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**Our Three Main  
National Causes**

\* Non-disintegration of the Union \* Non-disintegration of National Solidarity \* Perpetuation of Sovereignty

## Myanmar will work together to take her rightful place in international community and to develop the country

**President U Thein Sein addresses 4<sup>th</sup> Greater Mekong Subregion Summit**



NAY PYI TAW, 20 Dec—Hosted by Myanmar, 4<sup>th</sup> Greater Mekong Subregion Summit was opened at Meeting Hall of Myanmar International Convention Center (MICC) here this morning, with an address by President U Thein Sein.

The full-text of his address is as follows:

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, it is my great honour and pleasure to host the 4<sup>th</sup> GMS Summit in Nay Pyi Taw.

I also take this opportunity to extend the most cordial and sincere welcome of the people of Myanmar to H.E Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, H.E Mr Dai Bingguo, State Councilor of the People's Republic of China, H.E Mr Thongsing Thammavong, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, H.E Ms Yingluck Shinawatra, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand, H.E Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and all delegates to this Summit.

I would also like to extend our warm welcome to the president and officials of ADB and express our appreciation to their participation in the Summit as well as their valuable support to the preparatory work of this Summit.

I am delighted to see all of you attending this important event.

The 4<sup>th</sup> GMS Summit is taking place at a critical juncture

*President U Thein Sein addresses opening ceremony of the Fourth GMS Summit.—MNA*

for our sub-regional group, while the global economic situation is gloomy. Hence, it is more important than ever to review the progress made in the 3<sup>rd</sup> GMS Summit in Vientiane.

We are pleased to note that despite global economic uncertainties, the GMS economic cooperation programme has made good progress. In fact, our subregion has shown remarkable resilience in facing recent global economic crisis. However, we should not be complacent about the current achievements and the Group needs to strive more in order to achieve our shared vision of an integrated, harmonious and prosperous subregion. It is widely acknowledged that the GMS programme has greatly enhanced cooperation among GMS countries in various sectors and the programme is now entering into its third decade of cooperation.

As you are all aware, the implementation of the countries of the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) have embarked on a programme of economic cooperation (the GMS programme) since 1992. This year, implementation of GMS programme has passed its midway of the Vientiane Plan of Action for GMS Development (2008-2012) which was adopted at the third GMS Summit. At the 4<sup>th</sup> GMS Summit, we will be reviewing the progress so far and what still needs to be done. Above all, the more important why we are meeting here is to endorse a new Strategic Framework intended to guide GMS cooperation in the next ten years.

As the GMS programme is successful gradually, the GMS cooperation needs to focus on second generation  
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## 4<sup>th</sup> GMS Summit opens with address by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Dec — The Fourth Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Summit opened at the Myanmar International Convention Center here today with an opening address by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein.

Also present at the opening ceremony were leaders of the GMS countries Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen, Chinese State Councilor Mr. Dai Bingguo, Laotian Prime Minister Mr. Thongsing Thammavong, Thai Prime Minister Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra and Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung, ministers, deputy ministers and entrepreneurs from GMS countries, officials from the Asia Development Bank and guests.

President U Thein Sein and the leaders of the GMS countries posed for documentary photos and formally opened the 4<sup>th</sup> GMS Summit.

Afterwards, President U Thein Sein delivered an opening address.

(The address is reported separately.)

Afterwards, video presentation on activities related to GMS programme in Myanmar, new activities in tourism, agriculture and environmental conservation sectors in the Greater Mekong Sub-region and "Beyond 2012: Towards a New Decade of GMS Strategic Development Partnership."

On behalf of leaders of GMS countries, President U Thein Sein and Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung accepted paper on "Focused Tourism Sector Strategy" presented by Thai GMS Minister and Minister for Prime  
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*President U Thein Sein and leaders of GMS member countries launch the Fourth GMS Summit.—MNA*

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Turn challenges to opportunities

While its recent dramatic changes and gradual opening of door are turning the world's eyes on it, Myanmar who is internationally known for its friendliness and hospitality was able to make the success of 4<sup>th</sup> GMS Summit as the host.

As the international community has acknowledged the recent reforms of Myanmar, heads of global countries have praised Myanmar for successfully hosting international-level summits. The success of 4<sup>th</sup> GMS Summit held at Myanmar International Convention Center yesterday and today in the new capital could, without doubt, polish the international image of Myanmar.

Heads of Government of Cambodia, China, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam as well as ministers and high-ranking officials of GMS member countries and senior officials from Asia Development Bank attended this summit which has borne fruitful results, reflecting Myanmar's hospitality and warmth.

At a time Myanmar is preparing to deepen its relations with international community, its experiences in organizing this summit are bound to contribute a great deal to further hosting international-level summits in the future.

The 4<sup>th</sup> GMS Summit has been a success but Myanmar still has to host BIMSTEC Summit in 2012, XXVII SEA Games in 2013 and ASEAN Summit in 2014. These are tough challenges for Myanmar. But, we should not forget that challenges at the same time are opportunities. If only we could meet the challenges and grasp the opportunities, brighter days will be waiting ahead of us.

### MNC allowed to form as political party

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Dec — Union Election Commission allowed formation of Myanmar National Congress today as the application for registration as political party was submitted by 18 members including U Kaung Myat Htut.

The commission said that it found that the application of MNC is accorded with law and rules as the commission is scrutinizing applications for registration and allowing formation of political parties.—MNA

### No soap content found in groundnut oil

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Dec—It is reported that faked groundnut oil is sold. Faked groundnut oil is made by putting detergent powder and ground nut oil fragrance in cheap palm oil, the reports say. Food and Drug Control Division under Health Department took samples of 13 items of ground nut oil from markets in Dagon, Tamway, Sangyoung, North Okkalapa and Kyimyindine Townships, starting on 4 November. According to the laboratory results, no soap content was found in the samples.

Authority concerned reminds general public to keep an eye on that and to inform them if they find anything suspicious.

MNA

### Take Fire Preventive Measures

## Thai Prime Minister returns home

YANGON, 20 Dec—The Thai delegation led by Prime Minister Ms Yingluck Shinawatra together with Charge d'Affaires to Myanmar Mr Kallayana Vipattipumprates of Thai Embassy left Nay Pyi Taw for Yangon by special flight at 5 pm today.

They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Director-General Daw Yin Yin Myint of Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department, Deputy Director-General U Maung Maung of Protocol Department and officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and army, navy and air military attachés of the Thai Embassy and their



wives.

Thai Prime Minister met Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at Thai Embassy.

After that, Thai PM and her entourage visited Shwedagon Pagoda and then left Yangon.—MNA

**Thai PM Ms Yingluck Shinawatra makes donation.—MNA**

## Thai Prime Minister meets Chinese State Councilor



NAY PYI TAW, 20 Dec—Thai Prime Minister Ms Yingluck Shinawatra held a discussion with Mr Dai Bingguo, State Councilor of the People's Republic of China, at Bilateral Room, Myanmar International

Convention Center (MICC) here this morning. Two leaders were present here attending the 4<sup>th</sup> GMS Summit, hosted by Myanmar.

MNA

## Myanmar and Thai ministers meet



NAY PYI TAW, 20 Dec—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin and Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay met Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Surapong Tovichakchaikul and Minister of Energy Mr Pichai Nariphaphan of Thailand, at Bilateral Room (3) of Myanmar International Convention Center (MICC) here

this morning.

They frankly exchanged views on energy sector development and cooperation between the two countries. Also present at the call were departmental heads and officials from both sides.

MNA

## China backs Myanmar's development path

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Dec—Visiting Chinese State Councillor Dai Bingguo said on Monday China always supports Myanmar to walk on a development path chosen in line with its own national conditions.

During his talks with Myanmar President U Thein Sein, Dai said the Chinese Government adheres to a friendly policy toward Myanmar and the time-tested good neighbourliness between the two nations has become an outstanding example for conducting state-to-state relations based on the five principles of peaceful coexistence. He hopes the two sides could properly handle the problems in their cooperation by developing and expanding their cooperative ties so as to achieve better progress in all areas of cooperation.

Dai lauded the efforts the Myanmar Government has made to push forward domestic political reconciliation and improve foreign relations. He believed the Myanmar Government has the wisdom and ability to address the problems and challenges in the way forward.

A peaceful, stable, independent and prosperous Myanmar is in the common interests of the two nations, he added.

U Thein Sein said Myanmar highly values bilateral

relations with China and will not allow any damage to the ties. The government is willing to push forward bilateral cooperation in energy, agriculture and major projects to boost their comprehensive strategic partnership of cooperation.

They made the remarks during Dai's attendance at the 4th Summit of the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS)-Economic Cooperation Programme in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar's administrative capital.

Dai said China is an active participant, staunch supporter and one of the beneficiaries of the GMS cooperation. China will continue to be a part of the cooperation, increasing investment and making more contributions.

He also said China will take into account the interests of both the upper and lower Mekong subregion, and work with other countries in the region to jointly protect, utilize and manage the river and boost the security of its waterway, so as to facilitate development and improve people's livelihoods along the river.

On the same day, Dai and Myanmar Vice-President Dr. Sai Mauk Kham attended the opening of the Nay Pyi Taw International Airport.—MNA/Xinhua



F-35 stealth jet

## Japan picks F-35 as next-generation fighter jet

TOKYO, 20 Dec— The Japanese government made a formal decision on Tuesday to choose the F-35 stealth jet, which is being developed by the United States and eight other countries, as the country's next-generation fighter jets.

The Security Council of Japan, presided over by Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda, made the final decision by taking into consideration the key factors including the aircraft's performance and cost, according to government officials. Japanese Defence Minister Yasuo Ichikawa said Japan adopted F-35 mainly for its high performance and 42 F-35 fighters will be acquired. The government said Japanese companies would participate in building the new aircraft. Lockheed Martin's F-35 Lightning II stealth fighter, which had been

reviewed along with Boeing's FA-18 Super Hornet and the Eurofighter Typhoon, will replace the country's 40-year-old fleet of F-4's. While the US took its F-4's out of service in 1996 following a successful deployment during the Gulf War, Japan continued to use the 40-year-old jets for training and reconnaissance missions.

Of the short-listed jets, all three offer superlative air-to-air and air-to-ground capabilities and can carry impressive payloads of ordnance. The F-35 has the added advantage of being able to greatly reduce its signature on radar due to its stealth-capable technologies. Critics in the country are concerned about the potential increase of costs as the jet, which is priced about 104 million US dollars per plane, is still under development.

Xinhua

## Two killed, 15 wounded in Iraq attacks

BAGHDAD, 20 Dec— At least two people were killed and 15 wounded in separate bomb attacks in central Iraq on Monday, the police said.

In Iraq's northern central province of Salahudin, one pilgrim was killed and two were injured when a roadside bomb was detonated near a bus carrying Iranian Shi'ite pilgrims near the city of Balad, some 80 km north of the capital of Baghdad, Xinhua reported citing a source.

In Baghdad, a civilian was killed and two others wounded when a sticky bomb attached to their car went off in the western district of Amriyah, said an interior ministry source.

In a separate incident, a roadside bomb was detonated near Al-Hamraa hotel in Baghdad's central district of Jadriyah, wounding three civilians, the source said.

Also in Baghdad, three civilians were wounded when a roadside bomb ripped through the Eilam district, the source added.

In another incident, gunmen planted two bombs in a policeman's house in Taji area, some 20 km north of Baghdad, wounding five of his family members and destroying part of the house.—Internet



Afghan policemen inspect a bicycle at the site of a bomb in Kandahar in 2008. A bicycle bomb killed at least two people, including a member of Afghanistan's peace council, and left 16 wounded when it exploded in the north of the country on Saturday, an official said

INTERNET

## Three officers among killed as deaths in Philippine floods near 1,000

DAVAO CITY, 20 Dec— Three policemen, including two officers, have been confirmed dead due to Tropical Storm Washin, in a southern Philippine province, a military spokesman said on Tuesday, as authorities and survivors are grappling with the problem of burying almost a thousand dead.

Those killed lawmen included a police captain and a lieutenant who were supposed to assist in the rescue operations of flood victims in Bukidnon province, said Colonel Leopoldo Galon, spokesperson of the military's Eastern Mindanao Command. "With the number of

victims still unaccounted for, the toll may even surpass 1,000," Colonel Galon said, adding a police officer is still among those missing in Bukidnon province.

Galon identified the fatalities as Senior Inspector Arnold Bustarde, Inspector Charlito Penullar and Senior Police Officer Charlon Edrote. The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council on its 6 am bulletin said a total of 957 people have so far been confirmed dead, 579 of whom in Cagayan de Oro city alone. In nearby Iligan, the other hardest-hit port city, 279 bodies have been counted.—Xinhua



Cars rest on top of each other after tropical storm Washi triggered flash floods in Cagayan De Oro, the Philippines, on 19 Dec, 2011.

INTERNET

## Strange "rodent-fever" claims two lives in Ghana

ACCRA, 20 Dec— A strange disease has hit inhabitants of the Amansie West District in the Ashanti Region of Ghana, near Kumasi, 270 km north of the capital, claiming two lives, health officials said here on Monday.

Director of Public Health Dr Joseph Amankwa told Xinhua that the disease, which had been identified as Laffa viral hemorrhagic fever, and had symptoms similar to those of malaria, caused victims to bleed to death.

Dr Amankwa said he received information about the infection over the weekend but indicated that no other details were made available.

"We are sending a team to the affected area to verify what the actual situation is to determine our next action. We are also liaising with the World Health Organization to gather enough data on the infections and soon information will be sent out to the public," he said.

According to reports carried by local Joy fm radio station, the disease was the first of its kind in the country.

The reports quoted

health officials as saying infection was passed on from infected rodents like mice and rats and was highly contagious.—Xinhua



US Army Humvee attacked by a vehicle borne improvised explosive device (VBID), Baghdad, Iraq. An improvised explosive device (IED) is a bomb constructed and deployed in ways other than in conventional military action. They may be partially comprised of conventional military explosives, such as an artillery round, attached to a detonating mechanism. IEDs may be used in terrorist actions or in unconventional warfare by guerrillas or commando forces in a theater of operations. In the 2003-present Iraq War, IEDs have been used extensively against coalition forces and by the end of 2007 they have been responsible for approximately at least 40% of coalition deaths in Iraq.—INTERNET

## US approves first heart pump for children

WASHINGTON, 20 Dec—The US Food and Drug Administration has approved a first mechanical cardiac assist device for children that can help keep patients alive as they await a transplant.

The EXCOR Pediatric System, made by German company Berlin Heart, can be sized to fit young people from newborns to teenagers.

"This is a step forward, it is the first FDA-approved pulsatile mechanical circulatory support device specifically designed for children," said Susan Cummins, chief pediatric medical officer in the FDA's Centre for Devices and Radiological Health.

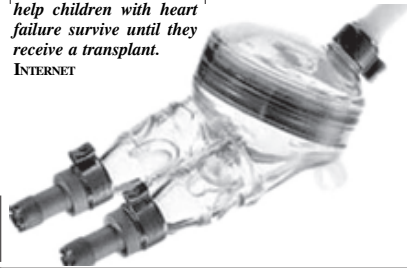
"Previous adult heart assist devices were too large to be used in critically ill children to keep them alive while they wait to get a new heart," she added in a statement Friday.

The device was tested on a group of 48 US patients, and was found to improve survival rates for transplant patients compared with the use of extracorporeal membrane oxygenation, the current standard of care, though not FDA approved.

As a whole, a reported 12-17 percent of children and 23 percent of infants die while they await heart transplants, according to the FDA.—*Internet*

*The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approves the first heart pump device designed to help children with heart failure survive until they receive a transplant.*

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## Health

### Health Tip: Skip the cold medicine before age 4

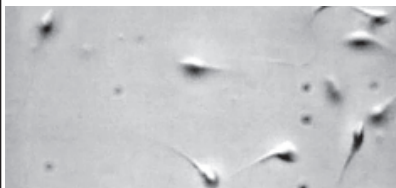
Parents want to do whatever they can to ease a child's cold symptoms, but cough and cold medicines aren't recommended for children under age 4.

The American Academy of Family Physicians suggests these alternatives to ease a young child's cough and cold symptoms:

- \* Encourage your child to get lots of rest.
- \* Offer the child plenty of fluids.
- \* Use saline nose drops to ease stuffiness.
- \* Run a cool-mist humidifier in your child's room at night.
- \* Steam up the bathroom with a hot shower, letting your child sit outside the stall while the shower runs.

*Internet*

## US warns of man donating sperm to women he meets online



*US officials have warned a California man who has been donating cups of his sperm to women who want children.—INTERNET*

FREMONT, 20 Dec—US officials have warned a California man who has been donating cups of his sperm to women who want children.

Trent Arsenault tells the *San Francisco Chronicle* newspaper he's been donating sperm for five years to women he meets online. He says he got three

women pregnant last month, a record for the 36-year-old father of 14 — and counting.

Arsenault says he considered donating through sperm banks, which offer money and donor anonymity. But he decided to give it away in sterile cups so he could meet the future parents. The US Food and Drug Administration has told Arsenault he's facing a \$100,000 fine or up to a year in prison for ignoring regulations requiring blood tests to screen for communicable diseases.

*Internet*

## Woman who had ovaries removed is pregnant

BARCELONA, 20 Dec—A Spanish cancer patient who had both her ovaries removed has become the first in the world to become pregnant, doctors say.

The 31-year-old woman had both her cancerous ovaries removed, but surgeons were able to save a small, healthy piece of one ovary that was frozen, stored and then re-implanted in the woman after she was free of cancer, *thinkSpain* reported Sunday.

Doctors at Barcelona's Sant Joan de Deu hospital say her case is unique because her pregnancy was made possible by re-implanting just a small section of ovarian tissue rather than a complete organ.

Growth factors extracted from her blood enabled it to function and produce eggs, they said.

The hospital said it is currently preserving the ovarian tissue of 173 patients being treated for various forms of cancer to allow the patients to have children if they wish when they are cured.—*Internet*

## Business

### Saab files to unwind its assets

VANERSBORG, 20 Dec—Saab Automobile's parent company in Sweden has filed papers to liquidate the company, which has run out of funding options, court papers say.

In papers filed in a Vanersborg, Sweden, court, Swedish Automobile said it "does not expect to realize any value from its shares in Saab Automobile ... and will write off its interest in Saab Automobile completely," *The New York Times* reported Monday.

Saab's main assembly plant in Trollhattan, Sweden, has been idle since suppliers cut the company off, refusing to extend it more credit during the summer.

The company then turned to Chinese firms in search of an investor that could save the brand that General Motors sold in early 2010, not long after GM emerged from bankruptcy.

GM, however, vetoed Swedish Automobile's attempt to find funding in China, concerned that it would "negatively impact GM's existing relationships in China," court papers said.

GM had veto power, because it still owns several critical patents for Saab vehicles.—*Internet*



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*An ATM machine at a Bank of America office is pictured in Burbank, California August 19, 2011. Bank of America Corp plans to cut 3,500 jobs in the next few weeks as CEO Brian Moynihan tries to come to grips with the bank's \$1 trillion pile of problem home mortgages.*

REUTERS

## Bank of America shares close below \$5

New York, 20 Dec—Shares of Bank of America Corp closed below \$5 on Monday for the first time since the depths of the bear market in March on 2009.

The stock closed at \$4.99, down 4 percent, after dropping as low as \$4.92. The shares haven't closed below \$5 since 11 March, 2009. Shares of financial institutions have declined on worries about the global economy and possible exposure to sovereign defaults in Europe. Bank of America, in particular, faces concerns about whether it has enough capital to absorb mortgage-related losses and meet new international

standards.

With more than 275 million shares traded so far, the volume-weighted average price was \$5.0336. Bank of America accounted for roughly 6 percent of composite volume on the New York Stock Exchange, NYSE Amex and Nasdaq.

Bank of America now has a market capitalization slightly above \$50 billion, making it less valuable than Amgen Inc or American Express Co., and only a little more than CVS Caremark.—*Reuters*

## Builder confidence rises slightly

WASHINGTON, 20 Dec—Builder confidence in the US market for newly built, single-family homes rose slightly in December, a national housing market index indicated.

The National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo Housing Market Index gained for the third consecutive month, adding 2 points to reach 21, the trade group said.

The index remains in a long-term slump, but reached the highest point since May 2010.

The break-even point on the index is 50 points. Above 50 indicates more builders in the survey indicated they viewed business conditions as favorable than unfavorable.

*Internet*

## Home sales in Washington



## China launches communication satellite for Nigeria

BEIJING, 20 Dec—China successfully sent a Nigerian communication satellite into orbit with its *Long March-3B* carrier rocket from southwest Xichang Satellite Launch Centre at 00:41 Beijing Time Tuesday.

The satellite, produced by China Academy of Space Technology, will provide communication, broadcast, Internet connection, remote education and navigation services to parts of Africa, Europe and Asia.

China will also provide monitoring and control services for the satellite and support its ground stations.

It was the third time China provided satellite launch service for foreign users this year, following the successful launch of two



Pakistani communication satellites. China plans to launch four to five satellites for foreign users in 2012.  
MNA/Xinhua

**A Long March rocket launched Monday with a powerful Chinese-built, Nigerian-owned communications satellite to serve Africans with television, education, navigation and security services.**

INTERNET

## Science

## China to launch country's first high-resolution mapping satellite for civil purposes

BEIJING, 20 Dec—China will launch its first-ever high-resolution geological mapping satellite for civil purposes next January, according to official sources.

The Ziyuan III satellite will be launched aboard a *Long March 4B* carrier rocket from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre in northern China's Shanxi province, according to a conference held on Monday for the directors of surveying, mapping and geoinformation administrations across the nation.

The Ziyuan III's surveying covers the entire area between 84 degrees north

latitude and 84 degrees south latitude.

The satellite will be used to conduct geological mapping, carry out surveys on land resources, help with natural disaster-reduction and prevention, and lend assistance to farming, water conservation, urban planning and other sectors.

The Ziyuan III satellite project was inaugurated on March 2008, and also includes gravity satellites, radar satellites and follow-up satellites for the Ziyuan III, so as to obtain geoinformation under all kinds of meteorological conditions.—Xinhua

## MIT to offer labs, certificates to virtual students

BOSTON, 20 Dec—The Massachusetts Institute of Technology is developing technology that will allow students taking courses online to use simulated labs, interact with professors and other students, and earn certificates.

"The driver is to reach everyone out there who

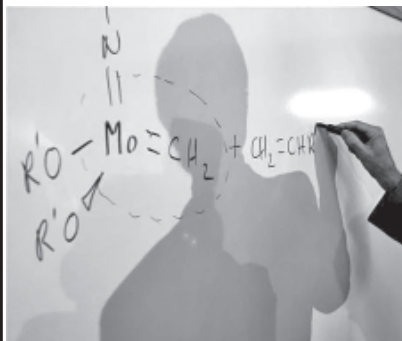
can't be here," MIT Provost Rafael Reif said on a conference call with reporters on Monday.

MIT is already known for its OpenCourseWare programme, which offers some 2,100 courses online for free. Until now, students worked through MIT course material on their own and were

never tested. Beginning in a few months, however, they will be able to see sought-after professors in videos, engage in student discussion groups, and take examinations. "It is making MIT available on a grand planet scale," said Anant Agarwal, director of MIT's Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory. "This is a great way to marry our mission in education and our mission in research."

Students wanting to earn certificates through MIT's online programme will have to pay a fee, university officials said, adding that fees had not yet been set. It cost \$40,732 to attend MIT for one year on campus in 2011-2012.

University officials stressed that the program would not replace the campus experience and that online courses would be just as rigorous as those conducted outside the virtual world. "This is not MIT-lite," Reif said.—Reuters



**Massachusetts Institute of Technology professor and 2005 Nobel Prize in Chemistry winner Richard Schrock illustrates a double carbon bond at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts, on 5 Oct, 2005.—REUTERS**

## Apple, Google working on wearable devices

SAN FRANCISCO, 20 Dec—Apple and Google are working on wearable technology that would send data to their smartphones, US media reported on Monday.

Researchers in Google's secret Google X lab, a secret facility where Google reportedly working on projects pertaining to future technologies, have begun working on peripherals that would communicate information back to Android smartphones when they are attached to one's clothing or body, said Bits, a technology blog of the *New York Times*, citing sources.

Apple is said to be working on a curved-glass, wrist-wearable iPod. Users could

communicate with device with Apple's artificial Siri intelligence software and the information could be relayed to iPhone.

A very small group of Apple employees had been conceptualizing and prototyping some devices, said Bits, citing a person with knowledge of the plan.

The core concept of the plans is to make smartphone become the central hub for mobile communication.

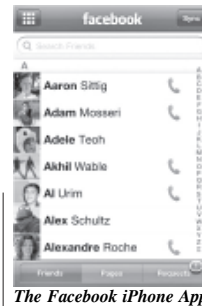
Some analysts said the companies still need to ensure consumers to recognize the daily value of these novelty product-like devices.

Xinhua

## Facebook Android overtakes Facebook iOS for first time

SAN FRANCISCO, 20 Dec—In terms of 'Daily Average Users' (DAU), the Android version of the Facebook app is now more popular than the iOS version according to a 19 December report by analysts AppData.

According to the report the number of DAU of the Facebook Android app overtook the number of DAU iOS Facebook app users for the first time in December 2011. The number of DAU users of the Android version of the Facebook app is now estimated at 58,800,000 compared to around 57,600,000 users of Apple's



The Facebook iPhone App

iOS version.

In terms of 'Monthly Average Users' (MAU), Apple's iOS is far ahead of its

Android rival with 99,500,000 iOS MAU compared to 86,100,000 Android MAU.

Nielsen's 'Third Quarter State of the Media: The Mobile Media Report' estimated that Android accounted for around 43 percent of the US smartphone market compared to Apple's 28 percent.

However separate data released 13 December by mobile analytics firm Flurry suggests that app developers still prefer working with, and developing apps for, Apple's iOS system.—Internet

## Cablevision, Verizon settle Internet-speed ad suit

NEW YORK, 20 Dec—Cablevision Systems Corp said Monday that it would dismiss a lawsuit it filed earlier this month against Verizon Communications Inc for allegedly misleading consumers about the speed

of Cablevision's Internet services. "Cablevision and Verizon have reached an agreement to resolve this dispute without further need for litigation," the companies said in a joint statement.

In the lawsuit filed on 6 December in Brooklyn federal court, Cablevision accused Verizon of running a deceptive advertising campaign based on a study from the Federal Communications Commission showing that the company only delivered up to 59 percent of its advertised Internet speeds during peak hours.

Cablevision said Verizon's claims were based on an outdated August study that has since been updated. Verizon defended its use of the study, saying the results were based on a months-long

study of Internet speeds, and accused Cablevision of deceiving customers.

On Monday, Cablevision filed a notice that it was voluntarily dismissing the lawsuit. Further details were not made available.

But in court papers filed 12 December, Verizon said it had agreed to modify portions of the ads in question to address Cablevision's allegations. It will no longer refer to the FCC report as "new" or "recent" and will stop asserting that the study pertains to Cablevision's "current" speed performance, according to court filings.

Internet



**According to the report, Apple and Google have been working on wearable technology that would send data to their smartphones.**

XINHUA

## Technology

## Cooperation with mutual trust, understanding and goodwill among GMS countries will strengthen future vision of Greater Mekong Subregion, will ensure good foundation for next generation

### President U Thein Sein briefs on 4<sup>th</sup> GMS Summit to local and foreign media

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Dec — President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein held a briefing to reporters from local and foreign medias on the 4<sup>th</sup> GMS Summit at the News Briefing Room of MICC here at 3.20 pm today.

The briefing was attended by Union Ministers, deputy ministers and departmental heads.

At the briefing, the President said: Joint Summit Declaration (Nay Pyi Taw Declaration) was endorsed at the Fourth GMS Summit that was held at Myanmar International Convention Center, Nay Pyi Taw on 20 December 2011 by the Heads of the Governments of the Kingdom of Cambodia, the People's Republic of China, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the Kingdom of Thailand, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

The Fourth GMS Summit was held today with the formal opening at 9 am. Together with the Leaders of the GMS countries namely Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, Mr. Dai Bingqou, State Councilor of the People's Republic of China, Mr. Thongsing Thammavong, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand and Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. It was attended by the officials from the six GMS countries and the Asian Development Bank and also the representatives from the private sector. The GMS



President U Thein Sein meets the press.—MNA

Summit Retreat (closed door session) followed accordingly.

Under the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Economic Cooperation Program, the Summits were held once every three years in the GMS countries in the alphabetical order. The First GMS Summit was held in Cambodia in 2002; the Second GMS Summit in the People's Republic of China in 2005; and the Third GMS Summit in Lao People's Democratic Republic. Myanmar hosted this Fourth GMS Summit with the theme of "Beyond 2012: Towards A New Decade of GMS Strategic Development Partnership".

The Current Strategic Framework (2002-2012) that was adopted at the First GMS Summit in 2002 will end next year. In light of this, the GMS Leaders endorsed the New Strategic Framework (2012-2022) that will guide the

Greater Mekong Subregion Economic Cooperation Program for the next ten years.

The leaders from six countries discussed openly and friendly about exploring ways to enhance resource mobilization of the GMS Economic Cooperation Program in the next decade, and to promote participation of all stakeholders, not only from the national level but also from the sub-national levels and private sector to effectively implement the new Strategic Framework (2012-2022).

We, the GMS leaders, reaffirmed our commitment to GMS cooperation and we resolve to pursue with great vigor a new generation of shared undertakings, guided by a new strategic framework for a decade to bring it significantly closer to our vision of an integrated, prosperous, and harmonious subregion.

With regards to the development of physical infrastructure in GMS connectivity, we will need to further develop the economic corridors and widen their reach through linking secondary roads and multimodal transport. In the software side, significant improvements have been made in the areas of transport and trade facilitation, increase of private sector participation, regional power trade arrangements, increased use of clean and renewable energy resource, energy efficiency and security, public-private partnerships in energy sector, enhancement of competitiveness in the GMS countries through human resource development and capacity building programmes.

In this Fourth GMS Summit, the six GMS countries signed the Memorandum of

Understanding on the Joint Cooperation in Further Accelerating the Construction of the Information Superhighway and its Application in the GMS. Regarding the human resource development sector, the six GMS countries signed the Memorandum of Understanding for Joint Action to Reduce HIV Vulnerability Related to Population Movement.

Moreover Refocused Tourism Sector Strategy (2011-2015), Core Agricultural Support Programme Phase II (2011-2015) and Core Environment Programme - Biodiversity Conservation Corridor Initiative Phase II (2012-2016) were adopted in this Fourth GMS Summit.

The GMS Leaders acknowledged with appreciation these achievements made during the last two decades of cooperation

among GMS countries. Moreover, it is also acknowledged that the GMS programme is complementary to other regional cooperation and integration initiatives. Cooperation with mutual trust, understanding and goodwill among the GMS countries will strengthen the future vision of the Greater Mekong Subregion, and will ensure the good foundation for the next generation. Moreover, the sustainable development of the sub-region will be resilient to natural disasters and future challenges including energy and food crises. We believed that the Strategic Development Partnership for the future will enable the Greater Mekong Subregion to step up from the status of sustainable economic development to the status of a prosperous subregion.

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President U Thein Sein receives Laotian Prime Minister Mr Thongsing Thammavong.—MNA

## President U Thein Sein meets Laotian Prime Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Dec — President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein met the delegation led by Prime Minister of Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Thongsing Thammavong, at Call Room of MICC here at 3:30 pm today.

Also present at the call together with the President were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt, Union Minister for

National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Myanmar Ambassador to Laos U Nyunt Hlaing and departmental heads.

The Laotian Prime Minister was accompanied by GMS Minister Mr Noulinh SINBANDHIT, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Bounkeut SANGSOMSACK, Deputy Minister of Communication, Posts and Telegraph Mr Thanhsamay KOMMASITH, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Forestry Mr

Phouangparisack PRAVONGVIENGKHAM, Laotian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Nilahath SAYARATH and high-ranking officials.

Two sides held a frank discussion on strengthening mutual friendship, development of Mekong Basin, security and cooperation in illegal drug eradication, construction of river-crossing bridge that links two countries and agricultural and technological exchanges.

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## Myanmar President, Vietnamese PM visit farmer educative mechanized farm

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Dec—President U Thein Sein and Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung visited 500-acre farmer educative mechanized farm near Nyaungbingyisu Village in Pobbathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area this evening.

On arrival at the farm, the President and the Prime Minister were welcomed by Union Foreign Affairs Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Agriculture and Irrigation Minister U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Cooperatives and for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint, deputy ministers, departmental heads and Vietnamese agriculturalists working in cooperation at the farm.

The President and the Prime Minister viewed cultivation of vegetables, different species of orchid and flowers in the green house of the farm. At the farmer educative vegetables and fruits garden, they looked round Vietnamese-strain rice plants farm, crop plantation, Myanmar-Vietnam cross-bred-strain pilot rice plants farm, and display of Paethwe paddy strains and Plaethwe cross-bred paddy strains, and seeds of vegetables and fruits. Union Minister U Myint Hlaing explained ongoing agricultural works jointly run by Myanmar and Vietnamese agriculturalists, coordination of Myanmar and Vietnamese technicians for production of cross-bred paddy strains, and establishment of the farm as farmer educative mechanized farm.

The President and the Prime Minister viewed closely space cultivation of 35 kinds of marketable vegetables and fruits, display of farm products and Vietnamese cross-breed strain corn plantation and cross-bred sunflower plantation.

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President U Thein Sein and Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung view fruits displayed at 500-acre farmer educative mechanized farm near Nyaungbingyisu Village of Pobbathiri Township.—MNA

## President U Thein Sein receives Thai Prime Minister



President U Thein Sein meets Thai Prime Minister Ms Yingluck Shinawatra and party at Call Room of MICC in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Dec—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein met a delegation led by Thai Prime Minister Ms Yingluck Shinawatra, at Call Room of MICC here at 2:40 pm today.

Also present at the call together with the President were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Aung Thein and departmental heads. The Thai Prime Minister was accompanied by Deputy Prime Minister Mr Kittiratt Na-Ranong, GMS Minister Mr Surawit Khonsomboon, Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Surapong Tovchakchaikul, Minister of Information and Technology Group Captain Anudith Nakomthap, Minister of Energy Mr Pichai Nariphaphan, Minister of Public Health Mr Wittaya Bursnasiri, Charge d' Affaires ai Mr Kallayana Vipattipumprates and high-ranking officials.

Both parties frankly exchanged views on strengthening mutual friendship, construction of Myawady-Kawkareik road and Dawei deep-sea port and mutual cooperation in the sectors of energy and hydropower.—MNA

## Dy Home Affairs Minister meets

### Vietnamese counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Dec—Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint received Deputy Minister of Public Security of Vietnam Lt General Associate Pro, Doctor Tolam and party who accompanied the Vietnamese Prime Minister on an official goodwill visit to Myanmar and to attend 4<sup>th</sup> GMS Summit at the ministry here this afternoon.

They discussed matters related to promotion of Myanmar-Vietnam relations. Also present on the occasion were deputy directors-general and officials of Myanmar Police Force, General Administration Department, Bureau of Special Investigation and Correction Department.

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## Vietnamese PM's wife Mrs Tran Thanh Kien and party tours Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Dec—Mrs Tran Thanh Kien, wife of Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam who was here to pay a goodwill visit and attend GMS Summit, and party this morning visited Uppatasanti Pagoda.

Mrs Tran Thanh Kien and party viewed the stone carvings depicting the life of Buddha in the cave of the pagoda and offered flowers and water to the Jade Buddha Image.

She then signed the visitors' book of the pagoda and donated cash for the pagoda. The delegation then viewed the white elephants at the elephant shed in the pagoda precinct.

Mrs Tran Thanh Kien paid a call on President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Mon Mon Aung, vice-chairperson and CEC members at the association headquarters.

She and the MMCA president exchanged greetings and the MMCWA secretary explained the objectives, organizational structure and tasks of the association and works for welfare and prevention of mothers and children. Mrs Tran Thanh Kien then signed the visitors' book. The MMCWA chairperson and vice-chairperson presented gifts to her who contributed cash assistance for the association. Next, the Vietnamese delegation enjoyed the entertainment of children of the kindergarten of the association and documentary photos on activities of the association. They then posed for documentary photo together with the MMCWA chairperson and members. Mrs Tran Thanh Kien then visited Myanmar Gems Museum where she observed the gems and jewelry and signed visitors' book.—MNA



Vietnamese Prime Minister's wife Mrs Tran Thanh Kien and party feed white elephants at the white elephant shed.—MNA



President U Thein Sein poses for a documentary photo together with leaders of GMS member countries.—MNA

## Myanmar will work together to take...

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initiatives. Emerging issues and concerns are posing potentially more serious risks to our group's continued growth and development. These include climate change, energy sufficiency, food security, natural

Framework.

Indeed, the new Strategic Framework is not only a starting point but also a broad guidance for our future actions. In reviewing the GMS activities after the 3<sup>rd</sup> Summit, our Sub-regional group should continue to work for the implementation of Vientiane Plan of Action for GMS development. This GMS Plan of Action serves as a concise road map for

at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Summit.

In order to promote the GMS economic cooperation and regional efforts, the theme of the 4<sup>th</sup> GMS Summit is set as "Beyond 2012: Towards a New Decade of GMS Strategic Development Partnership".

So, our deliberations will be focusing on this main theme. The Summit aims to come out with new ideas on how to move the GMS

to show their commitment to successfully implement the new Strategic Framework towards its goals. As recent natural disasters in the region indicate that our region is vulnerable to climate change, which will affect the ability of individual member countries to pursue food security and energy efficiency.

The next decade will also require greater efforts to

in the GMS economic cooperation programme. Furthermore, Myanmar fully supports accelerating the implementation of the core Agriculture supply programme. In the sector of human resource development, we have benefited in terms of capacity building for Myanmar officials under the Phnom Penh Plan for development management programme. In fact, there are

connectivity in the region. In striving for better connectivity, GMS needs to further develop the economic corridors with the participation of all stakeholders, particularly the provincial and local authorities and the individuals/persons concerned from GMS countries.

May I also take this opportunity to apprise you of recent political developments in my country. Since 30 March 2011, a new democratically elected government has entered the Myanmar political scene. The new government is making endeavours to transform the nation into a peaceful, modern and developed state. The government has now embarked on a series of reform process in various sectors to bring about democratization, economic development and improved livelihood of the people. The steps taken are concrete and visible. The reform process is incremental, systematic and dynamic as well.

We are ready to work with the international community including the friendly countries, the United Nations, international and regional organizations and partners. We will work together to take our rightful place in the international community and to develop our country. These will contribute to regional peace and



Those present at the 4<sup>th</sup> GMS Summit.—MNA

resource sustainability, logistics and human resource development.

In the light of new and emerging challenges, the GMS programme needs guidance for the subregion's development.

I would like to recall that the 17<sup>th</sup> GMS Ministerial meeting held in October 2011 reviewed the final draft of the proposed new GMS Strategic Framework 2012-2022, which aims to provide such guidance. Hence, at this Summit, we hope that leaders will be able to endorse and adopt the new Strategic

cooperative action in the medium term in the nine priority sectors of GMS cooperation.

The Strategic Framework should be effectively implemented to face the new challenges for all GMS members. More importantly, we wish to emphasize that the new Strategic Framework must be followed by a plan of action, which will provide monitorable projects and activities. As a matter of fact, the pipeline of projects will also be a successor to the Vientiane Plan of Action for GMS development adopted

process forward, in cooperation with our development partners. The Summit also needs to review the past activities and also lay down plans for future cooperation. We believe that in line with the new theme of the Summit, our sub-regional group will continue to explore new opportunities, working with our development partners, so that all member countries can benefit from various cooperative activities.

Taking this opportunity, we would like to call on GMS countries and stakeholders

deal with an increasingly complex agenda. In this regard, the new Strategic Framework will be guiding GMS cooperation into new frontiers. We would also like to call on our development partners to expand their cooperation with GMS countries to a new level without discrimination to any member state.

It is also satisfying to note that some of the achievements of our sub-regional group will be endorsed at the 4<sup>th</sup> GMS Summit. Myanmar is also undertaking its commitments

other sectors where Myanmar is involved and is benefitting under the GMS programme.

We are also encouraged to note that endeavours have been made towards accelerating development of the GMS transport corridors into economic corridors. These efforts also aim at strengthening the role of corridors to serve as platforms for increased GMS competitiveness. The three main economic corridors—the East-West, North-South and Southern economic corridors—need further development to enhance our

prosperity.

In conclusion, I would like to express my wholehearted appreciation to the GMS leaders, ministers, ADB President and all distinguished guests for honouring us with their presence at this Summit.

I am confident that through our deliberations and exchange of views, the Summit will be able to produce a fruitful result.

I wish all participants a pleasant stay in Nay Pyi Taw.

Thank you for kind attention.

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Minister's Office Mr. Surawit Khonsomboon.

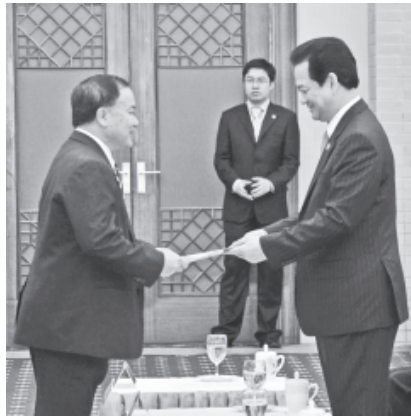
On behalf of leaders of GMS countries, Laotian Prime Minister Mr. Thongsing Thammavong and Thai Prime Minister Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra accepted paper on "Core Agricultural Support Programme Phase II" presented by GMS Minister of the People's Republic of China Mr. Xie Xuren.

On behalf of leaders of GMS countries, Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen and State Councilor of the People's Republic of China Mr. Dai Bingguo accepted the paper on "Core Environmental Conservation Programme Biodiversity Conservation Corridor Initiative Phase II" presented by Laotian GMS Minister Mr. Nulinh Sinbandhit.

Afterwards, Cambodian GMS Minister Mr. Cham Prasidh presented "GMS Strategic Framework (2012-2022)" to Chairman of the 4<sup>th</sup> GMS Summit President U Thein Sein. On behalf of the leaders of the GMS countries, President U Thein Sein endorsed the GMS Strategic Framework (2012-2022).

Afterwards, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung discussed suggestions of the business and investment conference of the 4<sup>th</sup> GMS Summit and Mr. Sun Anmin, Vice-President of the federation of chambers of commerce and industry of the People's Republic of China reported on progress of the GMS Economic Forum.

Mr. Sun Anmin handed over the chairmanship of the GMS Economic Forum to U Win Aung and the opening ceremony concluded.—MNA



**Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung accepts paper from Thai GMS Minister and Minister for Prime Minister's Office Mr Surawit Khonsomboon.**—MNA



**Chinese State Councilor Mr. Dai Bingguo accepts paper from Laotian GMS Minister Mr. Nulinh Sinbandhit.**

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## Chinese State Councilor meets Vietnamese Prime Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Dec—Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung had a talk with Mr Dai Bingguo, State Councilor of the People's Republic of China, at Bilateral Room, Myanmar International Convention Centre (MICC) here at 9 pm yesterday. Both leaders were present here to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> GMS Summit, hosted by Myanmar.

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## Myanmar, Vietnam to make investment in agricultural sector development

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Dec—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing met a delegation led by Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Mr Cao Duc Phat of Vietnam and Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chu Cong Phung, at Minister's Office here this morning.

They held a discussion on cooperation in development of paddy, cotton, rubber, sugarcane and sugar mill and investments in agricultural sector. Also present were Deputy Minister U Ohn Than, Vietranimex Chairman Mr Nguyen Van Thet and officials.

Union Minister U Myint Hlaing and the Vietnamese Minister attended meeting with agricultural specialized companies that implement cooperation of long-term investment in Myanmar-Vietnam Agricultural Sector Development.

It was participated by Ms Ho Thi Minh of IADICDR from Vietnam, Mr Tran Tien Dong from BIDV, Director Mr Don Lam from VINA CAPITAL Co and Mr Nguyen Quoc Dat, Director Tran Quoc Thanh from An Giang Plant Protection Joint Stock Co., Ltd, Chairman Mr Nguyen Van Thet from Vietranimex from agricultural investment

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Dec—Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun received Senior Advisor Mr Geoffery Blate of World



**Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung shakes hands with State Councilor of the People's Republic of China Mr Dai Bingguo.**

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companies and Green Asia, Sin Shwe Li, Myint Zeya companies and Delicious Food Co from Myanmar.

The meeting focused on construction of high-tech rice mill, sugar mill, construction of and investment in cotton and rubber factories, production of high-yield genetically-modified paddy strain and cooperation in quality marketable fruits seeds production.

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Wildlife Fund Greater Mekong Programme and Research Professor of State University of New York Dr Nay Htun at his office and discussed matters related to biodiversity and environmental conservation.

Also present at the call were Director-General of Planning and Statistics Department U San Lwin, Acting Director-General of Forest Department U Aye Myint Maung and Deputy Director-General of Planning and Statistics Department U Tin Tun.

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**Union Minister U Win Tun meets Senior Advisor Mr Geoffery Blate of World Wildlife Fund Greater Mekong Programme and Research Professor of State University of New York Dr Nay Htun.**—MNA



**UMFCCI President U Win Aung receives chairmanship of GMS Economic Forum from Mr. Sun Anmin.**—MNA

## Union Environmental Conservation and Forestry Minister receives officials of WWFGMP and New York State University



## President U Thein Sein delivers address...

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situation of the country for implementation of Mekong Sub-region new Strategic Framework”.

In his discussion, the President said that in relation to promotion of tapping GMS resources, resource availability is a cornerstone for implementation of projects. For GMS resource availability, it is scheduled to invite partners to participate in task force meetings, high-ranking officials meetings and ministerial meetings. In addition, private sector and donors are also to be arranged to have a touch with development of GMS scheme. In categorizing the new projects in order of priorities and sustainability of progress in past two decades for more mature third decade, the projects are needed to be agreeable to own national plans, other sub-region plans and regional plans. As GMS corridor development becomes strong time by time, it is required to pay attention to development of previous corridors in

addition to East-West Corridor, South-North Corridor and Southern Economic Corridor. The relations between central governments and between state governments are to be encouraged for development of border regions. In land transport sector, betterment of railroad among GMS countries will serve up Singapore-Kunming railway project being implemented by ASEAN countries and China. Moreover, it is necessary to meet objectives and goals of GMS scheme in order to realize 2012-2022 Strategic Framework: energy and electricity market integration, communication and ICT access, tourism industry sustainability, agriculture sector development that could tackle food challenge, environmental conservation and human resource development. In coming decade, priorities are to be given to remaining sectors, the President advised. The GMS leaders also took part in the discussion.

The President welcomed the discussion related to promotion of “participation of all stakeholders, not only from the national level but also from the sub-national levels and private sector to effectively implement the new Strategic Framework and the role the government in

attracting investment from private sector for development of economic corridors”, underscoring the need to realize sustainable development. The new GMS Strategic Framework which will come into force in 2012 suggests private sector is a drive in public-private partnerships and GMS development programme, he said. The President attached great importance on investments from private sector in critical infrastructure development of GMS programme. He stressed the need to hold regular public-private consultations to invite the private sector to invest in public sector. He highlighted the need of transparency in government’s undertakings.

GMS leaders participated in discussion, sharing their own views.

At today’s summit, leaders from six GMS countries discussed matters related to current and future objectives, aims and challenges of Greater Mekong Subregion Economic Cooperation (GMS) Programme.

The 4<sup>th</sup> GMS Summit Joint Declaration was announced to be approved as Nay Pyi Taw Declaration.

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## President U Thein Sein attends MoU signing ceremony...

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able to do their economic on an equal basis in cooperation with the GMS economic forum and GMS governments in the drive for building more competitive corridors without obstacles and restrictions in the subregion. Besides, there will be swift flow of vehicles and containers in the subregion through safe and secure border route. Reliable and smooth transport and trade networks will develop as well.

Then, the 4<sup>th</sup> GMS Summit was successfully concluded. MNA

*President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung and GMS representatives sign MoU on formation of GMS transporters association.—MNA*



## GMS leaders, delegates head home as GMS Summit concludes



NAY PYI TAW, 20 Dec—Heads of government and delegates of Greater Mekong Subregion countries left here this evening by special flights after attending 4<sup>th</sup> GMS Summit.

Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen and party departed at 3.15 pm, Chinese State Councilor Mr Dai Bingguo and party at 4.45 pm, Thai PM Ms Yingluck Shinawatra and party at 4.20 pm, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Thongsing Thammavong and party at 5.15 pm from Nay Pyi Taw International Airport.

Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint, 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 Sein and officials bade a fond farewell to the delegations at the airport.—MNA

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

## Union Minister for Mines receives Vietnamese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Dec—A delegation led by Minister of Construction of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Trinh Dinh Dung called on Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik, at the Minister Office here this morning. They discussed matters related to the manufacturing of construction materials including cement and tiles, granite and investment.

Also present at the meeting were director-general and managing directors from the ministry.—MNA

*Thai Prime Minister Ms Yingluck Shinawatra being seen off by Union Minister U Tint Hsan and officials at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport.—MNA*



## Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo receives Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Governor

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Dec—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo received a delegation led by Governor of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Ma Biao at Credentials Hall of Presidential House here this evening.

Also present at the call together with the Vice-President were Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than and departmental heads. The Guangxi Zhuang governor was accompanied by high-ranking officials of the autonomous region and Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua.

They discussed cooperative measures between Myanmar and Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region in a cordial manner.

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*Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo receives Governor of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Ma Biao and party.*

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### Fire breaks out at factory in Indian city of Kolkata

NEW DELHI, 20 Dec—A big fire broke out in a rubber factory at Tiljala area in east Indian city of Kolkata Monday night, reported local media on Tuesday.

There are no reports of any loss of life so far.

Fifteen fire tenders have been rushed to the spot to control the blaze, which has spread to the second and third floors of the building of the factory, after the fire broke out at 23:00 pm, reported *Indo-Asian News Service*.

West Bengal Fire Services Minister Javed Khan also visited the site to supervise the fire-fighting operation.

The firemen's work proved difficult as the area is very congested, said the report.

The cause of the fire could not be immediately ascertained.

The incident took place one week after over 90 were killed in a major fire in a hospital in Kolkata.—*Xinhua*



*Water flows out of the barrier lake through spillway in Yunlong County of the Dali Bai Autonomous Prefecture, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 18 Dec, 2011. After a twenty hours effort, rescuers had successfully dug a spillway to divert the water from the barrier lake on Sunday afternoon. A landslide, which occurred at 7:50 pm Saturday, had blocked the Bijiang River and formed a barrier lake.—XINHUA*

### Peruvian police confiscate 1.5 tons of cocaine

LIMA, 20 Dec—A total of 1,593 kilograms of cocaine and 800 grams of cocaine alkaloid, which worth more than 4 million US dollars, were confiscated in the southern region of Arequipa, Peru's National Police (PNP) said on Monday. Five men were arrested in the operations, including three Bolivians and two Peruvians. According to PNP's report, 274 kilograms of cocaine and 100 grams of alkaloid were

found in a tanker during the first operation on Sunday. The Bolivian driver and two of his countrymen in his company, were arrested.

The tanker was traveling in the city of Camana in Arequipa, when anti-drug officers intercepted it.

Later, in another operation, 1,319 kilograms of cocaine and 700 grams of alkaloid were found inside a home outside Camana. Two Peruvians were arrested while

two guns and two vehicles were seized.

The drug was believed to have come from southern Peruvian locations of Valle de los Rios, Apurimac and Ene and was to be sent to the Bolivian city of Santa Cruz, where it would be exported to Europe, said the National Police. One kilogram of cocaine could be sold at between 40,000 and 60,000 dollars in the European black market.—*Internet*

### Man guilty of burying fiancée alive

LONDON, 20 Dec—A man was convicted in England Monday of attempted murder for burying his fiancée alive in a cardboard box.

Marcin Kasprzak, 25, was found guilty of trying to kill Michelina Lewandowska, 27, who escaped the shallow grave a wooded area near Huddersfield, the *BBC* said. Kasprzak had used a stun gun to incapacitate her 28 May at their home.

A co-defendant, Patryk Borys, 18, of Huddersfield, was acquitted, the *BBC* said.

Authorities said Kasprzak had wanted the mother of their 3-year-old son Jakob out of the way because he feared she would take the boy with her back to their native Poland, *The Daily Telegraph* reported.

It was a symbol of Kasprzak's love for Lewandowska that saved her life—she used her engagement ring to cut herself out of the box and reach the surface.

The newspaper said the Leeds Crown Court jury reached its verdict after three days of deliberation. Kasprzak, a meat plant employee who contended he only meant to frighten Lewandowska, a clothing factory worker, is to be sentenced on 13 Jan.—*Internet*

*A person shows a piece of cloth which will be dyed with traditional batik method at a batik company in Danzhai, southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 15 Dec, 2011. As an ancient technique of local ethnic groups, batik, or tie-dye cloth, made in Danzhai, Guizhou was listed in 2006 into the first batch of state-level intangible cultural heritages.—XINHUA*



### Eat less, take coffee for better memory, thinner waistline

LONDON, 20 Dec—If you are one of those who always wished to have a strong memory power or remained worried due to increasing waistline, the solution lies in eating less and taking a cup of coffee in everyday life, a new study has suggested.

Researchers have found eating less could help you remember more and skipping dessert and having an after-

dinner coffee instead could also be good for your brain as well as the waistline, the *Daily Mail* reported.

The news comes from an Italian study into 'caloric restriction' - the idea that near-starvation rations boost health and extend life.

Scientists have long

known of the phenomenon, but struggled to work out just what it is about severely cutting calories that improves health.

For the study, it was decided to focus on a protein called CREB1 that is known to be important to memory and learning.—*Internet*



*Photo taken on 18 Dec, 2008 shows the Indian Buddhist hall adjacent to a Chinese hall in Baima Temple, or White Horse Temple, in Luoyang, central China's Henan Province. As the first and oldest Buddhist temple in China, the White Horse Temple was established in 68 AD in Luoyang.—XINHUA*

### Honduran police find burnt aircraft

TEGUCIGALPA, 20 Dec—A small twin-engine airplane suspected of being used to smuggle cocaine was found burned in the Caribbean province of Colon, Honduran police said.

Though first detected in

the early hours of Monday, the aircraft was in ashes by the time authorities on the ground tracked it to the village of Cusuna, inspector Osmin Bardales told reporters. Police were unable to make out the plane's registration number

and have no information on its origin or flight plan, he said.

No one has been arrested in connection with the incident, but police are investigating, Bardales said. *Internet*

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**Sun 'stops chickenpox spreading'**

LONDON, 20 Dec — Exposure to sunlight may help impede the spread of chickenpox, claim researchers. The University of London team found chickenpox less common in regions with high UV levels, reports the journal Virology. Sunlight may inactivate viruses on the skin, making it harder to pass on. However, other experts say that other factors, including temperature, humidity, and even living conditions are equally likely to play a role. The varicella-zoster virus is highly contagious, while it can be spread through the coughs and sneezes in the early stages of the infection, the main source is contact with the trademark rash of blisters and spots. UV light has long been known to inactivate viruses, and Dr Phil Rice, from St George's, University of London, who led the research, believes that this holds the key why chickenpox is less common and less easily passed from person to person in tropical countries. It could also help explain why chickenpox is more common in the colder seasons in temperate countries such as the UK - as people have less exposure to sunlight, he said. He examined data from 25 earlier studies on varicella-zoster virus in a variety of countries around the world, and plotted these data against a range of climatic factors. This showed an obvious link between UV levels and chickenpox prevalence.— *Internet*

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*Where you live could be a factor in developing chickenpox.*  
**INTERNET**

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**Parents charged with murdering disabled daughter**

ADELAIDE, 20 Dec — Adelaide police have charged two people with the murder of their intellectually-disabled daughter. The woman, 27, died at her home at Brighton North last March. Police said she was intellectually disabled and suffered from quadriplegia, cerebral palsy and other conditions. The woman allegedly weighed just 12 kilograms at the time of her death. Police will allege the accused couple, aged 56 and 55, deliberately withheld adequate food and care. They are to face Adelaide Magistrates Court.  
*Internet*

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HOLIDAY NOTICE**

As the wharves, warehouses and chellan Offices of Yangon Port will be closed on the 25<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2011 (Christmas Day) and (Karin New Year Day), Goods Shipped or delivered on payment will be received as Holiday Fees.

*The EST wanted to measure the effectiveness of LED lights in order to test manufacturers' claims.*

**INTERNET**

**Report says LEDs offer a brighter future**

LONDON, 20 Dec — A field trial of LED light fittings in social housing says the new technology can deliver huge energy savings, reduce costs and makes residents feel safer. The study, carried out by the Energy Saving Trust (EST), measured the performance of more than 4,250 LED light fittings installed at 35 sites. The EST said it carried out the trial because an increasing number of LED lights were now commercially available. It is predicted the technology could dominate the lighting market by 2015. "We like to test things in-situ in order to understand their real performance rather than rely on manufacturers' claims," explained James Russell, EST's technical development manager. But, he added: "We are at one of those rare times when there is a revolution, I think it is fair to say, within the lighting sector. "LEDs promise to be the way forward for the whole sector, to be honest. There are so many benefits: they can be smaller, brighter; it is one of those rare technologies where the trial has shown it performs better than the lighting systems it is replacing but, at the same time, using less energy."— *Internet*

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## Greek man claims for 19 kids-none real, police say

A former Greek policeman who invented 19 fictional offspring to claim benefits for what would have been the largest family in Greece has been arrested for benefit fraud, police said.

The former police officer, divorced and with no children of his own, quit his 1,000-euro-a-month (\$1,300) job in 2001 and has been living solely on benefits ever since, police said on Thursday.

Using photographs of children he found online, the 54-year-old man forged birth certificates and other documents needed to claim benefits for at least one child a year since 1996.

Police estimate he made at least 150,000 euros in claims over 15 years, but the actual amount is probably much higher.

The fraud was so expert, police said, that they only

realized something was amiss when they noticed his was the only Greek family with that many children. The average Greek family usually has two or three children.

"We have never seen (a scam) like this before," said a police official who declined to be named because he was not authorized to speak to the press.

The former policeman, who under Greek law cannot be named, was arrested Wednesday as he was about to collect 8,000 euros in benefits from an Athens branch of Greece's employment agency OAED. He was taken to the prosecutor's office Thursday.

Widespread fraud, a generous welfare state and a notoriously inefficient public sector have been blamed as root causes of Greece's financial trouble that threatens to break apart the euro zone.



Photo shows the man and the woman with the longest nail in the world.

## "Whatever" deemed most annoying word: poll

Do you want to kill a conversation? Try saying "whatever." Words like "you know" and "like" might be irritating to hear, but for the third year in a row, it's "whatever" that holds the most power to annoy, according to an annual survey by the Marist College Institute for Public Opinion. Nearly four in ten adults named "whatever" as the most annoying verbal filler in casual conversation, while one in five adults had similar disdain for "like" and "you know."

"Just sayin'" and "seriously" were more forgiving to the ears, though still quite irritating, Marist found. The telephone survey of 1,026 adults nationally had a margin of error of three percentage points.

News Album

## NJ cop arrested for DWI after DWI class

A Midland Park, NJ, police officer was arrested for drunken driving after consuming alcohol during a state police class on DWI arrests, authorities say. During the Thursday class taught by the New Jersey State Police, Midland Park police officer Joseph B. Gaeta was given measured amounts of alcohol to test its affect on his physical abilities, *the Midland Park Suburban News* reported.

After the class, Gaeta was driven home by another officer, Wyckoff police Chief Benjamin Fox said. Once home, Gaeta, 31, got on his four-wheel all-terrain vehicle and began driving on a residential street, which authorities said is illegal. Gaeta was attempting to make a turn when he lost control of the ATV and flipped it. Fox said Gaeta sustained serious facial injuries for which he was hospitalized. He had surgery Saturday.

Gaeta, who had a blood-alcohol level of 0.13 percent, was charged with driving while intoxicated and given several other citations related to the illegal operation of an all-terrain vehicle.

## NY rules being buried with pet is OK

New York state's Cemetery Board has decided people can have their ashes buried in pet cemeteries alongside their non-human companions after all. "I feel great," said Rhona Levy of New York City's Bronx borough, who wants to be buried with her dog and cats in Westchester's Hartsdale Pet Cemetery. "It was sort of like an early Christmas present."

Earlier this year, the Cemetery Board had ruled human remains could not be buried in pet cemeteries, even though about 700 people have been buried at Hartsdale Pet Cemetery over the years, *the New York Post* reported Sunday.

However, this past week, the board reversed itself and said the pet cemetery could continue to bury human remains on its property as long as the service is not advertised and there is no charge for it.

"It's just unfortunate that so many people had to go through this emotional torture these many months while this was being worked out," Levy said. The board also proposed similar regulations for all pet cemeteries in the state.

## Angelou slams Common for using the N-word

New York, 20 Dec—US poet Maya Angelou says she had "no idea" rapper Common planned to use the N-word throughout a song featuring one of her poems.

Angelou told *New York Post* Common, a recently acquired friend, asked her to write and recite verse to use on his new track "The Dreamer."

An example of what she penned is: "From Africa they lay in the bilge of slave ships / And stood half naked on auction blocks /... and still they dreamed."

Common's lyrics include lines like: "Told my [expletive Kanye West] I'm 'bout to win the Grammys now" and "[expletive] with no heart, I'm



Poet Maya Angelou

the peacemaker." "I had no idea that Common was using the piece we had done together on [a track] in which he also used the N-word numerous times," Angelou told the Post, adding she feels the use of the slur is "vulgar and dangerous" to the black community.

"I'm surprised and disappointed. I don't know

why he chose to do that. I had never heard him use that [word] before. I admired him so because he wasn't singing the line of least resistance," she said.

Common admitted to the Post he didn't tell Angelou he intended to use the objectionable word in the song, but he also insisted they have since talked and agreed to disagree regarding the melding of their two works in the song. "I told her what 'The Dreamer' was about and what I wanted to get across to people," he told the newspaper. "I wanted young people to hear this and feel like they could really accomplish their dreams."

Internet



Daniel Craig

LONDON, 20 Dec—Daniel Craig has been offered a multi-million pound deal for five more Bond films, which would make him the actor with the most Bond movies in the franchise's history. Producer Michael G

## Daniel Craig could be longest running James Bond

Wilson said he would love Craig to do five more films, taking his total to eight.

"Daniel's been a terrific Bond, a superb actor and a terrific man. The fans love him and I don't think there's a better actor to play the part," *the Daily Mail* quoted producer Michael G Wilson as telling *The People*.

If the actor accepts the deal, he would be ahead of current longest-running Bond, Roger Moore, by one movie.

It would also knock Sean

Connery, who played the spy in six films, from second position.

"I'd love Daniel to surpass Roger's record and do eight pictures. A lot of people have said Daniel's been their favourite Bond since Sean Connery and I can't argue with them. He's doing a great job," Wilson said.

While Wilson did not confirm financial details, it is rumoured Craig will earn more than the 8 million pounds he is reportedly being paid for *Skyfall*.—Internet

## Daniel Radcliffe to host 'SNL'



Daniel Radcliffe arrives for the premiere of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2" at Avery Fisher Hall, Lincoln Centre in New York.

NEW YORK, 20 Dec—British actor Daniel Radcliffe will be the host of an upcoming episode of "Saturday Night Live" in New York. NBC said Monday. Radcliffe is best known for his portrayal of the titular boy wizard in the Harry Potter movies. He also has been starring for several months in the Broadway musical "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying."

NBC said he is to take the stage to serve as host of "SNL" 14 Jan. The musical guest that night will be Lana Del Rey. The National Board of Review recently declared "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" one of the 10 best films of 2011.—Internet

## Reese Witherspoon joins film on real life Boy Scout murders



Reese Witherspoon

LONDON, 20 Dec—Reese Witherspoon will star as a mother of a murdered boy in a controversial movie about the real-life murders of three Arkansas boy scouts.

According to Holly-

wood Reporter, the movie is an adaptation of Mara Leveritt's book *Devil's Knot: The True Story of the West Memphis Three*.

The movie, also called "Devil's Knot", is set in 1993, when the three eight year olds were bludgeoned to death, *the Daily Express* reported.

The murders led to the arrest and conviction of three West Memphis teens who were released from prison in August 2011 after maintaining they did not carry out the slayings.

Internet

## Kelly Osbourne recalls dad's Santa stunts

LONDON, 20 Dec—Kelly Osbourne has revealed that when she was a child, her mother used to get her rocker dad to climb on to the roof to make their children believe that Santa Claus was real.

Kelly, 27, says her mum Sharon used to order Ozzy Osbourne to perform death-defying stunts so that she and her brother and sister Jack and Aimee believed Santa and his reindeer were indeed paying them a visit.

"Christmas in the Osbourne family when we were kids was the biggest event," *the Daily Express* quoted Kelly as saying.

"My mum would go all out in every way possible.

She would make Dad attach horseshoes to his feet and go on the roof with a bell and stamp around so we thought Santa was on the roof," she said.

Internet



Kelly Osbourne

## Redknapp keen to keep Pavlyuchenko

LONDON, 20 Dec — Tottenham manager Harry Redknapp says he does not want striker Roman Pavlyuchenko to leave White Hart Lane in the January transfer window.

The 30-year-old Russian came off the bench to score the winner in Spurs' 1-0 victory over Sunderland in the Barclays Premier League on Sunday, his first League goal of the campaign.

Pavlyuchenko has slipped down the pecking order at Spurs this season, with Emmanuel Adebayor, Jermain Defoe and Rafael van der Vaart occupying attacking positions ahead of him.

And with Euro 2012 next summer, Pavlyuchenko is believed to be keen to find a club where he can play regular first-team football in the second half of the season.

But Redknapp said: "I understand that Pav wants to play and needs to play, but if he keeps scoring he will be playing. 'I'd like to keep him. People say Pav is going and we're looking for a striker, but it is difficult to find anyone better. 'We are very fortunate, we



Roman Pavlyuchenko drills in Tottenham's winner against Sunderland at White Hart Lane

have four very good strikers at the club and I would like to keep them all."

Pavlyuchenko has not started a single League match for Tottenham this season, despite scoring 14 goals in all competitions last season, 10 the season before and 14 in his first campaign in 2008-09 after a £13.8m move from Spartak Moscow.

Internet

## Premier League confirm transfer window dates

LONDON, 20 Dec — The Premier League have confirmed the dates for the January transfer window. Clubs will be able to start signing players from midnight on Saturday 31st December, when the transfer window officially opens. It will close a month later, at 11pm on Tuesday 31st January, after which no Premier League club will be able to buy or sell players. The biggest deals in the January transfer window last season were Fernando Torres's £50m switch from Liverpool to Chelsea, and Liverpool's £35m capture of Andy Carroll from Newcastle United.— Internet

Liverpool signed Andy Carroll (left) and Luis Suarez in last season's January window



Li Na

## Thousands of fans join event honoring Li Na

WUHAN, 20 Dec — The second and final day of Wuhan Tiandi 2011 Li Na and Friends delighted fans, as they packed the Wuhan Sports Center once again to celebrate Li Na's 2011 Roland Garros victory with their hometown hero and her friends and fellow tennis stars, Pete Sampras, Carlos Moya and Sabine Lisicki.

With Li Na's mother watching her from the stands for the first time in over 10 years, the fans won't be the only ones cherishing the memories of Wuhan Tiandi 2011 Li Na and Friends. Before watching her daughter partner with Moya to take on Sampras and Lisicki in mixed doubles, Li Na's mother was also treated to the marquee singles match, pitting 14-time Grand Slam champion and former ATP Tour No. 1 Sampras against another former ATP Tour No. 1, the 1998 Roland Garros Champion Moya.

Xinhua

## Carl Froch eyes Nottingham comeback fight after defeat by Andre Ward

LONDON, 20 Dec — Carl Froch is hoping for a comeback fight in his home city of Nottingham next year after American Andre Ward inflicted only his second defeat. The super-middleweight, who was also beaten by Mikkel Kessler in 2010, lost to Ward on Saturday in Atlantic City. Kessler, Ward and IBF champion Lucian Bute have all indicated they are happy to fight Froch.

"We're speaking to Lucian Bute and the Kessler fight is obviously a great rematch," said promoter Eddie Hearn. "But for us it would be nice to do something back in Nottingham." Hearn, son of Matchroom boss Barry, identified Nottingham Forest's City Ground as the ideal venue for a Froch homecoming fight. Froch, 34, wants a home fight after boxing overseas in his last three bouts.

"I definitely want to fight back in England, back at home, that's for sure," he confirmed. "But I'll let my promoter address that." Ward, who added Froch's WBC belt to the WBA belt he already owned, was the winner on all three judges' scorecards in Saturday's fight.— Internet



Froch (left) wants a home bout, having fought three times in a row overseas

## Liverpool enter race for Cliftonville's Rory Donnelly



LONDON, 20 Dec — Liverpool are the latest club to enter the race to sign Cliftonville striker Rory Donnelly. Cliftonville chairman Gerard Lawlor told BBC Sport NI that he had been contacted by Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish about Donnelly on Sunday. The club have accepted an offer of around £100,000 from Swansea for the 19-year-old

while Donnelly has also been linked with Everton. Cliftonville want Donnelly's future to be sorted out before Christmas.

Donnelly is in Wales on Monday to discuss personal terms with Swansea City. However, Lawlor is now expecting Liverpool to follow up Dalglish's initial contact with a follow-up call on Monday. Donnelly has scored 17 goals this season, several of them spectacular, leading to interest from several clubs. Everton and Brentford have been among the other prominent suitors before Swansea put in a firm bid last week. A Cliftonville statement said on Sunday that they would not be entering into any new dialogue with interested parties after next Friday.— Internet

## Venus Williams with draws from ASB Classic in Auckland

AUCKLAND, 20 Dec — Venus Williams' participation in the Australian Open has been put in doubt after she withdrew from January's ASB Classic in Auckland, New Zealand because of ongoing health issues. The 31-year-old former world number one has been receiving treatment for Sjogren's syndrome. The Australian Open, the first Grand Slam of the year, begins on 16

January. ASB Classic tournament director Richard Palmer said: "We are disappointed to have lost a player of her calibre."

He added: "While withdrawals of this nature are part and parcel of sport, we sincerely feel for the fans who will also be disappointed by the news of Venus' withdrawal." —Internet



Williams has slipped down the world rankings to number 103

## Doctor hopeful that Barcelona's David Villa can play for Spain in Euro 2012



David Villa

BARCELONA, 20 Dec — Barcelona striker David Villa underwent an operation on his broken left leg on Monday evening, and it has now been suggested that the 30-year-old could be sidelined for as little as four

months, meaning he could potentially be available for Euro 2012. Villa sustained the injury in innocuous circumstances as Pep Guardiola's side played their Club World Cup semi-final against Al Sadd last week, with initial reports suggesting that he could miss the remainder of the season because of the problem.

"The medical team is very pleased with Villa's operation," Dr Ramon Cugat, who oversaw the operation, is quoted by ASAs saying. "We hope that Villa will be able to play in the European Championship." —Internet

## Wenger accepts title is out of reach

LONDON, 20 Dec — Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger admits it will be very difficult for his team to win the Barclays Premier League this season after defeat at Manchester City on Sunday. The Gunners' 1-0 loss at the Etihad Stadium left them 12 points behind leaders City with 16 matches gone, with a superb encounter settled by David Silva's second-half strike. Wenger has seen his team recover from an awful start to the season to lie fifth going into the busy festive period, but he believes they will now struggle to make up ground on Roberto Mancini's team.

"Unfortunately for us it was a match that we couldn't afford to lose because it puts us too much behind City," said the Frenchman. "If we had won the game we would have come back to six points, but at the moment we're too far behind. It will be very difficult

to close the gap now but we will try. "This was a match we couldn't afford to lose and that's why it's difficult to take. On the other hand we will continue to fight and there are a lot of positives. We have made a lot of progress since August and the team can be proud of that." —Internet



Arsenal boss Arsene Wenger urges his team on against Man City at the Etihad Stadium

## International Sports

## Ozaki returns to lead Asia in Royal Trophy

LONDON, 20 Dec — Naomichi 'Joe' Ozaki will continue as captain of Asia in golf's Royal Trophy match play event against Europe, organizers said on Tuesday. It will be the fifth consecutive edition the 55-year-old Japanese golfer has led the team after his com-

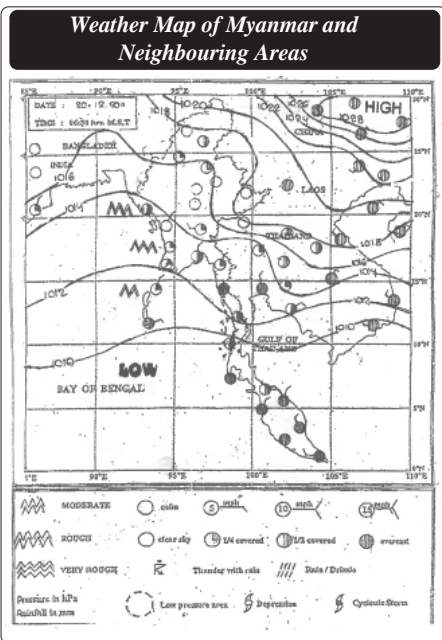
patriot Masahiro Kuramoto took charge for the inaugural event in 2006. His and Asia's sole success came in 2009.

Organizers said the 2012 event will take place in Brunei from 14-16 December and will be played in honour of Spain's Seve Ballesteros,

Europe's captain for the first two years, who died in May after a lengthy battle against cancer. "I am certain that the eight members of the Asian Team will play their hearts out in honour of Seve's career and life." Ozaki said in a statement.

Internet

<p><b>MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (21-12-2011) (Wednesday)</b></p> <p><b>Local Transmission</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Opening</li> <li>* News</li> <li>* Hiker Journey (Taung Gyi City) (Episode-1)</li> <li>* News</li> <li>* Interview with Yohei Sasakawa from The Nipon Foundation</li> <li>* News</li> <li>* Culture Stage</li> <li>* News</li> <li>* Music Gallery</li> </ul>	<p><b>Overseas Transmission</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Picture Decorated With Seashells And Gemstones</li> <li>* Opening</li> <li>* News</li> <li>* Hiker Journey (Taung Gyi City) (Episode-1)</li> <li>* News</li> <li>* 3<sup>rd</sup> Assembly of International Institute of Abhidhamma</li> <li>* Music Gallery</li> <li>* News</li> </ul>	<p><b>Times</b></p> <p>Local - (09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST</p> <p>Overseas Transmission - (21-12-11 09:30 am ~22-12-11 09:30 am) MST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Picture Decorated With Seashells And Gemstones</li> <li>* News</li> <li>* Halin, A Treasure Trove of the Ancient Pyu City</li> <li>* News</li> <li>* Brilliant Youngsters</li> <li>* News</li> <li>* Adorable Three Seasons Fashion Show of May Myanmar</li> <li>* News</li> <li>* Music Gallery</li> <li>* News</li> <li>* 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the GMS Tourism Working Group</li> <li>* Myanmar Movies "Beyond Love"</li> </ul>
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**Wednesday, 21 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

- 7:40 am**  
5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 7:55 am**  
6. Health Programme
- 8:05 am**  
7. Cultural Dances
- 8:20 am**  
8. Documentary
- 8:30 am**  
9. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 8:40 am**  
10. International News
- 8:45 am**  
11. Musical Programme
- 4:00 pm**  
1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm**  
2. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 4:25 pm**  
3. Dance Of National Races

- 4:35 pm**  
4. Teleplay (Health)
- 4:45 pm**  
5. Musical Programme
- 5:00 pm**  
6. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (Economic)
- 5:15 pm**  
7. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:20 pm**  
8. Classical Song
- 5:25 pm**  
9. International Science News
- 5:35 pm**  
10. "ASEAN" Programmes
- 5:45 pm**  
11. Singing In Different Versions

- 6:00 pm**  
12. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**  
13. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**  
14. Traditional Boxing
- 6:35 pm**  
15. Shwe Yin Chone Than
- 7:00 pm**  
16. Documentary
- 7:30 pm**  
17. Pianist Kun Zaw Music Troupe (Part-1)
- 8:00 pm**  
18. News
- 19. International News**
- 20. Weather Report**
- 21. Korea NG Award**
- 22. TV Drama Series**
- 23. Myanmar Video Feature**

**WEATHER** Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2011

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:** During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin, Shan, Chin, Rakhine, Kayah and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (3°C) above December average temperatures in Mon State, (3°C) to (4°C) below December average temperatures in Mandalay, Bago and Taninthayi Regions, Northern Shan, Chin and Rakhine States and (7°C) below December average temperatures in Kachin State and about December average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperatures were Haka (0°C), Namhsan (2°C), Pinlaung (3°C), Putao and Mogok (4°C) each, Katha and Pysin (5°C) each.

**Nay Pyi Taw weather:** Maximum temperature on 19-12-2011 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 20-12-2011 was 58°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 20-12-2011 was 82%. Total rainfall hours on 20-12-2011 was (Nil).

**Nay Pyi Taw (Airport) weather:** Maximum temperature on 19-12-2011 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 20-12-2011 was 56°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 20-12-2011 was 73%. Total rainfall hours on 20-12-2011 was (Nil).

Rainfall on 20-12-2011 was (Nil) at Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and Mandalay each. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (59.88) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (128.19) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (48.54) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (3) mph from West at (12:30) hours MST on 20-12-2011.

**Bay inference:** Weather is partly cloudy in the South Bay and West Central Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 21<sup>st</sup> December 2011:** Weather will be generally fair in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Shan and Chin States and partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States.

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

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

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 21-12-2011:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 21-12-2011:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 21-12-2011:** Generally fair weather.

## Strict diet could save brain from aging

WASHINGTON, 20 Dec— Eating less may keep the mind young, according to Italian scientists who reported Monday they have discovered the molecular process by which a strict diet may save the brain from the ravages of age.

The research, published in the US journal the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, is based on a study of mice that were fed a diet of about 70 percent of the food they normally consumed.

Scientists found the calorie-restricted diet triggered a protein molecule, CREB1, that activates a host of genes linked to longevity and good brain function.

"Our hope is to find a way to activate CREB1, for example through new drugs, so to keep the brain young without the need of a strict diet," said lead author Giovambattista Pani, researcher at the Institute of

General Pathology, Faculty of Medicine at the Catholic University of Sacred Heart in Rome.

Researchers have previously discovered that mice on diets showed better cognitive abilities and memory, less aggression, and tended to avoid or delay Alzheimer's disease. But they have not known exactly why. "CREB1 is known to regulate important brain

functions as memory, learning and anxiety control, and its activity is reduced or physiologically compromised by aging," said the study.

Mice that were genetically altered to lack CREB1 showed none of the same memory benefits if they were on a low-calorie diet as mice that had the molecule, and showed the same brain disabilities as mice that were overfed.—Internet



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## President U Thein Sein delivers address at 4<sup>th</sup> GMS Summit Retreat



President U Thein Sein delivers an address at the GMS Summit Retreat.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Dec—The 4<sup>th</sup> GMS Summit Retreat was held at Summit Room of MICC here at 10:30 am today, attended by President of the Republic of the Union Myanmar U Thein Sein, Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen, Chinese State Councilor Mr Dai Bingguo, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Thongsing Thammavong, Thai Prime Minister Ms Yingluck Shinawatra, Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung and ADB President Mr Haruhiko Kuroda.

President U Thein Sein delivered an address as a chairperson of the session.

The ADB president gave account of progress over past years and GMS new strategic framework to the GMS leaders.

The GMS leaders held a discussion on the main topic of the session “pledges and supports of each country according to time and  
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## President U Thein Sein attends MoU signing ceremony in presence of GMS leaders

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Dec — President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein attended a ceremony to sign memorandums of understanding in the presence of GMS leaders, held at the Banquet Hall of Myanmar International Convention Centre here at 2 pm today.

Also present at the ceremony were Heads of Government of GMS countries Prime Minister of Cambodia Samdech Hun Sen, State Councilor of the People’s Republic of China Mr Dai Bingguo, Prime Minister of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic Mr Thongsing Thammavong, Prime Minister of Thailand Ms Yingluck Shinawatra and Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, GMS ministers and other ministers and senior officials, business delegates to GMS Economic Forum and guests.

The representatives from the GMS countries including Myanmar signed three important MoUs in the presence of the

President and leaders of GMS countries.

First, Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin and the representative ministers from the GMS countries signed the Memorandum of Understanding for Joint Action to Reduce HIV Vulnerability Related to Population Movement.

The MoU will solidify the framework for the sub-region level action plan and cooperation in regional capacity building to reduce HIV vulnerability among immigrants and migrants. The aim is to reduce HIV infection among the immigrants, migrants and infected people from GMS countries and to promote prevention, treatment, healthcare and assistance.

Next, Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun and the GMS ministers signed the MoU on Joint Cooperation in Further Accelerating the Construction of the Information Superhighway Network

Phase-III and its Application in the GMS. Thanks to the MoU, network building policies can be coordinated and projects undertaken by reforming GMS information superhighway network leading group and implementation group. As a result, GMS superhighway network can be used as broadband platform for audio, information and Internet connection. Moreover, ICT application and cooperation and other services especially development projects, education in rural areas and healthcare and other basic services can develop more.

Then, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung and the GMS representatives signed the MoU on formation of GMS freight transporters association. According to the MoU, trade, transport and logistics organizations and companies will be  
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President U Thein Sein and Heads of Government of GMS countries attend MoU signing ceremony at MICC.—MNA