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## True patriotism

\* It is very important for every one of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.

\* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

## President U Thein Sein, wife host dinner in honour of Heads of Government, high-ranking representatives from GMS countries



President U Thein Sein, wife Daw Khin Khin Win together with Heads of Government of GMS member countries pose for documentary photo at the dinner.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Dec—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win hosted a dinner in honour of Heads of Government and high-ranking representatives from GMS countries, who would attend the 4<sup>th</sup> GMS Summit, at Banquet Hall of Myanmar International Convention Centre at 7 pm today.

Present at the dinner together with the President and wife were Heads of Government of GMS Prime Minister of

Cambodia Samdech Hun Sen, State Councilor of the People's Republic of China Mr Dai Bingguo, Prime Minister of the People's Democratic Republic of Laos Mr Thongsing Thammavong, Prime Minister of Thailand Mrs Yingluck Shinawatra and Prime Minister of Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung and wife, GMS ministers and other ministers and senior officials of GMS countries, entrepreneurs, officials of Asia Development Bank and guests.

First, the President cordially greeted the Heads of Government of GMS countries individually at the entrance to the MICC and had a documentary photo taken.

Next, dinner was hosted to the Heads of Government and high-ranking officials. At the dinner, artists of the Ministry of Information and Ministry of Culture performed songs and Myanmar traditional dances.

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**National Literary Award ceremony on 29 Dec**

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Dec—The prize-presenting ceremony for National Literary Lifetime Award and National Literary Award will be held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Information on 29 December.

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**PERSPECTIVES**

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**GMS Summit with fruitful results**

The 4<sup>th</sup> GMS Summit to be held from 19 to 20 December commenced today in Nay Pyi Taw, the capital of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. It is the summit that is being hosted by Myanmar in the time of the new government. The participants are Heads of Government of GMS countries namely Cambodia, the People's Republic of China, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Thailand and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, ministers from GMS countries, high-ranking officials, economic entrepreneurs and officials from Asia Development Bank.

Today's summit is a preliminary task for Myanmar before holding BIMSTEC Summit in 2012, the XXVII SEA Games in 2013 and ASEAN summits and meetings in 2014.

The summit is indeed a comprehensive one of international standard as it includes GMS Business and Investment Conference, the 4<sup>th</sup> GMS Summit Joint Statement and MoU signing ceremony as well as press briefings with local and foreign media over the summit.

It is a great pleasure for Myanmar to welcome the participants of the summit in accord with her traditional culture and customs.

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar met the leaders of China and Cambodia who are currently here to attend the summit. During the meetings, they cordially discussed the success in developing Sino-Myanmar relationship into comprehensive strategic partnership, bilateral cooperation in various sectors, internal politics, external relations and developments in Myanmar.

Moreover, at the GMS Business and Investment Conference, economic representatives and entrepreneurs from six GMS countries and local business people totalling 250 discussed smooth commodity flow in the Mekong region, loan guarantees for development of small- and medium-scale enterprises and economic and investment improvement.

Thanks to the GMS Summit that Myanmar is holding as a host, Myanmar and GMS countries will be able to further strengthen their amity and cooperation with more economic and investment opportunities.

**Insurgent group exchanges arms for peace in Southern Command**



NAY PYI TAW, 19 Dec—Realizing parental attitude and goodwill of the State and the Tatmadaw, insurgent groups have been exchanging arms for peace in a bid to take part in regional development activities and create peaceful environment for the people. In the region of Southern

Command on 16 December, 27 members headed by Kaw Gay Tun with the rank of Captain of Central KNLA exchanged arms for peace, bringing along with them one pistol, one .22 revolver, eight AK 47s, 11 M 16s, with ammunitions of 5000 bullets of M 16, 4040-mm grenades, one pistol bullet, 13 revolver bullets, eight AK magazines and 12 M 16 magazines.

The officials of the local battalion gave warm welcome and provided necessary assistance to those who exchanged arms for peace. There remain insurgent groups wishing to exchange arms for peace.

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**Agreement signed on construction of healthcare facilities along Myanmar-China oil and gas pipelines**

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Dec—An agreement was signed on construction of hospital and healthcare centres along the pipelines of Myanmar-China oil and gas pipeline project being undertaken by Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise and China National Petroleum Corporation at the Ministry of Energy here yesterday evening.

The signing ceremony was attended by Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye, Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin, deputy ministers, officials, Chairman Mr Zhang Jialin of South East Asia Pipeline Co of CNPC and responsible people.

Union Minister U Than Htay delivered an opening speech and Union Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin expressed



Agreement signing ceremony for construction of hospitals and clinics along Myanmar-China oil and gas pipeline in progress.—MNA

thanks for the donation. Mr Zhang Jialin explained the purpose of constructing hospitals and clinics for the health ministry. CNPC donated US\$ 6 million under the aid programme of health

and education in Rakhine State, Magway Region, Mandalay Region and Shan State along the oil and gas pipelines. Today's donation was for construction of 18 healthcare centres and one

48-bed hospital. US\$ 1 million from crude oil pipeline project and US\$ 1 million from gas pipeline project will also be donated annually.

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**Five blasts occur between Htopu Station and Hsahmaw Station in Mogaung Tsp**

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Dec—A series of blasts occurred between Htopu Station and Hsahmaw Station in Mogaung Township, Mohnyin District, Kachin State, at 1:30 pm yesterday.

The five blasts destroyed four front railroad joints, one back railroad joint and concrete sleepers between Mile Post No. 678/11 and 678/14.

A man dressed in KIA uniform with left arm cut and left thigh cut was found dead 20 feet away from the incident. According to the documents from that man, he is a corporal, named Madi Hla Aung from KIA Regiment 11. Two M-22 magazines, nine cartridges, three Einaga grenades, one set of whistle, one Kenwood brand walky-talkies, 14 feet long Kachin sword along with scabbard were seized from the body.

Likewise, a man dressed



Damaged railway joint seen between milepost Nos 678/11 and 678/14 due to a series of blast between Htopu and Hsahmaw stations.—MNA

in KIA uniform was also found dead, about 50 yards away from the east of railroad. One M-22 magazine, five cartridges, one Einaga grenade, one mine made of two grenades were seized

near him. Officials concerned have repaired damaged railroad and sleepers and normal transportation has resumed.

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**Ministry of Religious Affairs opens Basic English Course No.3 for officers**

YANGON, 19 Dec—“Ministry of Religious Affairs has to deal with Buddhism and other religious affairs at home and abroad and so staff from the Ministry needs to be proficient in English, the most widely-used language across the world,” said Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Dr Maung Maung Htay, at the opening of Basic English Proficiency Course No.3 for officers, at the Ministry (headquarter) in Kaba-Aye Hill here this morning.

A total of 59 trainees are attending the four-week course.—MNA



Documents seized from Corporal Madi Hla Aung of KIA Regiment No. 11 found dead 20 feet away from the east side of railway near the blast.—MNA

## DPRK top leader Kim Jong Il passes away



**Kim Jong Il, top leader of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)**

PYONGYANG, 19 Dec— Kim Jong Il, top leader of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), passed away last Saturday

at the age of 69 the DPRK's official *KCNA* news agency reported on Monday.

Kim died at 08:30 (2330 GMT Friday) on 17 Dec, 2011, on train during a field guidance tour," said the report.

Kim, who had received medical treatment for his cardiac and cerebrovascular diseases for a long period, suffered "an advanced acute myocardial infarction, complicated with a serious heart shock," on the train, it added. The report said that every possible first-aid measure was taken immediately, which failed to save Kim's life, adding that an autopsy on Sunday "fully confirmed the diagnosis of his diseases."—*Xinhua*

## Gunmen kill three policemen in northern Nigeria

KANO, 19 Dec—Nigeria's police in northern Kano State on Sunday said three officers were killed by gunmen suspected to be Boko Haram members in Kano metropolis.

State Commissioner of Police Ibrahim Idris told reporters on Sunday that the command succeeded in arresting 14 suspects of a syndicate.

According to him, at least four suspected members of Boko Haram were gunned down during the combat operation, while the command lost three men.

The commissioner also displayed seven rifles, including four AK 47, and 1,125 ammunition and nine magazines impounded in a series of raid in some hideouts in the city.

Other items recovered from the suspects include 19 bags of ammonium chemicals, two already constructed bombs, one bag of iron scraps for making bomb, 20 bags of substance for making bomb, an international passport and one 25-litter jerry can containing chemicals and another two assembled bombs.—*Xinhua*

## Iran strengthens national fleet with 25 planes

TEHRAN, 19 Dec—Iran has enhanced its national fleet with 25 passenger planes since June and plans to purchase 20 more in future, the *Teheran Times* has reported.

The country has bought 25 new planes for domestic airlines, said the Iranian Minister of Roads and Urban Development Ali Nikzad Saturday but did not reveal where it purchased the planes from, *Xinhua* reported.

Iran's aging air fleet has suffered several air disasters involving both civil and military aircraft in recent years, leaving dozens killed.

As per experts, the US-imposed sanctions

against Iran, which prevented its allies from selling aircraft or aircraft parts to the country, have undermined safety standards of Iran's civil and military aviation fleet. The sanctions are increasing the likelihood of more air disasters.

Iran is in talks with Russia to buy a number of short-range 100-seat passenger planes, Nikzad said. Russia has proposed to sell the planes to Iran, the minister said, adding that the Civil Aviation Organisation of Iran should approve the purchase.

*Internet*



**Women take copies of a commemorative newspaper issue as thousands gather to mark the passing of former Czech president Vaclav Havel at the Venceslav's square in Prague, Czech Republic.—INTERNET**

## 10 PKK members killed, some 50 encircled in east Turkey

ANKARA, 19 Dec—Ten Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) militant members were killed in an operation in the mountainous areas surrounding the Kursunlu village in eastern Turkish province Diyarbakir's Dicle district, Turkish newspaper *Today's Zaman* reported on its website on Sunday.

Headed by Diyarbakir Regional Gendarmerie Command Brig Gen Seyfullah Saldik, the operation began after unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) spotted PKK members on Saturday, said the report.

F-5 and F-15 fighter jets was sent to bombard the area where PKK members were detected from the Diyarbakir 2nd Air Force Command. UAV Images showed that 10 PKK militants had been killed by the bombs when trying to flee a cave.

Later, gendarmerie units encircled four caves and called on PKK militants to surrender. So far, no militants have surrendered to the security units. It is believed that some 50 PKK militants are currently hiding in the caves in the area. The Turkish Armed Forces units will destroy the caves if the PKK members declined to surrender.

The police get the clue of the whereabouts of the PKK members by tracking telephone numbers on the phonebook of a dead PKK member's cellphone, according to the report.

Listed as a terrorist organization by Turkey, the United States and the European Union, the PKK took up arms in 1984 to create an ethnic homeland in southeastern Turkey. More than 40,000 people have been killed in conflicts involving the PKK during the past over two decades.—*Xinhua*



**A vehicle of Israel Prison Services delivering Palestinians to be released arrives at the Ofer prison, on 18 Dec, 2011. Israeli authorities on Sunday night released 550 Palestinians in the second half of a prisoner swap with Hamas.—XINHUA**

## Israel frees 550 Palestinian prisoners

JERUSALEM, 19 Dec—Israel freed 550 Palestinian prisoners on Sunday evening in the second phase of a prisoner swap deal, while Hamas movement announced the Palestinian-Israeli agreement reached in October had been finalized.

Abu Obeida, spokesman of Hamas armed wing Izedin al-Qassam Brigades, told reporters in Gaza, "I'm here to announce that the prisoner swap deal has been finalized after the male and female prisoners were freed from the prisons of the Israeli occupation."

The 550 prisoners were taken by buses heading for Palestinian territories. 509 of the prisoners are from the West Bank under the rule of the Palestinian National Authority (PNA), while 41 are from the Gaza Strip governed by Hamas.

Relatives and friends of the prisoners, as well as PNA officials and other factions' representatives gathered at President Mahmoud Abbas' headquarters in the West Bank city of Ramallah, while dozens other people gathered at the crossing point between Gaza and Israel to greet the prisoners. The 550 prisoners are set free in line with the second and last phase of the swap deal. The first batch of 477 prisoners, most of whom were Hamas militants and leaders, were released on 18 Oct.—*Xinhua*

## Two suicide bombers killed in premature explosions in Afghanistan

KABUL, 19 Dec—Two would-be suicide bombers died as their explosive devices went off prematurely in Farah province, 695 km west of Afghan capital Kabul on Monday, the Interior Ministry said in a press release issued here.

"Two suicide bombers who were attempting to target public interests and kill innocent people in the bazaar of Dilaram district died as their suicide vests exploded prematurely at 08:50 am local time today before reaching the target," the press release added.

There were no casualties in the blast except the bombers, it stressed.

Taliban militants who often organize suicide bombings have yet to make comment.—*Xinhua*



**Hunting daggers are displayed during last day of fire-arms and sharp-edged weapons exhibition at Pak-China Friendship Centre in Islamabad, capital of Pakistan on 18 December, 2011. XINHUA**

## Thailand's flood-hit Don Mueang Airport to reopen

BANGKOK, 19 Dec—Bangkok's Don Mueang Airport is ready for reopening on April 1 after the flood crisis, Flying Officer Anirut Thanomkulbutra, Airports of Thailand (AoT) president, said on Monday.

An estimated cost of 20 million baht (639,180 US dollars) is needed for repairs and maintenance of the infrastructure at the airport.

The president said that the surface of both the eastern and the western runways have not been damaged and are still strong, as verified by the Department of Highways.

Two airlines, Nok Air and Orient Thai, which operated commercially at Don Mueang, have moved to temporarily run their services at Suvarnabhumi Airport since late October when the floods encroached.

AoT on Monday held a Big Cleaning Day event at its headquarters in Don Mueang district after the area had been under water for about six weeks.—*Xinhua*



**Mueang Airport**

**Business****Gold to drop in Q1, far from retesting record high**

NEW YORK, 19 Dec—Gold prices will fall below \$1,500 an ounce over the next three months and are unlikely to retest September's all-time highs until later 2012 at the earliest, according to a *Reuters* poll of 20 hedge fund managers, economists and traders.

The bleak forecast, coming after gold has lost 11 percent of its value so far this month, is likely to fuel fears that bullion is close to ending its more than decade long bull run and entering a bear market.

Almost half of respondents predicted bullion will fall to 1,450 an ounce in the first quarter next year, with three seeing prices as low as \$1,400 an ounce.

The forecasts come after a dismal performance last week when prices hit a 2 1/2 month low of \$1,560 and gold lost its safe haven status.

Selling was fuelled by a scramble by hedge funds for cash to meet client redemptions at the end of a difficult year and a run for cash by European banks seeking to raise



An employee picks up a gold bar at the Austrian Gold and Silver Separating Plant 'Oegussa' in Vienna on 26 August, 2011.—REUTERS

capital. "What is surprising is that in an environment where headline risk news is bigger than ever, gold has actually fallen from its highs," said Christoph Eibl, CEO and founding partner of the Swiss commodity hedge fund Tiberius.

"We believe that, in 2012, of all metals gold will be the worst performing," Eibl said.

Reuters

**Health****Music eases pain for children in Toronto hospital**

TORONTO, 19 Dec—It's the time of year when a song can brighten a dull day — but in one Toronto hospital, music is helping take the pain away.

Red-haired little Gabby St. John sits transfixed as Heather Cadogan and Ashley Williams sing "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" at her bedside.

To the mother of the 9-month-old girl being treated in Toronto East General Hospital for a painful infection, the blissful moment is a revelation.



Jenn St John and 9-month-old Gabby St John listen to two singers from the University of Toronto Gospel Choir at Toronto East General Hospital.—INTERNET

"I hate to say it but the nurses come in and she knows: 'Oh, don't touch me,'" said Jenn St. John. "But these guys come in, she gets excited: 'They aren't going to touch me. They're doing something fun.'" Cadogan and Williams, both singers with the University of Toronto Gospel Choir, have been doing the rounds of the hospital's pediatric ward every Friday morning for about a year now. "The kids are distracted from what's happening, from their pain," said Cadogan. "We see them become happier." Added Williams: "We had one patient, her mind was totally off the pain. But we stopped singing and went to visit another patient — and the pain came back. I had no idea how much music could heal."

For children anxious about some medical tests or surgery, the singing is a soothing distraction.—Internet



Physical activity declines in post-secondary school

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HAMILTON, 19 Dec—After young people leave home to hit the books at university or college, they don't appear to be hitting the gym — or getting other forms of exercise — as often.

Researchers at McMaster University in Hamilton followed 683 Canadian adolescents starting when they were between the ages of 12 and 15, until they were 24 to 27 years of age.

The young people were interviewed twice a year about their levels of physical activity, as well as health-risk behaviours such as smoking and binge drinking.

There was a 24 per cent decrease in physical activity over the 12 years from adolescence to early adulthood, with the steepest declines among young men entering university or college.

In a statement, principal investigator Matthew Kwan says it's a critical period, as the changes from the late teen years to early adulthood represent the most dramatic declines in physical activity across a person's life.

It also found that while smoking and binge drinking increased through the teen years, those behaviours began to plateau or decrease in early adulthood.

But Kwan says the decline in physical activity appears to continue on a downward trajectory further into adulthood.—Internet

**US economy to suffer triple dip in 2012**

NEW YORK, 19 Dec—As the painful double-dip in the US economy at the beginning of the year still weighs on Americans, a renowned Wall Street economist warned of a triple dip ahead.

Ethan Harris, co-head of Global Economics Research at Bank of America Merrill Lynch, said that despite the recent pick-up in growth, the US economy is going to slow down once again over the course of 2012.

"Each year since the recession, we've had the economy pick up for a while, then fade, and each time there has been some kind of shock that comes along and derails the economy," Harris said in an exclusive interview with *Xinhua*. He expected that the shocks will be a combination of events in Europe and fiscal problems in the United States.

"So even though the U.S. economy is now in one of those better phases of recovery and the data has been quite solid in recent months, the shocks ahead are significant and we do expect for the third year in a row, a period of weakness in the economy," said the economist. The first shock to the US economy in the next year, according to Harris, is the ongoing European debt crisis. Noting that a European recession in the first half of next year is almost inevitable, he made a baseline forecast of "a 50 percent chance for Europe to dip into mild recession and a 40 percent risk for the region to suffer a major recession."—*Xinhua*

**AT&T, T-Mobile asset sales talks go cold**

NEW YORK, 19 Dec—Talks over potential asset sales as part of AT&T Inc's efforts to get approval of its \$39 billion purchase of T-Mobile USA have gone cold, according to *The Wall Street Journal* on Sunday.



A view shows the AT&T store sign in Broomfield, Colorado April 20, 2011. REUTERS

Although AT&T could still try to fight the Department of Justice in court, alternatives to a full-blown merger are looking more likely, the WSJ said, citing people familiar with the matter.

Those options could include AT&T taking a stake in the smaller carrier or a joint venture to share network technology, the report said.

The Justice Department said on 9 December that it would seek to stay or dismiss its lawsuit to stop the deal, saying it was effectively dead without approval from telecommunications regulators.

AT&T and Deutsche Telekom's T-Mobile moved in November to withdraw their filing with the Federal Communications Commission to focus on the antitrust battle.

Both regulators have to give their blessing to the deal.—*Reuters*

**Vietnam's cement market to face difficulties in 2012**

HANOI, 19 Dec— Vietnam's cement market will remain sluggish in 2012 because of continuing difficulties in production and business this year, reported the *Vietnam News Agency* on Monday quoting experts from the Vietnam Cement Association (VCA) as saying. The VCA estimated that the domestic market would need 55-56.5 million tons of cement and 4-4.5 million tons of clinker and cement for export next year. Meanwhile the industry will still experience many difficulties in production and business because of high input costs related to electricity and coal prices. Tran Du Lich, a member of the National Assembly's Economic Committee, said that next year, the building material market would continue its slow growth due to the frozen property market, tightening credit policies and cuts in public construction project investment. The loosening policy on credit

would have little effect on the building material market, Lich said.

The domestic cement market has retained large stocks with a capacity hitting 60 million tons on a demand of 50 million this year. Nguyen Tran Nam, deputy minister of construction, said that production costs had been driven up, increasing the retail price of cement, and the industry is in need of modern technology to increase production and lower operational and logistical costs.

Tran Van Huynh, chairman of the Vietnam Building Materials Association, said that the government and ministries should limit licensing wasteful cement factories with a small capacity of between 350,000-600,000 tons per year, and the Vietnam Cement Industry Corporation should link with joint ventures to manage demand and supply on a monthly basis.—*Xinhua*



An engineer tests the new electronic trading system at the Khartoum Stock Exchange, on 15 Dec, 2011. Sudan, struggling to restore its economy after years of war and the break-away of newly formed South Sudan, aims to expand its tiny stock market to trade gold and commodities, Khartoum Stock Exchange General Manager Osman Hamad Khair told Reuters in an interview.—REUTERS

## World's clearest freshwater lake believed found in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 19 Dec—New Zealand scientists say they have found what might be the world's clearest freshwater body in a national park in the South Island. Researchers at the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA) said Monday that the "extreme visual clarity" of Blue Lake was "perhaps only exceeded worldwide by certain ocean waters" such as those in the southeastern Pacific near Easter Island.

The NIWA scientists found over six visits that horizontal visibility in Blue Lake, set in the Nelson Lakes National Park, usually ranged from 70 to 80 metres.

"The theoretical

visibility in distilled water is about 80 metres, as estimated from the best available instrumental measurements in the laboratory," NIWA aquatic optics specialist Dr Rob Davies-Colley said in a statement. "So Blue Lake is a close approach to optically pure water."

Most divers considered a visual range, as in very clear seawater, of at least 40 metres to be "outstanding," said the statement.

NIWA hydrologist Rob Merrilees first recognized Blue Lake might be optically outstanding, after observing how the water body appeared broadly similar to the nearby Te Waikoropu Springs, in which a visibility of 63 metres had been reported.

Merrilees and Davies-

Colley organized a scientific study of the lake with NIWA scientist Mark Gall, an expert in ocean optics instrumentation. Blue Lake was characterized by blue-violet hues seen only in the very clearest natural waters, said the statement.

It was highly unusual in its geological and hydrological setting, being apparently spring-fed from neighbouring glacial Lake Constance.

Almost all suspended particles appeared to be filtered from the water as it passed through landslide debris that formed a dam between the two lakes, which probably accounted for its extreme visual clarity, said the NIWA statement.

Xinhua



*Ships illegally dumping oil off Canada's coasts are having a harder time getting away with the crime because of a relatively new process used by government scientists.*  
INTERNET

## Scientists trace chemical fingerprint of ocean polluters

HALIFAX, 19 Dec—Ships illegally dumping oil off Canada's coasts are having a harder time getting away with the crime because of a relatively new process used by government scientists.

Chemists at Environment Canada in New Brunswick have standardized the process that connects oil collected from the ocean to the ships that

dump the pollutants.

"Each oil is unique because each source of oil has different constituents and different starting materials," Cook said in a recent telephone interview.

Oil consists of thousands of different chemicals and each has its own unique characteristics that act as a fingerprint. That allows chemists to pinpoint the source of the oil when compared to a sample from a ship suspected of spilling pollutants.

Researchers are able to identify the type of oil—like crude oil, gasoline and diesel—by determining its boiling point.

"Different types of ships use different types of oil. So investigators can then take the type of oil and look at when the sample was taken and determine what ships were in the area at that time,"

Cook said.

He said officers have prosecuted about half a dozen ships the past two years using chemical fingerprinting as evidence.

And while Cook serves as a watchman of Atlantic waters, he said Environment Canada's Vancouver office is doing the same surveillance in the Pacific.

Chemical fingerprinting isn't a new idea, said Cook. In fact, the process has been in development for more than 20 years, but Cook and his team helped refine and standardize the process so that it can be used in collaboration with police and wildlife enforcement procedures to successfully prosecute polluters.—Internet

**Science**

## Indonesia to ease licensing for geothermal exploration

JAKARTA, 19 Dec—Indonesia's Energy and Mineral Resources Ministry and the Forestry Ministry will sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to ease licensing procedures for the exploration of geothermal energy in protected forests, the *Jakarta Post* reported here on Monday.

Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Jero Wacik said that he and Forestry Minister Zulkifli Hasan would sign the MoU on Monday to help resolve licensing problems.

The MoU would remove licensing problems for the exploration of geothermal energy in 28 locations in protected forests, Jero said

over the weekend.

Many exporters have expressed their interest in developing geothermal energy resources in the country, but are unable to obtain licenses because most of the geothermal reserves are located in protected forests. According to the forestry law, only under ground mining operations

could be carried out in forest conservation areas. Many geothermal reserves in the protected forests have been left untapped due to mining restrictions. "If there is no understanding on the issues between the forestry minister and the energy and natural resources minister, then we face potential bottle necks. This is what we both want to solve. Our MoU will become the guideline for future geothermal projects," Jero said.—Xinhua



*South Korea's Samsung Electronics said Monday it has filed new legal claims against US rival Apple in Germany, claiming that the iPhone maker infringed four of its patents. The two technology giants are engaged in a legal battle involving dozens of cases worldwide as they struggle for leadership in the hugely lucrative smartphone and tablet computer market.*—INTERNET

## Samsung files new claims against Apple in Germany

SOULE, 19 Dec—South Korea's Samsung Electronics said Monday it has filed new legal claims against US rival Apple in Germany, claiming that the iPhone maker infringed four of its patents.

Samsung said the claims, filed on December 16 with the Mannheim regional court, relate to alleged infringement of patents including those for Samsung's telecommunications standard technology and user

interface.

The two technology giants are engaged in a legal battle involving dozens of cases worldwide as they struggle for leadership in the hugely lucrative smartphone and tablet computer market.

Apple began the process in April, accusing Samsung of "slavishly" copying its iPhone and iPad designs. Samsung has focused its own lawsuits on technology patents rather than design.

The South Korean giant has received two legal boosts

this month. On 9 December Australia's High Court cleared the way for Samsung to sell its Galaxy 10.1 tablet in the country in time for Christmas, dismissing Apple's bid to have a ban extended.

Earlier in the month a federal court judge in San Jose, California, denied Apple's request for a preliminary injunction that would have banned the sale of three Samsung smartphones and a tablet computer in the US.—Xinhua

## Cambodia has 14 million subscribers of mobile phone services

PHNOMPENH, 19 Dec—There are about 14 million subscribers of mobile phone services in Cambodia, or 98 percent of the country's 14.3 million people, So Khun, minister of Posts and Telecommunications, said on Monday.

The number of mobile phone users had been increasing exponentially and the total number was about 14 million now, up from 10.9 million users by the end of last year, he said during a meeting with Vietnamese

Minister of Information and Telecommunications Nguyen Bac Son.

Currently, Cambodia has 8 mobile phone operators: Cam GSM (Mobitel), Mfone, Hello Axiata Company Limited, CADCOMMS (QB), Metfone (Viettel), GT-Tell (Excell), Sotelco (Beeline), and Smart Mobile. So Khun said among the operators, Metfone (Viettel) from Vietnam has gained up to 50 percent of the telecommunication market share with up to 7 million subscribers. The minister said that to date, mobile phone services have covered about 85 percent of the whole Cambodia. Meanwhile, Nguyen Bac Son



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thanked Cambodia for supporting Vietnamese firms investing in Cambodia and promised to encourage more investors to Cambodia to expand trade and investment ties between the two neighbors. He also pledged to continue supporting

Cambodia in the sectors of information and telecommunication. Nguyen Bac Son arrived here on 18 Dec for a five-day visit.

Xinhua

**Technology**



*In this undated photo, Lewis Crew, 75, receives help from a member of a voter assistance team while voting on a iPad, in Beaverton, Ore. Voters in five Oregon counties are filling out and returning their mail-in ballots for a on 8 Nov, 2011, special primary election to replace former Congressman David Wu, who resigned following a sex scandal.*  
INTERNET

## Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission meets



*Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann giving a speech at Pyithu Hluttaw Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission.—MNA*

YANGON, 19 Dec—Meeting of Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission took place at meeting hall of the Commission in Yangon (branch) in Yuzana Tower, Bahan Township here this morning, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann.

It was also attended by Chairman of Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission and Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa and Chairman of the Commission, secretary and members and delegates, commission members and guests.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker delivered an opening speech at the meeting. After that, Commission members reported on legal affairs that should be prioritized.

Later on, Pyithu Hluttaw Projects

and Financial Development Committee Chairman U Soe Tha, Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Economic and Trade Development Committee U Maung Maung Thein, Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Transport, Communication and Construction Committee U Thein Swe, Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Agriculture, Livestock and Fishery Development Committee U Soe Naing, Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Investment and Industrial Development Committee U Htay Myint, secretaries and members from respective committees submitted the reports on undertakings of commission.

The meeting came to an end after the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker gave concluding remarks. At the meeting, lawyer U Mya Thein donated legal books through the Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker.—MNA

## Vietnamese delegation arrives Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Dec—A delegation led by Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung and wife arrived at Mandalay International Airport by special flight this morning to pay an official visit to Myanmar and to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> GMS Summit, to be hosted by Myanmar.

The Vietnamese delegation comprising six ministers, 11 deputy ministers and 74 delegates, were welcomed at the airport by Chief Minister of Mandalay Region U Ye Myint and wife and ministers.

The Chief Minister paid a call on the Vietnamese Prime Minister at Sedona Hotel, and hosted a lunch to the Vietnamese Prime Minister and wife.

In the afternoon, the Vietnamese

Prime Minister and wife and party visited Myanansankyaw Golden Palace and Mahamuni Buddha Image in Mandalay.

The delegation left Mandalay and arrived at Nay Pyi Taw Airport in the evening.

They were welcomed at the airport by Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and wife, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint, Deputy Minister for Transport U Win Shein, Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu and wife and officials, Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chu Cong Phung, the Guard of Honour and national races dance troupe.

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*Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung and wife and party being welcomed at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport by Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and officials.—MNA*



## Cambodian delegation arrives Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Dec—A delegation led by Prime Minister of Cambodia Samdech Hun Sen arrived at Nay Pyi Taw Airport this morning by special flight to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> GMS Summit, to be hosted by Myanmar.

The Cambodian delegation comprising 10 ministers and 27 delegates, was welcomed at the airport by Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint, Deputy Minister for Transport U Win Shein and officials, Cambodian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Sieng Bunvuth, the Guard of Honour, national races dance troupe.

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*Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen being welcomed at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung and officials.—MNA*



## Laotian PM comes to capital to attend 4<sup>th</sup> GMS Summit



*Laotian Prime Minister Mr Thongsing Thammavong and party being welcomed at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport by Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint and officials.—MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Dec—The Laotian delegation led by Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Thongsing Thammavong arrived here to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> GMS Summit hosted by Myanmar this afternoon.

They were welcomed by Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint, Deputy Minister for Transport U Win Shein and personnel, Laotian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Nilath Sayarath, Guard of Honour, drum troupe and national races dance troupe at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport. The delegation comprises one minister, three deputy ministers and 24 other members.—MNA

## Myanmar delegation headed by Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo meets Chinese delegation led by State Councilor Mr Dai Bingguo

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Dec—The Myanmar delegation led by Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo held a discussion with the Chinese delegation led by State Councilor of the People's Republic of China Mr Dai Bingguo at the meeting hall of the Credentials Hall of the Presidential House here at 3.45 pm today.

Present together with the Vice-President were Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun, Union Minister for Electric Power No (1) U Zaw Min, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Deputy Minister



Myanmar delegation led by Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo held a discussion with Chinese delegation led by State Councilor of the People's Republic of China Mr Dai Bingguo at the meeting hall of the Credentials Hall of the Presidential House.—MNA

for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin, Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan and Myanmar Ambassador to China U Tin Oo. Present together with the PRC State Councilor were Minister of Finance Xie

Xuren, Chairman of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Ma Biao, Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Junhua, deputy ministers and senior officials.

Both parties cordially discussed matters related to

continued promotion of cooperation in mutual interests, cooperation in border region peace and development and cooperation with countries concerned in the security along Mekong River.

Next, The Vice-President expressed his thanks to China for its assistance to be rendered to Myanmar for the XXVII SEA Games-2013 and the ASEAN chairmanship in 2014. He said that Myanmar accepted the

invitation of China for President U Thein Sein to attend the 9<sup>th</sup> China-ASEAN Trade Fair and Economic and Investment Summit to be held in Nanning of China in 2012 as country of honour.

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### Final Meeting of Task Force for 4<sup>th</sup> GMS Summit held

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Dec—The Final Meeting of the Task Force for the 4<sup>th</sup> GMS Summit took place at Delegates Listening Room (1) of Myanmar International Convention Centre (MICC) here today.

The high-ranking officials of the GMS countries, namely Cambodia, China, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam— and representatives of ADB attended the meeting.

Director-General Daw Myat Myat Soe of Foreign Economic Relations Department of the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, and Joint-Chairman Director Mr Arjun Goswame of ADB made introductory speeches.

The officials present at the meeting held discussion on final preparations for 4<sup>th</sup> GMS Summit—matters to be reported to leaders, facts to be discussed at the summit and transportation.

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Final Meeting of the Task Force for the 4<sup>th</sup> GMS Summit in progress at Myanmar International Convention Centre (MICC).

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### Thai King's granddaughter wraps up Myanmar tour



Thai Princess Bajrakitiyabha and party being seen off at Yangon International Airport on their departure for home.

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YANGON, 19 Dec—Granddaughter of Thai King Princess Bajrakitiyabha and party returned from Yangon by special flight this evening. They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Director-General U Maung Maung of Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, officials and Charge d' Affaire ai Mr Kallayana Vipattipumiprates of Thai Embassy and embassy staff.—MNA

### Union Hotels and Tourism Minister receives Arab businessmen

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Dec—Engineer Mr Saeed Saif Al Ghurair of Al Ghurair Group L.L.C of United Arab Emirates and party called on Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan at the latter's office here this morning.

The guests enquired about and discussed investment in Myanmar's hospitality industry and donation of dredging equipment for cleaning of Inlay Lake. Also present at the call were Managing-Director U Hla Htay and officials of the ministry.

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**President U Thein Sein receives Cambodian PM Samdech Hun Sen at the Presidential House. (News on Page 16)**  
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**President U Thein Sein greets Chinese State Councilor Mr Dai Bingguo. (News on Page 16)**  
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**Thai Prime Minister arrives Nay Pyi Taw**

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Dec— A Thai delegation led by Prime Minister of Thailand Mrs Yingluck Shinawatra arrived at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport here this evening by special flight to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> GMS Summit, to be hosted by Myanmar. They were welcomed

at the Airport by Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint, Deputy Minister for Transport U Win Shein, officials, Thai Ambassador

to Myanmar Mr Apirath Vienravi, the Guard of Honour, national races dance troupe. Mrs Yingluck Shinawatra was accompanied by Deputy Prime Minister Mr Kittiratt Na-Ranong, five ministers, six deputy ministers and 37 delegates.

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**Chinese delegation arrives in Nay Pyi Taw to attend GMS Summit**



**Chinese State Councilor Mr Dai Bingguo and party being welcomed at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport by Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Myo Myint and officials.—MNA**



**Thai Prime Minister Mrs Yingluck Shinawatra and party being welcomed at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport by Union Minister U Tint Hsan and officials.—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Dec— The Chinese delegation led by State Councilor Mr Dai Bingguo arrived here at 12:35 pm to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> GMS Summit hosted by

Myanmar. The Chinese delegation was welcomed at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport by Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, Deputy

Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint and personnel, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua, national races dance troupe and drum troupe.

The delegation comprises one minister, seven deputy ministers and 31 other members.—MNA

**GMS Business and Investment Conference opens in Nay Pyi Taw**

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Dec—The GMS Business and Investment Conference was held at Delegates Listening Room (2) of MICC here this evening.

Economic representatives and businessmen of the GMS countries—Cambodia, China, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam— and local businessmen attended the conference.

First, President U Win Aung of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, and Chairman of GMS Business Forum Vice President Mr Sun Anmin of All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce made speeches.

The topic discussed at the first session of the conference was swift commodity flow in Mekong Region, and at the second session was loan guarantees for development of small- and medium-scale businesses and investment development.—MNA

**GMS Business and Investment Conference in progress at Myanmar International Convention Centre.—MNA**



**Myanmar, WFP to cooperate in supply to needy people and farmers**

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Dec— Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay received Country Director and

Representative Mr Carlos Veloso of WFP at the ministry here today.

They discussed more supply to the people in need of foods and farmers who

threw away poppy cultivation due to natural disaster, exchanging views on projects between Myanmar and WFP.

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*President U Thein Sein greets Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen at the dinner.*  
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*President U Thein Sein and Thai Prime Minister Mrs Yingluck Shinawatra pose for documentary photo at the dinner.—MNA*



*President U Thein Sein, wife Daw Khin Khin Win together with Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung and spouse pose for documentary photo.*  
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*President U Thein Sein, wife Daw Khin Khin Win, Heads of Government of GMS member countries, and artistes from Ministry of Information and Ministry of Culture pose for documentary photo.—MNA*



*President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win host dinner to Heads of Government of GMS member countries and high-level representatives at MICC Banquet Hall.*  
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*Artistes of the Ministry of Information and Ministry of Culture entertain with songs and Myanmar traditional dances during the dinner.*  
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# Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Chinese State Councilor open Nay Pyi Taw International Airport

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Dec—Nay Pyi Taw International Airport built on 7 April 2009 in Myanmar's new capital Nay Pyi Taw was successfully inaugurated today.

The airport was constructed with the aim of contributing to national economy through civil aviation sector by making use the every inch of Myanmar's air territory, enabling of any kinds of aircraft from international airlines to land, lodge and cross over Myanmar's territory, providing fuelling service for aircrafts, catering for passengers and mechanical failures repairing service, swift air transportation of international commodities, smoothly dealing with increased number of foreign tourists following the promotion of economic, social and diplomatic relations and smooth transportation to regions and states with Nay Pyi Taw as the base and speedy functioning of



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and Chinese State Councilor Mr Dai Bingguo unveil the stone plaque of Nay Pyi Taw International Airport.—MNA

administrative matters.

The opening ceremony of Nay Pyi Taw International Airport was held at the airport at 1.15 pm today, attended by Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham and Chinese State Councilor Mr Dai Bingguo.

Also present on the occasion were Union Ministers, the Attorney-General of the Union, deputy ministers, members of Chinese delegation attending the GMS Summit, departmental heads, personnel of Asia World Co, engineers and staff who

participated in Nay Pyi Taw International Airport Construction Project, departmental staff, members of social organizations, students and guests.

The Vice-President and the Chinese State Councilor unveiled the bronze inscription of the airport and sprinkled scented water on it.

Of the international airports in Myanmar, the building of Yangon International Airport covers 423,216 square feet, Mandalay International Airport 467,618 square feet, and newly-opened Nay Pyi Taw International Airport 660,347 square feet.

The Vice-President, the Chinese State Councilor,

Union ministers, the Attorney-General of the Union and Chinese delegation members posed for documentary photo in front of the stone plaque.

After the opening ceremony, they looked round the outbound departure/arrival lounge, domestic departure/arrival lounge,



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham sprinkles scented water on bronze inscription of Nay Pyi Taw International Airport.—MNA



Chinese State Councilor Mr Dai Bingguo sprinkles scented water on bronze inscription of Nay Pyi Taw International Airport.—MNA



Photo shows Nay Pyi Taw International Airport.—MNA

Business VIP Hall, transit and check-in counters.

The Nay Pyi Taw International Airport has 12000x200 ft runway, 1200x900 ft concrete apron, and two 350x150 ft taxiways. The runway is 26 feet in thickness and can withstand 873,000 pounds. The airport includes VIP Hall measuring 195x130 ft, and the passenger building 96x60 ft. The airport can handle two million domestic visitors and three million foreign visitors, totaling five million visitors a year. With ten passenger loading bridges, it can deal with landing of from 50000 to 65000 planes per year.

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### Woman: Date stole my car

A Florida woman says she was at a movie with a friend when he excused himself to go get something from her car only to disappear with it. The Pasco County Sheriff's Office said the Zephyrhills woman, whose name was not released, and Michael Pratt, 27, of New Port Richey were taking in a movie last week when Pratt asked for her car keys, saying he wanted to retrieve something from the rental, a 2012 Ford Focus, the *St Petersburg Times* reported. He left the theater and never came back. So the woman called him. "I stole your car," Pratt said before hanging up.

The woman said she tried calling back for two more days without getting a response so she contacted the Pasco County Sheriff's Office, the newspaper reported Thursday.

Authorities said Pratt called the woman four days after allegedly taking the car, saying he had dumped it in a Walmart parking lot in New Port Richey. After sheriff's deputies found the car, they arrested Pratt Wednesday charging him with grand theft auto, the *Times* reported. Pratt previously spent more than a year in prison for fraud, grand theft, forgery and failing to return rental property — along with grand theft auto.



**Nurlan Alisherov, a 35-year-old unemployed man, makes an appeal to include his achievements to the Guinness World Records book in Ala-Too square in the capital Bishkek. Alisherov managed to pull out from a stock 20 battered down nails with his teeth during a minute, to carry a man, weighing 55 kilos and sitting on a stool, in his mouth making the distance of 120 metres and to pull a 12-ton bus for 33 metres with his mouth, according to local media.**

### Thieves steal from suspected shoplifters

Two people cited for allegedly shoplifting in Ogden, Utah, in turn discovered just minutes later they were victims of theft, police said.

Korin Vanhouten, 47 and Eldon Alexander, 36, were stopped shortly after leaving a WinCo by a police officer who suspected they left without paying for cotton swabs, makeup and batteries, the *Ogden Standard-Examiner* reported Friday.

The officer cited them for shoplifting. When the pair returned to Alexander's pickup truck in the store's parking lot, they noticed someone had entered the unlocked truck and stole a stereo amplifier, a drum machine and cigarettes.

Police Lt Tony Fox said he had never seen anything like it in his entire career.

The items the two were suspected of shoplifting were worth \$26, while the worth of their stolen possessions was about \$60, Fox estimated. Police were investigating.

### Diamond ring put in Salvation Army kettle

A mystery woman put a \$2,000 diamond and sapphire ring, plus \$50 for good measure, in a Salvation Army kettle in Miami, a spokeswoman for the charity said.

Salvation Army Capt Linda Payton told Miami's WTVJ-TV her office got a call from the anonymous woman about 1 pm Friday.

"She said that she had just left something in the kettle in front of Kmart and that it was something special," Payton said.

So off to Kmart, Payton went, and she brought the kettle back to the office.

"Inside the kettle was, wrapped in a rubber band, a \$50

bill and inside the \$50 bill was a note, and inside the note was a ring," Payton said.

The note said: "They need more than I. Do good! A Friend."

The ring, which features two diamonds and a sapphire, was immediately appraised at \$2,000, Payton said.

Last Christmas holiday season, someone deposited a gold nugget in a Miami kettle with a note expressing a similar sentiment. The nugget sold for \$4,000 at auction. "It's just wonderful for the community, we're just the conduit, they're the ones who will receive it," Payton said.

**A 3.83-metre kudzu root is found in Yushan county, East China's Jiangxi Province. The root's thickest diameter is nine centimetres.**



### News Album

### 'Sherlock Holmes' dominates box office

LOS ANGELES, 19 Dec— "Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows" with Robert Downey Jr debuted at No 1 at the box office this weekend with more than \$40 million in gross US receipts.

"Alvin and the

Chipmunks: Chipwrecked" and "Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol" opened at No 2 and No 3 with \$23.5 million and \$13 million, respectively.

The three new films pushed the ensemble cast "New Year's Eve" from No 1 to No 4 for the weekend at \$7.4 million.

"The Sitter," with Jonah Hill, fell one spot to No 5 with \$4.4 million. All studio estimates of gross US box office receipts are via Box Office Mojo.

"The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1," dropped to No 6 with \$4.3 million; "Young Adult" starring Charlize Theron was No 7 with \$3.7 million; "Hugo" No 8 with \$3.6 million; and "Arthur Christmas" was No 9 with \$3.6 million.

"The Muppets" rounded out the Top 10 with \$3.5 million.

Internet



**American actor Robert Downey Jr attends the premiere of "Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows" at Empire, Leicester Square in London on 8 December, 2011.—INTERNET**

### Bradley Cooper was a ladies' man even in high school

WASHINGTON, 19 Dec— Bradley Cooper has revealed that he used to try and date every girl in high school. The Hollywood heartthrob says he was never part of any group when he was growing up and just used from one gang to another as it helped him romance as many girls as possible.

"I was like most kids. You're trying to figure out who



you want to be, who you are pretending to be, who you are, but I was never in one group. I

never really had a home, a clique. I was freelance and tried to date women in every group," Contactmusic.com quoted him as telling *Reveal* magazine. Bradley, who was recently linked to Jennifer Lopez and has previously dated Renee Zellweger and Jennifer Aniston, is still a hit with the ladies but has admitted that his habit of chewing tobacco can put them off.—Internet



**Actress Scarlett Johansson**

### Scarlett Johansson dating British Rocker?

LONDON, 19 Dec—Actress Scarlett Johansson is reportedly dating British musician Dan White. The 26-year-old met the guitarist when she was shooting in London recently and friends say the pair are smitten and determined to make their long distance relationship work.

"They met in London recently. Scarlett was shooting the film 'Under The Skin' in the UK and they were introduced at a club night in town," contactmusic.com quoted a source as saying. "They got on like a house on fire and Scarlett was into his band's music. There was an instant connection. They've been seeing each other for a good few weeks. Dan's proper happy about it - and what guy wouldn't be? He already thinks the world of Scarlett. Dan thinks she's an amazing girl," the source added.—Internet

### Tom Cruise wants to perform death-defying stunts at 70

LONDON, 19 Dec— Hollywood hunk Tom Cruise has revealed his plans to continue performing death-defying stunts when he turns 70. The 49-year-old made the confession at the premiere of *Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol*. "I want to still do them in 20 years' time," the *Daily Star* quoted him as saying.

"We'll see what my body can and can't take. I love movies. I don't know how to do anything halfway in my life. I'm full on and I want to entertain the audience, so I



**Hollywood hunk Tom Cruise**

train for it. "Even for *Last Samurai* I trained for a year for five hours a day so it felt authentic in the movie.

It's exciting for me to learn new things and it's challenging. I hope that translates into entertaining an audience. I do whatever it takes to make it work," he added.

His latest flick, which sees him climb up the tallest building in the world in Dubai, will hit cinemas on Boxing Day.—Internet



**Rapper Jay-Z**

### Armoured vehicle for Jay-Z's unborn child

LONDON, 19 Dec— Rapper Jay-Z is planning to buy an armoured vehicle to protect his unborn baby.

The 42-year-old's wife Beyonce Knowles is pregnant with the couple's first child and Jay-Z is so determined to keep the child safe that he asked actor Tom Cruise for advice on the safest mode of transport for the family. "Jay is looking at action-movie style vehicles like Tom's and wants to make sure they are bullet-proof and 100 percent safe.

He won't be taking any risks that's for sure," contactmusic.com quoted a source as saying.—Internet

### Arctic Monkeys' drummer learning guitar

LONDON, 19 Dec—British rockers Arctic Monkeys' drummer Matt Helders is learning to play the guitar as he wants to master a new instrument.

The 25-year-old is taking some time off from touring and recording over the festive period, and is planning to devote some time to learning a new instrument. "I need to learn the guitar too. I may do that over Christmas.

Internet



**British rockers Arctic Monkeys' drummer Matt Helders.**

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**Beach Boys to reunite for 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

NEW YORK, 19 Dec — US band The Beach Boys have announced plans to reunite for their 50th anniversary next year. The five-piece, which includes founding members Brian Wilson, Mike Love and Al Jardine will embark upon a 50-date world tour and record a new album. Jardine said they will appear at the Grammy Awards on 12 February and "do something really exciting".

The band, whose hits include Good Vibrations, will stage their first gig in New Orleans on 27 April. The surviving original Beach Boys will be joined by Bruce Johnston and David Marks, who have been associated with the group for decades. Wilson said: "This anniversary is special to me because I miss the boys, and it will be a thrill for me to make a new record and be on stage with them again."

Love added: "Music has been the unifying and harmonising fact of life in our family since childhood. It has been a huge blessing that we have been able to share with the world."

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*In Manitoba, Canada, the town of Churchill has built a 'polar bear prison' to cope with a spate of the animals coming to the town looking for food. Here natural resource officer Bob Windsor poses with a trapped bear.—INTERNET*

**Chinese scientists finish sequencing Genghis Khan descendant's genome**

HOHHOT, 19 Dec — Scientists said on Sunday that they have finished sequencing the genome of a direct descendant of Genghis Khan. Zhou Huanmin, project leader and head of the biological research lab at the Inner Mongolia Agricultural University, said Sunday that this was the first individual genome sequencing of a Mongolian.

The blood donor was a male only identified as one of Genghis Khan's 34th-generation offspring from the Sunit Tribe, which is based in the Xilingol league (prefecture) in Inner Mongolia. Zhou said the research team will continue to sequence the genomes of another 199 ethnic Mongolians and build a database consisting of Mongolian genetic code. Zhou said the results of the genome mapping are important for the detection of ethnicity-specific genome inheritances and the evolutionary features of Mongolians, and will also contribute to medical research linked to the control of certain diseases. There are about 10 million ethnic Mongolians living around the world, mainly in China's Inner Mongolia and Xinjiang Uyghur autonomous regions and Qinghai province, as well as the Republic of Mongolia and Russia.— *Xinhua*

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At a hot spring resort in Yamanouchi in the heart of central Japan, the bathers are monkeys.—XINHUA

**Vehicle, vessel tax adjustments point to environmental protection**

BEIJING, 19 Dec—The adoption of adjusted taxes for vehicles and vessels under a new law is intended to contribute to efforts of energy conservation and emissions reduction in China, a government statement said.

The Vehicle and Vessel Tax Law, effective 1 Jan, will levy moderately higher taxes on passenger vehicles with an engine size between 2 liters and 2.5 liters and much higher taxes on those with an engine size above 2.5 liters, while tax rates for those with an engine size below 2 liters will be marginally lowered or kept unchanged, an online statement from the State Administration of Taxation said Sunday.

According to a second draft to the law earlier this year, taxes on vehicles with

engine capacities from 1.0 liter to 1.6 liters dropped from 360-660 yuan (57-104 U.S. dollars) to 300-540 yuan. Meanwhile, taxes on vehicles with engine capacities of 1.6 liters to 2.0 liters dropped from 660-960 yuan to 360-660 yuan. This means that the tax burden for owners of vehicles with smaller engine capacities of 2.0 liters or below will not be increased from the current rate.

Electric vehicles and hybrids are excluded from paying the tax under the regulation, which indicates the nation's policy orientation toward environmental protection and energy saving, the statement said.

The law stipulates passenger vehicles, commercial vehicles, trailers, motorcycles, and vessels as

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**Battles on the mobile front**



China Mobile Ltd, the world's biggest telecom carrier by subscriber numbers, announced in September that it had released the public beta-testing version of Feiliao, the successor to China Mobile's Fetion mobile IM platform.—XINHUA

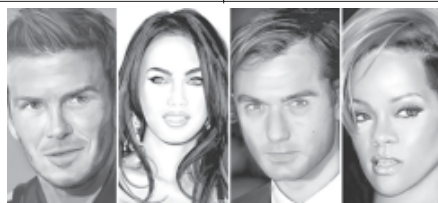
BEIJING, 19 Dec — Chinese telecom operators are competing for users of mobile audio instant messaging (IM) services because Internet companies such as Tencent Holdings Ltd and Shanda Interactive are gradually eating into carriers' text message profits through various applications. China Mobile Ltd, the world's biggest telecom carrier by subscriber number, announced in September that it had released

the public beta testing version of Feiliao, the successor to China Mobile's Fetion mobile IM platform.

Feiliao, which means "flying chatting" in Chinese, is able to send and receive voice messages through mobile phones. China Mobile's version of the Kik-like service is based on Fetion and can help users to automatically add friends from Fetion. Kik Messenger is a real-time instant messenger application for mobile phones released in October, 2010 by Canada-based Kik Interactive Inc. Before that, China Unicom (Hong Kong) Ltd, launched its first mobile IM product, Woyou, in August, while China Telecom Corp Ltd, brought out its mobile IM tool, Yiliao, in October. Both the products support voice messaging and are open to all Chinese mobile users.—XINHUA



A scuba diver (lower left) welcomes a bowmouth guitarfish (Rhina ancylostoma), a rarity in Europe, after its arrival at an aquarium in Hungarian capital Budapest on 16 Dec, 2011.—XINHUA



UK-based visual artist Kyle Lambert draws several life-like portraits of celebrities using only his fingers and an iPad as the canvas.—XINHUA

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV STONE-CAMPBELL VOYNO(1105)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV STONE-CAMPBELL VOY NO (1105) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 19.12.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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A student attaches her glasses to a Peking opera facial mask during an event promoting Peking opera at a university in Liaocheng, Shandong Province on 15 December, 2011. The event aims at promoting the traditional Chinese art of Peking opera on the university campus. Students taking part in the event designed their own Peking opera facial masks.—REUTERS

**4 in 5 Australians worried about debt: survey**

SYDNEY, 19 Dec — More than 80 percent of Australians are worried about their ability to meet debt repayments in the future, a survey by data intelligence company Veda showed on Monday. The biannual

survey found 82 percent of respondents were worried about their ability to pay their debts in the future, compared to 75 percent a year ago.

The survey also found that one in five Australians was struggling to pay off their current credit commitments. However, about 29 percent of Australians were considering applying for more credit in the next six months, the survey found. "It is concerning that there are people struggling with their current debt levels but are turning to more credit as the answer, potentially edging closer to a debt spiral," Veda senior adviser Matthew Strassbourg said in a statement.—XINHUA

**Chile girl dies after split from conjoined twin**

SANTIAGO, 19 Dec — A 10-month-old girl who was surgically separated from her conjoined twin died Sunday after suffering general organ failure, said the director of a Chilean children's hospital. Doctors at Luis Calvo Mackenna Hospital had separated Maria Jose Paredes Navarrete from her twin sister Maria Paz late Tuesday at the thorax, abdomen and pelvis in a marathon, 20-hour surgery. Maria Jose ran into cardiac problems that required her to be revived three times afterward, and Maria Paz remains clinging to life, said hospital director Osvaldo Artaza.

Chileans have closely followed news about the twin girls, with updates about their condition making online and newspaper headlines. Artaza said the surgery affected all of the deceased girl's organs, while "recognizing the delicate state of Maria Paz, we are hopeful." "We are conscious that we made every effort," Artaza said. "It's a moment of deep pain, of deep grieving."—XINHUA

## Ranieri: win is good but too many mistakes

ROME, 19 Dec — Inter head coach Claudio Ranieri praised his side improved form and conceded they made too many mistakes in their 1-0 win at Cesena on Sunday. The Nerazzurri scraped with Andrea Ranocchia's glancing header, but they escaped numerous dangers. "We got so many passes wrong, as I had never seen the team make so many mistakes. Evidently the synthetic turf caught us by surprise," Ranieri was quoted by football-italia.net as saying.

"These are difficult games and ones where you have to suffer. It's tough to win at Cesena, so we are very happy with the result. Let us not bother with the performance and just take the three points. Cesena were pressuring us all over the field. At the start of the season we conceded too many goals, but now we all work hard when out of possession,



Inter head coach Claudio Ranieri

so we are more solid at the back. Lucio, Walter Samuel and Ranocchia are also re-discovering their form."

Inter climb back up to fifth place with this win, as it's the first time in seven months they have won three Serie A games on the bounce, and must reconsider their objectives for the campaign.

"Are we challenging for the Champions League spaces? No, Inter are challenging for ourselves. We have gone into these debates too many times. We cannot afford to look beyond the next game, then we'll see where we are in the spring," Ranieri said.

Internet



Ian Poulter of England hits an approach shot during the Australian Masters Golf tournament at Victoria Golf Club in Melbourne, Australia, on Sunday.—INTERNET

## Ian Poulter wins Australian Masters

MELBOURNE, 19 Dec — England's Ian Poulter won the Australian Masters on Sunday, spoiling Geoff Ogilvy's bid for a victory on his boyhood course. Poulter, two strokes behind Ogilvy entering the round, closed with a 4-under 67 in windy conditions to finish at 15-under 269 at Victoria Golf Club. Australian Marcus Fraser had a 64 to finish second, three strokes back. Ogilvy, the 2006 U.S. Open champion who matched the course record with a 63 on Saturday, shot a 73 to end up third at 11 under.

Poulter quickly erased Ogilvy's overnight lead with a 15-foot eagle putt on the par-4 first hole. He then hit a birdie on the seventh to take the outright lead and added another on the ninth to make the turn with a two-shot advantage. "To come down here the week before Christmas and to win this tournament is very special," he said. "I had a message from (former champion) Justin Rose

who said, 'Put a nice gold jacket in your wardrobe like I have,' and it's nice to do that." World No. 1 Luke Donald had four birdies on the front nine to move up to fifth place, but followed with four bogeys on the back nine to finish with a 1-over 72 and a share of 12th.—INTERNET

## Enrique ecstatic about Roma's win over Napoli

ROME, 19 Dec — Luis Enrique claimed he was living his happiest day as Roma head coach after his side beat Napoli 3-1 on Sunday.

"This is my happiest day on the Roma bench," the under-fire Spaniard was quoted by football-italia.net as saying. "It was a completely crazy game, though."

"We were lucky and worked hard, but frankly any result could have come out at the end."

"Today my team welcomed modern football, because if you play against Napoli with a line-up that isn't both offensive and de-

fensive together, then you're dead. The players have to sacrifice themselves."

It seemed a long way away from Enrique's possession football, as most of the goals came on the counter. "I hope to learn Italian soon and become more Italian in football terms, though I'll never give up on attacking football."

"Everyone knows we play ball to feet and with that style there is always the chance to run into space, but I still think the best way of defending is to keep possession in the opposition area," he said.

Internet

## Galliani says Milan's offer for Tevez rejected

ROME, 19 Dec — AC Milan's offer for Carlos Tevez has been rejected by Manchester City, the Serie A giant's vice president Adriano Galliani confirmed on Sunday.

Tevez has agreed personal terms with Milan, but City do not want to release him on loan with an option to buy at the end of the season.

"Milan are only looking for a striker on the transfer market after Antonio Cassano's health problem," Galliani said.

"At the moment Manchester City have rejected our offer for Tevez.



AC Milan vice-president Adriano Galliani

If it is accepted, then good, otherwise he won't come to us.

"We will meet with City again and try to convince them from here to 31 January. If we do not succeed, then either another striker will arrive or nobody at all," he said.

Xinhua

## Pavlyuchenko earns Tottenham victory



Tottenham's Rafael van der Vaart set up the winning goal for Roman Pavlyuchenko

LONDON, 19 Dec — Substitute Roman Pavlyuchenko scored the only goal as Tottenham moved up to third and handed a first defeat to new Sunderland manager Martin O'Neill. Russian forward Pavlyuchenko, who came off the bench after Aaron Lennon was taken off with a hamstring problem, broke the deadlock when he finished following Rafael van der Vaart's pass.

Luka Modric should have added a second for the home side and Nicklas Bendtner had a late chance to equalise, but the one goal proved enough for Tottenham to seal a sixth League win at home this season.

Internet

## Silva goal seals City win over Arsenal

LONDON, 19 Dec — David Silva scored the winning goal as Manchester City beat Arsenal in a thrilling Barclays Premier League encounter to go back to the top of the table. Silva scored from a close-range



rebound after Mario Balotelli's shot had been parried, while Sergio Aguero fired just wide and Pablo Zabaleta hit the post for City.

But Arsenal had chances through Robin van Persie, who had a goal disallowed and shot straight at Joe Hart from a good position, while Thomas Vermaelen twice went close in the dying stages. City had briefly slipped to second place in the table when Manchester United beat QPR earlier on Sunday, but the win at the Etihad Stadium sees Roberto Mancini's side restore their two-point cushion at the top.—INTERNET

David Silva's winner for Manchester City came eight minutes after half-time



Liverpool's Martin Skrtel scored their second goal with a header

## Liverpool too strong for Villa

LONDON, 19 Dec — Craig Bellamy scored one goal and created the other as Liverpool ran out easy winners away to a below-par Aston Villa side.

Bellamy scored from close range after 10 minutes and then sent over a corner that Martin Skrtel headed in shortly after.

Liverpool striker Luis Suarez was twice denied by the woodwork and the Reds always looked the more likely side to add to the scoring.

Internet

## International Sports

### Lee Westwood triumphs by seven shots at the Thailand Open



Westwood moves up to second in the world rankings, behind Luke Donald.—INTERNET

BANGKOK, 19 Dec — Lee Westwood ended 2011 on a high with a seven-shot win over Charl Schwartzel at the Thailand Golf Championship. The 38-year-old Englishman fired a closing 69 to end 22 under and move above Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy into second in the world rankings.

Westwood made a stunning start to the Asian Tour event and was a record 18 under par after 36 holes.

"I've amazed myself really," he said. "It's been staggering. It's probably the best I've ever played."

The Worktop golfer began the day only four shots clear of South African Schwartzel, having led by 11 at halfway after following up a stunning 12-under-par 60 in his first round with a 64 in his second.—INTERNET

Internet

### Barcelona beats Santos 4-0 to win Club World Cup

YOKOHAMA, 19 Dec — Lionel Messi scored twice and Barcelona beat Brazil's Santos 4-0 on Sunday to win its second Club World Cup in three years.

Messi, Xavi and Cesc Fabregas scored in the first half as the European champions won its 13th trophy under coach Pep Guardiola, solidifying its stature as the best club team in the world.

"The reason for our success is the effort of the players," Guardiola said.

"We have very high-quality players and were able to display quality football."

I am honored to work with these great players.

"Barcelona was playing without striker David Villa, who broke his left shin bone in his team's 4-0 win over Qatar side Al-Sadd in the semifinals on Thursday.

Al-Sadd beat Kashiwa Reysol of Japan 5-3 in a penalty shootout to take third place.

Internet

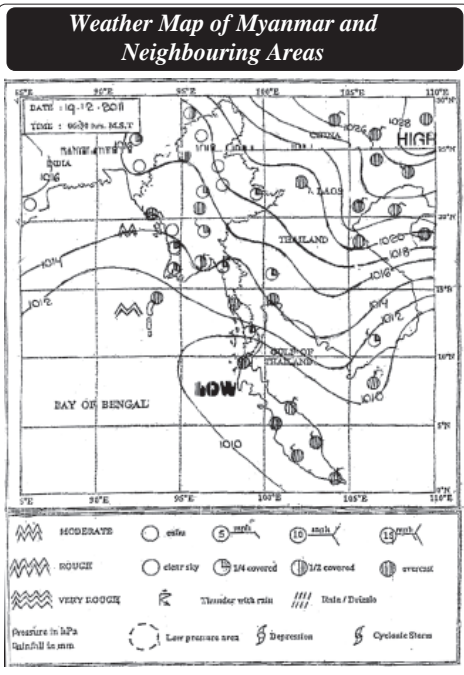
**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL  
Programme Schedule  
(20-12-2011) (Tuesday)**

	<u>Transmissions</u>	<u>Times</u>
Local	-	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission	-	(20-12-11 09:30 am ~21-12-11 09:30 am) MST

- Local Transmission**
- \* Opening
  - \* News
  - \* Buddha's Foot Print
  - \* News
  - \* Let's Try Lebanese Cuisines
  - \* News
  - \* Culture Stage
  - \* News
  - \* Nay Pyi Taw International Airport

- Overseas Transmission**
- \* Opening
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  - \* Buddha's Foot Print
  - \* Reflection of Myanmar Fashion (a) Pyu Period Hairstyle
  - \* News
  - \* Let's Try Lebanese Cuisines
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  - \* Culture Stage

- \* News
- \* Nay Pyi Taw International Airport
- \* News
- \* Brilliant Youngsters
- \* News
- \* Monywa, an auspicious ground of outstanding monks
- \* Record Album
- \* News
- \* Surprising Myanmar ( Gifts )
- \* News
- \* The most prominent resort and residence
- \* Myanmar Movies "Love Be Win"



- Tuesday,  
20 December  
View on today**
- 7:00 am  
1. Paritta by Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:15 am  
2. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:25 am  
3. To Be Healthy Exercise

- 7:30 am  
4. Morning News
- 7:50 am  
5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am  
6. Health Programme
- 8:10 am  
7. Songs of Yester Years
- 8:20 am  
8. Songs Of National Races
- 8:25 am  
9. Documentary
- 8:40 am  
10. International News
- 8:45 am  
11. Musical Programme
- 4:00 pm  
1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm  
2. Musical Programme

- 4:20 pm  
3. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing arts Competitions
- 4:35 pm  
4. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (Physics)
- 4:55 pm  
5. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:05 pm  
6. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies
- 5:15 pm  
7. Teleplay (Traffic)

- 5:30 pm  
8. Sweet Melody
- 5:40 pm  
9. Documentary
- 6:00 pm  
10. Evening News
- 6:15 pm  
11. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm  
12. Kyae Pwint Myaye Yin Khone Than
- 6:35 pm  
13. Sing A Song
- 7:00 pm  
14. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm  
15. News
16. International News
17. Weather Report
18. Bakery World
19. TV Drama Series
20. India Drama Series

**Weather forecast for 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2011**

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	27/81	10/50	Generally fair	
2	Kayah	27/81	10/50	Generally fair	
3	Kayin	34/93	15/59	Partly cloudy	
4	Chin	17/63	-02/28	Generally fair	
5	Upper Sagaing	26/79	10/50	Generally fair	
6	Lower Sagaing	29/84	13/55	Generally fair	
7	Taininthyai	34/93	17/63	Likelihood of isolated light rain	(60%)
8	Bago	33/91	16/61	Partly cloudy	
9	Magway	31/88	14/57	Generally fair	
10	Mandalay	29/84	14/57	Partly cloudy	
11	Mon	33/91	17/63	Partly cloudy	
12	Yangon	34/93	19/66	Partly cloudy	
13	Rakhine	29/84	14/57	Partly cloudy	
14	Southern Shan	25/77	08/46	Generally fair	
15	Northern Shan	27/81	05/41	Generally fair	
16	Eastern Shan	27/81	08/46	Generally fair	
17	Ayeyawady	32/90	18/64	Partly cloudy	
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	31/88	14/57	Generally fair	
19	Neighbouring Yangon	34/93	19/66	Generally fair	
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	29/84	14/57	Generally fair	

During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taininthyai Regions, Rakhine State and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below December averages temperatures in Bago and Taininthyai Regions, North Shan and Rakhine States, (5°C) to (6°C) below December average temperatures in Upper Sagaing Region and Chin State and about December average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperature were Hakha (-1°C), Putao (2°C), Pinlaung (3°C), Heho and Lonlin (4°C) each, Machanbaw, PymOoLwin and Mogok (5°C) each.

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

State of the Sea: Strong easterly winds with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taininthyai Coasts. Surface wind speed in strong wind may reach (30) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Generally fair weather in the whole country.

**Sonam Kapoor: Make-over queen!**

MUMBAI, 19 Dec—Okay, now even Francois, my bawarchi is getting into action. He says his friend from Delhi, who is also a bawarchi at some high profile residence, has got a make-over done from a store. So? The point is that the Delhiwala cook is getting excited because he got it done by Sonam Kapoor who was in the capital for that purpose. She went to this designer store for some promotional work and ended up giving a lot of boys and girls makeover tips and some like this bawarchi got 'super-lucky' because she personally did the makeover for them.

Oof, this girl, who has made herself over from the super-fat to the super-thinself, takes make-over jobs too seriously. Should I refer some Bollywood types to her, who really need a make-over?

Internet



Sonam Kapoor.—INTERNET

**DAW TIN OO @ DAW TIN TIN OO**  
(Donor of Pagoda & Rahan)  
aged (78) years

Daughter of (U Maung Yone+ Daw Aye Nyunt), wife of U Kyaw Shwe, residing at No (521) Zeyar 17th Street, Ward (10), South Okkalapa Township, Yangon Region, mother of U Maung Maung Oo + Daw Nwe Nwe Win, U Than Htay, Daw Yee Yee Htay (UFL-Russia), U Maung Maung Myint (MEAP-Singapore) + Daw Mu Mu Cho, U Maung Maung Lwin + Daw Kyi Thar & grandmother of (6) grandchildren expired on (18-12-2011) Sunday at (12:55) pm and funeral service will take place at Yay Way Cemetery on (20-12-2011) Tuesday at (2:00) pm. Transport will leave residence at (1:00) pm.

Bereaved family

## President U Thein Sein meets Cambodian PM



NAY PYI TAW, 19 Dec—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received Prime Minister of Cambodia Samdech Hun Sen at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential House here this morning.

Also present at the call were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein, Union Minister at the

*Myanmar President U Thein Sein shakes hands with Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen.—MNA*

President Office U Thein Nyunt, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan, Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan, Myanmar Ambassador to Cambodia U Cho Tun Aung and departmental heads. The Cambodian Prime Minister was accompanied by Cambodian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Sieng Bunvuth.

They frankly discussed matters related to bilateral relations, promoting sector-wise cooperation and developments in Myanmar's political affairs.—MNA

## President U Thein Sein receives PRC State Councilor Mr Dai Bingguo

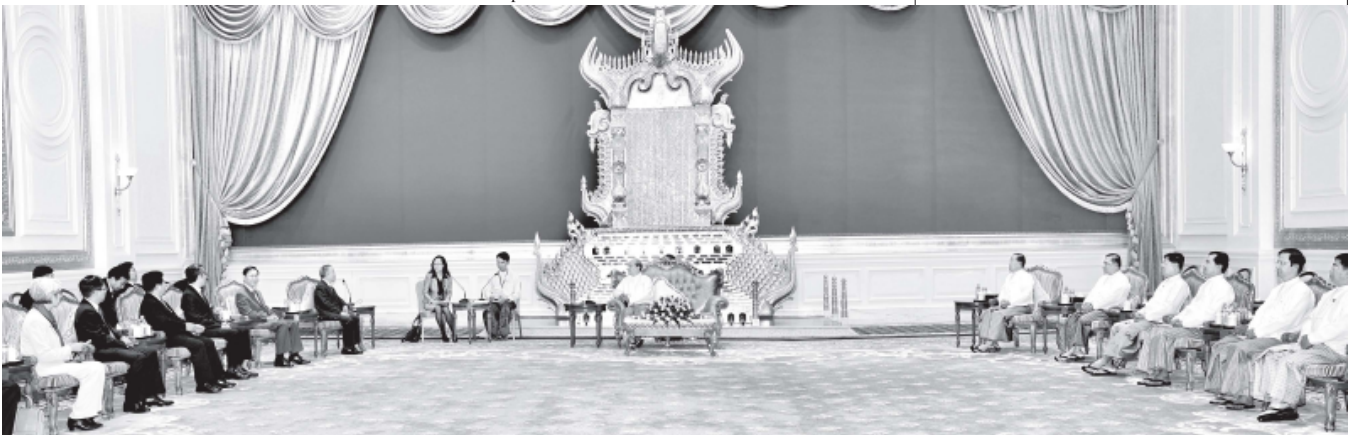
NAY PYI TAW, 19 Dec – President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received Mr Dai Bingguo, State Councilor of the People's Republic of China, at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential House here at 2 pm today.

Also present at the call together with the President were Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein, Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik, Union Minister for Electric Power No (1) U Zaw Min, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Thant Shin, Myanmar Ambassador to the PRC U Tin Oo and departmental heads. The PRC State Councilor was

accompanied by Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua.

Both sides discussed success in promotion of Sino-Myanmar relations into comprehensive strategic partnership in the bilateral relationship, mutual cooperation in various sectors and situations of internal politics and external relations.—MNA

*President U Thein Sein receives Mr Dai Bingguo, State Councilor of the People's Republic of China and party at Credentials Hall of Presidential House.—MNA*



### LOCAL SPORTS

#### Weekly mass walk held in Shwebo

SHWEBO, 19 Dec—The weekly mass walk in sports month of December was held in Shwebo Township on 3 December.

Departmental personnel led by Township Administrator U Thet Lwin Tun, local people, teachers and students, totaling over 5,000 participated in the mass walk.

*Kyemon*



#### Pyay Township opens football tournament



PYAY, 19 Dec—The Pyay Township Administrator's Cup Football Tournament kicked off at Mingala Shwepyi sports ground in Pyay on 1 December afternoon.

First, the township administrator made a speech, and the commander of township police force explained the rules of the tournament.

The opening ceremony of the tournament was also attended by footballers, coaches and managers of 13 contending teams and guests.—Township IPRD

#### Prizes presented to winners in gymnastic contest

YANGON, 19 Dec—Winners were awarded for the Yangon Region Inter-Basic Education School Gymnastic Contest, organized by Myanmar Gymnastics Federation, at Theinbyu Gymnasium in Mingala Taungnyunt Township on 15 December.

Cash award K 100,000 and championship trophy each were presented to Kamayut BEPS No. 2 in primary level boys' event and Bahan BEPS No. 1 in the girls' event.

Vice-Presidents U Thein Han and U Wai Lin Aung of MGF gave K 100,000 and championship trophy each to Ahlon BEHS No. 4 in middle school level girls' event and Dagon BEHS No. 2 in the boys' event.—MNA

