The Mon State chief minister explained implementation of devel-

opment tasks in the state and assistance being provided by the state government. The university building opening ceremony was attended by state ministers, departmental heads and staff, rector and faculty members of the university and locals.—MNA

## Union Education Minister meets UNICEF Resident Representative

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Dec—Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye received UNICEF Resident Representative Mr Ramesh Shrestha and party at the ministry here this afternoon.

They discussed matters related to extension of educational projects Myanmar and UNICEF are jointly implementing, upgrading of education colleges, and realization of goals for Education for All and Millennium Development Goals.

The Union min-

ister discussed plans of the new administration for compulsory primary education, for awarding scholarships and stipends to basic education students, and formulation of educational laws. The resident representative responded that the UNICEF will provide necessary assistances.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Ba Shwe and Director-General U Bo Win of Education Planning and Training Department.

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## 12<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference held

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Dec—The 12<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference took place in the Ministry of Health here this morning.

Chairman of the conference Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin delivered an address, underscoring development of Myanmar traditional medicines, quality improve-

ment of Myanmar traditional drugs, morality of traditional practitioners, and public health care by traditional medicine practitioners.

Representatives submitted proposals and seconded them.

Approval of the conference for its resolutions was sought and proposals were put on record.—MNA

## Buddha Tooth Relic in Yangon for 16<sup>th</sup> day

YANGON, 7 Dec—The Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic is being kept for public obeisance in Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill here for 16<sup>th</sup> day.

Today, about 49,063 pilgrims visited Maha Pasana Cave to pay homage to the Buddha Tooth Relic from 6 am to 6 pm.

Yangon Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Myint Thein and officials accepted cash donated by 315 wellwishers including K 0.3 million by U Kyaw Hsan Myint+Daw Thin Thin Oo family in memory of father Lt-Gen Maung Bo, 0.1 million by U Pan Aung (Retd Minister)+Daw Nyunt Nyunt Lwin family, K 204,000 by Retd Minister for Labour Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe (Retd)+Daw Hla Hla Thein family, K 0.1 million by Yangon Command Com-

mander Maj-Gen Hsan Oo+Daw Kyu Kyu Soe family, K 1.1 million by Coastal Region Command Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Htay+Daw Win Win Myint family, K 0.2 million by Retd Ambassador U Thein Toe and family.

Officials also accepted 873 items jewellery donated by wellwishers including Adviser at President Office U Arnt Maung+Daw Tin Tin Wai family, Police Col Ye Thurein Khin Maung Tun (Retd)+Dr Aye Myat Lwin family and Maj-Gen Hla Swe+Daw Mu Mu Myint family. Officials presented certificates of honour to wellwishers.

The donations from 6 December to 6 pm this evening amounted to K 167,266,603, US\$ 5201 and S\$ 788 in cash and jewellery worth K 122,854,500.—MNA

## 8<sup>th</sup> Japan Cup Judo Contest 2011 commences



Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Takashi Saito and President of Myanmar Judo Federation U Tun Tun enjoy participation of athletes in 8<sup>th</sup> Japan Cup Judo Contest 2011.—NLM

YANGON, 7 Dec—The 8<sup>th</sup> Japan Cup Judo Contest 2011 was opened at Theinbyu Gymnasium in Mingala Taungnyunt Township yesterday morning.

Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Takashi Saito and Presi-

dent of Myanmar Judo Federation U Tun Tun delivered addresses and enjoyed the first-day matches.

Among the spectators were officials of Japanese embassy and executives of MJF.

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## Decision looms on first Mekong mainstream dam

BANGKOK, 7 Dec— Impoverished Laos is poised to erect the first dam across the Mekong River's mainstream as it pursues its goal of being Asia's battery despite intense opposition from downstream countries and environmental groups. In what has

become Southeast Asia's biggest environmental battle, opponents say the dam in central Laos would open the door for a building spree of many as 10 others on the Mekong in Laos and Cambodia, degrading its fragile ecology and affecting the livelihoods

of millions of residents. A regional river management forum is expected Thursday to approve, reject or postpone a decision on the \$3.5 billion Xayaburi dam during a meeting in Cambodia of four Southeast Asian nations through which the mighty, 3,000-mile-long (4,900-kilometre-long) river flows.

However, there are signs that Laos is prepared to go ahead with the project with or without the Mekong River Commission's approval — since the decisions are not legally binding — raising questions about the effectiveness of a 15-year project to jointly manage the river.

Internet



In this 16 Feb, 2008 file photo, Laotian villagers wait for a ride on a Mekong River boat near Paklay near Paklay, Laos.

INTERNET

## 2012 security and ceremony budgets doubled

LONDON, 7 Dec—Prime Minister David Cameron on Monday agreed to double the budget for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic ceremonies after he was shown the initial plans. The Games' security budget has also doubled, a government report out Monday showed, with plans to recruit almost 14,000 extra personnel.

Organizers will now have £81 million to spend on the opening and closing ceremonies, which are expected to be watched by a combined total of four billion global television viewers. "We decided to go in at the higher figure for the benefit of the country," explained Sports Minister Hugh Robertson. "We hope it's an impression that people will say 'we want to come back here, do business and spend tourism money'," he added.

Around 20,000 performers are set to take part in the four events, which are expected to net billions in advertising revenue.—Internet



The London 2012 Olympics running track is seen following its unveiling in the Olympic Stadium in east London, on 3 October. Prime Minister David Cameron on Monday agreed to double the budget for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic ceremonies after he was shown the initial plans.—INTERNET

## Palm planters blamed for decline of Borneo monkey

KUALA LUMPUR, 7 Dec—Expanding palm-oil plantations in Malaysian Borneo are rapidly eating into the habitat of the rare proboscis monkey and causing its numbers to decline sharply, officials warned Wednesday. The reddish-brown primate, which is named for its distinctive large and fleshy nose, is found only on Borneo, a large island divided up between Malaysia, Indonesia and Brunei.

But rapid loss of its native habitat in mangrove swamps and jungles, along with poaching, have caused populations in the Malaysian State of Sabah to drop and now just 6,000 exist in five major populations, a statement by Sabah's wildlife department warned. The number of monkeys in one major population was declining by 10 percent per year, it added. "I am concerned about the decline in the proboscis monkeys. The report by the wildlife department is alarming," Sabah State tourism, culture and environment minister Masidi Manjun told AFP. "The proboscis monkey has achieved iconic status and its popularity among tourists can be compared to the orangutan." The wildlife department said planting of palm plantations along mangrove riverbanks was the key culprit in the monkeys' decline.—Internet



Rare proboscis monkeys. Rapid loss of its native habitat in mangrove swamps and jungles, along with poaching, have caused populations in the Malaysian state of Sabah to drop and now just 6,000 exist in five major populations, a statement by Sabah's wildlife department warned.

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A man works at a computer in Shanghai in this 23 November, 2011 file photo. INTERNET

## Newer economies allow more high tech freedom at work

LONDON, 7 Dec— Employees in fast-growing economies have more freedom over the technology they use for work than their counterparts in developed countries, and are more likely to see corporate provision of devices as a perk, according to a study.

The so-called consumerisation of IT — the migration into the workplace of technology

that employees use at home — is a global phenomenon but far more pronounced in China and Brazil than in Britain, France and the United States, the study found. While 59 percent of employees in China said they could influence the choice of device they used for work, in Britain the figure was just 27 percent, according to the survey by market research firm TNS commissioned by PC maker Dell.

Two-thirds of workers in China were keen to use the same device for work and personal use, but just 29 percent in Britain were happy to do so. Workers in developed economies were more concerned to keep work and private life separate.

Britons, French and

Brazilians were least likely to be able to relax after work hours — 46 percent in each country said they could not. This was less of a problem in the United States, where 35 percent reported issues, and Mexico with 36 percent. Overall, the private sector was found to be more open to consumer technology choices than the public sector, and small businesses more flexible than large enterprises.

"The developing world is much more aspirational about technology, sees it as much more than just a corporate tool, and has much more enthusiasm," said Stephen Murdoch, who heads Dell's large-enterprise and public-sector business in EMEA.

Reuters

## Scientists confirm Himalayan glacial melting

KATHMANDU, 7 Dec— Millions of people are under threat from melting of Himalayan glaciers, according to scientists carrying out the most comprehensive ever assessment of climate change in the Region.

According to Tuesday's *The Himalayan Times* daily, the findings, published in three reports by the Kathmandu-based International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), show Nepal's glaciers have shrunk by 21 percent and Bhutan's by 22 percent over 30 years.

The reports provide

the first authoritative confirmation of the extent of Himalayan glacial melting.

They follow a discredited announcement by scientists in 2007 that the region's glaciers would be gone by 2035.

A three-year Sweden-funded research project led by ICIMOD showed 10 glaciers surveyed in the region all are shrinking, with a marked acceleration in loss of ice between 2002 and 2005.

Another study found a significant reduction in snow cover across the region in the last decade.

Xinhua

## Supercar crash creates £2m of scrap metal



The accident caused £2m of scrap metal. INTERNET

TOKYO, 7 Dec — A multiple car crash in Japan has created an estimated £2m of scrap metal. Twelve of the 14 cars involved in the accident near Shimonoseki were supercars — including eight Ferraris, two Mercedes and a Lamborghini. Reports suggest the crash happened after a Mercedes was driven on the wrong side of the road on the Chugoku expressway.

Japanese newspaper *The Daily Yomiuri* said 10 people were taken to hospital with minor

## Virginia dog missing for eight years found in California

OLIVEHURST, 7 Dec — A dog that went missing from Virginia eight years ago has been found at a Northern California animal shelter, the *Los Angeles Times* reported on Saturday. Officials said that Petunia, then three years old, went missing from her Virginia farm around Thanksgiving in 2003. The American Staffordshire terrier was never found despite an extensive search.—INTERNET

*Li Jingyu displays paper-cuts with dragon patterns at his home in Beijing, China, on 2 Dec, 2011. Li created the paper-cut to greet the coming 2012, which is the Year of Dragon in the Chinese lunar calendar.—XINHUA*

injuries. The group of drivers was reportedly made up of self-employed "car enthusiasts", who were travelling from Kyushu to Hiroshima. Pictures of the scene show the motorway littered with debris from the damaged cars. Among the vehicles were two Ferrari F430s, two 360 Modenas, two F355s, a Lamborghini Diablo and a Nissan GTR.—INTERNET



Sunshine settles in to his new home after the 5,000 mile journey from China. INTERNET

## Study finds low vitamin D levels associated with development of Type 2 diabetes

WASHINGTON, 7 Dec—A recent study found that low vitamin D levels are significantly more prevalent in obese children and are associated with risk factors for type 2 diabetes. This study was accepted for publication in *The Endocrine Society's Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism*.

High rates of vitamin D deficiency have been found in obese populations and past studies have linked low vitamin D levels to cardiovascular disease and type 2 diabetes.

But the mechanisms by which obesity and its comorbidities are related to vitamin D deficiency are not fully known.

This new study examined associations between vitamin D levels and dietary habits in obese children, and tested whether there were correlations

between vitamin D levels and markers of abnormal glucose metabolism and blood pressure. In this study, researchers measured vitamin D levels, blood sugar levels, serum insulin, body mass index (BMI) and blood pressure in 411 obese subjects and 87 control non-overweight subjects. Study participants were also asked to provide dietary information including daily intake of soda, juice and milk, average daily fruit and vegetable intake, and whether or not they routinely skipped breakfast.—INTERNET

## Wildlife tigers may vanish in 20 years

BEIJING, 7 Dec — The last remaining Siberian tigers living wild in Northeast China could disappear within decades, as poaching and illegal logging continue to take their toll,



## China arrests 600 in huge child trafficking bust

BEIJING, 7 Dec—Chinese police have busted two huge child trafficking rings that spanned 10 provinces, arresting more than 600 suspects and rescuing 178 children, the government said Wednesday.

Child abductions and trafficking are rife in China, despite repeated police crackdowns — a problem that many experts blame on the nation's strict "one-child" policy and lax regulations on adoption.

The public security ministry said in a statement that police in the southwestern province of Sichuan had chanced on clues that a child trafficking gang was operating there when dealing with a traffic accident in May.

Then in August, police in the southeastern province of Fujian discovered the existence of another gang involved in widespread child trafficking.

After a long period of evidence-gathering, more



Photo illustration. Chinese police have busted two huge child trafficking rings that spanned 10 provinces, arresting more than 600 suspects and rescuing 178 children, the government said Wednesday.—INTERNET

than 5,000 police officers from 10 different provinces across China launched a joint offensive on November 30, arresting 608 suspects.—INTERNET

## Sunshine and Sweetie arrive in Scotland

EDINBURGH, 7 Dec — Two giant pandas being loaned to Edinburgh Zoo from China arrived in Scotland on Sunday after flying on a specially-fitted private plane. There were cheers and bagpipes played to welcome Sunshine and Sweetie - Yang Guang and Tian Tian in Chinese

as their aircraft approached the runway following an 11-hour journey. They were then taken off the jet one at a time, ahead of a trip by road to the zoo.

Earlier, the seven-year-old bears had been given a breakfast of carrots and protein cake before passing through

customs in China. Their crates, each labelled "one panda", were then loaded on to the *Boeing 777*, with a panda face on the sides, that transported them to Edinburgh Airport.

On board, Sunshine and Sweetie, who are being loaned to the zoo by the Chinese government for a decade, enjoyed an in-flight meal of bamboo. Adult pandas eat around 4kg of the plant a day.

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The two champions of the 17th China Model Star Contest Cai Hao (R) and Hu Nan pose during the awarding ceremony in Nanning, capital of southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 3 Dec, 2011. The 17th China Model Contest concluded here on Saturday. Contestants Cai Hao and Hu Nan won the champion titles of 50 participants in the final round.—XINHUA

## Vaccine developed against Ebola

LONDON, 7 Dec — Scientists have developed a vaccine that protects mice against a deadly form of the Ebola virus. First identified in 1976, Ebola kills more than 90% of the people it infects. The researchers say that this is the first Ebola vaccine to remain viable long-term and can therefore be successfully stockpiled. The results are reported in the journal *Proceedings of National Academy of Sciences*.

Ebola is transmitted via bodily fluids, and can become airborne. Sufferers experience nausea, vomiting, internal bleeding and organ failure before they die. Although few people contract Ebola each year, its effects are so swift and devastating that it is often feared that it could be used against humans in an act of terrorism.

INTERNET

experts have warned. Research by Chinese authorities and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) has discovered that the animal is already one of the planet's most endangered species. In just the last 70 years, the estimated population of Siberian tigers, or Amur tigers, has plummeted from as many as 300 to just 18 to 22. "If the government fails to take effective measures, it's foreseeable that these creatures could disappear from China within 10 to 20 years," said Zhu Chunquan, conserva-

tion director of biodiversity and operations at the WWF's Beijing office.

"The poaching of wild animals, which is the tigers' main food source, is the greatest threat to their survival," he said, adding that extensive logging in the mountainous provinces of Heilongjiang and Jilin has also massively reduced their natural habitats. Since 1996, when hunting for wildlife was banned in both provinces, authorities have noted a sharp rise in poaching with iron-wire snares.

XINHUA

## Swedish Christmas Goat burned down

Officials in the Swedish city of Gävle say their Christmas Goat, a giant goat made of straw, went up in flames, leaving only its skeleton behind.

Gävle officials said

*A 2009 file photo of the huge straw Yule goat in Gävle Sweden.*

the Christmas Goat, the 45th since the tradition originated in 1966, was the 28th to be burned, the *Stockholm News* reported Monday.

The Local reported local police told the Swedish news agency *TT* they received a call in the early hours of Friday that the goat was on fire and it

was destroyed within minutes. There was no word on how the fire started.

A 51-year-old US man spent 18 days in jail and was fined \$15,000 for burning the goat in 2001. Authorities said the man returned to the United States and has yet to pay the fine.



*Friendship transcends species*

## Robber learns hard way victim no pushover

An alleged armed robber picked the wrong victim, Chicago police say, getting into a tussle that left him wounded, bruised and in cuffs.

Anthony Miranda, 24, faces charges including discharging a weapon during a robbery, after allegedly approaching a 33-year-old man sitting in a car and asking for a light before pulling a gun and demanding his valuables, the *Chicago Tribune* reported Monday. The alleged victim complied and the gunman ordered him out of the car. That's when the driver grabbed for the gun and during the ensuing struggle, Miranda shot himself in the ankle, police said.

The alleged victim, who held his assailant until police arrived, told officers he is a mixed-martial arts competitor.

Miranda, who was on parole for a burglary conviction, was jailed in lieu of \$350,000 bail, the *Tribune* said.

## Man stuck in snowdrift for three days

A 52-year-old Alaska man is back home after spending three days trapped in his Toyota Tacoma when he hit a snowdrift more than 40 miles north of Nome.

Clifton Vial, 52, of Nome said he decided to drive along a northbound road to see how far it would take him Monday night and he found himself stuck in a snowdrift more than 40 miles out of town with only tennis shoes, jeans and a \$30 Sears jacket to keep himself warm, the *Anchorage (Alaska) Daily News* reported Monday.

Vial said he periodically turned the truck on for heat and radio, but mostly stayed warm using a fleece sleeping bag liner and bath towels wrapped around his feet and legs. He said he had nothing to eat but a few cans of Coors Light, which he consumed by removing the tops and digging the contents out with a knife.

Rescuers finally arrived Thursday with a Snickers bar and an orange soda for Vial, who was not noticed missing until he failed to show up for work Tuesday.



*News Album*

## Oprah to be a guest on 'Dr Oz'

NEW YORK, 7 Dec— Oprah Winfrey has taped an interview in New York for "The Dr Oz Show," starring Dr Mehmet Oz, a frequent guest on "The Oprah Winfrey Show."

Winfrey helped establish Oz as a popular television personality, and then became a producer on his show when it began in 2009.

"The Oprah Winfrey Show" wrapped up its 25-year run last spring.

Winfrey is to appear on Wednesday's edition of "The Dr Oz Show."

"I am overflowing with both gratitude and excitement that the woman who taught me how to work in television and who had the faith in me to launch this show, is here to sit and share her remarkable story with the audience," Oz said in a statement Tuesday. "This year, we are focusing on transformation and change and there is no better public figure to bear witness to positive change and resilience than Oprah Winfrey."—*Internet*



*Oprah Winfrey (L) sing the National Anthem as Paul McCartney listens at the Kennedy Centre on 5 December, 2010.—INTERNET*

## Jason Aldean wins six American Country Awards

LAS VEGAS, 7 Dec— Jason Aldean won six American Country Awards, including the top prize of Artist of the Year, at a ceremony in Las Vegas.

Aldean also picked up the awards for Touring Artist of the Year and Album of the Year for his CD "My Kinda Party." In addition, he shared with Kelly Clarkson the awards for Single of the Year Vocal Collaboration and Music Video of the Year Group or Collaboration for their duet "Don't You Wanna Stay." Aldean grabbed the Single of the Year by a Male Artist honor for the title track of "My Kinda Party," as well.

Carrie Underwood was declared Female Artist of the Year, and took home the prizes for



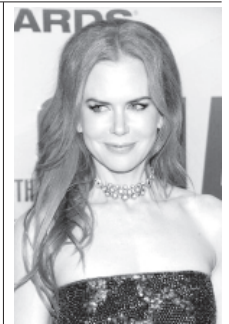
*Jason Aldean won six American Country Awards, including the top prize of Artist of the Year, at a ceremony in Las Vegas Monday night.—INTERNET*

Music Video of the Year and Single of the Year By a Female Artist for "Mama's Song." Brad Paisley was named Male Artist of the Year, while the Group Artist of the Year title went to Lady Antebellum. Scotty McCreery was dubbed New Artist of the Year and Chris Young was declared Breakthrough

Artist of the Year.

Blake Shelton earned the award for Video of the Year By a Male Artist for "Who Are You When I'm Not Looking."

Entertainers Trace Adkins and Kristin Chenoweth served as hosts of the show, which aired on FOX Monday night.—*Internet*



*Nicole Kidman*

## Nicole Kidman nicknamed 'Ice Princess' over on-set tantrums

MELBOURNE, 7 Dec—Nicole Kidman has reportedly been named 'Ice Princess' by the crew working on the set of her current flick.

The actress is working on the movie 'Stroker' and her tantrums on the sets have prompted the new nickname.

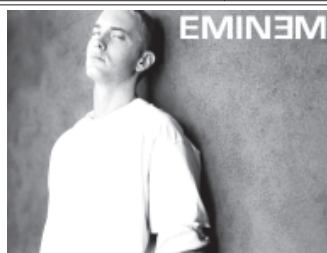
"No one's even allowed to speak to her, except for primary cast members, the director or producers," News.com.au quoted a stage hand as telling The National Enquirer. Apparently, Kidman became enraged after being given a glass of water with ice in it and demanded that the glass be refilled with room temperature water.—*Internet*

## Eminem fans demand refund for 'atrocious' Sydney concert

MELBOURNE, 7 Dec—Hundreds of angry Eminem fans demanded their concert money returned as both the Sydney concerts of the rapper were allegedly marred by 'atrocious' sound issues. One of the most anticipated Australian tour of the year, the Sydney

Football Stadium concerts have come under attack from agitated ticket holders, with many arguing they "couldn't hear a thing", *The Daily Telegraph* reported.

The official Facebook page for tour promoter Paul Dainty, who has been responsible for bringing Britney Spears,



George Michael and Bon Jovi to Australia, was inundated with disgruntled feedback, with some punters even threatening to contact the NSW Department of Fair Trading. All the affected parties appear to be seated in the outer areas of the stadium, around section 50, with the 350-dollar ticket holders closer to the stage confirming their sound was just fine.—*Internet*

### Olympiakos beats Arsenal 3-1 in Champions league

PIRAEUS, 7 Dec —Olympiakos beat Arsenal 3-1 but missed out on making the Champions League knockout round on Tuesday.

Olympiakos thought it had done enough to advance to the last 16, until the team and fans were instantly deflated when they heard of Marseille's stunning comeback win at Dortmund to snatch the runner-up spot to Arsenal in Group F.

"We're out of the Champions League but we should be proud of our game. Arsenal gave nothing away and the way we were eliminated was cruel. So we are disappointed," Olympiakos coach Ernesto Valverde said.

We did everything we needed to do ... but what counts is success at the right moment. If football matches lasted 85 minutes we'd be through. But they last 90 minutes."

First-half goals from Rafik Djebbour



Olympiakos' Giannis Maniatis celebrates his team's second goal against Arsenal at the Karaiskaki stadium in Piraeus near Athens during their UEFA Champions League football match on 6 Dec. —INTERNET

and David Fuster gave Olympiakos a comfortable halftime lead. Yossi Benayoun pulled a goal back in the 57th minute as the hosts tired in the second half, and Francois Modesto clinched it with the third in the final minute.

Internet

### Drogba leads Chelsea into Champs League 2<sup>nd</sup> round

LONDON, 7 Dec — Didier Drogba scored twice to lead Chelsea over Valencia 3-0 Tuesday night and into the second round of the Champions League.

Drogba put the Blues ahead in the third minute, set up Ramires' 22nd-minute goal and added the final goal in the 76th to ease pressure on manager Andre Villas-Boas, who complained about the "persecution" of his team during his first season in charge.

"We finished top of the group against all odds," he said. "There has been a lot of criticism of our players and they gave everyone a slap in the face."

Chelsea's Ivorian striker Didier Drogba runs with the ball during their UEFA Champions League group E football match against Valencia at Stamford Bridge, London, on 6 Dec. —INTERNET

Bayer Leverkusen clinched second place in Group E with a 1-1 draw at Genk.

The drama of the night came at Borussia Dortmund, with Marseille scoring twice in the closing minutes to win 3-2 and advance as Group F runner-up. Olympiakos was denied second place despite beating first-place Arsenal 3-1.

Zenit St. Petersburg reached the last 16 with Group G winner APOEL at the expense of Porto after drawing 0-0 in Portugal. —Internet



### Woods up to \$12 million in tournament donations

THOUSAND OAKS, 7 Dec —Greg McLaughlin, the tournament director of the Chevron World Challenge, was standing on the first tee before the start of the final round when he was asked his thoughts on the day. "I hope Tiger Woods wins today," he said.



"All the proceeds benefit the Tiger Woods Foundation." McLaughlin smiled for effect. He first met Woods 20 years ago and gave him his first US PGA Tour sponsor exemption, to the Nissan Open at Riviera Country Club, when Woods was 16. McLaughlin now is president of the foundation. Woods has been giving his Chevron World Challenge earnings to his foundation since the charity event began in 1999. —Internet

Tiger Woods reacts after winning the Chevron World Challenge golf tournament at Sherwood Country Club, on Sunday. —INTERNET

### New Q-school plans starting to take shape

ACKSONVILLA, 7 Dec — Big dreams and a little luck can go a long way in golf, though this much should be clear about the 160 players who finished Q-school, and the 27 players who walked away with a full-time job on the PGA Tour:

They all believed they were good enough to compete at the highest level. That part shouldn't change, even as the tour moves closer to revamping Q-school as we've come to know it for nearly 50 years. If everything goes according to schedule, next December will be the last time that Q-school won't earn anyone a

ticket straight to the PGA Tour.

The final pieces are starting to come together in a plan that would merge the top 75 players from the Nationwide Tour with the 75 players from the PGA Tour who failed to qualify for the FedEx Cup playoffs. —Internet



Liverpool's Jamie Carragher visited All Saints Primary as part of the Players' Kit Scheme. INTERNET

### International Sports

### LA Galaxy wins in Beckham's possible finale

MELBOURNE, 7 Dec — David Beckham lifted a trophy in what could be his final game for the Los Angeles Galaxy, an exhibition victory over Australian A-League team Melbourne Victory on penalty shots Tuesday.

The 36-year-old former England captain was given the man of the match award after the Galaxy's 4-3 shootout win following a 2-2 draw. Beckham didn't score but provided several classy touches. He contract ended with the Galaxy's season and he hasn't said



David Beckham of LA Galaxy poses with the man of the match trophy after the exhibition match between LA Galaxy and Melbourne Victory at Etihad Stadium in Melbourne, Australia, on Dec. 6, 2011. LA Galaxy won 4-3 in the penalty shootout. —XINHUA

where he will play next year. He is thought to be weighing offers to remain in the United States or to join the French club Paris St. Germain. —Internet

### Carragher back at school for Players' Kit Scheme

LONDON, 7 Dec — Liverpool legend Jamie Carragher has returned to his old primary school in Bootle to donate football kit and training gear as part of the Premier League Players' Kit Scheme.

The defender visited All Saints Primary as part of an initiative launched by the Premier League and

the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) to boost the sport at grass-roots level. The initiative is providing U16 clubs, schools and youth organisations in England and Wales with free football kit and equipment, with priority being given to those that come from areas that are deemed to be in most need of assistance.

The Premier League Players' Kit Scheme originated at a meeting between the Premier League, delegates from the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) and players from all top-flight clubs.

Internet

### Barcelona beats BATE 4-0 in Champions League

BARCELONA, 7 Dec — A youthful Barcelona team without Lionel Messi, Xavi Hernandez and Andres Iniesta had little trouble beating BATE Borisov 4-0 on Tuesday to extend its unbeaten run at home in the Champions League to 13 matches.

Despite coach Pep Guardiola resting most of his first-team players for next week's "clasico" at Real Madrid, Barcelona stayed true to its style and dominated throughout.

Sergi Roberto, a 19-year-old midfielder, scored the hosts' opener

in the 35th minute before 20-year-old defender Martin Montoya doubled the lead in the 60th. Pedro Rodriguez scored in the 63rd and capped the win with a penalty in the 89th.

Barcelona had already advanced to the last 16 as Group H winner, while the Belarusian champions finished fourth. AC Milan went through as runner-up and Viktoria Plzen finished third to earn a spot in the Europa league. Those teams drew 2-2 on Tuesday. —Internet

FC Barcelona's Martin Montoya, right, scores against Bate Borisov's goalkeeper Aleksandr Gutor, left, during a Champions League soccer match group H at the Nou Camp stadium in Barcelona. —INTERNET



### Brazil mulls bill allowing alcohol at World Cup venues

RIO DE JANEIRO, 7 Dec —Brazil has moved closer to overturning a ban on alcoholic drinks at sports venues, drafting a bill that would allow for their sale at 2014 World Cup matches out of deference to world soccer's governing body FIFA.

The "2014 World Cup Law", detailing the proposed change, was presented by a commission of lawmakers on Tuesday, Agencia Camara, the news agency for Brazil's

lower house of congress, reported.

The legislation, which still needs approval at three separate stages, is a pointed concession to FIFA who want to protect the commercial interests of their sponsors.

However, it also allows for 300,000 tickets to be sold at half-price to pensioners, students and the handicapped among others in a return concession by FIFA to Brazil.

Internet

**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (8-12-2011) (Thursday)**

	<u>Transmissions</u>	<u>Times</u>
Local	-	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission	-	(8-12-11 09:30 am ~9-12-11 09:30 am) MST

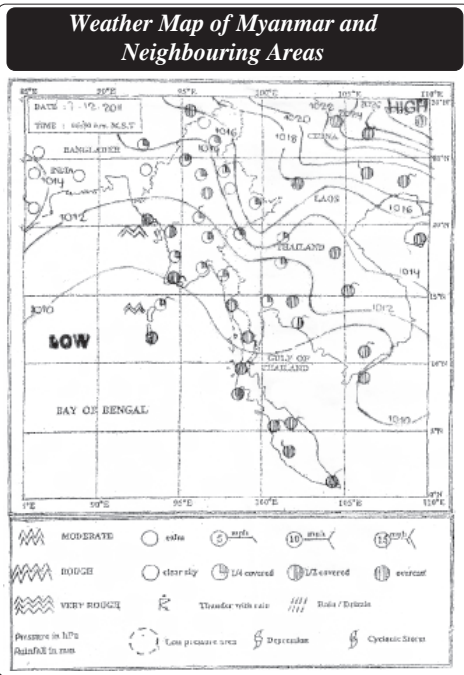
**Local Transmission**

- \* Opening
- \* News
- \* A Festival on Buddha's Life Story (Part-1)
- \* News
- \* Pretty Play Things from Pakokku
- \* New Zero Group Show
- \* News
- \* Hiking Mount Phone Yin Northern Tip of Myanmar
- \* News
- \* Music Gallery

**Oversea Transmission**

- \* Myanmar Ayeyawady Dolphin
- \* Opening
- \* News
- \* A Festival on Buddha's Life Story (Part-1)
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- \* Myanmar Ayeyawady Dolphin
- \* News
- \* Ancestor And Successors
- \* News
- \* Chin Cultural Museum
- \* Investment Opportunities in Myanmar
- \* News
- \* Record Album
- \* MI People's Celebrities "Myanmar Style or Western Style"
- \* The Fragrance of Upcountry
- \* News
- \* Let's visit Flower City by Coach
- \* Myanmar Movies "Twin Brothers In Different Lives"



**Thursday, 8 December View on today**

- 7:00 am**
- 1. Paritta by Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:25 am**
- 2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am**
- 3. Morning News
- 7:40 am**
- 4. Dhamma Puja Song

- 7:50 am**
- 5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am**
- 6. Health Programme
- 8:05 am**
- 7. Song of National Races
- 8:10 am**
- 8. Dance of Variety
- 8:20 am**
- 9. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 8:30 am**
- 10. Teleplay (Forest)
- 8:40 am**
- 11. International News
- 8:45 am**
- 12. Musical Programme
- 4:00 pm**
- 1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm**
- 2. Musical Programme

- 4:20 pm**
- 3. Cute Little Dancers
- 4:30 pm**
- 4. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 4:40 pm**
- 5. One Village & One Product
- 4:50 pm**
- 6. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Third Year (Mathematics)
- 5:05 pm**
- 7. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:10 pm**
- 8. Song Programme

- 5:25 pm**
- 9. Science and Environment
- 5:40 pm**
- 10. Documentary
- 6:00 pm**
- 11. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
- 12. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
- 13. Myanmar Series
- 6:35 pm**
- 14. Approaching Science Discovery World
- 7:00 pm**
- 15. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**
- 16. News
- 17. International News
- 18. Weather Report
- 19. Documentary
- 20. TV Drama Series
- 21. TV Drama Series

**Weather forecast for 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2011**

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	30/86	12/54	Generally fair	
2	Kayah	28/82	15/59	Generally fair	
3	Kayin	30/97	18/64	Generally fair	
4	Chin	15/59	07/45	Partly cloudy	
5	Upper Sagaing	24/75	14/57	Generally fair	
6	Lower Sagaing	31/88	17/63	Generally fair	
7	Taninthayi	32/90	18/64	Likelihood of scattered rain	(60%)
8	Bago	31/88	19/66	Partly cloudy	
9	Magway	31/88	19/66	Generally fair	
10	Mandalay	30/86	19/66	Generally fair	
11	Mon	32/90	20/68	Generally fair	
12	Yangon	32/90	20/68	Partly cloudy	
13	Rakhine	33/91	18/64	Generally fair	
14	Southern Shan	24/75	12/54	Likelihood of scattered rain	(60%)
15	Northern Shan	25/75	12/54	Likelihood of scattered rain	(60%)
16	Eastern Shan	28/82	13/55	Likelihood of scattered rain	(60%)
17	Ayeyawady	27/81	21/70	Partly cloudy	
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	33/91	20/68	Partly cloudy	
19	Neighbouring Yangon	32/90	20/68	Partly cloudy	
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	30/86	19/66	Partly cloudy	

During the past (24) hours, wather had been partly cloudy in Mandalay, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Kayin and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (5°C) above December average temperatures in Shin and Kayah States, (3°C) to (4°C) above December average temperatures in Mandalay, Magway, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Shan State and about December average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperature was Pinlaung (5°C).

Bay Inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman sea and Bay of Bengal.

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Decrease of night temperatures are likely in Eastern Myanmar areas.

**Bumblebee rediscovered after five decades**

RIVERSIDE, 7 Dec—A bumblebee species not seen in the United States since 1956 has been rediscovered living in the White Mountain of south-central New Mexico, researchers say.



This image shows a Cockerell's Bumblebee. INTERNET

Scientists from the University of California, Riverside, said "Cockerell's Bumblebee" was originally described in 1913 from just six specimens collected along the Rio Ruidoso — with another 16 specimens collected near the town of Cloudcroft in New Mexico and one more from Ruidoso, the most recent being in 1956.

No other specimens had been recorded until 31 Aug, 2011, when three were collected on weeds along a highway north of Cloudcroft, a

UC Riverside release said Monday. "Most bumblebees in the United States are known from dozens to thousands of specimens, but not this species," Douglas Yanega, senior museum scientist at UC Riverside, said.

One of nearly 50 species of native US bumblebees, Cockerell's Bumblebee is found in an

area of less than 300 square miles, giving it the most limited range of any bumblebee species in the world, researchers said.

"Given that this bee occurs in an area that's largely composed of National Forest and Apache tribal land," Yanega said, "it's unlikely to be under serious threat of habitat loss at the moment.—Internet

# Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina wraps up Myanmar visit

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Dec—The goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina, who paid a goodwill visit to Myanmar, left Nay Pyi Taw at 10 am today.

The Bangladeshi delegation was seen off by Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Deputy Minister for Transport U Win Shein, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin, departmental heads, the ambassador of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the Republic of the Union of the Myanmar and the Myanmar ambassador to Bangladesh at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

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*Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin and officials concerned see off Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and party at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.—MNA*

# Gems storehouses, gems market to be built in Nay Pyi Taw for emergence of international level gems market



*Union Minister at President Office Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Thein Nyunt delivers an address at meeting on building gems storehouses and gem market.*

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NAY PYI TAW, 7 Dec—A work coordination meeting on building gems storehouses and gem market in Nay Pyi Taw took place at the city hall of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee this afternoon.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister at the President Office Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Thein Nyunt said that for the emergence of a gems market of international

standard in Nay Pyi Taw, 122 plots on a one-acre land between Shwekyarbin Ward and Hotel Zone by Tawwin Yadana Road in Zabuthiri Township for construction of two-storey gem market and 27 plots on five-acre land and 115 plots on 2.5-acre land for construction of gem storehouses in Dekkhinathiri are being reclaimed. Tasks for construction of concrete roads, electricity supply and water supply will be implemented at the

same time.

Next, Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik said such lands are being reclaimed for the construction of gem storehouses and gem market at the request of over 200 gem entrepreneurs through Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Association.

Then, those present at the meeting took part in the rounds of discussion. —MNA

## 12<sup>th</sup> TELSOM in progress.

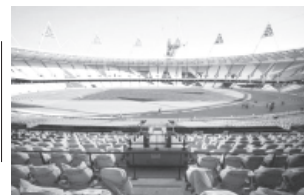


*Opening ceremony University of Computer Studies (Thaton) in progress in Mon State.*

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*London 2012 Olympic Stadium in east London.*

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