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## Four political objectives

- \* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- \* National reconsolidation
- \* Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- \* Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

## Four economic objectives

- \* Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- \* Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- \* Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- \* The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

## Four social objectives

- \* Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- \* Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- \* Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- \* Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

## Prime Minister General Thein Sein receives Vietnamese Vice-Ministers

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Jan — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein received a Vietnamese delegation led by Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Doan Xuan Hung of Foreign Investment Agency of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and Vice-Minister of Defence Mr. Nguyen Chi Vinh at the Government Office, here, this morning.

Also present at the call were Minister for Na-

tional Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Deputy Minister for Defence Maj-Gen Aye Myint, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and departmental heads. The Vietnamese delegation was accompanied by Vietnamese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Chu Chong Phung.

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## True patriotism

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

*Prime Minister General Thein Sein receives Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Doan Xuan Hung of FIA and Vice-Minister of Defence Mr. Nguyen Chi Vinh and party of SRV in Nay Pyi Taw.*

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*A thriving tea plantation at Kyawbok Ward in Haka Township, Chin State.*

## Chin State with thriving tea plantations

**Byline: Myo Myint (MNA);  
Photos: Zaw Min Latt (MNA)**

The Head of State guidance on implementation of the six-year plan to grow 10,000 acres of tea plantations in Chin State starting from 2000-2001 to 2005-2006 in the first phase and two-year plan to grow 10,000 acres of tea plantations from 2006-2007 to 2007-2008. He did so for economic development and higher living standard of local people, turning Chin State into a tea land, increasing the number of tea plantations, ensuring greening of the region and temperate climate pattern, and better income of local residents, creating

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## PERSPECTIVES

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### Build more dams and reservoirs to benefit agriculture

The main requirement for agriculture is to get adequate supply of irrigation water. The State is ambitiously trying to boost agricultural products and seeking various ways to tap water resources, depending on regional geographical conditions.

The arid regions of Central Myanmar, despite having a wide coverage of cultivable land, had to rely on rainwater in the past. Some of them even faced lack of drinking water, let alone irrigation water. Nowadays, a great number of dams and reservoirs have been built nationwide.

The regions that expected only rainwater for their agricultural purposes has now been able to boost agricultural production thanks to the dams, river-water pumping projects and underground water tapping projects. Oil crops, fruits, vegetables and long staple cotton as well as monsoon and summer paddy are being cultivated as double cropping, contributing to regional economy.

Bawditaung Dam, situated near Khatatkan Village, Monywa Township, Monywa District, Sagaing Division, was inaugurated on 31 December. It will contribute towards the regional greening and agriculture. Moreover, the dam will supply about 30,000 gallons of drinking water a day.

The State is building not only multi-purpose dam projects but also small dams and reservoirs in all regions. As a result, irrigation water-based crop production has increased and some regions are enjoying drinking water supply.

With a network of dams and reservoirs across the nation, agricultural undertakings have achieved more and more success. Watershed areas have become lush and green with trees and forests. So, farmers will surely benefit from their agricultural work by applying agricultural methods, farm equipment and quality strains of crops provided by the government.



Secretary U Than Win of Mon State PDC giving a speech.

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## People's Desire

- \* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- \* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- \* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- \* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

### Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Central) gives medical equipment to Hospitals in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Jan—Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Central) presented medical equipment worth K 5.5 million to Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1000-bed), No.2 Military Hospital (1000-bed), Nay Pyi Taw Pinyinman People's Hospital (200-bed) and Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township People's Hospital yesterday.

Members of MMCWA (Central) gave medical equipment to the commandant of No. 2 Military Hospital (1000-bed).

After that, CEC members presented medical equipment for Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township People's Hospital, Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1000-bed) and Nay Pyi Taw Pinyinman People's Hospital (200-bed) through officials concerned.—MNA

*CEC members of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Central) presents hospital equipment to Nay Pyi Taw Pinyinman People's Hospital (200-bed).—MNA*



### Workshop on traffic rules educative illustrations held in Mawlamyine

YANGON, 15 Jan — Jointly-organized by Basic Education Department and Mon State Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee, a workshop on traffic rules educative illustrations was held at the hall of Mawlamyine Township Basic Education High School No (1) on 24 December.

Mon State PDC Secretary U Than Win spoke on the occasion and presented educative pamphlets for schools in ten

townships in the state sent by Yangon Division Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee to the Mon State education officer. Police Lt-Col Aung Naing of Yangon Division Cordless and Traffic Police Force explained traffic rules educative illustrations and traffic rules enforcement measures. Then those present viewed documentary photos on traffic rules enforcement measures.—MNA

### Appointment of Korean Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Jan—The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr. Cho Byung-jae as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Korea to the Union of Myanmar in succession to His Excellency Mr. Park Key-chong.

Mr. Cho Byung-jae was born on 29 December 1956 and graduated from the Department of International Relations, Seoul National University, Seoul in 1979 and got his Master Degree in International Relations for the University of Sussex, Brighton, United Kingdom in 1985. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MOFTA) of the Republic of Korea in 1981 and had served in various capacities, as a First Secretary at the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Saudi Arabia and Russia, as a Deputy Consul-General at the Korean Consulate General in San Francisco, USA, as a Deputy Director General and Director General at the North American Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MOFTA) and currently serving as the Ambassador for Defense Burden-Sharing.

He is married with two sons. —MNA

### Get-together of MBA graduates on 23 January

YANGON, 15 Jan — MBA graduates (1995-2009) of Institute of Economics (Yangon) will hold a respect-paying ceremony and get-together party at Chatrium Hotel in Bahan Township, Yangon on 23 January.

Old students may contact Ko Thet Lwin Shwe (09-9928310), Ma Yin Mu Aung (09-5000318), Ma Aye Mya Kyi (09-51539113), Ko Tin Maung Oo (09-5017531 and 09-5041161), Ko Min Khin (09-8021695), Ko Moe The (09-5189880), Ko Min Oo (09-5007166), Ko Aung Naing Win (09-8020079), Ko Maung Maung Latt (09-5007249), U Aye Chit (09-8022000), Ma Khin Thet Khine (09-5004913), Ma Wut Hmon (09-5001076), Ko Nay Linn Zin (09-5148839) and Daw San Thida (538531). —MNA





Civil defence personnel gather around the remnants of a car bomb after a blast in Najaf, 160 km (100 miles) south of Baghdad, on 14 January, 2010.—INTERNET

## 25 killed in three bomb blasts in Iraq's Najaf

BAGHDAD, 15 Jan — The death toll from the three explosions in Iraq's southern holy city of Najaf on Thursday afternoon has risen to 25, with 72 others wounded, an Interior Ministry official said.

The serial explosions occurred around 5:30 pm in the old town of the Shiite holy city, some 180 km south of Iraqi capital Baghdad, the official told *Xinhua*. Some shops and buildings were also damaged.

One was a car bomb near a mosque. The other two were roadside bombs near a popular market, according to the source.

Iraqi officials have warned that violence is expected to rise ahead of the country's 7 March parliamentary election.

On Tuesday, security forces arrested 25 terrorist suspects and more than 400 kg of explosives in a sweeping operation in Baghdad.

Internet

## January proves deadly for NATO-led forces in Afghanistan

KABUL, 15 Jan — January has proved deadly for the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Afghanistan as over 20 soldiers have been killed since the beginning of the year 2010.

Most of the dead soldiers over the past two weeks were Americans, according to statements released by ISAF. In the latest fatalities, a US soldier was killed Wednesday during an engagement with militants in eastern Afghanistan.

Another US soldier succumbed to his injuries as a result of an ambush strike on Wednesday in southern Afghanistan.

Six foreign soldiers including three Americans were killed on Monday, the deadliest single day for Nato troops this month.

According to ISAF, bomb strikes had left two service members dead on Saturday and Sunday respectively.

A Taliban purported spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid told media by telephone from undisclosed location that the militants targeted and killed four French soldiers on 5 January 5 in Kapisa Province, 80 km north of the Afghan capital Kabul.—*Xinhua*



Hussein Fouad, right, comforts his son, Ali, 6, who was injured in a bombing in Najaf, south of Baghdad, Iraq, Friday, 15 Jan. 2010.

INTERNET

## Four killed, 11 wounded in Iraq's eastern Diyala

BAQUBA, 15 Jan — Four people were killed and 11 others injured in separate incidents in Iraq's volatile province of Diyala, a provincial police source said on Thursday.

Two people were killed and ten others injured on Thursday when an explosive charge hidden in a cart detonated at a busy popular market in the Mu'lemeen neighbourhood in western Baquba, the provincial capital city located some

65 km northeast of Baghdad, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Two children were among the wounded by the blast that also destroyed six shops and many stalls, the source said.

In separate incident, gunmen shot dead Sameer Aziz, a high school student, in the city of Khalis, some 15 km northwest of Baquba, the source added.

Aziz's Sunni family

was displaced for two years from their home during the sectarian strife in the past years and his family has just returned home as the city witnessed a relative calm in recent few months, the source said.

Late on Wednesday, three gunmen shot dead Khalid Hardan, a leading figure in the Awakening Council paramilitary group, in the town of Edhaim, some 50 km north of Baquba, the source said.—*Xinhua*



## Death sentences for Iraq bombers behind huge attack

BAGHDAD, 15 Jan — A court in Baghdad has sentenced 11 Iraqis to death for their role in multiple truck bombings last August. More than 100 people died in the attacks on government ministries.

Those convicted included an alleged member of al-Qaeda in Iraq and a man who said he had received funding from a senior Baathist now living in Syria.

The attacks, the worst

in more than a year, were a serious setback for a government that had built its reputation on establishing security. Those convicted and sentenced to death included Salim Abed Jassim, who confessed that he received funding for the attacks from Brigadier General Nabil Abdul Rahman, a senior army officer during the rule of Saddam Hussein and now living in Syria.

Also sentenced to death by hanging were Ishaq Mohammed Abbas, an al-Qaeda in Iraq leader and his brother Mustapha, the court official told *AFP*. The verdict and sentences were announced after just one half-hour session, and it is not clear if defence lawyers were present.

Internet

## Bodies of five suspected militants found in Pakistan

PESHAWAR, 15 Jan — The bullet-riddled bodies of five suspected militants have been found in Pakistan's north-western Darra Adamkhel tribal region, officials say. The bodies were left in a mountain gorge in the Akhorwal area. Local residents claim they were Taliban militants who went missing during a recent clash with security forces.

Troops have been conducting operations in the area to stop militants there from linking up with those in Orakzai and carrying out attacks in Peshawar. Security officials have denied allegations that the men were taken prisoner by security forces some weeks ago. The wounds on all the corpses are fresh, indicating that they were killed recently, a local administration official told the BBC's Urdu service.

## WHO says A/H1N1 pandemic real, not fake

GENEVA, 15 Jan — The World Health Organization (WHO) on Thursday rejected allegations that the A/H1N1 pandemic is "fake", stressing that it has not overplayed the risks of this new influenza.

"The world is going through a real pandemic. The description of it as fake is both wrong and irresponsible," said Dr Keiji Fukuda, the UN agency's top pandemic expert, at a telephone Press conference.

Fukuda stressed that the WHO has been balanced in providing information to the public about the pandemic, and it "has not underplayed or overplayed the risks of the pandemic."

Xinhua



**Tiger Airways crew members await passengers at Singapore Airport. Singapore's budget carrier Tiger Airways on Wednesday launched an initial public offering (IPO) to fund its expansion plans as travel demand improves.**

INTERNET

### Brazil's Petrobras expands global oil operations

RIO DE JANEIRO, 15 Jan—Brazil is poised to capitalize on its experience with deepwater drilling for oil and gas and increase overseas operations of the state-managed Petroleo Brasileiro SA.

Two new Petrobras deals agreed in Portugal and Turkey emphasize the oil giant's expertise in drilling through the seabed to reach hydrocarbon deposits considered difficult by most prospect-

ing companies.

Brazil's discovery of huge offshore oil and gas reserves has set Petrobras on course for a global preeminence in the understanding and use of technologies required to drill deep for oil without risk of going bust in the process. Throughout its exploration and prospecting operations Petrobras has demonstrated a watchful eye on the expenditures involved.—*Internet*

### Car sales in Russia halve last year

Moscow, 15 Jan—Sales of new cars in Russia plummeted 49 percent from the previous year's record high to 1.46 million vehicles in 2009, the lowest level in the past four years, the Association of European Businesses (AEB) said on Thursday.

Martin Jahn, vice president of the AEB Automobile Manufacturers Committee, said car sales were expected to rise to some 1.5 million vehicles in 2010 as Russia emerges from the worst recession in a decade.

Separately, the ailing Russian auto giant AvtoVAZ said on Wednesday it planned to increase output by more than 50 percent in 2010 to 446,000 vehicles in an apparent bid to compensate for a sharp decline in sales last year.

AvtoVAZ, Russia's largest carmaker, has been hard hit by the global economic crisis, with sales slumping due to depressed consumer demand.

According to AEB data, AvtoVAZ's sales dropped 44 percent year-on-year in 2009 to about 349,490 cars.

Xinhua

### Intel posts surge in yearend profit, sales

SAN FRANCISCO, 15 Jan—Intel Corp on Thursday reported that its profit and sales surged in the fourth quarter of 2009, which are seen as further evidence of the improvement of information technology market.

In the most recent quarter, the world's largest computer chip maker posted net income of 2.3 billion US dollars or 40 cents per share, up 875 percent and 36 cents respectively from the year-ago period.

The company's fourth-

quarter revenue jumped to 10.6 billion dollars, an increase of 28 percent year-on-year.

Analysts had expected earnings of 30 cents per share and revenue of 10.2 billion dollars for Intel in the quarter, according to Thomson Reuters.

The latest results included 1.25 billion dollars Intel paid in November last year under a settlement agreement with rival Advanced Micro Devices Inc, while the results of previous year included a 1-billion-dollar reduction

in the carrying value of its investment.

For the whole year of 2009, Intel posted revenue of 35.1 billion dollars and net income of 4.4 billion dollars, down 7 percent and 17 percent respectively from the previous year.

"Intel's strong 2009 results reflect our investment in industry-leading manufacturing and product innovation," Paul Otellini, the chief executive officer of Intel, said in a statement.

Xinhua

## Gazprom, Iran discuss gas developments

Moscow, 15 Jan—Russian gas monopoly Gazprom plans to help Iran develop a way forward to strengthen bilateral ties in the energy sector, officials said in Moscow.

Gazprom executives welcomed a delegation from Iran led by Noghrekar Shirazi, the Deputy Petroleum Minister, to discuss an action plan for gas ties, Russia's ITAR-Tass reports.

"The parties discussed the existing and promising joint projects for the development of the Iranian gas condensate field South Pars, as well as potential cooperation in the implementation of regional pipeline projects and 'exchange' operations," said Alexander Medvedev, the deputy chief executive of Gazprom.

Teheran said it plans to embark on a five-year

programmes of economic expansion beginning in March. The country aims to increase its gas production from 21 billion to 35 billion cubic feet of gas per day, said Shirazi. Oil production, meanwhile, is expected to increase 25 percent to 5 million barrels per day under the plan.

Gazprom is part of a group of international companies operating in the giant South Pars gas field in the Persian Gulf, the largest gas complex in the world.—*Internet*

### China's annual tax revenue up 9% to \$928b

BEIJING, 15 Jan—China's tax revenue reported an annual increase of 9.1 percent to 6.31 trillion yuan (928 billion US dollars) last year, said a statement posted on Friday on the website of the State Administration of Taxation. Tax revenue excludes tariffs, tonnage dues, farmland use tax and contract tax, said the statement.

Domestic retail sales tax revenues jumped 85.4 percent to 476.1 billion yuan, boosted by measures adopted by the central government to increase the economy's dependence on domestic consumption.

China's auto purchase tax saw a surge of 17.6 percent to 116.4 billion yuan, with 13.64 million cars sold nationwide, up 46.15 percent year on year, putting China ahead of the United States as the world's top auto maker and market.—*Xinhua*

### Oil prices dip on retail sale, jobless claims

NEW YORK, 15 Jan—Oil prices continued to retreat on Thursday as US retail sales fell in December and jobless claims increased last week.

Lackluster economic data on Thursday cast a shadow on investors' prospect of economic recovery.

The US Commerce Department said retail

sales fell 0.3 percent in December, while analysts had anticipated an increase.

Meanwhile, Labour Department reported that initial unemployment benefits applications rose by 11,000 last week, more than economists had expected, signaling a still weak job market.

Light, sweet crude for February delivery fell 26 cents to settle at 79.39 US dollars a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

In London, Brent crude fell 33 cents to 77.98 dollars a barrel on the ICE Futures Exchange.

Xinhua

### Singapore Airlines to fly A380 to Zurich

SINGAPORE, 15 Jan—Singapore Airlines (SIA) will fly its Airbus 380 superjumbo to Zurich from March 28, local media reported on Thursday.

According to the website of local English newspaper *The Straits Times*, SIA will operate daily flights to the Swiss city with Airbus 380 superjumbo, replacing the existing 12 flights a week that are now operated using the smaller Boeing 737-300ER aircraft.

Zurich will be the seventh city in SIA's network to receive the A380, the world's largest passenger aircraft.

Xinhua



**The Ford SYNC screen installed in a centre console with voice activated phone, music and information is displayed during a Press preview at the 2010 North American International Auto Show at Cobo Centre in Detroit. The SYNC was developed with Microsoft for use in automobiles.—INTERNET**



## Chinese Vice Premier stresses stable energy supply

BEIJING, 15 Jan—Chinese Vice Premier Li Keqiang has stressed that more efforts were needed to ensure stable energy supply, which should be regarded as a key task in regulating current economic operation.

Li made the remarks on Wednesday when inspecting the State Electricity Regulatory Commission and the State Grid Corporation of China on power supply during winter.

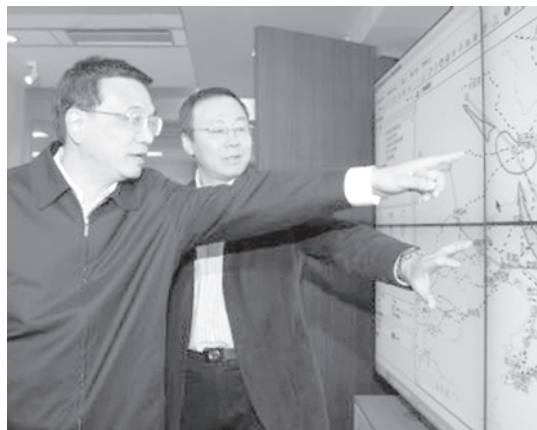
He urged relative departments to help the grassroots relieve supply-demand

strains in certain areas.

Snow and temperature drops have hit much of China, and the demand for coal, power, gas and transportation soared sharply. The pressure from power consumption kept on climbing in winter, Li said.

More efforts were needed to improve coal output and supply, optimize power production and management, ensure oil and gas supply and improve energy transmission, Li said.

Xinhua



Chinese Vice Premier Li Keqiang (L, front) inspects the State Electricity Regulatory Commission in Beijing, on 14 Jan, 2010. XINHUA



Members of a Chinese emergency rescue team inspect the collapsed building of the headquarters of the UN Stabilization Mission in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on 14 Jan, 2010. The Chinese emergency rescue team arrived in Haiti's capital Port-au-Prince early on Thursday local time, to help the rescue operation after an earthquake in which up to 100,000 people are feared dead and eight Chinese are still missing.—XINHUA

## S Korean President to visit India, Switzerland late January

SEOUL, 15 Jan—South Korean President Lee Myung-bak will make a trip to India and Switzerland from 24 to 30 Jan, the presidential office Chung Wa Dae said in a statement on Friday.

During his visit to India, Lee will meet with a number of senior government officials, including Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, to discuss ways to strengthen ties between the two countries in areas like economy, security, technology, and cultural exchanges, while also participating in a national parade and reception as a chief guest on Republic Day, India's biggest national holiday, the release said.

On 27 Jan, Lee will fly to Switzerland to meet with Joseph Blatter, the President of Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), in Zurich, and later attend the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos on 28 and 29 Jan, the statement said.—Xinhua

## Fighting terrorism a tough mission in Yemen

BEIJING, 15 Jan—After al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), the al-Qaeda Yemen branch, claimed the responsibility for the failed Christmas day bombing of a US-bound flight, Yemen, one of the world's poorest countries, has become a focus of the fight on terrorism.

Western countries including the United States and Britain have stepped up their efforts to fight terrorism in the country. Analysts noted, however, that it will be extremely hard for the Yemeni government, along with the United States, Britain and other Western countries, to eradicate al-Qaeda and its influence in a short time without removing the underlying historical and practical factors that turned Yemen into a hotbed of terrorism.—Xinhua

All Items from Xinhua News Agency

Vehicles are stranded by heavy snow on a highway in Siziwang Banner, Ulanqab of north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 14 Jan, 2010. Traffic became seriously difficult as a snowstorm raided most parts of Inner Mongolia for days and local government has launched an emergency response scheme for the continuous cold snaps, local authorities said on Wednesday.—XINHUA



## Peru sends 54 tons of humanitarian aid to Haiti

LIMA, 15 Jan—The Peruvian government on Thursday sent two plane loads of humanitarian aid weighing 54 tons to quake-devastated Haiti.

President of Peruvian Ministers Council Javier Velasquez is also leading an official delegation to help rescue operation in Haiti. The delegation was formed by Women and Human Rights Minister Nidia Vilchez, Agriculture Minister Adolfo de Cordova and chief of the Joint Command of the Armed Forces, General Francisco Contreras.

The Peruvian government said that the humanitarian aid it sent includes 50 tons of non-perishable food and four tons of medicines, and more aid is planned to be sent in the coming days.—Xinhua

## Mexico contributes 45,000 tons of aid to Haiti

MEXICO CITY, 15 Jan— The Mexican Red Cross has contributed 45,000 tons of aid to help earthquake-hit Haiti, Vice President of the Mexican organization Fernando Suinaga Cardenas said on Thursday.

He said that the organization had set up 486 centers for receiving aid across Mexico's 32 states and that the state-run Family Integration Directorate was also receiving donations in central state Hidalgo.

"Our goal is to send as much aid as we receive every day, but for the moment all that has been donated is held in warehouses," Cardenas told Mexican broadcasters.

Earlier on Thursday, The Mexican Red Cross officials said that an aircraft with one ton of Red Cross aid, and one ton contributed by the Mexican police, had left a military air base for Port-au-Prince, capital of Haiti.—Xinhua

## G20 countries agree to help quake-hit Haiti

SEOUL, 15 Jan— South Korean President Lee Myung-bak said on Friday the global forum among the world's 20 advanced economies focused on economic cooperation have agreed to help earthquake-hit Haiti, local media reported.

G20 countries have contacted one another and agreed to join hands in aiding the small Caribbean country, the President said, according to local media.

The move comes after the traditionally disaster-prone country was struck by a powerful earthquake on Tuesday with a magnitude estimated at 7.0, followed by a series of aftershocks.

Xinhua



A Nepalese child tries a laptop during the 16th CAN Info-Tech Exhibition in Kathmandu, capital of Nepal, on 13 Jan, 2010. CAN Info-Tech which is one of Nepal's biggest annual events dedicated to information and communications technology (ICT), opened here on Wednesday.—Xinhua

## Blast near Israeli diplomats in Jordan, none hurt

JERUSALEM, 15 Jan — A bomb exploded near a car carrying three Israeli diplomats in Jordan on Thursday but none was hurt, Israeli broadcasters said. The blast occurred at around 5 pm (1500 GMT) close to the Allenby Bridge crossing over the Jordan River between Jordan and the Israeli-occu-

pied West Bank, Israel's Army Radio said.

Asked about the report, a spokesman for Israel's Foreign Ministry said: "We are checking and not commenting for now." Israel's Channel Two television said the car had been en route from the Israeli Embassy in Amman but that the

ambassador, Danny Nevo, was not aboard.

Jordan is one of a handful of Arab countries to have diplomatic relations with the Jewish state. Those ties have been frayed by Israel's crackdown on a Palestinian uprising that erupted in the West Bank and Gaza Strip in 2000.—Internet

## Oil tanker trapped in worst sea ice off east China

JINAN, 15 Jan—Nine crew members of an oil tanker trapped amid ice off east China coast on Wednesday have been evacuated to safety, local authorities said on Thursday.

The tanker ran aground after hitting ice 5.5 nautical miles off the Weifang port in the eastern province of Shandong in the Bohai Sea at 10:43 am on Wednesday, according to Shandong Emergency Management Office.

The ice pierced the bottom compartment of the 1,000-tonne oil tanker from the eastern province of Zhejiang.

There was no casualty or oil leakage.

An icebreaker has been sent to rescue the grounded tanker, said the agency.

Xinhua

## Fatah-Hamas dialogue idle as Hamas says 2010 the year of reconciliation

RAMALLAH, 15 Jan— Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas's Fatah party said on Thursday it will not hold talks with rival Hamas unless it accepts an Egyptian-drafted pact for national reconciliation.

The statement dimmed Hamas' hope of a dialogue with its rival despite that deposed Hamas Prime Minister Ismail Haneya said the year 2010 will be a year of reconciliation.

"Once Hamas signs the Egyptian paper of reconciliation, we would be ready to sit with them on any table, on any level and in any place," Azzam al-Ahmad, a senior Fatah official, told Xinhua, adding "no dialogue with Hamas before they sign on the reconciliation pact."—Xinhua

## Somalia short of aid, UN envoy says

UNITED NATIONS, 15 Jan—While Somalia is slowly moving from a failed state to a fragile state, the impoverished African nation still hangs by a thread from falling into chaos, UN envoy Ahmedou Ould-Abdallah said here on Thursday.

In a speech rife with development cliches, Ould-Abdallah told the UN Security Council that the crisis in Somalia will explode onto the world scene without adequate support from the international community.

"Therefore we cannot afford to keep managing the status quo while waiting for the perfect conditions," he said. "In the face of mounting danger, sitting on the fence is no longer an option." Despite international support for Somalia's transitional government, financial assistance has been rather slim. From the 213 million US dollars that was pledged in Brussels last April, "what has been disbursed is too small to have had the desired impact," he said.—Xinhua



This former coking plant in Essen, Germany, used to be the hottest place in town. Now, it's a favourite spot for locals to go ice-skating in the winter. The industrial landmark sits in Germany's Ruhr region, an industrial area which has been chosen as a European Capital of Culture in 2010.

## Self-control is contagious

Self-control — or the lack of it — is contagious, researchers at the University of Georgia found.

In a series of studies involving hundreds of volunteers, lead author Michelle van Dellen and colleagues found watching or even thinking about someone with good self-control makes others more likely to exert self-control.

The study found the opposite is true as well.

The effect is so powerful that seeing the name of someone with good or bad self-control flashing on a screen for 10 milliseconds changed the behaviour of volunteers.

In one study, 71 volunteers watched

others exert self-control by choosing a carrot from a plate in front of them instead of a cookie from a nearby plate, while others watched people eat the cookies instead of the carrots.

The volunteers had no interaction with the tasters other than watching them, yet their performance was altered on a later test of self-control depending on who they were randomly assigned to watch.

In another study, vanDellen randomly assigned 112 volunteers to write about a friend with good self-control, a friend with bad self-control and for a control group, a friend who is moderately extroverted.

On a later test of self-control, those who wrote about friends with good self-control did the best, while those who wrote about friends with bad self-control did the worst.

The findings are published in the journal *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*.

## World's shortest man meets world's tallest man

What happens when the world's shortest man meets the world's tallest man? Well, it makes for a great photo opportunity as Guinness World Records Live opens in Istanbul, the hometown of the tallest man in the world, *The Sun* reports.

At a staggering 2.46m, Sultan Kosen, 27, towers over everyone.

But his fellow record-holder, 21-year-old He Pingping is used to that. At a tiny 74 cm, he is the world's shortest man.



The world's shortest man, He Pingping of China, and the world's tallest man, Sultan Kosen of Turkey.

## 15-year-old dog saves unconscious old man in Minnesota

Police credit a 15-year-old dog with saving an unconscious old man's life in Minnesota, US, according to media reports on Thursday.

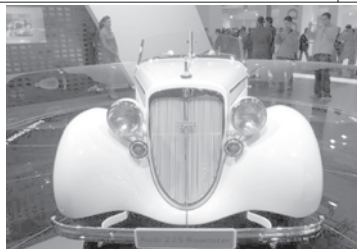
The German Shor-thaired dog was taken out for a usual walk on Monday evening, but it started pulling on the leash minutes later, wanting to go in another direction, its owner Brett Grinde said.

Then the dog took off running, leading Grinde to a neighbour's house where a 94-year-old man

was lying unconscious on the driveway.

While Grinde immediately called 911 and then started CPR, the dog stood there licking the man's face.

The elderly man regained consciousness thanks to the dog.



A man looks at a vintage-style car at Pragati Maiden during the 10th India Auto Expo in New Delhi, capital of India. The seven-day event, with more than 2,100 manufacturers participate, is expected to attract more than 1.8 million visitors since its opening.

## NEWS ALBUM



**25 Up-Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay Express Train starts journey with air-conditioned coaches**

**Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min waves passengers on No. 25 Up-Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay Express Train at Nay Pyi Taw Central Railways Station. —MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Jan—Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min and Deputy Ministers Thura U Thaung Lwin and U Pe Than inspected the air-conditioned coaches of No. 25 Up-Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay Express Train at Nay Pyi Taw Central Railways Station at 9.30 pm yesterday.

The well-furnished express has four upper-class coaches and two ordinary-class coaches. No. 25 Up-Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay Express Train and No. 26 Down-Mandalay-Nay Pyi Taw Express

Train will run regularly, and the expresses stop for a while at Tatkon, Yamethin, Pyawbwe, Thazi, Thedaw, Myittha and Kyaukse stations.

Train fares are 3000 kyats per head for upper class and 1200 kyats for ordinary class, and tickets are on sale at Nay Pyi Taw Central Railways Station, Nay Pyi Taw Thabyegon Market, Pynmana Station, Mandalay Central Railways Station and the stations where the trains stop for a while.

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**SSMNC Meeting 15-16 Feb, SCWCS Meeting 18-20 Feb**

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Jan—The 10<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting of the 6<sup>th</sup> 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee will be held on 15 and 16 February.

The Fourth Meeting of the 6<sup>th</sup> State Central Working Committee of the Sangha will be held from 18 to 20 February.

Members of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee have been invited to arrive at Kaba Aye Hill in Yangon, not later than 11 February and the State Ovadaçariya Sayadaws and members of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha, not later than 17 February, according to the Department of Religious Affairs.

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**Applied JAVA, J2EE courses to be opened**

YANGON, 15 Jan—Gusto Computer Training School will open applied programming courses for those wishing to work as professional JAVA/J2EE developers.

The course has two levels, of which level-1 focused on core programming technique and concepts of JAVA programming and level-2 on dynamic web application.

The course may help trainees create web application on their own and join

software industry as web developers.

Anyone with basic programming knowledge are eligible for the courses and those who have no this knowledge may attend the programming fundamental course first.

Only 15 trainees will be admitted into each course. Those interested may contact Gusto, No. 11, First Floor, Shwetaungdan Street (Lower Block), Lanmadaw Township here (Ph: 222052, 224496).—MNA

**Chin State with thriving tea plantations**

**Byline: Myo Myint (MNA); Photos: Zaw Min Latt (MNA)**

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job opportunities through growing and plucking tea and making more foreign currency by exporting tea with high-tech package manufactured from dry tea factory and high standard factories.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, departmental officials, entrepreneurs and local people grew over 100,00 acres of tea planta-

tions from 2000-2001 to 2005-2006 and over 100,00 acres from 2006-2007 to 2007-2008. A total of 20196 acres have so far been established in Chin State.

In the process, the government provided 7499 baskets of tea fruit and K 2 million prior to the project. During the project period from 2000-2001 to 2008-2009, Chin State received 56692 baskets of tea fruit, 463.43 baskets of tea seed

and K 112.938 million.

The delivery of pamphlets of tea growing methods to locals and entrepreneurs that are suitable to the local soil and climate was launched, while holding demonstrations unceasingly with the aim of boosting the tea production.

Now, tea is being grown on 2319 acres in Haka Township of Falam District of northern Chin State, 3899 acres in



**Photo shows tea plantations grown in Haka Township.**



**Photo shows tea plantations grown in Thantlang Township.**

Tiddim, 1511 acres in Tonzang, 233 acres in Reed, 485 acres in Kyikha, 1688 acres in Thantlang, southern Chin State, 1545 acres in Kanpetlet, 1857 acres in Matupi, 419 acres in Yezwa and 2878 acres in Mindat townships totaling 20,196 acres. Up to now, tea on 2,828 acres can be plucked in the entire Chin State to get 133,646 viss of dry tea.

Now, arrangements are being made to extend 5,000 acres in third phase in three years.

Tea from the townships of Chin State are conveyed to tea factories in Haka, Matupi, Mindat, Tiddim and Nara company from which dry tea and green tea are produced and sent to the tea markets in Chin State, Chauk and Pakokku. So, the socio-economic status of local people has improved all the more.

Meanwhile, officials concerned are fulfilling the necessities in the growing of tea and entrepreneurs are invited to come and witness the thriving tea plantations in Chin State which can be beneficial to economic growths in the long run.

**Translation: ZZS**  
(Kyemon: 22-12-2009)

## Lt-Gen Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence inspects development of Nanyun

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Jan — Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence on 11 January met with officials at Nanyun Township Hall and presented gift to them.

Next, Lt-Gen Tha Aye went to Basic Educa-

tion High School in Myoma Ward in Nanyun, and viewed learning of school children at language lab and computer room and making blankets and knitting at vocational training room.

He inspected selling and buying at Nanyun Myoma Market and learning of local national races at basic and advanced tailoring courses at Women Vocational Training School in Nanyun.

At People's Hospi-

tal in Nanyun, Lt-Gen Tha Aye comforted patients and oversaw medical store.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye also met with officers and other ranks and their families at the hall of local battalion.—MNA



*Lt-Gen Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence inspects learning of local national races at basic and advanced tailoring courses at Women Vocational Training School in Nanyun.*

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## Myanmar-Vietnam Investment Seminar held

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Jan — The Myanmar-Vietnam Investment Seminar was held at Amara Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone this morning with

an opening address by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha.

The seminar focused on prospect of eco-

nomie cooperation between Myanmar and Vietnam.

It was also attended by Deputy Minister Col Thurein Zaw and officials

of ministries concerned, Vietnamese Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Doan Xuan Hung and party and businessmen.

MNA



*Minister U Soe Tha delivers an address at Myanmar-Vietnam Investment Seminar.—MNA*



## Myanmar-Bangladesh Volleyball Friendly continues

YANGON, 15 Jan — The second day volleyball friendly between Myanmar and Bangladesh took place at National Indoor Stadium-1

(Thuwunna), here, yesterday.

Myanmar Selected Volleyball Team beat Bangladesh Team 3-1.

The third day match will be held at the same venue at 3 p.m. on 16 January. Every one may enjoy the match free of charge.

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## Sports Minister's Trophy and ISD Traditional Cane-ball Contests on 14 March

YANGON, 15 Jan — The 6th Sports Minister's Trophy Myanmar Traditional Cane-ball Contest and the 36th Inter-State/Division Myanmar Traditional Cane-ball Contest will be held at Bahtoo Gymnasium of Mandalay beginning 14 March.

The Minister's Trophy Myanmar Traditional Cane-ball Contest is categorized as men's 4-skill event, the men's 10-skill event, the women's championship and the open class event.

The ISD Cane-ball contest is also categorized as the men's 6-skill event, the women's events and the open class event. The qualified cane-ball teams are allowed to take part in the open class event.

All the contending teams will get K 30,000 as cash assistance for the competitions.

In the open class of Minister's Trophy Contest, the first prize winner will secure K 1 million and medals, the second prize winner K 500,000 and medals and

the third prize winner K 300,000 and medals.

In the men's event of the ISD contest, K 1 million will be awarded to the first prize, K 500,000 to the second, K 300,000 to the third. In the 4-skill event, K 300,000 will be given to the first prize, K 200,000 to the second, K 100,000 to the third. In the women's event, K 300,000 will be awarded to the first prize, K 200,000 to the second and K 100,000 to the third. In the men's 10-skill contest, K 500,000 will be presented to the first prize, K 300,000 to the second and K 200,000 to the third. All the winning teams will get medals.

The cane-ball teams wishing to take part in the contests may enlist at Myanmar Cane-ball Federation at Aung San Stadium of Yangon with their photos not later than 15 February.

For further information, contact Joint Secretary U Ye Aung (Tel: 555116), U Myo Myint (Head of Office), Tel: 226872 and 095051079 and MCF, Tel: 393420.—MNA

*A volleyball friendly match between Myanmar and Bangladesh in progress.—MNA*



# Fruits of stability, driving force for progress of Mongteng village-tract

Byline & Photos: Reporter Maung Maung (Kyaukme)

The government has been implementing development projects for urbanization of border areas. Today, towns and villages in border regions have seen remarkable progress along with peace and stability. One of them is a border village called Mongteng in Kyaukme Township, Kyaukme District in northern Shan State. Mongteng village is formed with over 1,000 households and is situated on Mogok-Kyaukme road, six miles from Kyaukme.

Recently, our media crew of Kyemon daily made a trip to the village to present our readers all-round development of the vil-

lage and a 21" television to Waibu villager U Tun Aye whose farm yielded 290.21 baskets of rice per acre in 2008-2009, the largest amount in Northern Shan State. The secretary of the district PDC awarded farmer U Tha Aung of Namon village who was ranked second with harvest of 278.19 baskets of rice per acre. Farmer U Kaw Kyaw San of Waibu village had the harvest of 261.23 baskets of rice per acre, the third largest harvest of the township.

Now, signs of urbanization can be seen in residences and buildings of Mongteng village-tract. The village-tract has access to 24-hour self-reliant electricity.

Almost every

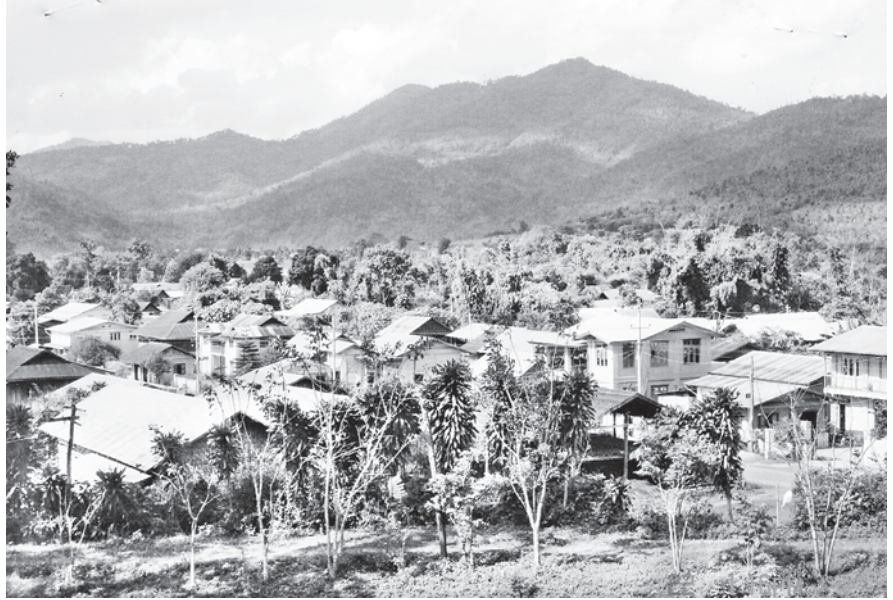


Photo shows urbanized Mongteng village.



Lamp posts and telephone cables as a sign of urbanization.

lage. The day we arrived there was an auspicious day for Mongteng villagers. We ran across a ceremony to honour outstanding summer paddy growers for 2008-2009 by chance.

Chairman U Khin Maung Lay of Kyaukme District Peace and Development Council awarded certificate of honour

household had a television. At present, the village-tract only has 100 units of manual telephones. Four hundred units of auto telephones will be equipped to the village-tract very soon. Thanks to bumper harvest, Shan nationals of the village-tract last year paid respect to 45 elderly persons, some of whom are over 100, with cash and kinds.

We then inter-

viewed the chairman of Mongteng village-tract PDC who said that paddy, fermented soya-bean, groundnut, maize and crops were mainly grown in the village-tract; that farmers of the village-tract won outstanding farmer award since 2005; that the village-tract so far had won awards for three times and had plans for land reclamation.

Farmer U Tun Aye said that he would try his best to win a prize next year; that his success was partly due to assistance of the town-

ship manager of Myanmar Agriculture Service and expressed his gratitude to the manager and staff. Mongteng village-

tract has developed year by year, thanks to prevailing peace and stability.

**Translation: TKK Kyemon (13-1-2010)**

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Entertainment becomes part of everyday life following peace and stability.

## Male hormones may ward off heart damage

SYDNEY, 15 Jan — Australian researchers say male hormones may help vessels around the heart regenerate.

Study leader Daniel Sieveking of the Heart Research Institute and the University of Sydney suggests males may suffer heart damage because their levels of male hormones — collectively referred to as androgens — have dropped.

Sieveking and col-

leagues found cells derived from the umbilical cord of a human male fetus responded to androgens by moving and multiplying — activities associated with new vessel growth. The researchers also find castrated mice producing fewer androgens fared poorly when vessels suffered injuries resembling those caused by heart attack or a stroke.

Treating the castrated mice with androgens has-

tened their recovery.

The study authors propose androgen replacement therapy might one day be used to treat men at risk for heart disease. However, the researchers caution androgens have been shown to assist in tumour growth in prostate cancer — perhaps by stimulating tumour-promoting vessel growth.

The findings are published in the *Journal of Experimental Medicine*.

Internet



Chinese firefighters take part in an exercise in case of emergencies during the Shanghai World Expo 2010 in Shanghai, on 14 Jan, 2010. — XINHUA

## Too much snow closes ski centre

LONDON, 15 Jan — The Cairn Gorm Mountain ski centre in the Highlands will be closed for the day — because of too much snow. After a two-day blizzard, the operators have had to bring in huge caterpillar vehicles and snow blowers to try to clear the approach road and the slopes. Colin Matthew, operations manager at the centre near Aviemore, said roads were blocked by 15ft snow drifts.

He said parts of the funicular railway track up the mountain and the ski-tows had been covered by snow. Mr Matthew said: "It has blocked our access roads with about 15ft of snow and further up the mountain the drifting has buried our funicular railway track in about 10 places, and the tunnel mouth, and some of our ski-tow towers are just sticking out of the snow." — Internet



The first group of Canadians caught in Haiti's earthquake arrive in Montreal early Friday morning on 15 Jan, 2010.

The nearly 100 weary evacuees were brought home on the same military aircraft that carried Canadian soldiers into the disaster zone on Thursday. — INTERNET

A woman passes Japanese cosmetics company Shiseido's counter at a department store in Tokyo on 15 Jan, 2010. Shiseido said it will buy US-based Bare Escentuals Inc for \$1.7 billion in a bid to revamp its global brand and expand in North America. — INTERNET

## Eye test may aid Alzheimer's detection

LONDON, 15 Jan — British researchers say an eye test may help detect and monitor Alzheimer's disease.

The researchers at University College London said the technique uses fluorescent markers that help in gauging brain cell death and can be observed through the retina using a customized laser ophthalmoscope.

"Few people realize that the retina is a direct, albeit thin, extension of the brain," study co-leader Francesca Cordeiro says in a statement. "It is entirely possible that in the future a visit to a high-street optician to check on your

eyesight will also be a check on the state of your brain."

Up to now this technique has been used on cells in the lab, rather than in live animals. This study, published in *Cell Death & Disease*, demonstrates use of the technique in living animals — rats and mice.

"The equipment used for this research was customized to suit animal models but is essentially the same as is used in hospitals and clinics worldwide," Cordeiro says. "It is also inexpensive and non-invasive, which makes us fairly confident that we can progress quickly to its use in patients." — Internet

## Car thief steals car, kills owner

MANCHESTER, 15 Jan — A woman was run down and killed as she tried to stop a man from stealing her sports car in Greater Manchester, the BBC has reported. The woman was hit by her yellow MG and thrown on to the bonnet as it sped off today.

She had rushed forward in a bid to stop the crime after seeing a man in the driver's seat of the vehicle, which she had left parked in a residential street in Worsley Mesnes. She suffered serious head injuries and died later in hospital. Detective Robert Tonge said the crime was "shocking" and appealed for information.

"This is a shocking incident in which a car thief has deliberately driven at a woman," he told the BBC. "She went on to the car bonnet and suffered a serious head injury. Whoever did this is clearly reckless and potentially dangerous so we need the public's help to catch him." It's quite a distinctive vehicle so we really need to hear from anyone who knows of this car's whereabouts." — Internet

## Shipworms boring into Swedish shipwrecks

GOTHENBURG, 15 Jan — Centuries-old shipwrecks off Sweden's southern coast may be destroyed by shipworms invading the warming Baltic Sea, researchers say.

"We're quite worried about wrecks off the coast in southwest Sweden," which are viewed as maritime treasures, University of Gothenburg marine biology researcher Christin Appelqvist told the English-language online newspaper *The Local*.

Shipworms are not worms at all, but rather saltwater clams with reduced shells notorious for boring into and eventually destroying wooden structures immersed in sea water, such as piers, docks and wooden ships.

Internet

## Delinquent dolphin Moko hurt by oar attack

WELLINGTON, 15 Jan — A delinquent Kiwi dolphin with a reputation for stealing surfboards and making amorous advances on young women has been attacked with a canoe oar. The once placid bottlenose, Moko, has been wreaking havoc on the east coast of New Zealand's North Island for several months, tipping over water skiers and frightening swimmers.

Experts warned it was only a matter of time before the tearaway dolphin met with serious trouble, a premonition realised this week when he was hit hard with an oar by an irate woman paddling a traditional Maori canoe. lost her patience after Moko repeatedly pushed her boat and blocked it from returning to shore.

Internet





## US air security further tightened in wake of bomb plot



**Airport security has already been stepped up.— INTERNET**

WASHINGTON, 15 Jan—The US is taking additional air security measures in the wake of last month's airliner bomb plot, a senior official has said. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said the measures included enhanced random screening and more air marshals on some

routes. Ms Napolitano referred to the "continued threat" from al-Qaeda.

The US had already boosted security following the attempted attack on a trans-Atlantic jet on 25 December. A 23-year-old Nigerian, Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, has been accused with trying to detonate a bomb on a flight to Detroit and has been charged with the attempted murder of 290 people. He has pleaded not guilty.

Air marshals and better screening were among the measures announced by US President Barack Obama after an intelligence review last week. Ms Napolitano said on Thursday that the US was "taking an additional set of aviation security precautions to protect the American people". —Internet



**Olivine and purple cauliflowers are seen at the 20th International Agricultural Exhibition, at Israel Trade Fairs and Convention Centre in Tel Aviv, on 14 Jan, 2010. People from more than 50 countries and regions came to attend the annual exhibition.—XINHUA**

## Moderate earthquake hits Davao, southern Philippines

MANILA, 15 Jan—A moderate earthquake struck the southern Philippine province of Davao on Friday morning, the local media reported.

The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) said the quake has a magnitude of 5.3, with the epicentre estimated at 32 kilometres southeast of town of Tagum, according to a report filed by *Inquirer*. net.

Phivolcs said the quake was tectonic in origin. There were no injuries or damages reported.—Xinhua



**Swiss team Alinghi is pictured training off the coast of the Gulf emirate of Ras al-Khaimah, last October. The America's Cup, tarnished by a battle of egos and legal wrangling, has been plunged into even more confusion just weeks before its 33rd edition is scheduled to begin in the Spanish port of Valencia.— INTERNET**

## China to launch first national water conservancy survey

BEIJING, 15 Jan—China will carry out the first national water conservancy survey from 2010 to 2012, said a statement issued by the State Council on the Chinese central government website on Thursday.

The project will cover rivers, lakes, water conservancy projects, water conservancy institutions and key water users in the Chinese Mainland, said the statement on the website (www.gov.cn). The survey will focus on the numbers of lakes and rivers, the conditions of water conservancy projects and the protection of rivers and lakes. Programme planning, pilot projects and training will be made in 2010. Field work will be carried out in 2011. The survey will be published in 2012, according to the statement.—Xinhua

## Singapore's retail sales down 1.4% year-on-year in Nov 2009

SINGAPORE, 15 Jan—Singapore's retail sales decreased by 1.4 percent in November 2009 compared with a year ago, according to Singapore Department of Statistics on Friday.

Turnover of motor vehicles in November 2009 decreased by 16 percent, while food and beverages sales fell by 3.1 percent over a year ago.

In contrast, sales of watches and jewellery, medical goods and toiletries, furniture and household equipment increased by between 7.2 percent and 14.8 percent. Wearing apparel and footwear, telecommunications apparatus and computers, petrol service stations, recreational goods also reported increases of between 1.3 and 4.4 percent over a year ago.

On a month-on-month seasonally adjusted basis, retail sales increased by 1.2 percent in November 2009 compared with October 2009.

Xinhua

## At least 36 UN staff members confirmed dead in Haiti quake

UNITED NATIONS, 15 Jan—At least 36 UN staff members were confirmed dead in the devastating earthquake which struck Haiti on Tuesday, a spokesman for the UN mission in Haiti told reporters here on Thursday.

Speaking to reporters via video link from Port-au-Prince, the capital of Haiti, David Wimhurst, a senior official with the UN mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH), said among the dead were four police officers, 19 military personnel and 13 civilian staff members.

Xinhua

## US retail sales drop 0.3% in December

WASHINGTON, 15 Jan—Retail sales in the United States declined 0.3 percent in December, much weaker than a gain of 0.5 percent economists had expected, the Commerce Department reported on Thursday.

Last month, auto sales declined 0.8 percent. Compared with December 2008, sales were up 5.4 percent. Excluding autos, the retail sales in December

rose 5.2 percent.

Sales for all the 2009 declined 6.2 percent compared with 2008, the largest decline since 1992. It was only the second decline on record.

Consumer spending, which accounts for about 70 percent of economic activity, is the broad measure of US economic activity.

Xinhua



**A Spanish firefighter gives water to a rescue dog before leaving for Haiti, at Barajas International airport in Madrid, on 13 Jan, 2010. Firefighters without Borders, the International Red Cross and other aid groups say they are preparing a major disaster relief effort in Haiti after a powerful earthquake struck the capital.— INTERNET**

## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

### MV GATI MAJESTIC VOYNO (92610)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV GATI MAJESTIC VOYNO (92610) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 16.1.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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## Mexico to send more police to drug war epicentre

CIUDAD JUAREZ, 15 Jan—Mexico is sending 2,000 elite police to try to smother a fresh surge in drug killings on the US border as the army intensifies its operations, denying it plans to withdraw troops.

Hundreds of troops in combat gear fanned out from their barracks on Wednesday in Ciudad Juarez, where 2,650 people died in narco violence last year, setting up checkpoints and flying military aircraft over the city.—*Internet*

## Inner Mongolia becomes China's largest coal producer

HOHHOT, 15 Jan—North China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region has replaced neighbouring Shanxi Province as the country's largest producer of coal, local authorities said on Friday.

In 2009, Inner Mongolia reported coal output of 637 million tonnes, 22 million tonnes more than Shanxi, China's top coal producing region for 30 years, said a statement from the regional administration of coal mine safety.

Last year, Inner Mongolia's coal production increased 37 percent year on year, and it was expected to hit 730 million tonnes in 2010, the statement said. Shanxi saw a decline of 4.7 percent of its coal output year on year in 2009, it said.

Since 2004, Inner Mongolia had cut the number of its collieries from 2009 to 501, while expanding their annual capacity from 140,000 tonnes to 1 million tonnes, it said.

*Xinhua*



*A handout picture released by the Israeli Antiquity Authority shows the excavation works at an archaeological site in on the outskirts of Tel Aviv. Israeli archaeologists have found remains of an 8,000-year-old building as well as hippopotamus bones and pottery shards in the Tel Aviv area, the Israel Antiquities Authority said on Monday.— INTERNET*

## Prehistoric building found in modern Israeli city

TEL AVIV, 15 Jan—When Tel Aviv marked its centennial last year, part of the festivities honouring 100 years since the founding of the first modern Hebrew city included restoration of its oldest buildings. Now, thanks to a chance archaeological find, the residents of Tel Aviv have discovered that their city dates back millennia earlier.

Two weeks ago, Israeli archaeologists uncovered the 8,000-year-old remains of a prehistoric structure nestled away in the upscale neighbourhood of Ramat Aviv. The cornerstone of the ancient building, which lies on a

construction site for exclusive apartments, long precedes the time of Abraham and the rest of the Bible's figures.

It marks the earliest structure ever found in Tel Aviv and changes what archaeologists previously believed about the history of Israel's present day financial and cultural capital. In a land where every shovel might unearth something biblical, Israeli law permits the Israel Antiquities Authority to inspect any building site ahead of construction. That's what led to the dig in Ramat Aviv.

Ayelet Dayan, the archaeologist who led the 12-person excavation

team, said she expected to find relics from the Byzantine era, about 1,500 years old.

She said she was startled when she stumbled upon remains of the three-room, 8,000-year-old structure, believed to be have been built in the Neolithic period — also known as the New Stone Age — when humans went from a nomadic existence of hunting and gathering to living in permanent settlements, engaging in agriculture and keeping domesticated animals. "It was very exciting. I knew this was something very ancient," she said.— *Internet*



*Ming Imperial Granary Museum opens to public.— XINHUA*

## NATO urges better cooperation for success in Afghanistan

UNITED NATIONS, 15 Jan — International efforts to secure peace and stability in Afghanistan are still too fragmented, the deputy secretary-general of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) said here on Wednesday. Troops gathered from around the world still do not train together, military operations

are not always planned together, and are often not joined up in the field, Claudio Bisogniero told the UN Security Council during an open debate on cooperation between the United Nations and regional and sub-regional organizations.

The 15-nation Security Council kicked off the open debate on the coop-

eration between the world body and regional and sub-regional organizations in maintaining the international peace and security.

Ending this fragmentation, said Bisogniero, will require a "profound cultural change," which must include a strategy of complementation and reinforcement.—*Xinhua*

## Ming Imperial Granary Museum opens to public

BEIJING, 15 Jan — The Museum of Imperial Granary in the Ming Dynasty opened in Nanxincang on 10 January.

Here people can view the Beijing-Hangzhou Grand Canal free of charge, learn about the history of canal transportation and grain storage in imperial granary in the Ming and Qing dynasties as well as experience the life of being a granary head to grind the millstone and open the granary.

Surrounded by a bamboo forest, the small and delicate Suzhou garden appears, and a fleet of ships laden with grains

moves upstream.

The sound, light and electricity combine to simulate the winding of the Beijing-Hangzhou Grand Canal all the way long. When ships reach the dock of Tongzhou District, dockers shouldered the grain bags, and filled the handcarts.

The scenery depicted in the Along the River During the Qingming Festival that hangs behind these dock workers shows the prosperity.

Once visitors enter the museum, they will go through time and space to experience the whole process of canal transpor-

tation in the Ming and Qing dynasties.

There are many cultural relics in the museum, though they seem inconspicuous. A wind turbine during the Xuanton period that still works is among these cultural relics. The wind turbine can blow the impurities on the surface of grains away. A bamboo hat and a straw rain cape are hanging on the wall in the granary built 600 years ago, which is made of blue ricks and round wood. A millstone still works, and visitors can push the millstone to experience the hardships of ancient people.—*Xinhua*



## Rising obesity prompts higher antibiotic doses call

LONDON, 15 Jan — Patients may have to be prescribed higher doses of antibiotics because of rising rates of obesity, say doctors. The standard “one-size fits all” dose may not clear infection in larger adults and increases the risk that resistance will develop, they argue.

More work is needed to guide GPs on how and when to alter doses, an editorial in *The Lancet* to accompany the study by doctors from Greece and

the US says. GPs said it was an interesting theory but may end up being expensive. Around one in four adults in England is classified as obese — an increase from 15% in 1993.

Given the fact people are getting larger, use of standard doses of antibiotics in all adults, regardless of size, is outdated, argue two doctors from Greece and the US. Size and even the proportion of body fat a

person has, can effect the concentration of antibiotics in the body, potentially reducing how effective they are in larger patients, they say.

And failure to clear an infection because too small a dose is given may raise the risk of resistance — already an increasing problem for doctors. Likewise, smaller than average patients may get too much drug, and suffer greater side-effects as a consequence. — *Internet*

## New bird radar at Seattle-Tacoma Airport

SEATAC, 15 Jan—Seattle-Tacoma International Airport demonstrated an advanced bird radar on Thursday that provides “as-it-happens” data to improve flight safety, officials said.

The avian radar provides wildlife managers with real-time displays of bird airport activity in overlays on a Google Earth map, said University of Illinois researchers, who developed the system.

Airport Managing Director Mark Reis said the avian radar is intended “to minimize bird-strike incidences.” Bird strikes are a continuing problem to aviation, with more than 7,000

strikes across the United States voluntarily reported annually to the US Federal Aviation Administration.

On 15 Jan, 2009, US Airways Flight 1549 successfully landed in New York’s Hudson River 6 minutes after takeoff after a collision with a flock of Canada Geese resulted in an immediate and nearly complete loss of thrust from both engines.

All 155 occupants safely evacuated the airliner, which was still virtually intact, though partially submerged and slowly sinking. The occupants were quickly rescued by nearby watercraft.—*Internet*

## Check dental implants for bone loss

GOTHENBURG, 15 Jan — A dental surgeon in Sweden warns people with dental implants need to be checked for bone loss.

Christer Fransson of the Sahlgrenska Academy at the University of Gothenburg analyzed X-rays of 600 patients and found 28 percent of them

had lost some degree of supporting bone around dental implants — artificial tooth roots made from titanium that screw into the jawbone “Contrary to what we had previously assumed, the bone loss in these patients was not linear, but instead accelerated with time,” Fransson said in a statement. “This is a new discovery that shows just how important it is to detect and treat bone loss around implants at an early stage.”

The risk of bone loss around implants is greater in smokers than non-smokers.

*Internet*



Antibiotic resistance is an increasing problem.

INTERNET

## Anti-virals could worsen a disease

AUSTIN, 15 Jan — Researchers at the University of Texas at Austin suggest anti-viral drugs may have the potential of making a virus more virulent.

The researchers raise the possibility an anti-viral drug — drugs designed to kill viruses by causing their nucleic acid to mutate — could make a disease worse. Jim Bull said although the researchers did not question that extremely high mutation will lead to viral extinction on the whole, they say their research raises the specter that forcing viruses to undergo rapid mutations could, if the mutation rate is not high enough, accidentally lead to well-

adapted “super viruses.”

“This work questions whether the practice of ‘lethal mutagenesis’ of viruses works as predicted,” Bull said in a statement.

The researchers tested the model of viral evolution at high mutation rates by growing a DNA virus in the presence of a mutagenic agent. The current accepted model predicted the virus would not be able to handle the high mutation rates and would eventually die off.

However, the study, published in *Genetics*, proved the model false, as the virus actually increased its fitness at elevated mutation rates.—*Internet*



Small wooden boats with local vendors and tourists manoeuvre through the Damnoen Saduak floating market, 110 km (68 miles) west of Bangkok in Rachaburi Province, on 14 Jan, 2010. —XINHUA

## Evidence of ADHD brain disconnect found

DAVIS, 15 Jan — Two brain sectors fail to connect when children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder try a task measuring attention, US researchers say.

Researchers, whose study results were published in *Biological Psychiatry*, found two brain areas that usually connect when children react to a cue did not do so in children with ADHD.

“This is the first time that we have direct evidence that this connectivity is missing in ADHD,” study researcher Ali Mazaheri of the Center for Mind and Brain at the University of California-Davis said in statement. “The brains of the children with ADHD apparently prepare to attend to upcoming stimuli differently than do typically developing children.”

Mazaheri and colleagues measured electrical rhythms from the brains of child volunteers with and without ADHD as they performed tests during which they were asked to react to color or sound cues. The researchers especially looked at the alpha rhythm that showed the brain is disengaged from optimally receiving or processing information.—*Internet*

## Everglades still in decline, group says

WEST PALM BEACH, 15 Jan — The subtropical Florida Everglades wetlands are still deteriorating a decade after Washington began a multibillion-dollar plan to restore them, advocates say.

The Everglades, a victim of a half-century of environmental damage, remains unhealthy, with few species of wildlife other than birds still there and a growing number of invasive species like iguanas, Brazilian pepper plants and Australian pine trees, retired biologist Allen Trefrey told *The Palm Beach* (Fla.) Post.

Trefrey was part of a flotilla of 12 researchers and volunteers who kayaked down South Florida’s 12-million-acre “river of grass” to call attention to its failing health. “We wanted to bring big

visibility to the plight of the Everglades,” said John Marshall, chairman of the Arthur R Marshall

Foundation, which champions Everglades restoration and funded the trip.

*Internet*



A Great Blue Heron at the Royal Palm area of the Everglades National Park, as the park celebrates its 60th birthday this week as Deputy Secretary Lynn Scarlett, of the Department of the Interior attends the celebration, in Florida City, Florida on 8 Dec, 2007.—INTERNET

## SPORTS

## O'Neill heaps praise on Villa match-winner Milner

BLACKBURN, 15 Jan — Aston Villa manager Martin O'Neill heaped praise on James Milner after the midfielder grabbed the only goal in the 1-0 League Cup semi-final first leg win over Blackburn on Thursday.

The 24-year-old has now scored five goals in his last 11 appearances and has a total of seven for the season.

The return to fitness of Stewart Downing has

meant that Milner has shifted from right midfield into the centre and O'Neill thinks that switch has taken Milner's game to another level.

"It was a great goal by a great player.

He's playing splendidly at the moment and he's settled in so comfortably there in central midfield as if he's played there all his career," said the Villa coach.

"I think he felt himself that there were goals in his game and he was capable of doing that and sometimes it's very difficult when you're trying to make goals from wide areas to be in positions to score goals.

"But in-field he's got that licence to roam. Stiliyan Petrov allows him to and join up and James is really enjoying himself at the moment.

"Meanwhile, O'Neill warned his team that they are far from certain of a place in the final despite the second leg of the semi-final to come next week at Villa Park.

INTERNET

Internet

## A six-way tie for the lead at Waialae

HONOLULU, 15 Jan — The Sony Open is the first full-field event on the PGA Tour, so introductions are in order. It's not unusual for players to walk down the range or onto the putting green, see a player, then look over to the stitching on his bag to find out who

he is. More unusual is to see an unfamiliar name atop the leaderboard. That's where Troy Merritt comes in.

The 24-year-old from Boise State, who had a decorated college career and went wire-to-wire at Q-school to earn his card, had never played in a PGA Tour event until Thursday, when he steadied his nerves, stuck a tee in the ground, heard his name announced and then navigated his way around wind-swept Waialae in 5-under 65 for a six-way share of the lead. "Things went way better than I thought," Merritt said.

He was tied with Davis Love III, Robert Allenby, defending champion Zach Johnson, Ryan Palmer and John Merrick.

INTERNET

Internet



**Davis Love III follows his drive off the first tee during the first round of the Sony Open golf tournament, on 14 Jan., 2010, in Honolulu.**

## Injury-ravaged Ghana bank on Essien against Ivorians

CABINDA, 15 Jan — Chelsea midfielder Michael Essien faces a great challenge of his international career when he captains Ghana against Ivory Coast here on Friday. The box-to-box work-aholic with the biting tackle and thunderous

drive must inspire an injury-ravaged 'Black Stars' side against the under-pressure Africa Cup of Nations title favourites in a crunch Group B clash.

It will be the second fixture in this restive northern Angola enclave where an ambush last Friday claimed two lives as the Togolese delegation crossed the border from a Congo training camp.

Togo later withdrew, leaving Ghana, Ivory Coast and outsiders Burkina Faso fighting for two quarter-finals places and the Burkinabe threw a spanner in the works by forcing a goalless stalemate with the Ivorians.

Internet



**Black Stars of Ghana, National team player Domonic Adiyiah controls the ball during a training session on 14 January, at the Chiazzi stadium in Cabinda.**

INTERNET

## Robben fit to face Hoffenheim

BERLIN, 15 Jan — Bayern Munich's Dutch winger Arjen Robben is fit to face Hoffenheim on Friday when the Bundesliga resumes after the winter break, the German giants announced on Thursday. The 25-year-old injured an ankle at Bayern's training camp in Dubai earlier this month, but coach Louis van Gaal insists the Netherlands star is "100 percent" fit.

Robben sat out Bayern's 3-1 win over Swiss side Basel in a friendly on Tuesday, but will take on Hoffenheim with his side third in the table and two points off leaders Bayer Leverkusen. French midfielder Franck Ribery will definitely miss Friday's game against seventh-placed Hoffenheim with a foot injury, but is expected to be fit to face Bremen on 23 January. — Internet

## Injury blows add to Benitez's Liverpool woes

LONDON, 15 Jan — Just when Liverpool manager Rafael Benitez thought things could not get any worse, he found himself facing up to the prospect of being without star players Fernando Torres and Steven Gerrard.



**Liverpool manager Rafael Benitez (L) looks on as Spanish forward Fernando Torres (R) leaves the field after being injured against Reading during their English FA Cup replay football match on 13 January.**

INTERNET

The pain felt around Anfield following Wednesday's shock extra-time FA Cup defeat by second division Reading, was compounded on Thursday by news that Torres, Gerrard and Yossi Benayoun had all sustained injuries during the 2-1 extra-time loss.

Analysis: Why have Liverpool slumped this season?

Torres, who lasted barely half an hour at Anfield, faces the longest lay-off of the trio.

The Spain striker is set to be sidelined for six weeks with a knee injury while inspirational club captain Gerrard, substituted at half-time, is expected to be out for a fortnight with a hamstring injury.

Internet

## Chelsea told to pay City 3.5 million for Sturridge

LONDON, 15 Jan — Premier League leaders Chelsea must pay Manchester City 3.5 million pounds for teenage striker Daniel Sturridge, with the final bill possibly hitting seven million depending on ap-

pearances.

A Professional Football Compensation Committee hearing on Thursday ruled an initial payment of 3.5 million pounds was due, with additional payments of 500,000 after each of 10, 20, 30 and 40 first-team appearances.

A further payment of one million pounds will be due if Sturridge makes a full international appearance. Sturridge, 19, joined Chelsea in July on a four-year deal after his contract expired at City, but the two clubs could not agree a fee which was determined by the tribunal.

Since joining Chelsea, the England Under-20 international has made eight appearances, finding the net for the first time with two goals in the 5-0 FA Cup third-round defeat of Watford. — Internet



**Premier League leaders Chelsea must pay Manchester City 3.5 million pounds for teenage striker Daniel Sturridge, pictured on January 3, with the final bill possibly hitting seven million depending on appearances.**

INTERNET

## Southern Indiana player collapses in game, dies

OWNSBORO, 15 Jan — Southern Indiana center Jeron Lewis died late Thursday after collapsing on the court during a game at Kentucky Wesleyan, school officials said.

Lewis, 21, fell under the basket with about 4 minutes left, said athletic department spokesman Ray Simmons. Lewis was rushed to Owensboro Medical Health Centre, where he died just before 10 pm.

"The play was under the basket. The ball was rebounded, we were on defense, and the next thing I knew — most everyone knew — all of a sudden the officials start blowing whistles, and Jeron was motionless with the trainer from Kentucky Wesleyan," Simmons told *The Associated Press*. "They started giving him treatment, took him to the medical center. That is where he passed away."

Simmons said he had no details about what may have caused his death, and the school scheduled a press conference for Friday afternoon. — Internet

## Gonzalez completes Australian Open fine-tuning

MELBOURNE, 15 Jan — Fernando Gonzalez



**Fernando Gonzalez of Chile hits a forehand return in his victory over Ivan Ljubicic of Croatia at the Kooyong Classic tennis tournament in Melbourne, on 15 January.**

Internet

wound up his formal Australian Open preparation with a defeat of Ivan Ljubicic 6-4, 7-6 (9/7) in relegation round play at the Kooyong Classic on Friday.

The programme was reduced to the Gonzalez-Ljubicic match after Juan Martin del Potro withdrew on Thursday from Friday's semi-final against Jo-Wilfried Tsonga at the eight-man event.

Internet



## Risk of epidemic grows as water runs out and sanitation suffers

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 15 Jan —Medical experts warned yesterday that the collapse of water supplies and a lack of basic sanitation could lead to a major epidemic in Haiti. Thousands of people made homeless by the earthquake have been forced to live on the streets without food, water or medical treatment.

Doctors said those who were injured could suffer life-threatening infections without prompt treatment, and the risk of communicable diseases such as dengue fever and typhoid was growing by the day. Another health concern was the bodies that lie all around the city, some wrapped neatly in sheets and blankets, others covered with pieces of cardboard. With a shortage of morgue space and body bags — and rain expected — there were fears of further contamination to water supplies.

"On a good day, Port-au-Prince is a major public health concern," said Caroline Hotham of Oxfam.

Internet



Red lanterns are seen around the trees and buildings on a street in Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 14 Jan, 2010, to add festive atmosphere as the Spring Festival draws near.

XINHUA

### MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (16-1-2010) (Saturday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~10:00am) MST
Europe	- (19:30pm~21:30pm) MST
North America	- (23:30pm~07:30am) MST

#### Local Transmission

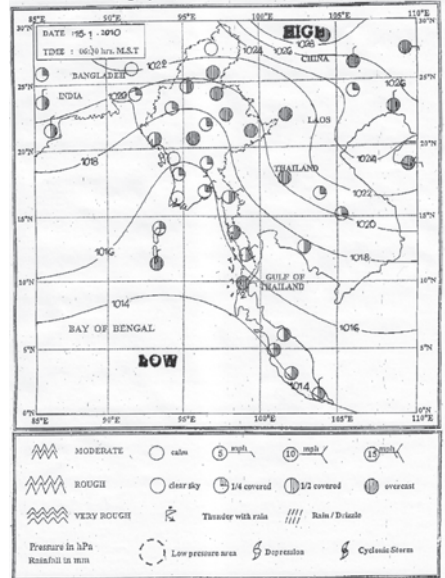
- \* Signature Tune
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- \* Popa Flat-topped Hill (Taung Ka Lat)
- \* Modern Embroidery
- \* The Art of Making Pennant
- \* Culture Stage
- \* Tha Mee Hla Island
- \* Let's Sing Together
- \* Smogless sky, Enchanting Smiles (Southern Shan State, Inlay)
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

#### Europe/ North America Transmission

- \* Signature Tune
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- \* Popa Flat-topped Hill (Taung Ka Lat)
- \* Modern Embroidery
- \* The Art of Making Pennant
- \* Culture Stage
- \* Let's Sing Together
- \* Smogless sky, Enchanting Smiles (Southern Shan State, Inlay)
- \* Myanmar Modern Song
- \* King of all fruits
- \* Myanmar Spirulina (Ye Kharr Lake)
- \* Myanmar Movies Impact
- \* Myanmar Broom
- \* Myanmar Modern Song
- \* Unique Style of Kachin Dress
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

### Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



## WEATHER

Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2010

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.** During the past 24 hours, light rain has been isolated in Chin State and Taninthayi Division, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above January average temperatures in Kachin, Shan, Chin, Kayah and Mon States, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions, (5°C) above January average temperatures in Mandalay Division and about January average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperatures were Putao and Machanbaw (4°C) each and Loilem (5°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Kawthoung (0.08) inch.

Maximum temperature on 14-1-2010 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 15-1-2010 was 63°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 15-1-2010 was 68%. Total sun shine hours on 14-1-2010 was (9.1) hours approx.

Rainfall on 15-1-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from South at (16:30) hours MST on 14-1-2010.

**Bay inference:** Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 16<sup>th</sup> January 2010:** Light rain are likely to be isolated in Taninthayi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Mon, Kayin and Shan States and generally fair the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of slight increase of night temperatures in the whole country.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 16-1-2010:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 16-1-2010:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 16-1-2010:** Partly cloudy.

**Weather outlook for third weekend of January 2010:** During the coming weekend, weather will be partly cloudy in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.

Myanmar



Saturday, 16  
January  
View on today

7:00 am

- မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

- To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

- Morning News

7:40 am

- အပိုင်ယမင်္ဂလ် (ယဉ်ဝေယံထွန်းတေးရေး-

ဂီတစာဆိုမျိုးနွယ်ဆွေ)

7:50 am

- Nice & Sweet Song

8:05 am

- အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

- ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်

8:30 am

- International News

8:35 am

- Crossroads Cafe (Episode-24)
- "All's Well That Ends Well"

11:00 am

- Martial Song

11:10 am

- Musical Programme

11:25 am

- Game For Children

11:50 am

- Round Up Of The Week's TV Local News

12:45 pm

- Yan Can Cook

1:00 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"တာသကတ္တ"

(အပိုင်း-၆၃)

2:00 pm

- Dance Of National Races

2:05 pm

- အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ

2:25 pm

- နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား

ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ

2:40 pm

- International News

3:45 pm

- Myanmar National League MNL (2009)

ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ တိုက်ရိုက်

ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ်

(မကွေး (FC) အသင်းနှင့်

ကမ္ဘောဇ (FC) အသင်း)

5:45 pm

- Musical Programme

6:00 pm

- Evening News

6:10 pm

- Weather Report

6:20 pm

- အလှူရှာမယ်၊ အလှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်

6:40 pm

- ယဉ်တစ်ကိုယ်မယ်

"မေ့မိမိရဲတဲ့ပန်းတစ်ပွင့်"

(စန္ဒီ)(ဒါရိုက်တာ-

ခေတ်ဘုန်းမိုး)

7:00 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"တော်ဝင်နွယ်သား"

(အပိုင်း-၄)

8:00 pm

- News

9:00 pm

- International News

10:00 pm

- Weather Report

11:00 pm

- ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ်

"ခိုင်နိုင်အောင်သားစုစုစားခန်း"

(အပိုင်း-၇၃)

12:00 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"နွေဦးကဗျာချစ်သံသာ"

(အပိုင်း-၂၉)



- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

### People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

- VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- Do not allow ourselves to be swayed
- By broadcasts designed to cause troubles

### Relations Minister meets Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

YANGON, 15 Jan— Relations to deal with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, held a meeting with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at Seinle Kantha State House here from 1 pm to about 1:30 pm today. MNA



Minister for Relations U Aung Kyi meets Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at Seinle Kantha State House.—MNA

#### Significant night

#### temperature

(15-1-2010)

Putao (4° C)

Machanbaw (4° C)

Loilem (5° C)

### Eclipse sets 1000-year record

NAIROBI, 15 Jan — An eclipse of the sun has passed across central and eastern Africa, setting a record that will remain unbeaten for more than 1000 years. The solar cover-up, which happened as the moon passed before the sun, was visible in a roughly 300km band running 12,900km. The annular eclipse — which reduced the sun to a blazing ring surrounding a somber disk — was expected to last for more than 10 minutes in mainland India and will reach a maximum of 11 minutes 8 seconds in parts of the Indian Ocean. Scientists believe there will not be another annular eclipse lasting as long for more than 1000 years. An annular eclipse occurs when the moon passes directly in front of the sun but does not completely obscure it, thus leaving a ring — an annulus — of sunlight flaring around the lunar disk.

The moon's shadow first struck the southwestern tip of Chad and western Central African Republic at 5:14am local time and then flitted across Uganda, Kenya, and Somalia.

The lunar umbra, or shadow was set to cross the Indian Ocean, Bangladesh, India, Myanmar and China before expiring in the Shandong peninsula at 8:59am local time.

Internet



The eclipse will at one point set a duration record that will remain unbeaten for more than a thousand years.—INTERNET